

HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE

September 2017

IN THIS PACKET...IMPORTANT STUFF...Juniors, Poppy Order, Fall Conference,

Department President's OFFICIAL VISITS...The District will be responsible for furnishing lodging, meals and mileage from her home Unit for the official visit of the Department President to their respective District. The District **MUST** provide for this in their annual budget. **Units may still invite the Department President to their meetings or special affairs but the Unit MUST bear the expense.**

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

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Unit 109...Post, Unit, President and Secretary need to be changed to 15921 S Houghton Rd

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Tucson State Home...Anna Marie Arenas should be Lynx Dr

DISTRICTS...(1)**You are required** to send a copy of the District meeting minutes to Department Historian and Department. (2)We requested from the Districts a copy of their IRS Tax filing to complete the form for the Secretary of State. Still waiting for this. **Every Veterans Service Organization in the State of Arizona is required to do this.** **UNITS did you do yours?** UNITS do not send me copies of your meeting minutes.

MEMBERSHIP... “WE CAN-CAN increase membership, YES WE CAN”. Membership is everyone’s job. Membership numbers are starting for 2017-2018. **We needed 4000 more members to make our 2017 goal. Guess what still needs those members.** Our last all time high was 2007-2008, it has gone down every year since. Stop the slide. Please do not hold membership. **DUES RENEWAL** ...Notices will come from National September 15th. **2016-2017 CREDIT VOUCHERS...**you have until November 1, 2017, to use your current membership credit vouchers. You have not used it; it will go into the Department General Fund. After this year the deadline will be July 31.

REPEAT...ALAMIS ACCESS...the information that you see on this system is confidential. **Do not share your password with other members of your unit, department, or district/division. Notify your Department if you need a new ALA MIS account.** If you do not abide by the rules set by National you will lose access to the system. Per National “**Please do not delete out member names and/or addresses.** If a member needs to have their membership cancelled, please contact your state department.”

LOGO use...there is a new form on the backside of this that you “must start using now” for permission to use the American Legion Auxiliary Logos.

Everyone...

We encourage you to work hard and watch deadlines...it takes both to be a winner and make membership meaningful.

“High Heels & Spurs”

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MISSION STATEMENT:
In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.
For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

JOIN US FOR 2017-2018 ALA MISSION TRAINING

Do you want to be more effective in working the ALA mission in your community? Are you looking for fresh ideas on how to serve veterans, military, and their families? If you found yourself nodding "yes," then we have just the event for you. Join us at a one-day ALA Mission Training event near you! You'll be inspired while learning more about working the ALA's core programs in an interactive and fun environment. The American Legion Auxiliary programs emphasized at ALA Mission Training will be Americanism, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Children & Youth, and Leadership. You will also gain an understanding of how the ALA's 5-Year Centennial Strategic Plan is woven into everything we do.

Here's what some of your fellow Auxiliary members said about ALA Mission Training:

"It helped me learn more about our programs. We have a small unit and just don't have time to delve into all of them. Mission Training helped with that. I took a lot of notes and plan to go back [to the unit] and give as much information to everyone as I can." — Carol Griffin, Georgia

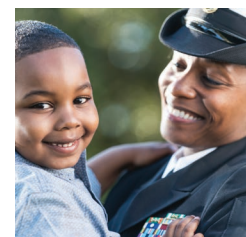
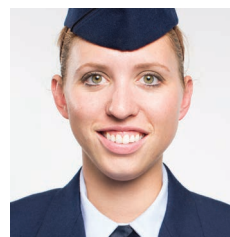
"This was a good Mission Training. If you didn't make it, try to make another one. Get to one. Find out what it's all about, because I learned a lot. What I thought the mission of the Auxiliary was to what I think now – totally different perspective."
— Kimberly "Sharky" Davis, Nevada

Attend a 2017-2018 ALA Mission Training near you:

- ★ **Springfield, Illinois** — October 14
- ★ **Hartford, Connecticut** — October 21
- ★ **Minneapolis, Minnesota** — October 21
- ★ **Shreveport, Louisiana** — October 28
- ★ **Charlotte, North Carolina** — January 20
- ★ **Las Vegas, Nevada** — February 3

Go to www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings for more information. Registration opens July 18, 2017.

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please check www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings for the most current dates and locations. Questions? Contact ALA National Headquarters' Events Team at meetings@ALAforVeterans.org or (317) 569-4500.



Have ALA Juniors?
A national Junior meeting is also being held at the same time and location. If you have Juniors, please register them so they can learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary!



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
FALL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 3-5, 2017**

PRE - REGISTRATION - \$10.00

REGISTRATION AT CONVENTION - \$12.00

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

ALA DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

UNIT NUMBER _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NAME (PRINT) POSITION/TITLE (PRINT) PUFL HLM Veteran

1. _____
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8. _____

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 27, 2017

NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT REGISTRATION

YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR REGISTRATION BADGE WITHOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CARD

**American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans
President's Message**

September 2017

Are we Standing United with our Legion Family? Please continue to follow the "Sharing is Caring" theme throughout all your projects and endeavors, especially when reaching out to our entire Legion Family.

As we continue to travel on the road to our 100th birthday let us remember our Mission Statement:

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our Veterans, Military and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for Veterans, educate our citizens, monitor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security. Thus remembering our mission we as Auxiliary members with our High Heels will Spur our Programs to promote our Mission.

Please remember that Fall Conference is just a hop, skip and jump away at the Doubletree Inn in Tucson, AZ from November 3-5, 2017. Have you made your reservations? Our National President, Diane Duscheck will visit the Tucson area from March 8-10, 2018. Look for more details in future bulletins.

This year in conjunction with the American Legion and the Sons, the American Legion Auxiliary is promoting Legion Family cooperation and now more than ever, we need to Stand United with our Family. Details about the Membership Trophy, Soaring for Membership, will follow and will be made available to any Post, Squadron, or Unit in the Department of Arizona. TEASER – LOOK FOR THE TROPHY AT FALL CONFERENCE!

