

PAWS IN SERVICE

November 2016

FALL CONFERENCE...November 4-6, 2016, Double Tree Reid Park, Tucson, Arizona...information in this packet. Get your registration in and also you lunch registration for the Western Division National Vice President lunch. This year's WDNVP President is Cary Fisher from Utah.

JUNIORS...Fall Retreat...Did you have juniors that attended?

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

Unit 84...Darlene Pino PO Box 10164, Tonalea, AZ 86044

Unit 102...Secretary Mary Lou Barrett 3491 S Rose Gold Ave, Tucson, AZ 85735, 520-822-1927

Membership...Joan Dahler 5572 W Flying M St, Tucson, AZ 85713, 520-908-1859

Unit 108...Secretary email dimacsage@cableone.net

MEMBERSHIP... ““ONE IN A MILLION MAKING MEMBERSHIP MEANINGFUL”. Membership is everyone's job and it does not stop because it's summer. Membership paid online and PUFL money will be sent in the form of a credit voucher. Please do not hold membership at any time.

DD214...do not send these to Department...we do not need them nor do we want them.

Membership application...identify 1 name for the veteran...select 1 service period...pick just one for relationship. Answers for these questions do not have multiple answers... PICK JUST 1.

ALAMIS access...I have received notice that the deadline for this access is November 30th. The request form is in this packet. What has your Unit decided?

POPPY ORDER...Deadline was September 30. Did you get your order in on time? If you have questions about poppy orders contact the Department 602-241-1080. If you have questions about the Poppy Program contact the Department Chairman listed in the 2016-2017 Directory.

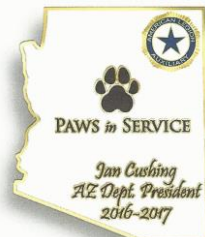
There will something in the monthly bulletins this year. This item will earn you a prize at Fall Conference and Department Convention. If you find it, you need to contact Department and bring that item to Fall Conference to get your prize.

Did you look at the 2016-2017 Impact Report Form in last month's packet? Didn't think so...so it's in this packet also.

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

“Paws in Service”

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
September 2016

It was voted on and approved by the Department Executive Committee at the Department Convention in June 2016 to allow Units to have access to the ALAMIS system.

ALAMIS is American Legion Auxiliary Membership Information System.

The Units will be allowed look to at their Unit's information only. They will also be able to print rosters themselves.

National will allow 2 members to access this information at the cost of \$10.00 each per person per year. Do you have to have 2 members? No, 1 is acceptable but no more than 2.

Does the Unit have to do this? No, it is up to the Units. Unit action on this should show in the Unit meeting minutes.

If your Unit chooses to do this you must fill out the information below. Only 2 members for each Unit will be allowed to have access. Unit approval and date is required.

1. Name _____ id# _____
2. Unit Name and # _____
3. Email _____ Phone # _____
4. Signature _____
5. Unit Approval _____ Date _____

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Complete and send a check to Department:

American Legion Auxiliary
Attn: ALAMIS Access
4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015

“PAWS IN SERVICE”
FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
PRESIDENT’S NOTES
NOVEMBER 2016

On September 18th I had my first official visit to District 4 held at Post 129 in Queen Creek. Your Units are doing an awesome job, keep up the great work. On September 24th I was invited to attend District 8 Picnic at Goldwater Lake in Prescott. It was great to get out of the heat and enjoy cool weather!!! They had a great turn out and everyone had a fun time and spent that green stuff they call money. On October 15th I attended Unit 61 Annual Tea Party and what a fantastic event they hold every year. Thank you for the invitations!!!

October 8th Post, Auxiliary and Squadron 36 held a memorial service for their very own member Kathleen Medalen Past Department President. Kathleen will be truly missed and may she RIP.

Four (4) Legion Family Post, Auxiliary and Squadron made 100% membership for 2015-2016 and they were 42, 57, 95 and 134. Way to go!!! Hope to see more this year.

I want to thank the following Units 7, 29, 40, 66, 75, 81, 93, 97, 131, 132 and District 6 and VFW Post 9907 Auxiliary for your generous donations to my special project “Soldiers Best Friend”. The monies were received into Department in time to get the matching funds from The Dorrance Family Foundation. GO TEAM ARIZONA.

