

PAWS IN SERVICE

September 2016

FALL CONFERENCE...November 4-6, 2016, Double Tree Reid Park, Tucson, Arizona...information in this packet.

JUNIORS...Fall Retreat information in this packet...here's a hint...IT IS NEXT MONTH.

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Unit 132... Meeting location: Vistoso Memorial Chapel, 2285 E Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Oro Valley
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Leadership...remove New Units

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.

It appears that most of you did not hear or remember that new members for 2017 would not be put into the membership system until after National Convention....after Labor Day....1st Monday in September. WHY? If they are put into the system before they will be new for 2016 and get a renewal notice for 2016 in September.

ALAMIS access...request form is in this packet.

POPPY ORDER...Deadline for this is September 30 every year. 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.

NATIONAL CONVENTION...**We went we came back...**Cincinnati, Ohio, August 26 – September 1, 2016. Did you watch it online at alaforveterans.org?

There is a flyer for all CHARIMEN from President Jan in this packet.

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.

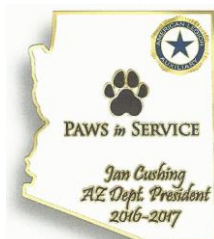
Arizona has had 2 National Presidents. Can you name them? If so contact this office (by email secretary@aladeptaz.org or phone 602-241-1080 or fax 602-604-9640)...first one who replies wins a prize at Fall Conference.

PRESIDENT SPECIAL PROJECT...:SOLDIER'S BEST FRIEND" Donations thru September 15, 2016, will be matched by the Dorrance Family Foundation. The Foundation will match up to \$250,000. Thank you ALR Post 29 for your \$1,000 donation.

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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ATTENTION CHAIRMEN

PLEASE HAVE IN YOUR PACKET THAT YOU ARE PUTTING IN THE MAILBOXES AT FALL CONFERENCE THE FOLLOWING:

INFORMATION FROM YOUR PROGRAM ACTION PLAN

REPORT FORMS FOR MID-YEAR (IF ANY) AND YEAR- END REPORT FORMS

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND DATE DUE IS ON THE REPORT FORMS

IF YOU PLAN TO USE THE COPIER AT DEPARTMENT PLEASE TAKE ENOUGH PAPER TO DO THE PRINTING AND IF YOU DON'T TAKE PAPER DEPARTMENT WILL CHARGE YOU FOR THE COPIES

YOU WILL NEED COPIES FOR 88 UNITS, 10 DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, 8 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND 10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS = 116 COPIES.

President Jan's Schedule

August 26—Sept. 1	National Convention	Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept. 10, 2016	USO Show Post 2	Tempe, AZ
Sept. 18, 2016	Official Visit District 4 Unit 129	Queen Creek, AZ
Sept. 24, 2016	District 8 Picnic	Prescott, 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 13, 2016	Official Visit District 3 Unit 52	Sierra Vista, AZ
November 16, 2016	Official Visit Unit 131	Green Valley, 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 Shop	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 28, 2017	Mission Training	Las Vegas, NV
February 7-10, 2017	National President Visit	Phoenix, AZ
February 8, 9, 2017	Creative Arts	Phoenix, AZ
February 24-Mar. 1, 2017	Washington Conference	Washington, DC
March 4, 2017	Oratorical Finals Post 64	Ahwatukee, 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

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

I mentioned in my last bulletin it is time to roll up our sleeves and start working the programs and the biggest program we have is membership, you have an excellent Dept. Membership Chairman this year so give her all your support by sending in memberships weekly. We had 26 Units that reached their 100+ % last year and I would love to see an increase this year.

What are the qualities of a great leader? **Be a good listener, a good speaker, is kind, motivate, dependable, knowledge, patience, see it through, mentor and be impartial.** If you have any of these qualities then you would make a great leader, think about it!!!

I want to say a very special thank you to ALR Chapter 29 for their \$1000.00 donation to my special project “Soldiers Best Friend.” You Riders Rock!!!!

Don’t forget Fall Conference is just around the corner. It is at the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson, I hope you have made your room reservations, if the hotel is full there are other hotels in the area. We are going to try something new this year at Fall Conference, I know if it had worked in the past don’t fix it, I am one for changing things and hopefully improving them.

The National President Mary Davis theme this year is “Enhance the Member Experience”. She will be visiting our state in February more information to come next month.

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!!!

Jan Cushing
Department of Arizona President
2016-2017

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

September 2016

For those who receive the eNews & eBulletin from National, you may have read that last year's National fundraising goal of \$232,500 was met “—and then some.” The wonderful ladies in Arizona helped meet this goal by donating over \$9,200. With your help, this Department will again be successful with **members helping members** through the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and will promote our **ALA Member Pride**.