On another note if you chose to invite me to your Unit or District please MAIL invitations to me at: 15606 South Gilbert Road, Lot 103, Chandler, AZ 85225 or EMAIL to yodobo@msn.com

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,

Yolanda Bonilla

ALA Department President

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Date	Description	Location
July 2, 2017	Visit Goodwin Fire Location	Mayer, Arizona, Post 78
July 8, 2017	Chairman/Officer Workshop - 8 to noon	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
July 9, 2017	Visit District 11	Phoenix, AZ Post 1
July 11, 2017	Lunch - Honor Auxiliary Member at Birthday	Safford, AZ Post 32
July 8, 2017	District 3 Membership Meeting	Sierra Vista, AZ
July 21, 2017	Memorial Service for Pappy Patton	Grand Canyon, AZ
July 22-23, 2017	State American Legion Baseball Finals	Tucson & Casa Grande AZ
August 5 2017	Mission Training Instructor Class	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
August 12, 2017	Mission Training at Unit 41	Phoenix, AZ, Post 41
August 18-24, 2017	ALA National Convention	Reno, NV
September 16, 2017	Stratgeic Planning Meeting	Phoenix, AZ, Department Headquarters
September 22-24, 2017	Stand Down - Frontier Village	Prescott, AZ
September 25, 2017	Meeting at VA	Prescott, AZ
September 30, 2017	District 8 Picnic	Goldwater Lake, Prescott, AZ
October 27 - 28, 2017	District 5 Official Visit	Safford, AZ, Post 32
November 3-5, 2017	Fall Conference	Doubletree Inn, Tucson, AZ
November 18, 2017	Girls State Dinner	Tempe, AZ, Post 2
November 19, 2017	District 12 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
December 4, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Phoenix, AZ
December 7, 2017	Pearl Harbor Day	Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix
Decmber 13, 2017	Unit 39 Official Visit	Gilbert, AZ, Post 39
December 23, 2017	District 7 Official Visit	Flagstaff, AZ , Post 3
January 6, 2018	Department Oopen House	Department Headquarters, Phoenix, AZ
January 14, 2018	District 3 Official Visit	Tombstone, AZ, Post 24
January 21, 2018	District 2 Official Visit	Tucson, AZ, Post 36
January 27, 2018	National Security/Children & Youth workshop	Phoenix, AZ, Post 1
February 2-3, 2018	Mission Training	Las Vegas, NV
February 5, 2018	Unit 27 Official Visit	Apache Junction, AZ, Post 27
February 24, 2018	Ira H. Hayes Parade	Sacaton, AZ, Post 84
February 25-28, 2018	Washington Conference	Washington DC
March 8-10, 2018	National President Visit	Tucson, AZ
March 17-15, 2018	District 1 Birthday Dinner & District 1 Official Visit	Yuma AZ, Post 19
April 19, 2018	Unit 35 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

September 2017

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary Members from the AEF. Thought of as members helping members. We are going to address another frequently asked question this month: Can you explain the requirement based on years?

In short-if your dues have been paid for the last two consecutive years as well as the current year (three years total) you are eligible to apply!

The AEF is there to offer our members a hand up—not a hand out. The maximum grant awarded is \$2,400.00 and the amount will be determined by the National Committee for AEF. The applicant and the unit should follow all directions/rules on the ala4vets website. That is the National ALA Web Site.

Your unit can help the AEF help members who need it by holding a fund raiser for the AEF and donating to the fund through the Department of Arizona. Remind the members that this fund raiser is for ALA members who are in need of a hand up.

September is Music Month for the ALA so a good fund raiser for September would be a “Name That Tune Competition”. The unit Music Chair or whoever the unit president asks to help organize it can take the lead. This would be a very easy fund raiser. It could be short and a small entry fee such as \$5.00. The tunes could be patriotic or ones associated with a war or both. The winner could receive a framed certificate. All monies would be donated to AEF. The unit could make it a larger or longer fund raiser—could be an afternoon of fun! Would help raise money for the AEF and give input for the music report!

For God and County

Linda Ruyle, Chairman

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The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
AMERICANISM
September 2017

PATRIOT DAY, officially known as **National Day of Service and Remembrance**, is observed every September 11th in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

On October 25, 2001, the U.S. House of Representatives Joint Resolution 71 was approved. Resolution 71 requested that the President designate September 11 of each year as *Patriot Day*. President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law on December 18, 2001 (as Public Law 107-89).

On this day, it is asked by the President that the American flag is flown at half-staff at individual American homes, the White House and on all United States government buildings and establishments at home and abroad. The President has also asked Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 A.M. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. He also strongly encouraged Americans to use the Corporation for National and Community Service to find and volunteer for service opportunities.

It was on September 10 of 2012 that President Obama issued a proclamation renaming the day as *Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance*, in reference to both Public Laws 107-89 and 111-13 (the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act). Patriot Day is not a federal holiday, businesses and schools do not close in observance of the occasion, although memorial ceremonies for the victims are held.

"The flag at *Ground Zero*, which was taken down on the night of 9/11, was reported to have been shown at New York City Hall and Yankee Stadium and later taken to the Middle East onboard USS *Theodore Roosevelt*. However, that flag that traveled was not the same size as the one taken by firefighters from the *Star of America* yacht that was docked at a marina near Ground Zero.

The mystery of the real flag's whereabouts was the topic of news stories and interviews, a website dedicated to its recovery, a CNN film titled "The Flag", and an episode of Brian Meltzer's "Lost History" on H2, which offered a \$10,000 reward for its rediscovery.

In September 2016, the original flag was anonymously returned at a fire station in Everett, WA. Forensic tests confirmed its authenticity." (Source: *Indivisible, the Story of Our Flag* by The American Legion Family)

Upcoming Patriotic Days:

9/2	National V-J Day (Victory over Japan)	9/18	Air Force 70 th Birthday
9/11	National Day of Service and Remembrance	9/24	Gold Star Mother's / Family Day
9/15	National POW/MIA Recognition Day	10/13	Navy 242 nd Birthday
9/17	Constitution Day & Citizenship Day	10/26	National Day of the Deployed

Reporting dates to remember:

Mid-year reports due 12/15/2017

American Essay Contest due 4/1/2018

Year-end reports due 5/1/2018

High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans,

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Chaplain

September 2017

Labor Day upon us which means the end of Summer is coming. Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. Where did the year go?

Upcoming Religious Holidays for September

1	Religious year begins - Orthodox Christian
1-4	Eid al Adha - Islam
8	Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian
14	Elevation of the Life Giving Cross (Holy Cross) - Christian
21-22	Rosh Hashanah - Jewish
	New Year - Hijra - Islam
21-29	Navaratri - Hindu
22	Equinox
	Mabon - Wicca/Pagan northern hemisphere
	Ostata - Wicca/Pagan southern hemisphere
25	Ganesh Chaturthi - Hindu
27	Meskel - Ethiopian Christian
29	Michael and All Angels - Christian
30	Yom Kippur - Jewish
	Dasara - Hindu

We will also be observing Patriot's Day, September 11. A moment of silence is observed to correspond with the attacks, beginning at 8:46 AM (EDT), the time the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Let us also remember those American Legion Family members who have recently passed and their families in our prayers.