The National President Mary Davis theme this year is “Enhance the Member Experience”. We will be hosting the National President Mary Davis February 7-10 during the Phoenix Creative Arts Festival. February 9th will be the National President’s Banquet at Post 1 in Phoenix mark that date on your calendar.

Send any invitations to visit your Unit or District to me not to Department as Barbara has other important matters to handle; she is the Dept. Secretary and not my personal secretary!!! My address is 20089 N. Pinewish Court, Surprise, AZ 85374-4625 or e-mail me at gcushing@cox.net and it will also be in directory.

GO TEAM ARIZONA!!! Happy Thanksgiving

Jan Cushing
Department of Arizona President
2016-2017

President Jan's Schedule

October 8, 2016	Memorial service for Kathleen Medalen	Tucson, AZ
October 14, 2016	Reception for Gayle Reed @ Post 62	Peoria, AZ
October 15, 2016	Annual Tea Party Unit 61	Avondale, AZ
October 22, 2016	District 12 PPP Fundraiser Unit 26	Mesa, AZ
October 28, 2016	Official Visit Unit 32 Early Bird Dinner	Safford, AZ
October 29, 2016	Official Visit District 5 Unit 32	Safford, AZ
November 4-6, 2016	Fall Conference	Tucson, AZ
November 11, 2016	Tucson Veteran's Day Parade	Tucson, AZ
November 13, 2016	Official Visit District 3 Unit 52	Sierra Vista, AZ
November 16, 2016	Official Visit Unit 131	Green Valley, AZ
November 16-20 th	TAL National Commander Schmidt Visit	Phoenix, AZ
November 19, 2016	Girls State Spaghetti Dinner Post 2	Tempe, AZ
November 28, 2016	Whipple VA Gift Shop	Prescott, AZ
November 30, 2016	Tucson VA Gift Ship	Tucson, AZ
December 5, 2016	Phoenix VA Gift Shop	Phoenix, AZ
December 7, 2016	Lay Wreath Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza	Phoenix, AZ
January 2, 2017	Official Visit Unit 27	Apache Junction, AZ
January 7, 2017	Dept. Open House	Dept. Headquarters
January 15, 2017	Official Visit District 12 Unit 35	Chandler, AZ
January 17, 2017	Official Visit Unit 8	Casa Grande, AZ
January 28, 2017	Mission Training	Las Vegas, NV
February 3-5, 2017	SAL NAT.CMDR Jeff Frain Home Coming	
February 7-10, 2017	ALA National President Visit	Phoenix, AZ
February 8, 9, 2017	Creative Arts	Phoenix, AZ
February 24-Mar.1 st	Washington Conference	Washington, DC
March 4, 2017	Oratorical Finals Post 64	Ahwatukee, AZ
March 11, 2017	Girls State Car Show	Lake Havasu City, AZ
March 11, 2017	Official Visit Unit 81	Lake Havasu City, AZ
March 18, 2017	Birthday Ball Post 19	Yuma, AZ
March 19, 2017	Official Visit District 1 Unit 19	Yuma, AZ
April 20, 2017	Official Visit Unit 35	Chandler, AZ
April 22, 2017	Official Visit District 7 Unit 14	Kingman, AZ

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

November 2016

Once again, a natural disaster has affected our members, this time via Hurricane Matthew. The reason our organization has the AEF “. . . is to provide temporary financial assistance to members in need.” [ALA In the Know eBulletin – October 11, 2016]

Mary Dubay, National AEF Vice Chairman, has offered a fund raising idea in this month's eBulletin. 'A "Contribution Bag" can be something as simple as a brown paper lunch bag or something more elaborate. You can decorate it or leave it plain, but ensure you have branded it – perhaps just put a label on it stating American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund "Members Helping Members". . .' The bags can then be circulated at meetings, the post's social area, or other activities where you are not raising funds for other projects.

With many of our Posts, Units, and Squadrons having Early Bird dinners this month, an additional idea, from Marge Blankenship, Western Division AEF Chairman, is to have “. . . an information table displaying AEF brochures, along with membership applications."

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Member

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AMERICANISM

NOVEMBER 2016

Greetings and Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving,

This month your Unit President received an Americanism packet at Fall Conference for each Americanism Chairman. Hopefully by now you have had a chance to review its contents. You now have the National Americanism Action Plan, mid-year and year-end reports at your fingertips. Don't forget that mid-year reports are due by December 15, 2016.