How can this be done? Our members are quite innovative. Last year there were bake sales, quilt, meat, and 50/50 raffles, money jars, dessert sales. How about an adult spelling bee, cake walk, selling decorative bowling pins, being gas station attendants (remember the “olden days” when that was done for you?), or painting house numbers on curbs in front of neighborhood homes? These and other ideas can be found in the 2016-2017 Program Action Plan under fundraising ideas.

Please be sure to send this chairman a copy of the letter you send to Department with your donation(s) for AEF.



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

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FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SCRAPBOOK

SEPTEMBER 2016

Ladies start working on your scrapbook; hopefully you took a picture of your installation of officers to be included in your scrapbook also a list of your new officers.

In your mailboxes at Fall Conference will be the rules for the following awards:

H.H. Donkersley Unit 19 Scrapbook Plaques with membership of 151 and over.

Martha Waters Scrapbook Plaque to Unit with membership of 150 and under.

Luella Price District Scrapbook Plaque.

Moulton Junior Auxiliary Scrapbook Plaque.

Please follow the rules on each of these scrapbooks awards.

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The American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona

AMERICANISM

September 2016

Our Mission Statement reads: 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.

Auxiliary members have been living and practically breathing this statement for almost 100 years. Prior to the inception of the American Legion Auxiliary 1919' women have been supporting their country when and where they were needed. And they weren't just in the factories either. Women volunteered during the American Revolution as spies. During the Civil War women began serving as scouts, encryption specialists, agent handlers, and spies. World War I, 30,000 American women, served in the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Their duties included translators, telephone operators, drivers, and cryptologists overseas and on the home front. World War II, 4,500 women played major roles in OSS missions, from clerical to operational.

We are still facing many conflicts here which need our support. Preserving the dignity of our Veterans as they age or have become impaired is important to their well-being. This year Department President's Special Project is "Paws in Service" Soldiers Best Friend, for our Veterans and their Families. This program is designed to pair a veteran with PTSD Service Dog or a Therapeutic Companion Dog. A description of this project was explained in the August bulletin. Your Unit President will fill you in on the program. Now ladies, this program is definitely Americanism!

Every day when you leave your home and help someone, that too is Americanism. And it doesn't stop there. Volunteering in your community, flying the American flag, taking just a moment to recite Pledge of Allegiance, teaching children about our history, making sure that each child is aware of his or her surroundings, marching in a Veteran's Day parade and passing out American flags, attending POW/MIA, 9/11 and other such ceremonies is also Americanism. Please keep track of your hours and mileage. With that said, I would like to thank Unit 78 member Na Rains for sending me her volunteer hours and mileage report to me.

Mid-year reports are due to me by December 15, 2016, so start recording your hours and mileage. Please make sure you mail them at least by the 12th of December. You can send me reports by e-mail to lbubbles@cox.net. Make sure you ask for a confirmation from me to insure that I have received it. At Conference in November each unit will receive an Americanism packet which will include a report form.

This year on Patriot Day, plan to attend a memorial service for the victims of 9/11. Also, invite your local fire and police departments to a lunch at your Post. Show them that we do care and respect their dedication and sacrifice they make each and every day.

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Americanism Chairman

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Americanism Committee Member

CHAPLAIN REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2016

This Chaplain would like to thank all of you who remain devoted to our cause and work hard towards improving, building and securing the future of our great organization. As with any family we will find moments of conflict, disagreement and unrest. As we go through any of these issues, always remember:

Isaiah 40: 28-31

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

We as a family can overcome any hardships or turmoils that come our way as long as we remember we are not alone. We have each other and our Spiritual support regardless of denomination.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send me your prayers for President Jan's Prayer Book. We want to show her we are spiritually strong, united in all we do.

Also in each bulletin I will ask and encourage you to pray for our leaders as elections are coming up. Pray that we get leaders that are responsible and will be good role models for our children and will make good decisions for our country. Each one of us is heard even in the tiniest of whispers, so let us bombard our Lord with all our voices together in prayer.

God Bless you for all you do and God Bless America.

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Dept. of Arizona Chaplain

Community Service

September 2016

PAWS in SERVICE

According to the calendar, not the temperature, summer is winding down and Units are meeting to plan their 2016-2017 year. As you plan your year, keep in mind March is Community Service month.

Recently Facebook wanted to know if I wanted to share a memory from that day the year before. That day was a special day for me and the other members of my Legion Family. All entities of our Post donated over 140 bottles of water which we took to a Homeless Shelter in downtown Phoenix. What a great feeling it was to be able to help the Shelter and know your Legion Family made an impact on the community.