If you would like a card sent to a Legion Family member, please email or call me. Thank you to those who have contacted me to send out a card. ☺

John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

High Heels & Spurs In Service to Veterans

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ASSIGNMENT FOR SEPTEMBER

THAT'S RIGHT! HOMEWORK! But it is so easy. Take out your Unit Constitution and Bylaws and read it. Every month I will ask you some questions.

If your Unit has "lost" every copy of your documents, contact me, and I can send you the latest one I have on file.

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SEPTEMBER QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IS THE MONTHLY MEETING DATE AND TIME GIVEN IN YOUR BYLAWS (OR STANDING RULES)?
2. IS THAT THE DAY AND TIME YOU ARE ACTUALLY MEETING?
3. IS IT THE DAY AND TIME THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY?

If you answered 'NO' to either question 2 or 3, you need to update the section of your Bylaws or Standing Rules where the date and time are written, AND SEND ME A COMPLETE COPY.





CREATIVE ARTS

I hope each Unit has budgeted at least a small amount for Veterans Creative Arts this year. I would love to hear what you are doing to raise money for this program.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is just around the corner. Local Creative Arts Competitions across the country concluded in March. Thousands of veterans competed in the local Festivals and the winners were judged by a national selection committee in April, May and June. In October, the national winners will assemble in Buffalo, New York. In a week of fellowship, veterans can attend workshops given by local artists, visit local museums and galleries, and see other local attractions. The national show culminates on Sunday when the veterans visual arts are on display for the public along with a creative writing meet and greet and a stage show for performing arts. For more information, go to creativeartsfestival.va.gov.

Did you know that the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation supports Veterans Creative Arts Festivals? According to the American Legion Auxiliary magazine August, 2017, "As a 501 (c) (3) public benefit corporation, the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation provides a resource to engage additional investors interested in supporting our mission." Remember the Foundation when giving memorial gifts and choose the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation as a charitable organization when you order online through Amazon Smile.

Your Department Creative Arts Team:

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Tucson:	Kathy Szakonyi	N3SAD@aol.com	520-400-5839

EDUCATION – SEPTEMBER 2017

How can you work the President's theme of "High Heels and Spurs in Service to our Veterans" into everything that you do? Well, I don't wear heels, so I guess I will just have to use the Spurs on my flats. ☺ By the way.... I just wondered, if you always wear sandals or flip-flops, what do you attach your spurs to?

We are now a month into the new school year and there are many children still in need of items, personal and for school. Have you contacted your local schools to inquire how you and your Unit may assist? This the best month for "Give 10 to Education." Give 10 means to give 10 like items, donate your reading abilities 10 times, donate 10 flags, books, tapes, etc., adopt 10 students to help, and so on. Please keep track of all monies spent, hours, mileage and children assisted.

September is the month we remember September 11, 2001 (Patriots Day), POW Day (15th), and Constitution Day on the 17th. There are many ways to do this, it just requires reviewing your Handbook and creating ceremonies from the information. Ask the local schools to do an essay contest, coloring contest, or cards for First Responders. Proclamations for Patriot's Week and First Responder Day have been requested, and will be distributed as soon as they are received. Please share when received with the Mayors, and First Responders in your area.

Please remember that schools are just as busy as we are and must plan weeks in advance, so get on board now for safety or flag folding demonstrations and coloring contests for October, and even American Education Week in November.

Now is a good time to contact your high schools and remind them of the scholarships that are available. Let them know where they can get the information about these scholarships (www.alaforveterans.org). Make time to contact with the school counselors to get yourself on their action plans for the year; don't forget about Girls State, ALECA, essay contests and Oratorical. Although I don't have the due dates, they will be posted after National Convention.

It is my understanding that there will be an Action Plan available after National Convention in August that will probably be the same for five years. This will be made available in November to all Units at Fall Conference; or you can go on line to National and download.

Come on Ladies! Let's get out those "High Heels" and dig in those "Spurs" and get working on our Service to Veterans and the Community.

For God and Country in Service to our Veterans

Kat Sticklin

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Education Chairperson

Department of Arizona

FINANCE INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 2017

A new slate of officers for the Department has been in place since June and now that the National Convention has just concluded changes in many areas of our organization will be taking effect.

I feel sure our Dept. officers will have this information in this bulletin for everyone, one of which will be the action of delegates at the national convention regarding the increase in membership dues. This action will not be in force until the 2019 membership cards and the Dept. Budget for 2018-2019. You all should know this committee works **for** the Arizona membership, not against you.

From time to time information is sent on to all Units that should be placed in a permanent file so the next set of officers can have guidelines to fall back on. Right now the yearly SCAM PUT OUT BY THE GROUP **CFS-COMPLIANCE FILING SERVICE** has sent the form to Units to complete and return to them along with your Ck or Money Order in the amount of \$150.00 so they can complete certain paper work for your Unit. **DO NOT DO THIS – IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT & YOU ARE WASTING YOUR MONEY.**

Has your Unit held its Poppy Drive? If so, have you forwarded to the Dept. Secy-Treas Barbara the 10% of the NET proceeds from that program? We do not know the dates of your Poppy Drives, therefore we cannot make any determination when your 10% needs to be forwarded to Dept. These funds are what determines the Dept. Budget allowance for veteran related programs each year.

Here are the other ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE FILED BY YOUR UNIT- HAVE YOU REMEMBERED YOUR DATES FOR NOT BEING DELINQUENT?

They are your filing with the Internal Revenue Service (your EIN report) and Your ACC Report (Arizona Corporation Commission) with the State of Arizona.

When making up your Units/Districts Budgets, it is not wise for the word MISCELLANEOUS TO BE USED – in its place use the word “Unrestricted Income” and “Unrestricted Expense”, but be sure to itemize this expense AND ALWAYS KEEP THE RECEIPTS. It’s your money, use it wisely and keep that old “paper trail” going.

If you have questions that I as Finance Chrm. can answer for you or help you with be sure to contact me either by phone or email.

YOUR FINANCE TEAM,

Helen Stout, Chairman, Penny Maklary, Helen Griffin

By virtue of Office

Dept. President Yolanda Bonilla, NEC Jan Cushing & Secretary-Treasurer Barbara Matteson (no vote)

The Department of Arizona Junior Fall Conference and Campout

Details still in the making but it is going to be the best Campout ever.

We have a lot of special activities planned and if you will bring your Junior Activity Patch Booklet with you, we can sign off on some more Patches for you.

The Date is: October 21st to October 22nd

Arrival time is: Saturday the 21st at 1:00 p.m.

Depart: Sunday the 22nd at 11:00 a.m.