Did you get out and vote? It's your right as granted by Congress in 1919. Did you know that prior to that year some women were against voting privileges? What were they thinking? Women have come a long way since then and now we are a force to be reckoned with.

Did you know that Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day? When WW1 ended on June 28, 1918, with the Treaty of Versailles, in the Palace of Versailles in France, the fighting continued for an additional seven months and finally ended with an armistice, or a peace agreement, between the Allied Nations and Germany on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, or November 11. The day was commemorated the following year on November 11, as Armistice Day and was intended to dedicate a day to remind nations to seek peaceful relationships between one another, in hopes that we will never again be divided. Unfortunately, we know, this was not the case.

By 1954, our country survived two more major wars, WWII (1941-1945) and the Korean War (1950-1953). At the urging of the service organizations, the 83rd Congress decided to reinstate 'Armistice Day' as 'Veterans Day' to honor veterans of all wars. President Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954.

Veterans Day will be here before you know it. Hopefully you have already planned on promoting Patriotism with your Legion Family and Community. American Flags will line the streets, be held high in Parades and handed out to spectators. Let's celebrate our Veterans and Active Military for their dedication and sacrifice they make to maintain our country's safety. Let's get out there and celebrate our freedom.

What are you doing on Thanksgiving Day? Want to do something different? How about volunteering at your local food bank, or maybe ask a neighbor to join your family for dinner because you know he or she will be alone. Maybe your Post will open their doors and serve dinner to the homeless, why not lend a helping hand. Whatever your plans are, please remember those men and women overseas serving our Country and say a pray for them. They will be having dinner too, just not with their families.

Linda Hubbs,
American Chairman

CHILDREN & YOUTH PAWS IN SERVICE

November, 2016

Ladies, I am proud to have attended the National Children & Youth conference on behalf of the Auxiliary Department of Arizona in Indianapolis this September. I received a lot of valuable information and I am excited to be able to share with you. One of the highlights while attending, was to meet Ms Nicole Clapp Auxiliary National Children and Youth Chairman, she sent greetings to all of us here in Arizona.

Fall conference is just around the corner. There will be a packet with information for your Children and Youth Chairman that will assist her with this program.

A Few Ideas for the Holidays:

- Adopt military families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Many families need assistance
- Clothing drives for children
- Canned food drive for families with Juniors assisting with shopping, collection, sorting and delivery.
- Plan activities at your post to benefit families
- Bake holiday treats with Juniors to give to Veterans and their families
- Sponsor a toy drive to provide toys for military families and our community families and their children

Mid Year Reporting. Children & Youth Chairman please submit a narrative report to me by **December 10, 2016** on what your unit has done or planning to do for this Program. If you need additional information, I can be contacted (602-689-4925).

Details for Children & Youth and National Security Workshop will be in your next Bulletin.

Have A Wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving

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Committee Members
Stacy Mayberry
Carla Solarez

CHAPLAIN REPORT

NOVEMBER 2016

Ladies from the great state of Arizona,

MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES!!!!!!

November is a month that has many special days coming up. Nov. 1st is All Saints Day, 8th is Election Day, 10th is Service Day for Peace and Development, 11th is Veterans Day, 16th is International Day for Tolerance, 24th is Thanksgiving, and Advent begins on the 27th..

I am sure we all have something for which to be grateful. Please take the time to thank the Lord for all the good in your life. Also thank him for any challenges you are currently facing as these will make you a stronger person.

This month our county is facing a very strong challenge with elections for our government officials. The future is in everyone's hands through the process of voting. As you cast your ballot remember how the Preamble to our Constitution begins: **For God and Country.** Pray that our new leaders receive the guidance, strength and fortitude to make our country safe and a better place for all.

Our organization also faces challenges so on this note I say to you:

A GOOD MAN BRINGS GOOD THINGS OUT OF THE GOOD STORED UP IN HIS HEART, AND AN EVIL MAN BRINGS EVIL THINGS OUT OF THE EVIL STORED UP IN HIS HEART. FOR THE MOUTH SPEAKS WHAT THE HEART IS FULL OF.

LUKE 6:45

"When you feel like quitting-Remember why you started" Unknown

God Bless you for all you do and God Bless America

Jennie Molina

Chaplain Dept of AZ

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Community Service

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It's November and the beginning of the Holiday Season is upon us. Has your Unit or Post Family discussed if you will be adopting a family for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas?