The Community Service Program can help so many people in our community; it can be as simple as coordinating a water bottle drive for a shelter or organize cleaning up a local park. Do you have members that volunteer at a local library, food pantry, or a nursing home? This is all Community Service!

Remember to always be a visible representative of the Auxiliary. When volunteering, if you can, wear a shirt with the ALA emblem or pin. And promote about the American Legion Auxiliary!

Have you or your Community Service Chairman logged on to www.alaforveterans.org and reviewed the Community Service Program Action Plan. It is FULL of information about the program and what members and Units can do to promote the program.

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CREATIVE ARTS

September 2016

Subject: Creative Arts Phoenix

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival will be held in Jackson, Mississippi October 10-16. It is open to the public Sunday, October 16. There are three pieces from the Phoenix VA entered into the competition out of approximately 120 veterans exhibiting artwork or sharing written works or performing musical, dance and dramatic works.

The Phoenix VAMC Creative Arts Festival for 2017, will be February 8-9. On the 8th we will be setting up and can always use volunteers to help. February 9th will be open to the public and awards given.

Creative Arts is a way of expressing emotions deep inside. For our veterans with PTSD and TBI, or drug and alcohol problems, being able to get the emotions out is key to recovery. Many veterans who cannot talk about their military experiences can say it all in some sort of art, be it drama, writing or visual arts.

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EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2016

By the time you receive this message school will have been in session about a month. Have you shared that recipe, story or book, made your cookies? How about educating anyone about poppies, the flag. Have you contacted the schools in your area about doing something for the First Responders (police and firemen) in your community? Have you contacted anyone about the "Paws in Service" President's Project?

Do you hold or participate in a memorial service for 9-11 or POW? Both are educational as it has been 15 years since the 2001 terrorist attack and most of the kids you would be educating were not even born yet. Same with the POW memorial service. Think of all the kids you could educate about what this means! With a few telephone calls and a little bit of coordination with the school administration, you can take these educational services into the schools. Don't have the service put together? Just contact me and I can send one to you. All of the above pertain to Education and other programs.

September is a great time to start working on the "give 10 to Education" program which can include giving "10" items to assist with education of students. The following are some suggestions:

1. Donate \$10 towards Scholarships, national or local.
2. Donate 10 pair of socks, shoes or items of clothing to a pre-school or kindergarten class.
3. Donate children's books, tapes or children's CD's with songs to a library.
4. Donate \$10 to the local Boys & Girls Club.
5. Donate 10 flags with the Pledge of Allegiance to local schools.
6. Donate 10 of anything that assists in the classroom, pencils, crayons, notebooks, tissues, hand cleaner.
7. A Unit could "adopt" 10 needy students and provide classroom supplies for the year.
8. Donate your knowledge 10 times to educate children about the flag.
9. Volunteer your time in the classroom or playground 10 times throughout the year – the Unit could develop a schedule so all may have a chance to enjoy the time spent.
10. Members could volunteer to assist with a special event at the school.

Start now to prepare for American Education Week in November. Set your dates to promote Auxiliary Scholarships and Girls State Programs. How about your Essay Contest? You can't afford to wait until the last moment as the school administration is just as busy as we are and must schedule month's in advance.

Looking ahead to October – Halloween is a great time to get kids to come to the Post for a fun time. You can also combine that with a flag folding demonstration or contest. How about a safety training with the fire department getting the kids to do a simulation of drop and roll, crawl to safety, how to carry another, etc.

Did you get the play on words from last month? What, you didn't even read the packet? Perhaps it was because I intentionally put in too many words? Let's try again. *What is a short break?* Each month will contain a play on words to remind you of our main mission this year. Unit with the most correct answers will get a special thank you for reading and responding.

PSSST: I pick up after you, but I don't wash clothes. Who am I?

For God and Country in Service to our Veterans

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Education Chairperson

Department of Arizona



Judy McIntyre Van-Matre
Education Committee Member

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

The SAVAHCS Veterans' Hospital is deeply appreciative of the donations, and hard work of the American Legion Auxiliary Units of Southern Arizona for once again bringing the Christmas Gift Shop to this Tucson facility.

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

We, of course, welcome cash or gift donations. Checks may 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. Gifts must be new, or homemade. Most needed items are flannel shirts (lined or unlined), sweatshirts, sweatpants, pajamas for both men and women. Please do not bring food, razors, mirrors, or anything glass. We need mostly items for men, but women's gift and warm clothing are welcome as well.

We do have a few younger veterans, so some children's toys and stuffed toys are appreciated, too.

And we need volunteers to help the patients shop, gift wrap, or box up for mailing. If you are able to for a few hours on any of these dates, we will truly appreciate your effort. If you have gift boxes of any size and in good condition, please bring them with you.