The Location:
Earl Mitchell Post 29
2342 W.Glendale Ave
Glendale, Az. 85301

Please RSVP to Karon Quigg, Dept. Junior Chairman, by Sept. 21st so we can have plenty of time to get everything organized for a fun filled weekend.

My cell: (623) 332-1621 and yes a text is ok.
My e-mail: grannyqbear@cox.net
My address: 1443 W. Rosemonte Dr. Phx., Az. 85027

There is a Permission Slip included in this packet and it is very important that it is filled out and turned in to the registration table on day of Conference.

Adults are more than welcome to attend the convention and if you are really brave, you can take your sleeping equipment with you and spend the night.

Saturday.... Meet and Greet 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. with a light lunch or snacks
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Activities
Formal Meeting 3 p.m.
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Activities
Dinner
Games

Sunday.... Up at 7 a.m. for breakfast, church-memorial service,
and quick mini meeting to give unit reports,
before adjourning the convention

ALA JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE
PERMISSION SLIP

As a parent or legal guardian of _____ Date of birth _____

I give my permission for her to attend the ALA Junior Fall Retreat and participate in all activities.

Location: Post 29, 6822 N. 57th Dr. Glendale, AZ 85301 POST PHONE (623) 937-3411

Parent/guardian signature _____ Phone # _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone# _____ Relationship _____

Authorized to Treat Minor: *In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby permit to call 911 and/or to contact a medical facility or physician selected by chaparones to provide proper treatment to _____] and that I will be responsible for all expenses arising in association with such treatment..*

I agree to hold ALA officers, agents, employees and volunteer chaperones harmless from any and all liability or claims, which may arise out of, or in connection with, my child's participation during Junior Convention and assume all liability for the conduct of my child and agree to indemnify the American Legion Family for any claims arising against it resulting from my child's conduct

RETURN THIS TOP PORTION BY October 21, 2017 with \$10 to

Karon Quigg, 1443 W Rosemonte Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Or call 623-332-1621 for other arrangements. Easier to plan if we have a head count.

NO JUNIOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PERMISSION SLIP

LOCATION: Earl E. Mitchell Post 29 6822 57th Drive, Glendale AZ 85301

POST PHONE (623) 937-3411

Date: October 21-22, 2017

Check in 1:00PM October 21 Meeting begins at 3:00pm

Check out time BY 11:00AM October 22, 2017

For any questions or suggestions please call

Karon Quigg 623-332-1621

REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21-22, 2017

UNIT NUMBER _____ LOCATION _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME	JR	AGE	SR	\$10
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TOTAL	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

PLEASE RETURN WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO Karon Quigg, 1443 W Rosemonte Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027

BY September 21, 2017. IN YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION CALL 623-332-1621

IT IS EASIER TO PLAN IF WE KNOW HOW MANY PERSONS TO PLAN FOR. THANK YOU

**AZ MISSION TRAINING
LEADERSHIP
AUGUST 2017 BULLETIN**

Hello Auxiliary Members of Arizona,

The AZ Mission (Leadership) team has been quite busy providing training, workshops in and around your area. Have you attended a workshop? Are you scheduled to attend a workshop? Has your Unit or District scheduled a workshop? **WHY NOT?**

You have new Officers. You have new members. Let us all look at the big picture. Success is important. Training provides information to bring that SUCCESS. . New members, new officers and new chairman are hungry for information. Let this team fulfill the needs of all your members.

What is provided at a workshop:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| A. Protocol | B. Parliamentary Procedures |
| C. Goodwill | D. How to conduct a meeting |
| E. Constitution & Bylaws | F. Membership |
| G. Finance (includes budget/audit) | H. All Auxiliary Programs |
| I. Reporting, Impact Report, Writing Narratives, Dept. Awards | |
| J. Team Work | |
| K. Duties of Officers and Chairman | |

The AZ Mission (Leadership) team is anxious to work with you. Please give this chairman a call to book a workshop as soon as possible. Watch for workshops on the Department web site as well as "Ring Your Bell" site. The web site is kept up to date with every new workshop.

Ginger Cox, Dept. Chairman Cell: 602-616-2811 Home: 602-493-3385

Committee Members:

Helen Griffin	Rose Ficklin	Sherry Tucker
602-478-4909	602-628-4088	918-808-7540

SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>WORKSHOP PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
8/19/17	8-4:30	Unit 135	Post 93, Camp Verde	Phyllis Kennedy 928-300-7411
9/9/17	8-4:30	Unit 35	Post 35, Chandler	Stacy Soto stacy.snider@sbcglobal.net
9/23/17	8-4:30	Dist. 5	Safford Post 32	LaDonna Nieman poohbear1012@cableone.net
9/30/17	9-5	Dist 6	Concho School, Concho	Lesa Ward lesa.ward@yahoo.com
10/14/17	8- 4:30	Post 109	Vail	Pam Gorecki pmgorecki@yahoo.com
10/21/17	8-4:30	Post 107	Phoenix	Cathy Barrick cjbarrick@centurylink.net

MORE TO COME, STAY TUNED OR CALL US !!!!

LEGISLATIVE 2017 – 2018 September

As your Unit's Chairman for the Legislative Program You want to encourage and empower the members to be more knowledgeable to take action on The American Legion's legislative priorities.

(Please provide this bulletin to your Unit Legislative Chairman)

In the previous Legislative Bulletin you were provided ideas on how to signup and subscribe to Legion legislative reports. Here are a few more ideas:

- Actively post The American Legion's legislative priorities on social media.
- Identify your US representative and two US senators and build a relationship and rapport with those individuals and/or members of their staff.
- Subscribe to e-newsletters of your elected officials to monitor what they consider to be priorities and to make sure that veteran/military and national security issues are among them. Follow them on social media as well (See each elected official's website for details how to sign-up and social media links.)
- Connect with other civic organizations to communicate The American Legion's legislative priorities for potential support and membership opportunities.
- Attend local informational town hall meetings to become better informed and to network with other community civic organizations.
- Attend department and/or legislative meetings and activities.
- Meet with state- and national-level public officials to discuss issues facing veterans, servicemembers and their families. If possible, attend meetings with other Legion Family members.
 - Remember, we're putting a face on legislative topics. We can share the human reality on how issues affect veterans, servicemembers and their families.

Everything I am providing to you can be found on www.ALfoVeterans.org website and should be up-to-date after the National Convention that was held in August 2017. If you do not have an account on this website you can create one. You will have access to the American Legion Programs Action Plan for Legislative, along with other programs. There are instructions on "How to host a "Meet the Candidate" night. The mid-year and year-end narrative report dates are listed as well.