Did you check out the Western Division Community Service Facebook page? If not, take a moment and check it out. We want to brag about what we are doing in Arizona! If you haven't visited the Facebook page, search for the "Community Service Western Division ALA" page and like the page. Share the information with your Unit, Post, SAL and ALR members.

Fall Conference is behind us now. Make sure to disperse the information you received to your Unit members. Pass on the materials to your Unit's Chairman.

Thank you to those Units who have submitted their Community Service hours to me. **Mid-year reports are due to me on or before December 15.** You may email me your report. Report forms will be in the Fall Conference packet.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 10	ALA Birthday
November 11	Veterans Day
November 13-19	American Education Week
November 19	National Family Volunteer Day

Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy time with family and friends!

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NOVEMBER 2016

November has silently arrived and we are working diligently on all our Unit programs and still the Education Program doesn't have a Chair person at the Unit level. Why is it so hard for this program to have leadership? We just don't consider it as important as some others, or we just don't have enough members to go around. Have a discussion at the Unit level on how to work education into every program or what you are doing with each program that is educational.

This month we have Veteran's Day Ceremonies and Parades. Do you have some printed information about this day to give to your local schools or newspapers, etc. Remember to contact your schools to set up Veterans in the Classroom – don't forget to give the information about this project to the veterans you have asked to be available for this event, and to the teachers who are participating. This is part of the REPORTING for mid-year and year-end.

Veterans Day is one of the holidays we promote the Poppy Program. Give some information to the local schools, be a speaker at the Ceremony, or just give out poppies to veterans who attend, or in small communities, to all who attend. This will promote discussion and education.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner is another time to give out poppies and provide material about our organization and what the poppy means to this organization and the veterans. How about giving out small flags or having some flag comic books available for the kids?

You say, now you are crossing over into the Poppy Program and the Americanism Program. Yep! Education comes in all forms and places; just remember you must split hours and expenses when reporting on two different programs (i.e., spent \$ on the flags – Americanism; and then \$ on flag comic books – education). Can't get any easier than that. Doesn't even require an Education Chair, just requires a little tracking and making out a short report.

Okay, so when you get the Educational Packet, are you going to open it and actually review the contents? There is a request in it from the National President. I will know who reviews it from the replies I receive.

December is coming soon- reading books and poems to your children and grandchildren is educational!!! Teaching children to make and bake cookies, popcorn balls, etc., is educational!!! It is also fun. Don't forget December 7th and all it means to the veterans. Oh yes, Army/Navy game on the 10th – who could forget that?? How about getting those cards in for the active military packages? Deadlines are early in December!

For God and Country in Service to our Veterans

Kat Sticklin

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NOTICE: To all who send in Narratives, I will read every one. I will not be judging them, but will have a committee review them – Meet Judge Judy.... I want to include the materials provided in my reports, so if you want to send in by e-mail early, you may do so with my thanks.

OUR VETERANS 'JUST CAN'T WAIT'

(you remember from the song?)

and it's almost time!

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, 102, 109, 125, 129, 131, 132, 133

Yes, it really is almost time for the Tucson Christmas Gift Shop and let's make it memorable for the Veteran Patients. We owe them a great debt, and this is just one tiny way we can let them know how much we value them and their service to our country.

Department President Jan Cushing and Department Commander Danny Bugh have been invited to attend and participate in the Ribbon Cutting to open this year's event.

Dates: Setup Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, November 30, at 9:00 a.m.

Gift Shop continues to be open through Wednesday, Thursday,
and Friday, December 2

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 bring them with you.

Karen Alff

Dept. Gift Shop Chair for Tucson

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And don't forget to VOTE on November 8th!!!

HISTORIAN

November 2016

Department of Arizona Conference is scheduled for November 4th-6th, 2016, in Tucson, Arizona. I will have the 2016-2017 Plan of Work in your mail boxes. The plan will include the report forms and information on the various history projects and department awards. Please pay close attention to the due dates.

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Annual Reporting; Mid-year progress report is due to Department Historian by December 5, 2016 for mid-year and May 5, 2017 for year-end. Contact information is provided on the front page of this program Plan.



JUNIOR PROGRAM

Paws in Service November 2016



Unit Junior Chairman

Thanks to all the Units that sent their Junior members to the Fall Junior Conference that was held October 22 & 23 at Post 29. Thanks the Members of Post/Unit 29 for their help in sponsoring this event.