Karen Alff

Dept. Gift Shop Chair

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HISTORIAN

September 2016

“Dedicated Historians Leave Paw Prints Behind for Tomorrow”

In an effort to preserve the personal accounts of American war veterans, we encourage our local units to support the Veterans History Project. Capturing the stories will ensure that future generations of Americans are afforded a firsthand look at the realities of war. May we always remember the sacrifices made to secure our freedom.

Encourage senior and junior historians to participate in the Veterans History Project.
(<http://www.loc.gov/vets/kit.html>).

- a. Work with the Junior Activities chairman to promote the Veterans History Project through Facebook, emails and during meetings.
- b. Stress the importance of collecting the history and the ease of participating in the project through all communications.
- c. Highlight details of the project on the national historian's webpage.

HOW TO INVOLVE A JUNIOR MEMBER

Objective: Help a Junior member (9th – 12th grades) earn the new History Patch **Background Information**

In a joint effort with the National Junior Activities Committee, a History Patch for high school (9th – 12th grades) Junior members has been developed. These young ladies have an opportunity to work with, learn from, and take ownership of the American Legion Auxiliary history. It is important for them to understand that they are a part of the Auxiliary's history. By earning this patch, they may become interested not only in the history itself, but in preserving it as well, and become a unit's or department's History/Cavalcade chairman.

What can you do?

- Contact the unit Junior Activities chairman and ask her to help to promote this new patch.
- Encourage the unit History/Cavalcade chairmen to promote this patch and work with your unit Junior Activities committee chairman.
- Find the high school aged Junior members and be a mentor to them as they work the activities to earn the patch.

**History is more than artifacts and/or a summary of events listed in a dusty book somewhere.
As we look back on our achievements, let us make history come alive!**

For God and Country

Patricia Lugo, Department Historian 2016-2017



JUNIOR PROGRAM



Paws in Service September 2016

This year in addition to learning about leadership we will be learning more about the Junior Activities Patch Program. American Legion Auxiliary Junior members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she belongs to an active Junior group, Junior Auxiliary members can serve their communities, veterans and learn about patriotism, health, fitness and leadership through this program.

The focus for this year's Junior Fall conference will be on learning leadership in addition to some fun filled activities. So we will be working on the LEADERSHIP PATCH LEVEL 1 Learning to be a leader. I have attached a copy of the requirements to earn this patch. Juniors can start working on the requirements right away.

Registration is now open for the junior meeting to be held January 28, 2016 to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Each meeting will be jam packed with fun filled activities including a socks of love relay race to benefit homeless veterans. Don't let your juniors miss out on the opportunity to make friends, and memories that will last a lifetime. Will we see you in Las Vegas?

Junior Conference: Information has been included in this packet.

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AZ MISSION TRAINING LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 2016

“To promote the development of leaders, share membership growth and retention ideals, enhance mentoring and open communication with members of all ages”

Hello Arizona Auxiliary Members:

Thank you for your awesome dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary. Learning is empowerment and sharing is a must for this organization to grow. We must continue to learn for success.

I ask that each person, reading this bulletin, make a commitment to attend a Leadership Seminar in 2016-2017. You are the future of this organization and it is up to you to expand your knowledge to carry the information forward.

Please call and let us set up a Mission Training Leadership Workshop in your area. If you are unable to hold a workshop in your area, remember you can register and attend a workshop that has been scheduled.

CURRENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED:

SEPTEMBER 17 DISTRICT 8 HOLSTING WORKSHOP AT POST 40, CHINO VALLEY

DEPTEMBER 24 UNIT 107 HOLSTING WORKSHOP AT POST 107, PHOENIX

OCTOBER 22 DISTRICT 2 HOLSTING WORKSHOP AT POST 7, TUCSON

I look forward to seeing everyone at a AZ Mission Training soon.

Ginger Cox, Dept. Chairman
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**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona Membership 2016-2017**

September 2016

Are you prepared to Make Membership Meaningful as we Rock Arizona throughout this year?

Membership Training is ongoing and the Membership Team had a successful August bringing the membership message to all Members. And, if by chance you did not make it and would like to know all about Membership please take the time to either call this chairman or try the email method.

I want to hear all your success stories, especially if you are trying something new. Document them on paper via US Mail or get on the computer. To date, this Chairman has three on file and looks forward to any and all ideas. Mid-Year Reports are due to this Chair by December 31, 2016 and yes, that includes new and old ideas. That can be a paragraph or two, just include your Unit number on that email or letter.

Are you receiving weekly standings from your District President or District Vice President? Are you transmitting membership weekly? And if a member does pay online at alaforveterans.org, Department will provide your Unit with a list of online payments so that you can provide pre-printed cards to those members.