I encourage you to write a paragraph a month on this program stating how the unit has participated or on when you, the Chairman, provide information to your membership to keep them aware of legislation actions. The monthly reports will help you compile your mid-year and year-end reports.

When you email me please type "ALA Legislative - Unit (your unit's number)" in the subject line.

Patricia Thomas – (623)670-1788 – mpthomas4@msn.com



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS” IN SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS
MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

September 2017

Hello Ladies of this great state of Arizona. On behalf of your membership team (myself, Barbara M. and Pat S.) we thank those Districts that we have visited thus far for your kind hospitality. I know that we “Can-Can” increase membership this year just by listening to the enthusiasm you are sharing with us!! By the end of this month all ten Districts will have had the opportunity to learn about the incentives, the rewards and awards as well as hands on training regarding the forms and processing of membership.

REMEMBER THE DATES COMING UP FOR OCTOBER!!!!

*By **October 1, 2017** every Unit needs to have submitted membership to Department so that we **CAN** receive our **\$1,000.00** from National.*

So---are we going to increase membership? Yes, we CAN-CAN!!!!

***October 11, 2017** is your Unit target date to reach 60%, so please try to get your members renewed, as well as make phone calls to encourage members to rejoin. And, of course, invite new members to join this wonderful organization!! Don't forget about our female Veterans!!!*

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT?

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY

For more information about membership, please go to www.alaforveterans.org and link on “members only” and click on Membership Program Action Plan.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS”
MUSIC REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2017**

IT’S MUSIC MONTH!!!

What a wonderful time of year to celebrate our Veterans with song! Put on those high heels and spurs and get with the music program.

As you begin planning and organizing for the year, keep in mind that music should always play a part in our meetings. If the Unit has never had a Music Chairman, consider appointing one for this year. If one person doesn’t want the responsibility every month, then perhaps several people could be appointed to ‘tag’ someone to lead the song for the gathering. A patriotic song during the opening or closing of the meetings will only take a few minutes, but it gets everyone involved and brings home the theme of sharing the load together.

Again, many thanks to those of you who participated in the Choir at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning during the Department Convention in June. The Memorial Choir performs on Sunday mornings during the Fall Conference and the Convention. I’d appreciate your support in encouraging members to be a participant in the Choir. It’s a very rewarding experience.

Department Music Awards will be handed out at Convention as follows:

MUSIC PLAQUES

**Frances Aros Memorial Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 151 and over
Millicent Kasun Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 150 and under**

It’s not too early to start planning ahead for the Fall Conference. Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents. Click on ALA Department Awards Book and go to page 48. This will list the rules and the scoring for the awards.

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

NATIONAL SECURITY

SEPTEMBER 2017

What is this program, and why do we have it?

The National Security Program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

Units can support active-duty military families by working with an installation Family Readiness Group or an individual military family. Support reserve and transitioning service members and families by working with a returning National Guard or Reserve unit or an individual transitioning service member or family.

Auxiliary members can assist in your communities in times of natural and manmade disasters through (CERT) Community Emergency Response Team course. Encourage members to complete this course. Have a training exercise in your post home to give training in first aid, CPR or other types of emergency skills.

Is there an active duty military in your family? You can order the Blue Star Banner through emblem sales.

The Children & Youth/National Security workshop will be held on January 27, 2018 at Luke Greenway Post 1 in Phoenix starting at 9 AM until 1PM. There is always great information and speakers at this workshop and ideas to take back your units, posts and squadrons.

Upcoming dates for September:

September 4th Labor Day

September 11th Patriot day

September 15th POW-MIA Recognition Day

September 17th Citizenship Day

Do your members cut and collect coupons? Next month there will be a list of overseas commissaries that accept your coupons.

There will be more information on this program in the coming months what you can do to support this program.

Jan Cushing
National Security Chairman
2017-2018

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623-544-0797

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

September 2017

In August of 2013, Past National President Kris Nelson wrote “Past Presidents Parley is all about honoring our veterans, assisting their families and mentoring our sister members. The key is to enjoy the experience.”

Then in August of 2016, Past National President Janet Jeffords wrote “As past presidents we need to remember to cultivate a culture of goodwill. Goodwill can be described as a kind, helpful and positive attitude toward others. We need to be that example of goodwill. We need to demonstrate the auxiliary’s core values of personal integrity, respect for the uniqueness of individual members and truthful, open communication with our members.”

With that in mind, each month I will be taking you down memory lane remembering all the Past Department of Arizona President’s whose service as Department President has helped the Department of Arizona do just that. All PDP’S will be featured starting this month. Our departed Presidents will be remembered at our Past Presidents Parley luncheon at the 2018 Department Convention.

Marty Van Toll 1986

Theme: “Rainbow of Stars”

Special Project: “Make a Wish Foundation”

Member of Unit: 75

Helen Stout: 1989

Theme: “Arizona’s Pride is Showing”

Special Project: “Project Literacy”

Member of Unit: PDP Helen continues to serve the Department of Arizona as Finance Chairman and her unit as Membership Chairman

Woman Veteran of the Month:

**In 2003 The Past Presidents’ Parley National Committee
established**

“SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMAN AWARD

**In this space, I would like to recognize the military service of a
local woman currently serving our country.**

Please send me her bio so we can salute her service.

Send to jherrera268@aol.com

Please ensure your Poppy Chairman receives this.

The ALA Poppy is not just a flower we give out.

As Poppy Chairman/ Committee it's our mission to educate our members and the general public of the significance of the Poppy and the financial benefit to our veterans both locally and nationally. We raise about two million dollars yearly nationwide.

Please keep track of member volunteer hours worked on your projects. ALA activity reports are included in The American Legion National Headquarters annual report to Congress. This shows our impact on veteran service. It is important.

All Poppy Orders must be received by the Department Secretary by September 30th. Payment check to cover cost of supplies must be included with your order. Expect to receive them no later than May 1, 2018. Your Unit is **REQUIRED** to remit to Department 10% of net poppy proceeds immediately following your distribution function. Don't wait until the end of the year, pay it as you go.

Department Awards for Poppy Program. Here's where you can find the specific rules you must follow. Rules are rules. If you don't follow them you can be disqualified.

If you are older and technology challenged with computers (like I am), please ask one of your online educated members to print these out for you. (they'll appreciate being acknowledged as smarter in this area).