A reminder to the Junior chairmen: The Mid-Year report is due to this committee by December 5, 2016. The report form will be in the Junior packet that will be distributed at Fall Conference in Tucson on November 4-6, 2016. Can you help us attain 100% reporting? If you do not have a Junior unit, please send in the form just the same.

Junior Activities Reporting

Mid-Year Reports- reflect the program work of units in the department.

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How has participation in the Patch Program increased enthusiasm among the Juniors?
- What are the various service projects in which Juniors were involved? Has participation in the service projects increased as the year has progressed?
- What type of volunteer hours did Junior members perform?
- What ways did your senior members mentor the Junior members?
- How does your unit plan to increase Junior member participation in meetings and activities?
- Please include pictures and news articles showing Juniors involved in their activities.

REMIND THE JUNIORS TO THANK A VETERAN FOR HIS SERVICE

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2016

Let us know if we can help you with your activities.

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**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona Membership 2016-2017**

November 2016

**CONGRATULATIONS TO UNIT 84!!! A BIG WOOP, WOOP FOR BEING THE FIRST
UNIT TO REACH THE 60% MILESTONE! Your Certificate will be at Fall Conference!**

How close were you to your October Target Date of 60%? Did you miss it by a hair? There is time to work on your goals.

Thank you District Vice Presidents for your monthly Reports, especially Districts 1, 3 and 5. And a big pat on the back to District 6!!! They started the year off in September with a bang, and can we hear from the other seven districts? Need to hear all the great ideas from all over the State. Districts please look for more information on the IDEA AWARD at Fall Conference. Thank you District 6 President Lesa Ward for sharing your ideas and the down home hospitality at your October meeting in Payson. Lots of good work in that District. This Chairman is making the effort to visit Units and Districts so please let me know when to drop in and share some ideas.

And keep this in mind:

Take the pledge to:

- Sign up one new Auxiliary Member
- Sign up one new Junior Member
- Sign up one new Woman Veteran as dual member (Remember that National will pay \$9.00 for this wonderful member.)

<p><u>Remember that <u>Mid-Year Reports are due to this Chair by December 31, 2016</u></u> <u>and yes, which includes new and old ideas. That can be a paragraph or two, just</u> <u>include your Unit number on that email or letter.</u></p>

Here's a huge reminder to attend the Membership Session at Fall Conference, at the Doubletree Inn in Tucson, November 4-6. Look forward to Rocking with all!

Let's Make Membership Meaningful!

Rock Arizona and Raise the Roof in 2016-2017,

Yolanda Bonilla
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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“PAWS IN SERVICE” MUSIC REPORT NOVEMBER 2016

Greetings:

I'd like you to encourage your District/Unit members to participate in the choir, which sings two selections at the Memorial Service held the Sundays of Fall Conference and Department Convention. Music selections for the Memorial Service at Fall Conference include “I'll Fly Away” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” I am pleased to announce that Sherie Mercier will once again be providing musical accompaniment for the choir at Fall Conference.

Mid-year Reports are due November 21, 2016 and Year-end Music Reports are due April 17, 2017. The report questionnaires will be part of the packets put in the mailboxes at Fall Conference.

Department Music Awards are 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

I'm looking forward to meeting the various Unit and District Music Chairman at the Fall Conference in Tucson the first part of November. Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

NOVEMBER 2016

Prepare My Family for a Disaster

Because your family may not be together when a disaster strikes it is important to create a plan in advance. It is also essential to have a disaster supplies kit that includes basic items from your home that you may need in case of emergency. Your plan should include:

- How you will get to a safe place
- How you will contact each other
- How you will get back together
- What you will do in different situations

Start Here

Start preparing for an emergency or disaster before anything happens. You should find reliable information sources, warning systems and alert systems in advance. Family communication is very important. Meet with family members and consider both people and pets.

We recommend using our family emergency plan resource, which collects all vital information in one place in wallet-size cards you can carry with you. It is also critical to check to determine school and workplace plans so you know how to best communicate and communicate with family members who may be in school or at work when an emergency hits.

You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them. A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items you may need in the event of an emergency. Assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency so you can survive on your own after an emergency.

DHS/FEMA provides a guide to prepare your kit, which can be tailored to meet the needs of individual family health and related concerns. One key: Food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours.

alaforveterans.org – National Security Plan of Work 016-2017

- [Family Emergency Plan and Communication](#)
- [School Emergency Plan](#)
- [Workplace Plans](#)
- [Warning systems and signals](#)

Tip

Although local officials and relief workers will be around after a disaster, they cannot reach everyone immediately. Your help may arrive in hours or it might take days.

Josephine Herrera

National Security Chairman 2016-2017



POPPIES

I have been getting phone calls about ordering poppies. Ladies, poppies need to be ordered from Barbara Matteson at Department. She is the one that handles all orders for all Units.

We are getting close to Fall Conference time. November 4th – 6th will be here before you know it. I hope you all have your reservations in. At the Conference, you will be getting a lot of information on how to promote the Poppy Program. Please try to attend. This is very important for you.

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American Legion Auxiliary

Public Relations Mid-Year Report Form

Please send completed form to:
Marge Christianson, 9611 W Bonita Ct, Sun City, AZ 85373
or email it to **ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com**

Unit Number & City:	Report
Unit PR Chairman & Email:	Deadline:
Total Members in Unit:	Dec 15, 2016
Building Infrastructure (as applicable):	
What is your Unit email address:	
What is your website address:	
What is your Facebook address:	
Other Social Media addresses (twitter, Instagram):	
Do key Unit members have ALA business cards?	
Utilizing Resources:	
Does your Unit receive and use monthly PR Bulletin from Department?	
Has your Unit visited the Department PR Facebook page?	
Has your Unit visited www.ALForVeterans.org to review resources? Please describe resources used/valued (Program Action Plan; news story- brochure-poster templates; subscriptions to e-news & <i>In the know</i> e-bulletin):	
Engaging VIPs	
Has your Unit developed a list of current media contacts?	
Has your Unit engaged local elected officials? Who and how?	
Has your Unit engaged local "celebrities" (business owners, Girls State/Nation, other)? Please explain who and how:	
Media Impact (please report numbers where applicable):	
Total:	
Articles Published (Do not include Letters to the Editor, Calendar, Community Notes or Ads)	
Letters to the Editor/Op-Eds	
Public Event Announcements (Community Notes, Monthly Calendars, etc.)	
• #TV:	
• #Radio:	
• #Print:	
Public Service Announcements (DVD from National ALA)	

Print Advertisement (Paid: Newspaper Ads, Magazine Ads, etc.)		
Letters of Appreciation Sent (To Public --non-members)		
Please include details or copies from above (or send online links to ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com)!		
List All Other Printed Materials Used (Flyers, Banners, Posters, Invites, newsletters etc.) Please only include items when used to engage the “public” community		
Public Events: Please describe any public events, how they were promoted etc.		
Ring Your Bell:		Yes or No
Has your Unit participated in the Ring Your Bell Contest currently in place through Department?		
Did your Unit receive a Department PR Packet at Fall Conference?		
Please describe your view of the “Ring Your Bell Contest”. What do you like or not like:		
Has your Unit participated in the #MyALAElevatorSpeech media campaign yet? If no, why not:		
Did you encourage your members to subscribe to the ALA e-news or the ALA <i>In the know</i> e-bulletin? How?		
How Did The Unit Promote The Department President’s Visit?		
How Did The Unit Work To Display The ALA In Your Community? Poppy Activities, PR events, etc		
<i>Please attach a narrative report if you need more room for your report. Thank you Patricia Thomas (Public Relations Expert) for providing this template!</i>		

Public Relations: November 2016



Email (questions, comments): Marge Christianson; ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com

Facebook Page: "Jan Cushing, AZ ALA Dept President"

- Department generated posts about Jan's travels and mission activities

Facebook Page: "ALA Department of Arizona Public Relations"

- Department generated posts about community engagement of interest to units, districts

Facebook Group: Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA

- Units, Districts generated posts about community engagement stories of interest to each other and department. Entries should focus on how the public was engaged in what you did, what you learned, etc. Also "Ring Your Bell" central for the contest. Request membership today!

"Rosie the Ringer" Ring Your Bell Contest

Each month a different community engagement activity will be highlighted. Units must submit entries during that month, as outlined in the Department's Monthly Packet instructions, in order to be counted for that month's winning citation. Late entries will count toward the full year total. Check out previous Monthly Packets for more info—they are available under "useful links" on the Department website (www.aladeptaz.org) if you can't find a hardcopy! Monthly winners get a citation and overall contest winner gets an engraved Bell!

November- Video and post your Personal PR Elevator Speech to Facebook!

What is an elevator speech? "30 seconds" to sell yourself and your cause

- Be genuine
- Show your passion
- Be concise
- Be informative- not "Legion-ease"/acronyms

How to do it: Video record your speech, post the video to any Facebook page and add your unit number in the text area and *separately* the hashtag #myALAElevatorSpeech to your post. It is critically important that the hashtag #myALAElevatorSpeech be entered alone exactly as *spelled* (capitalization is not important). Using the search function on Facebook, search for #myALAElevatorSpeech to see others speeches and to make sure yours posted correctly.

- 25 points for each member's elevator speech posted on Facebook using #myALAElevatorSpeech (max 150 points)
 - Extra 10 points if wearing rose colored glasses (additional 60 points)
 - Be sincere, but feel free to make it fun!
 - Post it on Facebook anywhere—be sure to add #MyALAElevatorSpeech and separately your unit number (separate from hashtag)
- Catch up on previous months!!!! Earn points for year-end total to win the engraved bell at convention!

- December sneak peek:
 - 100 points for semi annual Report (see this packet for reporting form)

Please email us with questions... we are here to help. And have some fun!

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President Special Project – Soldier's Best Friend

<https://soldiersbestfriend.org/>

Hello Rockin' ladies!

Soldier's Best Friend reached the goal for the Dorrance Family Foundation Matching Gift Challenge, which were contributions up to \$250,000 by 9/1. Your donations do make a difference!

Although it overlaps with Fall Conference, the new training campus grand opening event is 11/3 from 5 – 8 pm at the facility in Peoria.

The program has reached a new milestone, a total of 150 veteran/dog teams have successfully completed the service dog training program. Seventeen of those teams completed their work the week of October 1st.

Soldier's Best Friend has a paver fundraiser as well. Remember dollars donated to SBF count towards the unit and district only when they flow through Department. See more information on the paver fundraiser at soldiersbestfriend.org/paver-fundraiser.

Go out and check-out the SBF website and subscribe to their newsletter via email.

Some fundraiser ideas:

- Make and sell mini 'pupperoni' pizzas; How about some 'pupcakes'?; A 'Bone' Appetit meal or selling appetizer 'bites' for happy hour
- Sponsor a Lost & Found ID event (combine it with a similar event for kids) – take pictures, weight, measurements, age, paw prints, pet's name, and owner's information – sell collars, tags, go crazy with your imagination
- Glamour shots for dogs – get with a local photography class or club at a local high school

Whatever you do – remember document (photos, articles – hello PR), involve your community (Community Service), get the kids involved (Children & Youth), involve the veterans in the community (VA & R) – so many of our programs overlap, you can do one thing and have it touch so many things.

Maybe do a dinner to honor veterans and their service dogs, work with the local VA home and if you pay half the meal for the veteran the VA will pay the other half, and will transport them to the event.

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Service To Veterans

I'm sure that all of our members contribute many hours in service to our veterans but don't take advantage of the hour bar recognition for Service To Veterans. Here are the materials:

- Volunteers are recognized when specific hour milestones are reached: 50, 100, 300, 500 and 1,000.
- After the first 1,000-hour bar is awarded, the next bar will be earned in 1,000 hour increments up to 20,000 hours. Hour bars are also offered in increments of 25,000 and 30,000 hours

The member must submit a record of hours to her Unit's Service To Veterans chairperson who will submit hours to ALA Department. I encourage each unit to participate in this program.

Questions have been submitted about what form should be used to track information that should be turned in. On the Auxiliary website www.alaforveterans.org there is a member tracking worksheet under the "Members Only" category that is recommended to use. There is also a Unit tracking worksheet that is used to add up all members information.

Don't hesitate to contact me if anyone has any questions.

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**“PAWS IN SERVICE”
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION REPORT**

November 2016

Ladies, by the reading of this bulletin, Fall Conference has come and gone. I hope each of you enjoyed learning more about our organization and all that our programs offer. In your mailboxes you received a lot of information about VA&R and how you can volunteer, donate items and hours, etc. Please be sure your VA&R Chairman receives these monthly bulletins.

And ladies most importantly enclosed in the handouts were the mid-year and year-end reports. Please adhere to the due dates, as this Chairman in turn will be writing reports to both our National VA&R Chairman and Western Division VA&R Chairman. Where do I get my information? From your Units!!!! So again, report, report, report each month so this Chairman can share with National what wonderful work Arizona is doing for our Veterans and their families.

As a reminder, your Unit can purchase the Guide for Volunteers, which can be found at American Legion Flag & Emblem under the Auxiliary, Books Pamphlets and CDs? A booklet with great information for everyone.

Question: What can you do this month?

Answer: Volunteer on the date that has been assigned to your Unit at the Gift Shop in your area.

More information will be shared in each month's bulletins.

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

NOVEMBER 2016 REPORT

Hello Ladies,

Please find below some upcoming events for November and December at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson): **(American Legion Auxiliary hosted events in bold letters)**

- October 21** Fall Carnival starts at 5:30 p.m. hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Units, ASVH-Tucson, and Elks, we need donations for desserts and candy for the activities. **Also need help in decorating and helping at the event.**
- October 31 Elks to host a Halloween Party for the residents – pizza party costume and pumpkin contests. Elks providing 20 pumpkins for residents' contest
- November 2 Preliminary plans are to dedicate two Marine Uniforms placed in cases at ASVH-Tucson; however, recommendations were to include this ceremony at the Veterans Day event. ASVH-Tucson to host event
- November 5 Elks to coordinate/host with school children to deliver thank you cards to the residents in honor of Veterans Day.
- November 9/10 ASVH-Tucson to honor Veterans Day with ceremony, speakers, and luncheon. Tentatively set to start at 10:00 a.m. Al to coordinate color guard. Unfortunately, the ASVH-Tucson Color Guard will be unable to perform as half of the original group has passed away. Bless them.
- November 12 POW WOW - Produce event scheduled from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Need volunteers. A percentage of donations goes towards the home. Hosted by ASVH-Tucson, American Legion Auxiliary Units and SAL Post 68.**
- November 15 Monthly Birthday Celebration hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary. Units donate and provide cake and ice cream for the residents. Very popular monthly event**
- November 25 American Legion Auxiliary Units decorate for the holiday at the home. All units are welcomed to help set up each building. Additional decorations always welcomed. Units' volunteers to meet around 9:00 a.m. in Building 1 at the home.**
- December 20 American Legion Auxiliary Unit s to host a Christmas lunch for the residents and staff. Requesting all units to donate potluck items to compliment a "Build Your Own Sandwich" which will include ham, turkey, cheese, etc. All that is needed from the donors are salads, vegetables, chips, dips, salsa, desserts, and paper goods (i.e., utensils, plates, and napkins), etc.**

REGULAR EVENTS Every third Thursday AMVETS and American Legion Auxiliary Units host Bingo from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Every Monday (1:00 pm), Tuesday (5:30 pm), and Friday (12:45 pm) is Poker Hour hosted by American Legion SAL and ASVH-Tucson staff (need volunteers to coordinate this activity). Residents love this activity. Karaoke Friday Happy Hour Fridays at 10:00 am hosted by ASVH-Tucson staff and American Legion SAL.

The residents love bingo, so if your unit would love to sponsor a bingo and/or poker night please do not hesitate to contact us. Although we have various hosts for the activities/events at the home, we all work together to volunteer our time for the residents by the members of the steering committee.

Fact: the gift shop at the home is run by the American Legion Auxiliary Units. We could use volunteers to help in the gift shop as cashiers.

We sure could use more help! Please volunteer and help us keep the residents active and happy.

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

November 3	Robert	November 13	Dennis
November 5	Albert	November 21	James
November 6	Vincent	November 28	Sterling
November 12	Gary		

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE ASVH-TUCSON VETERAN RESIDENTS – (Always in need for activities and or events coordinated/hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary)

Popcorn packets for machine in the ASVH-Tucson gift shop (residents receive free bags when they visit the shop),

Beverages and water bottles

Snacks and candy for gift shop and various activities hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Units

Paper goods for activities/events hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Units, i.e. plates, cups, napkins, and utensils)

Costco Movie Theater Tickets

Gift cards for prizes various events, i.e., \$10 gift cards

Cups with lids and handles, hand held electronic games,

It's a great honor to help as well as enjoy seeing them have fun. Why not host a party, game day/night, host an event, or sponsor a building for all events and holidays. We will always be there to help.

Thank you Units for all your donations and volunteered hours at ASVH-Tucson.

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