Are you aware that we have 2017 Membership Awards?

Best Member Experience – Units that demonstrate the most effective ways to improve the member experience are eligible to receive a letter from our National President, Mary Davis, recognition in Auxiliary magazine and at National Convention and \$100 to be used for membership and mission outreach. Just complete the Best Member Experience Award form (available in the Membership packet and the Fall Conference packet) and submit to this Membership Chairman no later than April 15, 2017. One winner will be selected per Division.

Rejoin 1 – Rejoin 1 FORMER Auxiliary Jr. or Sr. member. Submit form to National by May 1, 2017

Recruit 1 – Recruit a NEW Auxiliary Jr. or Sr. member. Submit form to National by May 1, 2017.

Recruit 10 – Recruit 10 or more NEW Auxiliary Jr. or Sr. members. Submit form to National by May 1, 2017.

Silver Brigade – Recruit 25 or more NEW SENIOR Auxiliary members. Entry forms must be to National by May 1, 2017.

For detailed information on these Awards please contact me via e-mail or call me. Heads up Arizona; your next Target Date is 60% by October 11. Remember that Membership is everyone's responsibility.

Look for more details on Rocking at Fall Conference in October. Get creative with your Poodle Skirt? This Chairman will Rock with you all the way to June 2017 and help you Make Membership Meaningful!

Rock Arizona and Raise the Roof in 2016-2017,

**Yolanda Bonilla
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NATIONAL SECURITY



The American Legion Auxiliary support of various local national security activities, helps to lay the groundwork for community -wide mobilization. Plan an event and invite the community to participate.

POW/MIA awareness is recognized annually in September. This year National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Friday, September 16, 2016. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is not a federal public holiday in the United States but it is a national observance.

Support USO Activities in your community. Plan a visit to the USO at Sky Harbor terminal two and visit with servicemen that are passing through Phoenix.

Crime Prevention - find out how you can take part in special programs for neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations. Practicing the following personal safety tips as you go about your daily activities may make you less attractive to a would be criminal.

- BE ALERT!! Know who is near you and what activities going on around you.
- Walk with authority, look ahead and scan your surroundings
- Do not walk in poorly lit areas.
- Avoid standing at a bus stop alone, especially at night.
- If approached by someone in a car, change your direction and enter a crowded store or business.
- Carry a cell phone and some type of safety device (i.e.: flashlight, whistle, pepper spray and etc) when walking at night.
- Be alert to someone who asks for directions and/or continues to engage you in conversation.
- Obey all of the robber's orders. Keep all communication with the robber short and simple. Don't argue!
- Be identification conscious. Observe your attacker's personal appearance, type of weapon used, and type of vehicle so you can accurately describe them to police.
- Immediately report the incident to the police and do not hang up until the police arrive.

National activities include the annual Awareness Assembly, a legislative forum in Washington D.C. This year it will take place **February 26 – March 1, 2017.**

For more than 30 years, American Legion Auxiliary members have made their presence known in our nation's capital. Joining fellow members of The American Legion Family, we learn about our veterans' needs and the legislative priorities of The American Legion, then we visit Capitol Hill to encourage our country's lawmakers to pass legislation that protects veterans' rights and provides for their needs. By attending the Washington DC Conference, we learn how to be better advocates for those we serve.

I hope these ideas will help as your units National Security chairman begins your units National Security plan of work for the year.

Josephine Herrera, National Security Chairman 2016-2017



POPPIES

We are getting into our school year so we should start thinking about what we want to do about the poppy program. Do we want to see if we can get some schools to make posters? Maybe think about having some of the ladies or even your juniors make some book marks. You can put the poppy picture at the top of the strips you would cut for the bookmark. There are all kinds of things you can do if you set your mind to it.

You can make pictures of poppies for people to color and you can make a puzzle where you hide words about the poppy and reward the ones who come up with the most words with some kind of small token. Be inventive and if you have problems coming up with ideas you can always call me or my member helper and we can give you some ideas.

Everyone should be ordering their unit poppies by now or very soon. Plus, I will be putting some things together to put in the mailboxes at conference in Tucson in November.

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Past President Parley
Paws in Service
September Bulletin 2016

Past Presidents Parley Committee

The Past Presidents Parley is a forum that brings together the experience of our former presidents and utilizes their expertise in active service to the American Legion Auxiliary. Women who have been president of a unit, department, or the national organization are encouraged to contribute to the Auxiliary as members of the Past Presidents Parley. These leaders share their wisdom and provide ongoing mentorship to empower and bolster the Auxiliary's present leaders, ensuring the continuity and strength of the organization at all levels.