Department website is: www.aladeptaz.org

On the left side, in red it says 2017-18 Department Awards Book. The first few pages is general information you should read. Then Scroll down to page 55 through page 57

Miss Poppy Plaque

Marie Townshend Plaque

Marie Cooney Memorial Plaque

ALA National website is alaforveterans.org login- you need your member ID if you haven't registered for the site before. Go to members only/ member resources/ Poppy Committee. On the left is a list. To download, click on Poppy Poster Contest rules . The Poppy Committee page has a lot of interesting information. I suggest you read it. You'll also find the 2015-16 winners including 2 from Arizona in the Western Division section near the bottom.

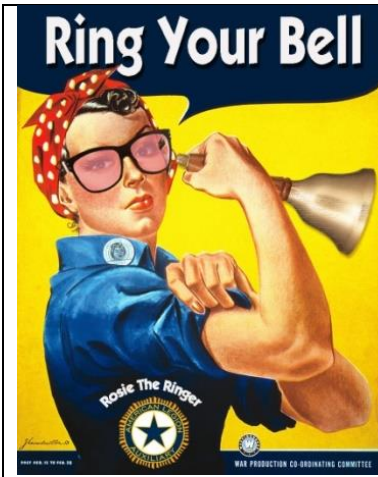
Remember: United We Stand.- Work together with other Chairman in your Unit. If you have a public relations chair, they can help you advertise your event and the scrapbook chair will appreciate photo copies your committee take of it. Mutual helpfulness.

Julie Ross

Poppy Chairman

juliedistrict3@gmail.com

Public Relations: September 2018



CONTACT STUFF:

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Social Media support specialist: Cynthia Millard; azmillard@gmail.com

Department webpage: www.ALADeptAZ.org

Facebook Group: Search for "Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA"

- Units post activities of pride or interest to each other and department.
- Posts from this page "feed" the Department webpage—get your activities & photos on the Department website!
- Get help from other Units/Department
- Also "Ring Your Bell" central for the contest. Request membership today!

2017-18 Ring Your Bell Contest

That was so much fun, we are doing it again...only easier!

- Beginning in August, earn 10 points for every photo posted on the Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA Facebook group or emailed to aladeptaz@gmail.com. To ensure credit, make sure you post your unit number and tell us your story! Maximum 100 points per month.
- Extra (one-time per month) 25 points if any post is about the ALA program of that month--check the ALA wheel on the Department webpage www.aladeptaz.com
- Extra 25 Points (one-time per month) if any post is about the President's Special Project: ALA Girls State
- If needed, we will have a tie-breaker "specialty post" periodically.
- Winner gets an engraved hand bell!! Did you see Unit 19's?
- Not a member of the group? Open up your Facebook app; where the "spy glass" search icon is, type in: ring your bell arizona ala; click on "request membership"—that's all there is to it!

Recent PR Highlights

- The Ring Your Bell Facebook page has 290 members with 10 Units posting activities! Good to hear from 27, 28, 29, 35, 41, 52, 57, 81, 87, 103 & hoping to hear from more.
- Department webpage (www.aladeptaz.org) has been updated: new directory, new mission training schedule, new links to 4 Chaplains & national training program, updated membership numbers in addition to 2018 goals—and an explanation of the new membership award-- "soaring to new heights". There's even a link to sign up to get monthly reports mailed to you.
- Unit 81 (Lake Havasu) was featured in their local paper multiple times!

President's Scrapbook

September 2017

Greetings Ladies,

Thank you Madame President Bonilla for this appointment. My committee and I are looking forward to serving you this year.

Since Convention, I have been keeping in contact with the committee members. We are all in the process of collecting pictures, articles, and other items to put in President Yolanda's scrapbook. This is an ongoing project, any photos or other mementos commemorating her year as Department President would be greatly appreciated.

Please send me your photos for President Yolanda's scrapbook. You can email or regular postage them to me anytime.

"A picture is worth a thousand words, but the memories are priceless."

-Fred R. Barnard

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

Chairman

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Committee Members

Alma Mattingly Unit 62

Anita Ritter Unit 41

Candy Neagle Unit 62

Linda Johnson Unit 65

Service to Veterans

Hello. I am the new chairman to department for Service to Veterans. I want to get your monthly reports of service to veterans. You can email or mail them to me. I am excited to take this position and make it a positive experience for all of us.

If you have hours from last year I would like to include them as they were not reported at the June convention and I want to make sure everyone's hard work for our veterans is recognized.

Examples of Service to Veterans:

Locations:

Any work done on behalf of veterans in state or community based nursing homes

Adult daycare centers or adult foster homes or halfway houses

Also hospices, homeless shelters, stand downs and any Christmas shop not at a VA medical center

Assisting a veteran's family

Assisting with burial or graveside upkeep, transportation, landscaping or yard work and tax preparation

Organizing food and blanket drives

Activities:

Crafting (quilts, scarves, hats, gloves, etc., sewing, cooking and baking, laundry, coupon clipping, babysitting, shopping for materials and supplies for services performed in your own home, hospital gift shop items made at home, computer research on a veteran's benefits or

Assisting with job search.

My name is Colleen Heck

Email: iheck@ionet.net

Phone: 602-290-5568

Address:

21128 E Roundup Way, Queen Creek, Az. 85142

****I received a report from Dewey, Az. But it did not include the unit number****

Soaring to New Heights in Membership Trophy

- Eligibility open to all American Legion Family Entities
- MUST WORK event OUTSIDE your Post Home.
- WORK with your Legion family.
- Notify your District Commander/President when hosting event:
Name of Commander/President_____

Signature_____

- Verification of event name, location, time and date is a must.
- Total Funds spent on Event \$_____
- Hours working Event _____
- Miles Traveled to Community Event _____
- Total in attendance_____
- Total signed up: _____Legion _____Auxiliary
_____Sons
- Deadline to submit: May 21, 2018
- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Presentation of Trophy: June 21, 2018 at Opening Ceremonies.

American Legion Working to Increase Membership



**“High Heels and Spurs in Support of our Units”
Unit Development and Revitalization
September 2017**

Development: The process of developing or being developed; the act or process or causing something to grow or become larger or more advanced.

Revitalization: To give new life or vigor to; to make active, healthy, or energetic again.

These are just the definitions of what this committee is structured to assist with.

This chairman has found that in most cases, if issues get resolved early, the unit will thrive. If conflicts become the norm, the unit will not. Most of the issues are due to not following the guidelines given or not receiving the guidelines to begin with. When we speak about guidelines we are talking about the Governing documents (i.e. Unit, Department and National Constitution & Bylaws, the Unit Guidebook, Department Policies and Procedures, etc.). The question then becomes, what can this committee do to assist? This committee, the Leadership team, and the Officers are all there to assist, but just a word of warning, as a general rule Department does not get involved with unit issues. We can give you advice, lead you down the right path, or even speak with your members as a whole (i.e. Unit meeting, etc.). **In order to receive assistance, the only criteria is that the issue or request be put in writing either to this chairman or to Department Headquarters.**

The chairman of the individual committees within Department are also there to assist you with their individual programs. Again, they can only explain their programs to you but will not get involved in unit issues.