Unit Past President Parley Responsibilities •

Offer to escort a new member to your meeting. • Introduce her to the president as well as other members in attendance. Ask her to share a little about herself. The information could be helpful in determining in which committee she may have the greatest interest. Have each attendee introduce herself. • As each program report is given, request that the chairman explain the purpose of the program and how the unit supports it. Explain the duties of the officers, the chairmen and the committee members. • Help maintain a positive attitude and assist in avoiding controversy during the meeting. Interject some occasional humor to help make the meeting fun. • A prospective member is more likely to join if she feels she is joining an organization that is fun and whose activities support the community. All members will be more willing to attend meetings and assist with activities if the meetings are short and interesting. Remind the members to try new ideas without criticism if they fail. Suggest trying something else. Help keep the meeting moving toward a positive conclusion. • Evaluate your new member's capabilities. If you feel she is ready to participate, ask her which of the programs holds her greatest interest. Discourage naming a new member as an officer or a chairman, but instead suggest she be given the opportunity of working on a committee with an experienced chairman. Let her know you are willing to mentor her and assist by answering her questions. Remember to praise her efforts. • Past presidents should advise when asked, but preferably not serve as a chairman. Chairmanships should be held by other members so they may learn the programs and become good unit leaders who may develop an interest in moving into district, county or department positions. • As a past president, you may wish to promote the nomination of a Unit Member of the Year. You may take the lead in recommending servicewomen to submit for an award. Develop a fundraising activity for donations to the nursing scholarship program. • Continue to support through your ongoing leadership!

Jane Shoemaker

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Public Relations: September 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.

- Activities are designed to enable units large and small to participate (Unit 62 is not eligible to win)
- **Twice during the fiscal year, units will have the opportunity to "catch up" and submit entries from previous months....so don't worry if you fall behind or take a vacation!**
- Department PR will "keep score" and publish scores periodically.
- Winning Unit(s) each month will receive a "Rosie the Ringer" citation.
- Winning Unit at fiscal year-end will receive a "Rosie the Ringer" Kit—including citation, engraved brass bell & rose colored glasses. Winning Unit will be revealed and rewarded at the Department Convention in June 2017.

September (Month 2) - Get to KNOW your local media contacts and political figures (or other non-legion VIPs)

- **50 Points for each newspaper contact identified within your market area**
 - Newspaper name, contact name with contact's email address must be emailed to Arizona PR at ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com in September.
 - Be sure to put your unit number and city in the email.
 - A maximum of 100 points will be awarded in the category
- **10 Points for each photo taken of an ALA member with a local political figure (or other VIP) in Sept 2016**
 - Photo with names of people in the photo and position of the political figure/VIP must be posted on the Department's "Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA" Facebook group in September (see box above).
 - Posting must use #RingYourBellAZALA hashtag and include your unit number and city.
 - Maximum of 50 points will be awarded in this category (different ALA members photo'd, please).
- If you missed the August packet, view it under the "Useful Links" tab on the Department website (www.aladeptaz.org). August "Ring Your Bell" contest entries made in September will be honored!!!
- October sneak peek: "Get the emblem out to the public". And remember, no need to wait for your packet; the monthly packet is available online at the Department website early each month.

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

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President's Special Project

<https://soldiersbestfriend.org>

Hello everyone!

How are you putting your Paws in Service to raise money for President Jan's project, Soldier's Best Friend? Me, myself, and I would like to know..... share your ideas with this chairman and if I include your idea in a bulletin, you'll get a small something.

Also, stay tuned for coming information on how you can 'Ring Your Bell' about how you are involving the community in what you are doing for Soldier's Best Friend.

Remember, the matching funds donation for Soldier's Best Friend ends September 15th and your donations have to clear through Department in order to get the appropriate credit.

Now, how about some ideas to help get the creative juices flowing!!!

The last full week in September is National Dog Week, how about an event to show case the fur babies, raise awareness about Soldier's Best Friend, and raise funds for the President's Special Project.

Halloween is just a couple months away, perhaps plan some events around Halloween:

- Happy Howl'oween Paw'rty
- Canine Scary'oke
- Canines in Costume
- Pooches on Parade

October is also Adopt-a-shelter dog month and National Service Dog month.

As a reminder, there is the challenge out to the Districts: The District with the most funds (per capita) raised from their change jars 30 days prior to Convention, gets a special prize at Convention.

Also, go out to Facebook and 'Like' the Facebook page for Soldier's Best Friend. Soldier's Best Friend posts pictures of recent graduates and construction progress. See the good work being done by this Arizona based organization.

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Phoenix VAMC Gift Shop
At Carl T. Hayden Medical Center
December 5th – December 7th

To Units: 1, 2, 5, 26, 27, 29, 34, 35, 39, 41, 44, 53, 58, 61
65, 75, 84, 91, 105, 107, 114, 117, 134, 138

Phoenix VAMC Gift Shop Chairman, Joyce Livingston
And Committee Members

Important Dates to Remember: Gift Shop set up will be on **December 4, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the West Wing (Out-Patient Bldg.)** in the conference rooms in the basement just east of the elevators. The Gift Shop will be open for patients on **Monday December 5, 2016 thru Wednesday December 7, 2016 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Gift Shop is only three (3) days. On Monday December 5th at 9:00 AM will be the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with our Department President Jan Cushing and Department Commander Danny Bugh.**

Make checks out to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona on memo line put Phoenix Gift Shop and send them to 4701 N. 19th Ave., Ste.100, Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727. We would like to receive all monetary donations by **NOVEMBER 1, 2016** so the Committee may purchase the items in time to have the Gift Shop ready to open on December 5th.

All gifts that are donated must be new and they can be homemade. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN FOOD, RAZORS, MIRRORS OR ANY ITEMS THAT ARE GLASS.** We cannot use these items for patients. The most needed items are flannel shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants & pajamas in all sizes (for both men and women), household items, toiletries. Please also remember we are now getting younger vets with children so we are in need of children and teenage appropriate gifts. **PLEASE REMOVE ALL PRICE TAGS AND MAKE SURE THERE IS A SIZE ON ALL CLOTHING ITEMS.**

Volunteers are needed daily; if anyone in your Unit would like to participate please have them contact the chairman.

Unit Gift Shop Day Assignments:

Monday	2, 27, 29, 35, 53, 84, 91, 117, 134
Tuesday	1, 5, 34, 44, 58, 75, 105, 107
Wednesday	26, 39, 41, 65, 114, 138, 61

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Carl T. Hayden VA Gift Shop Items needed

Sweatshirts and sweatpants sets (all sizes)

Men's jogging sets

Towels sets (bath, hand, wash)

Men's tube socks (white and black)

Rubbermaid storage pack 34 piece (Walmart has them)

Small appliances (electric can opener, toaster, electric hand held mixers, Waffle maker, omelet maker, irons, sandwich maker, crock pots, choppers, coffee makers, pots & pans, wall clocks)

Watches (men's, ladies, kids)

Ladies purses

Cologne (men's) plastic bottles **NO GLASS PLEASE**

Ladies bath sets (body wash, lotions, body splash) **NO GLASS PLEASE**

Blankets and throws

Toys and Games

Men's wallets

Slippers (men's, ladies)

Jewelry

Pajamas (men's, ladies) (all sizes)

Ladies robes

Men's flannel shirts (all sizes)

Light windbreakers (men's, ladies) all sizes

**Carl T. Hayden Medical Center at 650 E. Indian School Road
Phoenix, AZ**



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

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

September 2016

Hello Ladies of the great state of Arizona!!!! Please be sure your VA&R Chairman receives the monthly bulletins.

Q: What is this program and why do we have it? A: The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of Veterans, military and their families.

Ladies, think about becoming a VAVS volunteer at any our facilities, help out at a Stand Down, volunteer to help out at the Creative Arts Festival held in February, be a “shopper” or “wrapper” at the Gift Shop held in December at the three locations. And so many more, that you can learn about in your own community. And, if your Unit has Juniors, please ask them to help out as well

As a reminder, Field and Home Service was combined to become Service to Veterans. It is important to keep track of your hours and mileage for all that you do. Please send me your information at the email below.

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

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME PHOENIX

SEPTEMBER 2016 REPORT

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Ladies:

Here is the list of September Birthdays:

9/1 Joseph A - D1	9/2 James J - C1	9/3 "Tom" B - D2	9/3 Ken L - C2
9/6 Tony H - D1	9/6 Perry D - C1	9/7 "Bob" L - C1	9/8 Kenneth J - D1
9/9 Liviu T - C1	9/13 Alan J - C1	9/18 John S - D2	9/21 Encarnacion T - D2
9/21 Frank Z - D2	9/21 Thomas K - D1	9/23 Von H - C1	9/24 Roger A - D2
9/25 Richard B - D1	9/29 Roy O - C2		

Here is the list of October Birthdays:

10/2 Abraham M	10/3 Lois H	10/4 Patricia H	10/4 Roman C
10/4 "Bill" M	10/8 Alan K	10/11 Frank G	10/12 Lester J
10/16 Kent P	10/17 Jeff E	10/19 Peter S	10/20 Thomas "Dave" H
10/21 "Rico" D	10/27 Leslie S		

Every month on the 4th Saturday it would be great if we can get some Auxiliary ladies together to meet and help some of our Veterans at the Arizona State Veterans Home. A lot of our veterans enjoy Bingo and just need a little help during the game. Let's get together and Help them, once you see their smiles you know how much they appreciate you spending about an hour of your weekend once a month to help them. (Everyone wins and so will you!) It starts at 10am and ends at 11am, only one hour and it will mean a great deal to a veteran! If you are able to make it to 4141 North S. Herrera Way on the 4th Saturday of the month, please let me know ahead of time or just meet me there, Thanks in advance!