District President or officers may also assist you, but once again they are not there to get involved with any issues you may have. They are the unit's connection to Department only.

Attending an Arizona Mission Training session is another way to avoid some of the conflict. Information on our mission, goals and programs assists most units in understanding our purpose and may assist in less conflict amongst your members. **Knowledge is Power!!!**

Little things can hurt not only the organization but the individual. Remember, when speaking, sending email, posting items on twitter, facebook, and all other types of social media, what you said will be out there and you can't always take it back. It can be easily misinterpreted or misrepresented by others who have heard or read it.

The one thing each of us needs to remember...we are all volunteers and choose to belong to this organization, the reason you joined isn't the issue, the reason you remain is. Are you a member who joined for the recognition that you may receive? If so, this might not be the organization for you. All of us belong for one reason, because we are affiliated with a Veteran and want to give back to them for their sacrifices, and this organization is all about our Veterans and their families. If we all leave personal issues outside and work for the betterment of our organization we would most definitely have a lot less conflict. Easier said than done in some cases since we all think at one time or the other that our way is the only way and feelings get hurt when the majority rules against something you would like to see happen. **Don't take it personally!** The next time, it might just be your idea that passes.

For those of you that read this whole bulletin, I don't mean to be negative, just wanted to point out where you can go for assistance and ways that you can avoid conflict within your individual units. Since I really try and like to be positive I will close this bulletin by saying that many units may just need a little push – they don't really have major issues and are working diligently to build a unit that they can be proud of. Whether you are having conflicts in your unit or not, I am proud of each of you for belonging to this wonderful Organization and hope you will continue to support our Veterans and their families, as well as, your individual communities.

Yours in Service,

Vickey J. Zwall

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME PHOENIX

September 2017

Good Morning Ladies:

Thanks goes out to Unit 1 for donation \$300.00 for the purchase much needed bookcases.

Below is a list of September Birthdays:

6 th Anthony H. D159	6 th Perry D. C131	7 th Robert L. C163	7 th JW K. C256
8 th Kenneth J. D162	8 th Thomas T. D254	9 th Bill G. D147	12 th Oscar G. D136
13 th Alan J. C131	21 st Thomas K D146	21 st Encarnacion T. D247	
22 nd Ronald M. C171	24 th Jay L. D142	24 th Deane W. D256	
25 th Richard B. D160	26 th Christian D. C145	29 th Roy O. C245	

Below is a list of October Birthdays:

2 nd Abraham M	3 rd Lois L.	4 th Patricia H.	4 th Roman C.	4 th Ronald B.
6 th William M.	9 th Steven C.	11 th Frank G.	15 th James S.	17 th Jeffery E.
18 th John P. Jr.	19 th Peter S.	29 th Richard B.	20 th Thomas H. Jr.	21 st Americo D.
25 th Donald Mc G.				

I will ask for the room numbers for the October Birthdays and include them in the October issue.

Please consider sending birthday cards to our Veterans, they really appreciate hearing from you and feel like they haven't been forgotten.

Here is the new 2017-2018 donation wish list for the home. I have underlined the most desired items needed but they will appreciate everything. Keep in mind that items might be added or deleted as the months go by, so keep checking the list. Thanks.

Donation Wish List

VISA GIFT CARDS

WALMART GIFT CARDS

AMAZON GIFT CARDS

DUNKIN DONUTS GIFT CARDS

PORTABLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

PLASTIC STORAGE CONTAINERS- A LOT! (ALL SIZES)

1 LARGE STURDY WIRE RACK

PAPERBACK BOOK SHELF (WOOD AND NICE LOOKING)

WESTERN BOOKS

LARGE PRINT BIBLES

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM GIFT CARD/VOUCHERS
ODYSEA AQUARIUM TICKETS
REMOTE CONTROL CARS- LARGE CARS WITH EASY TO USE REMOTES.
LARGE NERF GUNS (10) AND EXTRA BULLETS
SODA (REGULAR & DIET)
GIANT CONNECT 4
ADULT COLORING BOOKS AND COLORED PENCILS
11 x 14 CANVAS'S FOR PAINTING
PAINT BRUSHES
INDIVIDUAL CRAFT KITS
LATCH HOOT SETS
UMBRELLAS (20)
LARGE DUTY THERMAL ROLL LAMINATOR
GIFT BAGS
TISSUE PAPER
CRAFT SUPPLIES
BOARD GAMES (NEW)

As always, we are unable to use glass, toiletries, date expired food items, or medical supplies. All food items donated must be purchased at a store.

Please let me know if your Unit participates in monthly ASVH activities by emailing me at lbubbles@cox.net If you have any questions, please call me at 602-312-9245.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs
VHVS Chairman

Joyce Livingston
VHVS Co-Chairman

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans

Tucson SAVAHCS Christmas Gift Shop Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

To American Legion Auxiliary Units of Southern Arizona:

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 19, 24, 28, 32, 36, 45, 46, 51, 52, 54, 56, 59,
66, 68, 73, 95, 97, 109, 125, 129, 131, 132, 133

Yes, it is time to think about the Tucson Christmas Gift Shop. If this program is in your Unit's budget, please mail your checks in to the Department Office.

Department President Yolanda Bonilla and Department Commander Domingo Bonilla will be invited to attend and participate in the Ribbon Cutting to open this year's event.

Dates: Setup Tuesday, December 5, 2017, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Gift Shop continues to be open through Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 2, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Checks must be made payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, designated for the **Tucson VA Christmas Gift Shop**. Mail checks to ALA Department of Arizona, 4701 North 19th Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727.

If you have gift boxes of any size and in good condition, please save them. Of course, we will need volunteers each day, especially Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is the pack-up day.

Karen Alff
Dept. Gift Shop Chair for Tucson
pugloveraz@yahoo.com
520-419-7120

Committee Members,
Gail Piggett and Becky Ruiz
(Shoppers Extraordinaire!)

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

September 2017

The Purpose of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: To demonstrate gratitude for veterans military service to the nation by supporting veterans, military and their children.

The Program Action Plan provides our members opportunities to serve in volunteer leadership roles within their local Veterans Affairs hospital (Goal 3), which broadens our membership pool (Goal 1) among a target population and builds brand loyalty (Goal 5) with the veterans themselves.