Thanks go out to Unit 26 in Mesa for the Birthday cards and any other unit that participated in sending cards to our veterans at the State Home. ☺

The Arizona State Home's Wish List: (New list for 2015 – 2016)

Please call me before coordinating large-ticket donations to discuss our most current needs.

Items needed:

- **Wheelchair accessible cup holders**
- **Gift cards to Dunkin Donuts or Krispy Kreme for our twice a month "coffeehouse"**
- **Chips and Soda for Friday "Happy Hour"**
We are also in need of soft snack cakes (such as Little Debbie's) for those needing a softer snack
- **Comfortable Sweat Pants (sizes M, L, XL, XXL)**
- **Men's tennis shoes or slippers (with a back) in a variety of sizes**
- **Large Print Bibles**
- **Batteries (AA, AAA and D)**
- **Stamps**
- **Reachers**
- **Cups with lids and handles**
- **DVD's (current or new releases)**
- **Hand Held Electronic Games: Poker, black jack, Yahtzee, solitaire, etc.**
- **Puzzles that are 550 pieces and under**

Larger items:

- **Photo printer and ink to print photos for veterans**
- **Sponsor a room renovation (\$2500)**
- **Small shelving units to control clutter in veteran rooms (\$125 each, need 120 total)**

- **Heavy Duty Laminator Machine**

Games and Special Events:

- **Sponsor a party / special event with an entertainer or performer**
- **Sponsor a meal for either the entire home (180 beds), or a single wing (50 beds)**
- **Sponsor a BBQ or an outing**
- **Sponsor a casino night or donate money to the bingo fund (it costs about \$40 every game and the veterans love bingo!).**

Unfortunately, we are unable to use glass, toiletries, past-date food items, or medical supplies. All food items donated must be store-bought, and within dates so we can serve them safely. Thank you for serving our veterans!

(Please let me know if your unit includes ASVH in any of your monthly activities either by texting me at (623) 696-5602 or emailing me at VLRKELL@aol.com so your unit will also be included in my monthly report.)

Please continue to let me know what you do for our Veterans at the state home, so I can include you in my monthly report. I feel very passionate about thanking people when they share their time to make our veterans happy or show them how much we appreciate them. Please either email me (VLRKELL@aol.com), text me or call me (623-696-5602) if any of our Auxiliary Ladies go to spend some time as a group or individually at our Arizona Veterans State Home. If you would like me to deliver Birthday cards to the State home along with mine, you can directly send them to me at: 8402 W Campbell Ave, Phoenix AZ 85037.

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Valerie Kelly
ASVH (Phoenix) Chairman

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ASVH (Phoenix)

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)
SEPTEMBER 2016 REPORT

Hello Ladies,

Please find below some upcoming events for September at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson):

September 2	Ice Cream Social at 2:30 p.m. hosted by the Elks
September 8 or 9	Date pending for Dog Show
September 11	Patriot's Day – Historical review of 9/11 with a continental breakfast
September 12	Next Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
September 16	Mexican Fiesta Day in celebration of Independence Day – Family Night Fiesta – Mariachis before lunch and folklorico dancers at 5:30 p.m. Facility will provide food service. Need volunteers to transport and return residents from community room.
September 18	Air Force Day – Facility will provide food service
September 20	Birthday Celebration – ALA Unit 109 will provide cake and Anna Marie will provide the ice cream
September 28	Elks will host Bingo at the home

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.

The Steering Committee met recently and brainstormed as to how to find a way to increase donations of movie theatre tickets. Costco sells movie theatre tickets. Currently, residents go to the movies on the second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. showing. There are usually two to four residents who enjoy this planned event due to limited space on van. If you would like to donate tickets please do not hesitate to let Sam or us know.

Birthdays For September

Happy Birthday to all the September birthdays at ASVH-Tucson. Still working on getting the list of first names and dates. Hope to have the list in October.

Thank you Casa Grande Unit 8 for contacting Sam he was so happy for sponsoring Bldg. #2. Great job Ladies, we missed you!!!!!! Need more sponsors if you are interested especially Bldg. 5 which is the memory care unit.

See you soon

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