Committee Contact Information:

VA&R@ALAforVeterans.org

www.ALAforVeterans.org/Programs/Veterans-Affairs-Rehabilitation

The Veteran/Military support and advocacy POD includes: Legislative, National Security, Poppy and VA&R. Listed below are the names and contact information for each of the programs do not hesitate to contact them for assistance with any one of these.

Our plan will be to initiate, sponsor and participate in programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families: ensuring their transition and or restoration to normally functioning lives, including physical, mental, social and vocational needs.

Please contact the chairmen with questions regarding their respective program.

Legislative – Patricia Thomas	623-670-1788	mpthomas4@msn.com
UAV Representative – Judy Hatch	602-628-7089	
National Security – Jan Cushing	623-544-0797	gcushing@cox.net
Poppy – Judy Ross	520-505-6924	juliedistrict3@gmail.com

Patricia Lugo
602-475-0208
VA&R Chairman

In service to our veterans their families and the community

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

SEPTEMBER, 2017

Ladies,

Upcoming schedule for Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials hosted by Auxiliary Units are as follows:

September	Open
October	Unit 24
November	Open
December	Open

We are in dire need of units to host the monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials for September and on through next year. **Please contact Fran Johnston at 520-599-4786 to host a social.**

The plans are still ongoing to have the home's sports lounge open for the residents to enjoy refreshments and games, or watch sports on TV and enjoy the lounge. Sort of a place where the residents can group and mingle and have their place. If you can donate one please call Anna Marie at 520-404-7646.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The following schedule is upcoming events at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson). Please remember we always need donations to have these monthly events and really need volunteers especially in transporting the residents from their rooms to the events at the home. The events are held mostly in the Chapel room or outside in front of Bldg. #1 at ASVH-Tucson.

B. September Events

September 2	ELKS hosting a BBQ. Hamburgers, Hot dogs, and chicken legs/thighs
September 15	Home will host Dia de Septiembre with mariachis and food
September 23	Bike Show 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. hosted by American Legion Post 7. Hoping Post 24 also participates as they were the first to have the show at the home. All ALA riders and other organizations are welcome to participate in the bike show. Contact Sam Nanez if you were not from the original list. Residents do not have to donate for this event.

Funds raised will be used to support the upcoming events hosted by the American Legion Family..

Vendors also welcomed, donation is \$10 a spot. Bring your own tables.

September 23	Menu changed to BBQ pork, Anna; (entrée changed)
Continued	Macaroni Salad, Fran; Beans, Mary Shaffer; DJ, Tommy, Desert Kay Willard, and Terry Soto

September 29	Still need donations of buns, chips, soda, water, and paper goods Annual dog show. All organizations welcomed to show their dogs.
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C. October Events

October 17	Steering Committee will meet on the 17 th as original date is a paid holiday for the home. Will resume the regular date on November 13, 2017
October 17	Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social hosted by ALA Unit 24.
October 20	Fall Festival – ELKS and ALA Unit 24 to bring pumpkins which are used to paint and carve for the Fall Festival Staging area of all activities ready by 5:15 p.m. Decorating team to be discussed in September. Volunteers needed. Mary, ELKS, to coordinate with a train vendor Anna Marie to coordinate horse riding, and David to check with jumping castle vendors at Swap Meet for rental estimates.
	Need paper goods and 60 to 70 cakes, pies, etc. for cake walks which the residents and their families participate.
October 31	ELKS hosting Halloween Costume Contest

ITEMS NEEDED – WISH LIST

1. Need candy bars for the bingo activities. Candy bars used to give to bingo winners.
2. Besides what was shared in the meeting minutes in May, 2017, Sam also advised the committee on additional needs, for example:

Cribbage boards	Velvet art painting
Water colors	Art paper
Batteries needed i.e., AA, AAA, C, and D sizes	CD players
Puzzle Books	Word Search Books
Arts and crafts – supplies	Crossword Puzzles
Audible Books	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ASVH-TUCSON RESIDENTS – BEST WISHES ALWAYS TO YOU

A toast for your blessed life!!! Salute!!!! And, one of the residents will be celebrating his 101st birthday.

1	Peter	2	Henry	3	Robert	4	Agatha	5	Robert
13	Guillermo	14	John	15	Carol	16	Richard	20	Edward
21	Mickey	21	Charles	22	Bill				

God bless the residents of ASVH-Tucson who have passed away recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
7-31-17

American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bingo parties which are held on the third Saturday of each month at 1:30PM in Building 60 at the VA hospital. Volunteers are needed to assist with this activity, which is much appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans. Please consider sponsoring the Bingo program. Thank you to the past & current District presidents who volunteered at the June Bingo. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos.

The American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday. We sponsored refreshments on May 16th & May 30th, 2017 and June 20th, 2017 and July 18th, 2017. We will be sponsoring refreshments on August 15th and August 29th, 2017. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 & 132 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. Previously these Veterans were bussed to and from residential shelters. This facility will allow for additional supervision of Veteran patients and it is felt that this will contribute to their success in the program. This facility is requesting clear backpacks (25 per month) and water bottles (25 per month). The staff requesting these donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need. Units 102, 131, 132, 109 and District 2 have responded to this need and we ordered 250 backpacks and water bottles in July. The donation was received August 1, 2017 and will be reflected in the August report.

Veterans Creative Arts meeting was held at SAVAHCS on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. This chairman attended the meeting with SAVAHCS personnel and members from the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance who will be collaborating with the committee in an effort to expand this program in Tucson. SAACA attended the quarterly VAVS meeting on July 26, 2017 to discuss their participation in this program and to encourage all service organizations to participate in this program.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 is \$1,822.00. Thank you Unit 66 for your generous donation. It was recorded on August 1, 2017 and will be reflected in the August report.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 is \$12,250.50. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Ann Reatherford, Unit 24, Unit 131, Unit 132, Unit 73 and Unit 109 members and unaffiliated volunteers for their constant support of VA programs through their donations. The Legion family is the largest supporter of the Arizona Fisher House. Currently, Arizona Fisher House is funded for the foreseeable future. Other programs are in dire need of donations (ie. Homeless, Building 95, Social Services, Bingo, etc.).

Fifteen registered hospital volunteers and ten summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 is 1,866; occasional volunteer hours are 24 donated by ten occasional volunteers. We are now down to fourteen registered volunteers at SAVAHCS. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have one new American Legion Auxiliary registered volunteer.

This chairman has volunteered 88 hours and logged 1,080 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of July 31, 2017. This chairman is on the Executive Committee as vice president for the VAVS

Committee at SAVAHCS. Deputy Ann Reatherford was elected to the Executive Committee at the quarterly meeting on July 26, 2017. Her term will begin in October, 2017 and she will be serving for two years.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative