PAWS IN SERVICE

JANUARY 2017

DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE...January 7, 2017...it's here! Did you have a safe and happy Holiday?

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

Unit 66...President's last should be Burroughs...no "t". District 3 President...Sherrie Tucker phone number is 918-808-7540

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. You Units, that have received them already this year have not used them. Use them, there will be no refunds for unused vouchers. 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.**

Incomplete applications...We have asked you to make sure the applications are filled out completely. Well guess what? We are no longer going to spend hours on the phone to get the missing information. These will be returned to you for completion and your membership transmittals will not be processed until it has been done and returned.

Has this happened to a member in your Unit? National said "Ahhh....got it. Yep, we see that the Post Office sent us a forwarding address from Chicago to Phoenix (via a program that we have here) but that happened after National sent out the cards and rosters. THEY (the members) never apparently informed their unit or dept that she'd moved. But for the Post Office report that inputs forwarding address info into our ALAMIS system, we'd have never known either. Mystery solved. Darn these people that forget to tell their unit that they changed addresses....guess they think their forwarding request will get them everything (though our magazines are not forwarded because of the bulk rating they are given). Remind her that, if she can, to keep either her unit or department in the loop if any of them change addresses again."

It is the member's responsibility to make sure that their mailing and contact information is correct. If a member goes into the system at National and changes her information, she still needs to inform the Unit.

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

POPPY ORDER...Working really hard to get poppy orders filled. Thank you for your patience.

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"

Barbara Matteson Dept Secretary/Treasurer secretary@aladeptaz.org



Pat Stanaski Dept Membership Processing membership@aladeptaz.org

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The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Reggie Yates, the opening ceremony was conducted and guests were introduced.

Kelli Donley Williams, MPH, Project Manager, AZAHCCS/Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Arizona's Medicaid Agency gave a presentation on "Suicide Prevention Awareness". About 40,000 Americans die from suicide every year. 1320 in Arizona last year. This is up 100 from the previous year. More than 1/3 of suicides in Arizona are Veterans. Most of these veterans are not combat veterans. Retirement is one reason, death of spouse. Loss of freedom by not being able to drive. Communities without facilities to accommodate the elderly are more likely to have a greater number of suicides. There are a few new programs in the state to help people combat depression. Two thirds of veterans eligible for VA assistance do not use it. 82% of the veteran suicide never serviced by the VA. (See the attached study by ASU violence prevention and community safety center.)

David Schwartz, chairman for Wounded Women Warriors organization & Santa's North Pole Christmas & Gift Show gave a presentation on the upcoming event being held December 16-18, in the Phoenix Convention Center, south hall, The cost is \$10 per ticket; all veterans and their families are free.

Troy Baker, US Navy veteran, Mesa United Way, Bridge to Employment gave a report on his organization and how they are working to help veterans obtain employment. (copy of flyer included).

Roll call was taken, a quorum was established. Motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting made and second, motion approved.

Bob Hysko gave the treasurers report, motion to accept, second and approved. Current cash balance is \$33,418.31.

Under sickness and Distress it was reported that Robert Bohach's wife passed away, Gene Rafanelli is recovering from his surgery, Art Sloane is in rehab but expected to go home today, Norm Ross has cancer, LeLand M. Ullman (AVHOF 2005) passed away in November 2015, and Linda Fulkerson is not well.

Drew Trojanowski from Senator McCain's office gave a report.

Ms. Rhema Nelson, new Medical Director from the VA gave a report on areas being watched in the news. There are two new clinics opening in January, one will have 20,000 sq. ft. and the other will have 30,000 sq. ft. of space. Veterans are being encouraged to go to the clinic closest to their residence.

They will be adding a second parking garage just north of the valet parking area. The new garage will have 200 more spaces. The VA will be hosting a Town Hall meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be two types of forums.

Mel Brody gave a report on the National Cemetery.

There will be a Veterans Caucus at the State Legislature Building, room B-4 on December 14^{th} from 11 - 1. Lunch will be provided.

The Military Family Relief Fund is being reevaluated.

The Veterans Income Tax Relief, currently set at \$2500, is under review. Efforts are being made to either raise it to \$5,000 or to totally eliminate military retirement from state taxes.

Elections were held. Reggie Yates, Bob Hysko, and Carol Culbertson will remain in their current positions.

Judy Hatch gave a report on Pearl Harbor Day. It was a total success, the weather couldn't have been better and everyone enjoyed the day.

The Veteran's Voice Column in the Republic is on hold, pending Art Sloane's health issues.

Veterans for Change gave a report.

There being no further business to come before the members the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted

Judith Hotch

2 Attachments (3 pages)

Arizona Violent Death Reporting System

Data-At-A-Glance, Violent Deaths Involving Veteran Victims: January 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

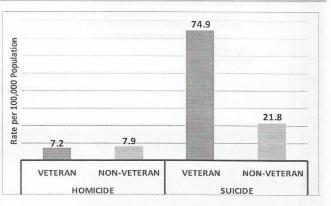


The Arizona Violent Death Reporting System collects violent death data from multiple sources, including death certificates issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services, police reports obtained from investigating agencies, and autopsy and toxicology reports from medical examiner offices. The purpose of the project is to assist stakeholders in strategic planning and prevention efforts aimed toward reducing the number of violent deaths occurring each year.

Violent Death Rates by Veteran Status in Arizona, January 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

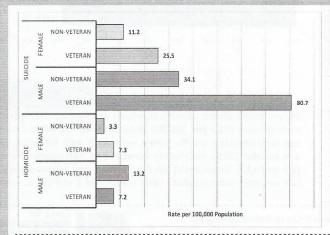
Comparing violent death rates among veterans and non-veterans in Arizona reveals a substantial and significant difference in suicide rates per 100,000 population. Specifically, the suicide rate among non-veterans was 21.8 per 100,000 population, compared to 74.9 per 100,000 population among veterans in Arizona.

Between January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, there were 431 known occurrent violent deaths involving veteran victims in the state of Arizona: 393 suicides, 38 homicides.



There are an estimated 524,521 veterans residing in Arizona, according to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. For this report, we used data on 431 (38 homicides, 393 suicides) violent deaths of veterans, and 1,871 non-veteran violent deaths (497 homicides, 1,374 suicides).

Homicide and Suicide Rate per 100,000 by Veteran Status and Sex, Arizona January 1, 2015—June 30, 2016



- Suicide rates were highest among veteran males (80.7 per 100,000; n=379), at more than twice the rate for non-veteran males (34.1: n=994).
- ♦ Homicide rates were highest among nonveteran males (13.2 per 100,000 population; n=386), compared to 3.3 (n=111) for nonveteran females, 7.2 (n=34) for veteran males and 7.3 for veteran females (n=4).
- ♦ Notably, veteran females were at significantly higher risk for both homicide (7.3, n=4) and suicide (25.5, n=14), than non-veteran females (3.3, n=111 and 11.2, n=380, respectively).

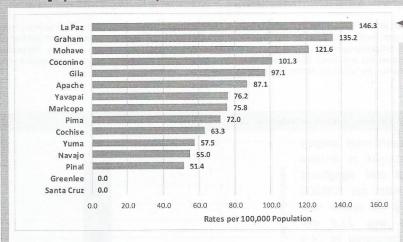
Contact Charles M. Katz (ckatz@asu.edu) or David E. Choate (dchoate@asu.edu) for more information about the AZ-VDRS.

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Arizona Violent Death Reporting System

Suicide Rates per 100,000 Population among Veterans by County: January 1, 2015 — June 30, 2016



Suicides among Veterans

The statewide average rate per 100,000 population for veteran suicides in Arizona is 74.9 (n=393).

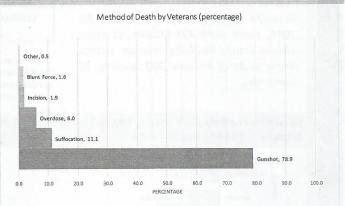
Greenlee and Santa Cruz counties had no veteran suicides, and Pinal, Navajo, Yuma and Cochise had low rates of veteran suicide.

La Paz, Graham, Mohave, Coconino, Gila and Apache counties all have suicide rates wellabove the Arizona average rate.

Violent Deaths Involving Veterans: Method of Death Percentages, Arizona January 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

Gunshot wounds were the most common method of death among Arizona veterans (78.9%), followed by suffocation (including hangings) at 11.1%, overdoses (including other poisonings, 6.0%), incision wounds (including sharp force and stabbing, 1.9%) blunt force trauma (1.6%) and other means (0.5%).

The table below provides the method of death for homicides and suicides separately. Gunshot wounds remained the dominant method, with 73.7% of homicides and 79.4% of suicides involving a



Violent Deaths among Veterans by Manner and Method (%)

	Homicide	Suicide
Gunshot	73.7	79.4
Suffocation	2.6	12.0
Overdose	0.0	6.6
Incision	10.5	1.0
Blunt Force	10.5	0.8
Other	2.6	0.3

General Trends:

Violent deaths among veterans in Arizona was significantly higher for male suicides (80.7 per 100,000 population, compared to 34.1 for non-veteran males) and for female veterans in both homicides (7.3) and suicides (25.5), particularly compared to non-veteran females (3.3 and 11.2, respectively). La Paz, Graham and Mohave counties had very high veteran suicide rates (146.3, 136.2 and 121.6, respec-

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For more detail on the data used in this report, or others, and for more information about the project, its partners, or putting the data into action, please visit ASU's Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety's AZ-VDRS webpage at: https://cvpcs.asu.edu/projects/arizona-violent-death-reporting-system.







ARIZONA ROADMAP TO VETERAN EMPLOYMENT ONLINE PORTAL

Your jobs matched to qualified candidates



The Roadmap Portal is available at no cost to all public and private sector employers throughout Arizona as part of a statewide pilot program.

Create an account at: www.ArizonaRoadmap.org



1. REGISTER

Create an employer profile on the site.

2. POST JOBS

Add your jobs to the portal manually or connect your job feed to the site.



3. ELEVATE YOUR POSTINGS

Jobs from employers who have earned the Arizona Veteran Supportive Employer designation display at the top of the search results for job seekers.



4. PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Give us input to make the Roadmap portal better!

Provided in partnership by:









This employment program is supported by the Office of the Governor and Cisco. The Arizona Roadmap to Veteran Employment is funded in part by the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family.

Questions? Need assistance with creating your employer profile or becoming an Arizona Veteran Supportive Employer? Contact the Roadmap Team:

roadmap@arizonacoalition.org | 602-753-8802 ext. 708 | www.ArizonaCoalition.org/employment

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

JANUARY 2017

I want to thank Post/Unit 32 and District 5 for your hospitality on October 28 & 29, meeting the members was awesome. Keep up the great work that your Units are doing for our veterans. Thank you to Post 7 for inviting me to participate in the Tucson Veterans Day Parade, you always have a great turnout for the parade.

I visited Unit 7 on Saturday November 12; they meet at the Las Artes Arts & Education Center in Tucson. Las Artes Arts & Education Center is in South Tucson creates ceramic tile murals to beautify inner city and rural communities while offering youth who have dropped out of school a chance to earn their general education degree. The unique mix of intensive instruction, support and artistic engagement has improved the lives of over 600 out of school youth for more than a decade. More than 75 public art works throughout Pima County has been produced by Las Artes students. The tour I had was amazing and I would love to return when some of the students are there. Thank you Unit 7 for assisting this center.

On November 13th I attended District 3 meeting, Leslie from Soldier's Best Friend did a presentation. Thank you for the invitation and the Units are doing amazing work!!! As I travel around to different Districts and hear all that you are doing I hope to see a lot of awards this year at Convention.

On November 16th Marge Christianson your Department Public Relations Chairman and I visited Unit 131 and the hospitality was awesome. Those ladies do so much with their programs and they had a great turnout for their meeting. I was presented with a \$2000.00 check for my special project "Soldier's Best Friend". That was a huge surprise!!!

I want to thank the following Unit's for their donation to my Special Project 6, 36, 44, 45, 58, 62, 86, 130, District 8 TAL & ALA and ALA District 12. Unit 62 teamed with Chick-Fil-A on Veterans Day and presented a check for \$4000.00 to my Special Project, way to go ladies!!!

Did you see the flyer for the National President Mary Davis visit in last month's packet?

I visited all three VA Gift Shops for their Ribbon Cutting, thank you and as always it was an amazing experience the chairmen did an awesome job, thank you for the your hard work.

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 and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Jan Cushing Department of Arizona President 2016-2017

President Jan's Schedule

December 5, 2016	Phoenix VA Gift Shop	Phoenix, AZ
December 7, 2016	Lay Wreath Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza	Phoenix, AZ
December 10, 2016	Post 94 Christmas Dinner	Sun City West, AZ
January 2, 2017	Official Visit Unit 27	Apache Junction, AZ
January 5, 2017	Official Visit Post 94	Sun City West, 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 Homecoming	Mesa, AZ
February 7-10, 2017	ALA National President's Visit	Phoenix, AZ
February 8, 9, 2017	Creative Arts	Phoenix, AZ
February 9, 2017	National President's Banquet Post 1	Phoenix, AZ
February 24-Mar.1st	Washington Conference	Washington, DC
March 4, 2017 March 11, 2017 March 11, 2017 March 18, 2017 March 19, 2017 March 21, 2017	Oratorical Finals Post 64 Girls State Car Show Official Visit Unit 81 Birthday Ball Post 19 Official Visit District 1 Unit 19 Official Visit Unit 1	Ahwatukee, AZ Lake Havasu City, AZ Lake Havasu City, AZ Yuma, AZ Yuma, AZ Phoenix, AZ
April 20, 2017	Official Visit Unit 35	Chandler, AZ
April 22, 2017	Official Visit District 7 Unit 14	Kingman, AZ
May 7, 2017	Official Visit District 11 Unit 61	Avondale, AZ

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

January 2017

Happy New Year to all and here's hoping that your year is a great one. Unfortunately, we know that for many of our members, things happen and their year suddenly is not so great. Fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and catastrophic illnesses are reasons our members find themselves needing assistance. That is when the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is there to help.

In the December <u>ALA In the Know eBulletin</u>, Trish Ward, a National AEF committee member, offered the fourth installment of the 12-part series of fundraising ideas.

"What does \$20 buy today? 10 gallons of gas (if you're lucky); four Starbucks venti caramel frappuccinos; 10 songs from iTunes? Sometimes it seems that \$20 doesn't buy much anymore, but . . . your . . . \$20 and some stamps can mean so much more for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund." Here's how:

- Get 20 crisp \$1 bills.
- Think of 20 friends, family members, or neighbors who you believe would support your request to help AEF.
- Develop a letter explaining your request. (for a sample, see https://alaintheknow.wordpress.com/2016/12/14/auxiliary-emergency-fundraising-with-1-bill-raffle/ #more- 3372)
- Mail the letter to your list of possible donors with one \$1 bill (might want to include an AEF brochure and a stamped return envelope).

The article also lists additional steps to assure success with this fundraiser and which may be a way to recruit members for your unit.

As a reminder, next month, February, is the program month for AEF. Plan now for your AEF fundraiser.

Thank you to those who submitted mid-year reports.

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AMERICANISM

JANURARY 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

As we start the New Year, let's plan to increase our support and volunteerism for the men and women who have served our country and by the grace of God returned home. Volunteering at your local V.A. Hospital is a good start.

Have your Unit members corresponded with state and federal representatives, asking them to support the **Flag Desecration Amendment**, often referred to as the **Flagburning Amendment**? This is an American proposed law, in the form of constitutional amendment to the Bill of Rights, that would allow the U.S. Congress to prohibit by statute and provide punishment for the physical "desecration" of the flag of the United States. After January 8, 2017, send letters to President Trump. He has made it clear the he supports the Flag Amendment, let's remind him to keep his word.

Has your Unit decided to sponsor an Oratorical Student? Are you going to attend an Oratorical Contest? Let me know, maybe I can attend too.

National's goal is to increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme is "How does learning about government and our America help you become a future guardian of the liberties of our country?" Refer to the 2016 -2017 American Legion Auxiliary "Program Action Plan" for details. And. Don't forget to mail me a copy of Unit winners of the Americanism Essay Contest by April 1, 2017.

As if this writing, I have received Mid-Year Reports from the following Units: 8, 19, 26, 32, 42, 78, 107, 109, 130, and 135. Thank you very much for your participation.

Linda Hubbs Americanism Chairman

"Old soldiers never die; they just fade away." General Douglas MacArthur

CHILDREN & YOUTH PAWS IN SERVICE

December, 2016

Thanks to all the Chairman's that turned in their mid year reports. I am looking forward to reading about all of the wonderful events and activities your Unit is doing for our Children and their communities to report to National C&Y Chairman Nicole Clapp and Western Division Chairman Mary Lopez.

I Hope that you spent some time to support our military children and their communities this Holiday season. Remembering to reach out to our Shelters as 1 in 5 are veterans with Children.

January has several Holidays, along with the Inauguration of our New elected US President. Let's get our local schools and Junior's members involved with the history of the United States from the aspect of Patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution. A great way to promote "Star Spangled Kids"

REMEMBER to Save the Date for The Children & Youth and The National Security Workshop: Flyer attached in the bulletin. See you there.

JANUARY 14, 2017

LUKE GREENWAY POST 1

364 N. 7TH AVENUE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Shirley Cannon -Johnson - Chairman 1734 E. Alicia Dr.

Phoenix, AZ 85042

Committee Members

Stacy Mayberry

Carla Solarez

CHAPLAIN'S BULLLETIN

JANUARY 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR. I HOPE YOU ALL HAD THAT SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUR LOVED ONES AND THAT YOU REMEMBERED OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AND KEPT THEM IN YOUR PRAYER.

HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH INCLUDE: JAN 6TH IS EPIPHANY WHICH IS A CHRISTIAN OBSERVANCE, JAN 18TH MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY WHICH IS A FERERAL OBSERVATION, JAN 14TH IS ORTHODOX NEW YEAR AND JAN 25TH IS TU BISHUAT/TU B'SHEVAT JEWISH OBSERVANCE.

THE NEW YEAR IS WHEN WE ALL MAKE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS, SUCH AS I WILL LOSE WIGHT, BE MORE ORGANIZED, SPEND LESS MONEY OR BE A BETTER PERSON. THIS YEAR AS WE ARE GOING THROUGH OUR FAST PACED LIVES LET US REMEMBER WE ARE NOT ALONE AND ALL WE NEED IS TO REMEMBER TO ASK A FOR A LITTLE HELP. SINCE THE BIBLE IS OVERWHELMING TO THOSE OF US WHO DO NOT USE REGULARLY OR THOSE LIKE ME WHO KNOW THE HELP IS THERE AND JUST NEED A REMINDER OF WHERE TO FIND WHAT WE NEED, I HAVE INCLUDED WHERE YOU CAN FIND HELP.

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FOR ALL YOU DO	\cdot ,
AND GOD BLESS	WORRY HOTLINE 1 PETER 5:7
AMERICA	FEAR HOTLINE ISAIAH 41:10
	TEMPTATION HOTLINE 1 CORIN 10:13
	DOUBT HOTLINEROMANS 10:17
JENNIE-MOLINA	SICKNESS HOTLINEISAIAH 53:5
ALA DEPT CHAPLAIN	DEPRESSION HOTLINE PSALM 34:18
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(520) 220-8460	LINES ARE OPEN 24/7

Trust in the Lord with All your Heart, Lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall Direct your Paths (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Community Service

January 2017

PAWS in SERVICE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year with family friends!

Thank you to all the Units that sent in their mid-year reports.

Did you read the National Chairman's, Carol Edwards, article in the November *American Legion Auxiliary* magazine? She talks about flaunting what your Unit is doing for the community. When you are out in the community are you wearing your ALA attire or pins, displaying banners, or even displaying your unit's flags?

Did your Unit take on any community projects over the Holiday? If so, make sure to report your hours, time and money spent.

Also, in the November *American Legion Auxiliary* magazine is the American Legion Auxiliary Annual Impact Report. \$7,913,855 was reported; imagine what that number would be if EVERY UNIT, just in the State of Arizona, reported their Community Services hours.

Please keep track of the Community Service hours your unit members are doing for your community. Without the great members of the American Legion Auxiliary we can't make the impact in the community we are doing.

Remember to FLAUNT what you are doing – be proud of our awesome organization and what your Unit is doing.

Barbara White, Chairman 602-908-2980 Barbarawhite99@gmail.com 1616 W Nopal Dr Chandler AZ 85224 Onita Davis, Member 520-229-1064 ovunit132@gmail.com

Due Date: May 1, 2017

Community Service 2016-2017 Year End Report Form

Unit Chairman	
Unit Name and Number	
Chairman Address	
Unit Membership	

Name of Program	Miles driven	Money spent	Hours
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	innee univen	mency open	110410
Make a Difference Day			
Community Support for Troops			
Welcome Home Troops			
Community Beautification			
Recycling			
Homeless Shelters			
Food Banks			
Habitat for Humanity			
Adopt a Highway			
Blood Donation			
Domestic Violence Centers			
Libraries			
Senior Citizen Centers			
Nursing Homes			
Youth Appreciation Week			
Individual Community Needs (list programs below)			
Schools			
Other			

Submit additional details on the back of this sheet or on a separate piece of paper.

Submit complete form by **May 1, 2017** to: Barbara White 1616 W Nopal Dr Chandler, AZ 85224 Barbarawhite99@gmail.com

CREATIVE ARTS

2017

TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE 2017 LOCAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVALS IN THE THREE VA FACILITIES IN ARIZONA.

Merry Christmas to one and all as we continue to put our paws in service for our Veterans and their families. As we celebrate this wonderful season remind our Veterans about the Creative Arts Program held at all VA Medical Centers. All Veterans who want to participate must be enrolled at a VA Medical Center or Outpatient Clinic. Applications will be available soon at your local VA Center through Recreational Therapy or Occupational Therapy department.

The Phoenix VAMC (VA Medical Center) Creative Arts Festival will take place February 9th at 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Setup will be February 8 and cleanup will immediately follow. Presentation of awards. To qualify for entry, Veterans must be enrolled in the Phoenix VA Health Care System. Dateline for entries is January 26th 2017 by 2:30 PM. Local first place entries in each category will have the opportunity to compete in the 2017 National Creative Arts Festival.

Tucson will hold their Creative Arts Festival on February 8th. Veterans must be registered at the Tucson VAMC or outpatient clinic to enter in this competition. Winners of this local competition will be sent to national competition. This is an important part of rehabilitation for our veterans so support this program by donating money or volunteering to work the program.

Prescott VAMC will hold their Creative Arts Festival on February 13,14, and 15TH. Set up will be on Sunday the 12th of February. To volunteer to judge or to work the Festival, contact recreation therapy at the

Prescott VA Medical Center. They can use your assistance on any of these three days. Remember there are five divisions of competition.

- 1. Art
- 2. Music
- 3. Dance
- 4. Drama
- 5. Creative Writing

For more information, contact your Unit Creative Arts Chairman or the ALSA Department of AZ representatives in your area or the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival at NVCAF--- www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov

Remember the CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVALS are presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Legion Auxiliary. This program needs our financial support and our physical participation. Our Veterans are counting on it. To make a contribution, please send it to the ALA, Department of Arizona, 4701 19th Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015. Please be sure to specify which VA Facility you would like your contributions to go to. If there is no specification, then contributions will go to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.

YOUR CREATIVE ARTS TEAM:

Prescott	Sally Fine	mightyfine123@gmail.com	928-713-5842
Phoenix	Margaret Ellis	maggylou@cox.net	480-818-3166
Tucson	Kathy Szakonyi	N3SAD@aol.com	520-400-5839

LET'S KEEP OUR PAWS IN SERVICE



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

CHILDREN & YOUTH NATIONAL SECURITY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY JANUARY 14, 2017

LUKE GREENWAY POST 1

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9:00 am – 1:00 pm

JOIN US FOR INFORMATIVE AND SHARING OF IDEAS FOR YOUR PROGRAMS

COMPLEMENTARY LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

RSVP by January 6, 2017 TO:

Shirley Cannon-Johnson (C&Y Chairman) - 602-689-4925

Ms. Josephine Herrera (NEC) - 623-915-5541

Thank you



Enjoy all the ideas presented to promote education to the members, children and the community about the American Legion Auxiliary and what we do.



Distribute fliers with information about scholarships and other educational programs to your local schools and community to generate interest and participation.



Unite in a cause and promote to your best ability and encourage others to do the same.



Come together to share all your work and ideas and promote the Strategic Plan to encourage new membership and educate the public and veterans about us.



Always give those with the ability and interest a chance to participate in what is going on so all will feel welcome and part of the Unit.



Take the time to volunteer your knowledge so others may benefit.



Increase your knowledge by participating in a program that you have never participated in before; you will be surprised with the impact on your life as you impart knowledge to others.



Organize an "open house event" that allows you to educate others about the programs and who we are, thus encouraging the community to "get to know" us.



Never forget to report what you are doing in all programs so we can share with others.

I would like to thank those <u>six</u> Units who sent in a mid-year report. I was so sad that more did not take the time to report what they were doing. I never knew until last week the importance of the reports from this time of year for the February National reporting purposes in Washington.

January is the time to get it together and get some essay requests out to the schools. Hopefully you have taken the time to get the Scholarships Notices to the schools in your area. If not, get it going! Soon, you will be adding Girls State activities to your schedule.

Remember talking about Poppies is also a good way to impart education to others as it leads to other subjects like Veterans in the Classroom. Have you scheduled one? How about assisting with scheduling First Responders in the Classroom with the teacher and your police and fire departments? Now is the time to ask the schools if they need extra supplies to get them through the rest of the year. Asking now will allow you time to get the items in time for the next session. Thinks ProActive and Positive about what you can accomplish.

Education is everywhere, you just need to have the courage to explore all options.

For God and Country in Service to our Veterans

Kat Sticklin

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EDUCATION MID-YEAR OR YEAR END REPORT 2016-2017

Unit Number:	Total Paid Members:
Unit Chair Person:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	e-mail address:
Senior members involved in this program:	Junior members involved in this program:
Number of entries submitted to: Children of Warriors National President The Non-Traditional Student Scholarsh The Spirit of Youth Scholarship Wilma-Hoyal -Maxine Chilton Memoria	ip
Number of Unit Scholarships awarded:	Dollar value
Briefly describe how the Unit promoted Unit, Dep	partment or National Scholarships:
•	ion Riders involved in scholarship and in what way:
Number of Need a Lift books distributed to schoo	ols:
Number of schools contacted:	
Briefly describe activities associated with America	an Education Week:
Briefly describe activities associated with Give 10	to Education :
Certificates given for this activity:	
Briefly describe activities associated with Veteran	s in the Classroom:
Briefly describe Unit activities regarding supporting	ng veterans associations on college campuses:
Briefly describe activities associated with assisting	g needy students:
Briefly describe activities or community resources	s used to assist students, teachers or support staff:
Awards- must have a typed narrative, not to exceed Jean Batley Plaque or Chrysteen Fritzinger Plaque	d 1000 words with a cover page to be eligible for the
Turn all forms and narratives in to the Education C	Chair Kat Sticklin at 1519 S. 2nd Avenue, Safford, AZ

MID-YEAR REPORT DUE DECEMBER 10, 2016 - FILL IN AREAS COMPLETED TO ASSIST WITH MY REPORT

85546 or by e-mail to gsticklin@cableone.net on or before May 1, 2017

GIRLS STATE ANNUAL REPORT FORM 2016-2017

Please complete and return no later than MAY 15, 2017, to Penny Maklary. 1354 12th Street, Douglas, AZ 85607 520-364-5038 FAX 520-805-0404

UNIT N	NAMEUNIT NUMBER
UNIT (CHAIRMAN
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	MEMBERSHIPPHONE
	Number of delegates sponsored?
	How were schools contacted?
3.	Did your UNIT hold or participate in an orientation?
	Did your UNIT hold as activity where Girls State Citizens were asked to speak?
	What type of activity?
5.	How many Girls were eligible to be Auxiliary Member?Enrolled?
6.	Describe any publicity coverage:
7.	Are you submitting an entry for the Yvonne Granger Plaque?
8.	What type of fund raising events did you hold?
9.	Please give names of those contributing for our delegates here, on back or separate sheet:

10. Please include any comments or information you would like to share on a separate sheet or back

of this form.

HISTORIAN December 2016

"Dedicated Historians Leave Paw Prints Behind For Tomorrow"

Objective: Record the ALA's history through the eyes of its members.

A Legacy of Service Not Self is Born

A group of 20 officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I were asked to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans, which we know today as The American Legion.

The original purpose of The Legion was to "preserve the memories and incidence of our association in the great war," helping those who had served in foreign wars to reintegrate into their hometowns while still remaining connected to those with whom they had served abroad.

The Legion served as a support group, a social club and an extended family for former servicemen. After two planning caucuses held by a committee of officers who had the confidence and respect of their military comrades, they designed a constitution to govern the group and set up headquarters in New York City to begin work on its programs of relief, employment and Americanism.



After the formation of The American Legion, a number of women's organizations wanted to become the official affiliation of The American Legion. The women who had served so faithfully during the trying days of the war wanted to continue to serve.

After careful consideration, the committee agreed that a new organization should be made up of the women most closely associated with the men of the Legion, and that these women would serve with the Legion, in peace as they had in war.

The committee decided to build a new organization from the ground up, so the Auxiliary could then carry forward the phases of Legion activities more suitably performed by women.

In less than one year, 1,342 local units of the Women's Auxiliary to The American Legion had been organized in more than 45 states.

As you can see in the article the original purpose of The Legion was to "preserve the memories and incidence of our association in the great war." That was the original purpose. Let us continue to record our history by sending to me the work that you are doing otherwise I cannot record what is not reported.

Patricia Lugo 7232 West Sells Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85033 Ouestions call me at 602-475-0208





JUNIOR PROGRAM Paws in Service January 2017

JOIN US FOR 2016-2017 NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETING

Las Vegas, Nevada — January 28, 2016

Would your Juniors like to learn more about working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary in a fun and interactive way in a one-day meeting over a weekend? If so, a national Junior meeting is for them! American Legion Auxiliary Junior members age 8 and older may attend any of the national Junior meetings.

❖ Please note that an ALA Mission Training event will also be held at the same time and location. Go to www.ALAforVeterans.org/ Meetings for more information.

<u>January 16, 2017</u> - Is the national day of service. Plan special projects that focus on veterans, military families, or children.

<u>REMINDER:</u> As announced at the Junior Conference in October, it was requested that Juniors collect Soda can pull tabs to benefit President Jan's Special project.

Chairman: Lexis Nicole Escudero 623-221-7132 email:jherrera268@aol.com
Committee member: Karen Quigg 623-332-1621 email:grannyqbear@cox.net

AZ MISSION TRAINING LEADERSHP WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 2016 -- JANUARY 2017

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

Hello Arizona Auxiliary Members:

Mission Training (Leadership) is here for <u>YOU</u>, an Auxiliary member. It is time to elevate your knowledge. Please try to attend one of the following scheduled workshops. We all need up-to-date information. This chairman and her team look forward to spreading information across the state of Arizona. Join in for a day filled with fun and knowledge.

Mission Training Workshop Unit 41 Phoenix

Date: **January 14, 2017**

Place: Post 41 Phoenix Contac: t Esther Garcia, President 623-498-3104

estelou@q.com

OR Rosita Hernandez, Secretary 60-237-7443

rmhernam1@hotmail.com

Time: Class begins at 8am

Mission Training Workshop District 11 Hosted by Unit 1 Phoenix

Date: **January 21, 2017**

Place: Post 1 Phoenix Contact: Dorothy French, Unit 1 Present 602-503-1883

OR Linda Hubbs 602-841-4770

lhubbs@cox.net

Time: Class begins at 8am

Mission Training Workshop District 6 Hosted by Unit 130

Date: February 4, 2017
Place: Concho School

Time: Class begins at am Contact: Lisa Ward 928-575-6858

Lesa.ward@yahoo.c

Mission Training Workshop District 7 Hosted by Unit 81 Lake Havasu City

Date: **February 18, 2017**

Place: Post 81 Lake Havasu City Contact: Diane Gear 480-580-6188

dgear@suddenlink.net

OR

Janice Williamson, Dist. 7 Pres. 928-542-2498

Mariewilliamson69@yahoo.com

Time: Class begins at 8am

Need training in your area, give me a call. See you all soon. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!!

Ginger Cox, Chairman, 602-616-2811 Email: gingercee@cox.net

Shannon Mead. Com. Member 623-694-9847 Barbara White, Com. Member 602-908-2980

MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND PROTOCOL

Each Members has the following fundamental rights, subject only to such limitations as may be set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws and/or Standing Rules.

- 1. To receive notice of meetings and to attend meetings.
- 2. To speak, to vote, to present motions, resolution or other business.
- 3. To nominate or to be a candidate for office.
- 4. To resign from office; to withdraw membership.
- 5. To inspect official records of the organization.
- 6. To insist on enforcement of the Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules, and the correct usage of the rules of Parliamentary Law.
- 7. To pay dues promptly.
- 8. To accept majority rule on decisions.
- 9. To accept elected officers whether or not the member's choice, and to be loyal.
- 10. To bring in new members and generally aid in the promotion of the aims and purposes of the organization.
- 11. To be attentive during meetings, avoiding chit-chat with your neighbors; to second motions; to avoid aimless rambling on discussions and reports; to contribute in every way to making the meeting interesting; and to expedite all matters of business.
- 12. Protocol demands that members arrive to meetings on time and that they do not leave until adjournment unless for a special reason and if they obtain permission.
- 13. Always address the Chair before speaking.
- 14. Address the presiding Vice President or any person presiding temporarily as "Madam Chairman". She is not your President.
- 15. Come to instant order upon hearing the rap of the gavel.
- 16. Do not stand waiting for recognition while another has the floor.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Membership 2016-2017

December 2017

Rockers, off the top of your head where are you in Unit Standings? The first UNIT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN who calls me at 602-989-3321 will receive a valuable prize THAT WILL BE AWARDED AT JUNE CONVENTION. The whole idea is to engage you, a Membership Chairman in conversation. Now this edition of the monthly Membership Newsletter goes out at the end of December, so I will take calls at 8 am on January 5, 2017. I want my phone to ring like it never has!!!!

Some membership ideas worth sharing:

- 1. Are you concerned that renewals are slow. Use the ALAMIS roster and verify that these members have not paid. Start a phone tree and remind unpaid members that they are valued members and offer to pick up their renewal.
- 2. Walk up to a Legionnaire in your Post and ask if their spouse, mother, daughter or granddaughter is signed up with the Auxiliary. A Legionnaire has the option of gifting a membership in the Auxiliary. Or if they are a member, nicely ask if they have renewed for 2017. You might suggest that they renew their relative as a gift. What a wonderful way to give a Christmas gift!
- 3. Ask your members to sign up granddaughters as Junior members.
- 4. Whatever you do ask nicely with a smile and remember you get more with honey.

PLEASE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS keep communicating with Units in your District and get the IDEA AWARD rolling. The <u>Idea Award</u> is open to all Districts. Who will be the lucky WINNER?

Your next MILESTONE IS 85% by January 11, 2017

Let's Make Membership Meaningful! Rock Arizona and Raise the Roof in 2016-2017,

Yolanda Bonilla Membership Chairman 602-989-3321 yodobo@msn.com

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY for 2017

Membership Standings December 23,2016

85% Milestone January 11, 2017

DISTRICT		PRESIDENT: JAN CU	SHING		
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
100	Phoenix	JAN CUSHING	165	46	27.88%
		Totals for District 0	165	46	27.88%
DISTRICT	1	PRESIDENT: KAY JO	RDAN		
		VP: MARGARET GREEN	E		
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
19	Yuma	MARGE GREENE	316	163	51.58%
46	Bouse	DEBBIE SETTLE	65	25	38.46%
56	Yuma	LINDA CLARK	72	51	70.83%
		Totals for District 1	453	239	52.76%
DISTRICT	2	PRESIDENT: ROXAN	NE RUIZ		
		VP: NANCY MORROW			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
7	Tucson	DANESE HARNESBERRY	153	79	51.63%
10	Ajo	JEANETTE PAUL	47	26	55.32%
36	Tucson	ALYSSA NEAL	423	263	62.17%
59	Tucson	CHRISTELLA MUNOZ	132	65	49.24%
66	Green Valley	BETTY BURROGHS	896	611	68.19%
68	Tucson	MELODY CHARRON	146	47	32.19%
73	Tucson	ANNA MARIE ARENAS	53	17	32.08%
102	Tucson	ANNA REATHERFORD	78	36	46.15%
109	Corona	KATHLEEN SZAKONYI	413	178	43.10%
125	YOEME	MARIA BUSTAMATE	21		0.00%
131	Madera	JANET MELHORN	584	346	59.25%
132	Oro Valley	ALICE BEVER	71	62 .	87.32%
		Totals for District 2	3017	1730	57.34%
DISTRICT	3	PRESIDENT: SHERR	IE TUCKER		
		VP: NANCY BERG			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
11	Douglas	NANCY BERG	179	94	52.51%
16	Bisbee	LAURA CHAVEZ	32	8	25.00%
24	Tombstone	DEIRDRE NYE	427	206	48.24%
45	Benson	DELORES CHAVEZ	52	36	69.23%
52	Sierra Vista	CHRISTINE KATZENBERGER	263	84	31.94%
		Totals for District 3	953	428	44.91%
DISTRICT	4	PRESIDENT: BETTY	MOLINA		
		VP: GAIL PIGGOTT			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
8	Casa Grande	LINDA LEE RIGGINS	98	52	53.06%
9	Florence	PEGGY ROSS	53	19	35.85%
51	Blackwater	LOIS THOMAS	41	5	12.20%
	Coolidge	NATALIE BAGNALL	118	62	52.54%
54	Coonage				
54 97	SanTan Valley	LINDA MOORE	34	24	70.59%
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Page: 2		Totals for District 4	398	174	43.72%
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DISTRICT	5	PRESIDENT: LADON	NA NEIMAN		
		VP: LINDA LOPEZ			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
4	Globe	JENNIFER CULPEPPER	63	38	60.32%
28	Clifton	VERONICA GILLIS	116	30	25.86%
32	Safford	KATHY STICKLIN	180	71	39.44%
95	Solomon	FRANCES LOPEZ Totals for District 5	133 492	85 224	63.91% 45.53%
DISTRICT	6	PRESIDENT: LESA W	ARD		
JISTRICT	U	VP: KATHLEEN CHANBI			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
	City Winslow	President	G0a1 39		% of Goal
15 30	Springerville	RUTHIE CARRILLO	39 76	15 25	32.89%
30	Springervine St Johns	CECILIA PENA	76 45	25	32.89% 46.67%
37	Holbrook	MANDIE SHAW	63	21	0.00%
69	Payson	CATHY ALSTON	154	68	44.16%
76	Show Low	PAT MADSON	40	9	22.50%
86	Overgaard	ROSALIE ZIMMERMAN	284	136	47.89%
126	•	a ANITA VANHASSEL	29	8	27.59%
130	Concho	LESA HABBINGA-WARD	33	5	15.15%
130	Concho	Totals for District 6	763	287	37.61%
DISTRICT	7	PRESIDENT: JANCIE	WILLIAMS	ON	
		VP: ELLEN HAMPTON			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
3	Flagstaff	BEV MUNS	146	69	47.26%
13	Williams	JANET MARTIN	47	16	34.04%
14	Swaskegame	DANA BROCK	116	85	73.28%
22	Golden Valley	CAROL LEE	162	73	45.06%
42	Grand Canyon	BARBARA SHIELDS	49	27	55.10%
57	Robert Fulton	BONNIE HERBERT	93	54	58.06%
81	Robert A Eckert	JILL RICHEAL	568	321	56.51%
87	Bullhead City	TJ WHITE	180	80	44.44%
88	Dolan Springs	MARY DOWDY	108	42	38.89%
103	Meadview	CEIL LARKINS	37	22	59.46%
127	Mohave Valley	EDITH HUSTED	33	9	27.27%
		Totals for District 7	1539	798	51.85%
DISTRICT	8	PRESIDENT: NA RAI	INS		
		VP: IRENE MULLINS			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goa
6	Prescott	LOU ANN LUCAS	294	191	64.97%
25	Cottonwood	MICHEL ESTRELLA	192	91	47.40%
40	Chino Valley	ELIZABETH PIPER	136	66	48.53%
78	Humbolt	SUSIE KING-SANDERS	188	78	41.49%
79	Yarnell	WENDIE EDGE	295	147	49.83%
93	Camp Verde	KAREN MEALEY	221	94	42.53%
108	Prescott Valley	SALLY FINE	78	41	52.56%
135	Cornville	PATRICIA EAMES	51	42	82.35%
140	Prescott Valley	ROSE VEGA	26		0.00%

		Totals for District 8	1481	750	50.64%
DISTRICT	11	PRESIDENT: AMY H	ANKINS		
ISTRICT	11	VP: DOROTHY FRENCH	ANKING		
Unit	City	VIV DONOTHI THE VOI	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
1	Phoenix	DOROTHY FRENCH	165	87	52.73%
5	Phoenix	CAROL ANDREWS	90	47	52.22%
12	Wickenburg	PEGGY JORGENSON	237	123	51.90%
29	Glendale	DEBORAH HAMMONS	453	124	27.38%
53	Buckeye	TRINA STARK	48	9	18.75%
61	Avondale	TINA GANADOS	252	91	36.11%
62	Peoria	MARY RUEHS	902	350	38.80%
105	Phoenix	CHARLOTTE BURENS	226	86	38.05%
134	Laveen	MARY MADRID	29		0.00%
		Totals for District 11	2402	917	38.18%
DISTRICT	12	PRESIDENT: STACY	MANDEDDY		
ISTRICT	12		MAYBERRY		
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Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
2	Tempe	SHERRIE GREY	191	54	28.27%
26	Mesa	SARA HORKEY	420	289	68.81%
27	•	MARY ANN JAYNES	1837	1020	55.53%
34	Cave Creek	DAWN ROCKWELL	203	117	57.64%
35	Chandler	STACY RIEBOLD	356	194	54.49%
39	Gilbert	LINDA SILVAS	314	149	47.45%
41	Phoenix	ESTHER GARCIA	348	207	59.48%
44	Scottsdale	JUNE MOYER	475	239	50.32%
58	Fountain Hills	LORENA WIGGINGTON	214	142	66.36%
65	Phoenix	LYNDA GRIFFIN	365	132	36.16%
75	Phoenix	CRYSTAL KANE	173	50	28.90%
84	Sacaton	CARLETTA MCDANIELS	61	40	65.57%
91	Chandler	BARBARA WHITE	161	64	39.75%
107	Phoenix	LOMETA BRIGGS	339	195	57.52%
114	Scottsdale	DELPHINE BURBANK	33		0.00%
	Phoenix	MEGAN KELSAY	170	34	20.00%
117			44.6	28	24.14%
117 138	Scottsdale	ALIE MILLIRON Totals for District 12	5776	2954	51.14%

17439

8547

49.01%

TOTAL

District 11 Mission Training

Please invite everyone to attend. This is for everyone from brand new members to members that have been around forever!

Bring your Juniors!!!!!!

I promise everyone will learn something and have a great time doing it!

January 21st 2017

Location: Unit 1 364 N 7th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85007

8am - 4:30pm

Lunch will be available for purchase

WE MUST HAVE 20 PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR THIS OR IT WILL BE CANCELED

Please send \$8 per person and a list of who will be attending to Amy Hankins at PO Box 1342 Surprise, AZ 85378 Due by January 8th



"PAWS IN SERVICE" MUSIC REPORT JANUARY 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work." -- Colin Powell. This year let's vow to help build the dreams of the many veterans we serve.

It's also a good time to think about adding more cheer to our daily lives and those lives of the veterans we so fondly serve. Take time out of your busy day to spend time with a veteran. Oftentimes a veteran just wants to be heard. Be a good listener. As music chairman of our individual units and districts, let's resolve to add more music and singing to our gatherings. Ask that a song be added to the agenda just like every other important item to be discussed. Make it a habit to sing a song at every monthly meeting.

Thanks to those unit music chairmen for turning in mid-year reports. It's so great to see how others add music to their meetings and gatherings with veterans.

Remember to provide your year-end reports no later than April 17, 2016.

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

Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents.

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman 11533 E. Kilarea Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209 steinent@cox.net 480.272.1255 cell

NATIONAL SECURITY JANUARY 2017 REMINDER

CHILDREN AND YOUTH/NATIONAL SECURITY CONFERENCE

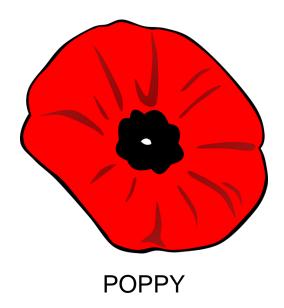
will be held on January 14, 2016 at The American Legion Post 1 which is located at 364 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. We hope you plan to attend, and please bring your Junior members.

We will have ideas and information to help you to help Veteran and Service Member Families who are in Need of Assistance.

The key to finding a family in need is not about who you know, but rather who knows about the American Legion Auxiliary. It behooves a unit to be visible in its community. Let the community know that your unit is willing to help veterans, service members and their families during hard times, both financially and practically. When you meet with individuals in need, assure them that the unit is ready to assist in any capacity, and have a flyer or business card (see sample below) to distribute. Ask organizations to share the unit's contact information (or point of contact) with any veteran, service member or their families who may need assistance. In this manner, a family's confidential information is not being given out indiscriminately. The veteran or family member can contact you when they are ready. Consider being available around the clock, as emergencies happen at all hours. Record the voice mail message to clearly state calls will be returned within 24 hours. If the veteran or family needs something the unit cannot provide, it is recommended that the unit go out into the community on the person's behalf and get the service donated or sold at a reduced cost. One way in which the unit can meet the financial cost of assistance for families in need is to host a fundraiser.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Josie Herrera, National Security Chairman Contact #623-340-5936



December 2016

Ladies, I have only received 5 reports to send to National. Come on. You at least ordered poppies and should be able to send your numbers to me.

- How many did you order?
- What are you doing to get them out to everyone?
- Have you gone to a school to educate children and others about the Poppy Program?

The end of year awards are judged on your report. Please get them to me right away. I'd like to get my report in to National but I can't do it without your reports.

Vera Robertson Poppy Chairman 3216 W Shangri La Rd Phoenix, AZ 85029 602-505-4251 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Past Presidents Parley January 2017

My greetings to you as we start into the second half of our year. Please start thinking about your end of year reports and activities. I hope that you read and are planning to submit a Unit Member of the Year narrative honoring a member of your unit or district. Our volunteers are a special part of this organization and this is one way to let them know that we value the time and effort spent in working for our veterans. Even as you submit a volunteer for this honor, you can plan activities to honor them in your American Legion Family activities.

Continue to remember our military families in all communities, reach out to them and get them involved in your American Legion Family activities. We can answer questions and perhaps motivate them into leadership roles. That is easier said than done of course but well worth the effort.

The Scholarships awarded in this program are very important and it is not too late for your Unit/District to organize fund raisers for this program. Donations are very much appreciated! Rules for all awards can be found in the Department Awards book & web site. If you need help or have questions please contact me and I will be glad to help. Call 623-707-6647

Please fill out your report forms and get them to me by April 15th.

Report is in this packet.

Yours in Service,

Jane Shoemaker

Chairman

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

or email it to ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com	
Unit Number & City:	Report
Unit PR Chairman & Email:	Deadline:
Total Members in Unit:	May 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?	Diagram
Has your Unit visited www.ALAforVeterans.org to review resources?	
describe resources used/valued (Program Action Plan; news story- broposter templates; subscriptions to <i>e-news</i> & <i>In the know</i> e-bulletin):	Jonure-
poster templates, subscriptions to e-news & in the know 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 Publicnon-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 In the know 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

Please attach a narrative report if you need more room for your report. Thank you Patricia Thomas (Public Relations Expert) for providing this template!

ublic Relations: January 2017



So far 16 units are participating in the fun—demonstrating that they have passion for the organization that they want to share with people outside the organization.

Engaging the community provides opportunities to acquire members, recognize your volunteers, teach the community about Americanism and potentially motivate local businesses to support your cause.

The participating units vary in size from less than 100 to over 1,500 members. They represent half the Arizona districts.

So we're doing great (thank you!) and we can do better. Join in the fun now....its not too late!

"Rosie the Ringer" Ring Your Bell Contest

As a reminder, 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!

Congratulations: Sierra Vista Unit 52 and Madera Unit 131-- winners of the monthly Ring Your Bell contest! Each unit had 2 members video their elevator speech and use the hashtag: #myalaelevatorspeech when posting it to facebook.

If you are on facebook, you can watch the videos! Open facebook and at the top where you see the magnifying glass, type in #myalaelevatorspeech and click the search or go button. Watch the video by clicking on Dept President, Jan Cushing; Western Division National Vice President, Cary Fisher; Past Department President Josie Herrera and many others. If you were at the fall conference, you might appear on my #alaelevatorspeech.

January—Your Companion, Your Best Friend!!!

In honor of President Jan's Special Project: Soldier's Best Friend, share a picture of your companion and best friend (or someone else's!). Post the picture on facebook, making sure that you are posting it to the "public" (not to just "friends") and type in the hashtag #ringyourbellazala and separately type in your unit name or number.

Get 25 points for each photo to maximum of 100 points.

Tie breaker: Every unit got at least one pair of "rose-colored glasses" in their November packet. Post photos of your best friend wearing the glasses and get an extra 10 points per photo.

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 all!

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy new year!

Have you made your New Year's resolution?

How about holding a fund raiser for Soldier's Best Friend? Or, how about bringing some attention to Soldier's Best Friend?

Take a look at the Ring Your Bell flyer, get some cute shots of your furry friends on Facebook. Maybe even give them a new rose colored look..........

Don't forget to route donations through Department for proper credit for the Unit and District.

Keep filling up your District change jars and turning in your donations to Department, with the notation on the memo line that it's from the collection jars.

Have fun with the events:

- A photo shoot with the doggies
- A dinner honoring a special service dog, or a police K-9, or a military dog
- The sky is the limit!

Your PSP team is available to attend your meetings if you need more information, just let us know. We have coverage all over the state.

For God and Country,
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

"PAWS IN SERVICE"

FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SCRAPBOOK

JANUARY 2017

Unit and District scrapbook chairmen have you starting on your scrapbooks yet?

If not, what are you waiting for?

Don't forget to send me pictures and newspaper articles so I can put them in the department president's scrapbook. Thank you for the pictures that some of you have send already.

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

"PAWS IN SERVICE" VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION REPORT

January 2017

As a new year begins, volunteering for our Veterans continues on.

Ladies, please be sure you share this bulletin with your VA&R Chairman.

This Chairman would like to thank those Units who submitted your mid-year report. I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT YOUR YEAR-END REPORTS THAT ARE DUE TO ME BY MAY 1, 2017. This ensures that all the hard work your Unit has been doing all year for Veterans gets recorded. This Chairman in turn, sends a report to National.

The more you report the better chance of getting awards, because narratives are necessary to win the awards available at Convention in June

As a reminder, the Creative Arts Festival, Welcome Home Celebrations, Homeless Veterans Initiatives, VA Medical Center (VAMC) assistance, Fisher House, Supporting the American Legion Programs and National Volunteer Month in April, are many ways for your Unit members to get involved in the VA&R Programs. In addition, the Guide for Volunteers can be found at American Legion Flag & Emblem under the Auxiliary, Books Pamphlets and CDs? A booklet with great information for everyone.

Don't forget to visit the website, <u>www.alaforveterans.org</u> for more vital information.

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona VA&R Annual Report Form 2016-2017

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REPORT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT - Monday, MAY 1, 2017

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON) 2016-2017 REPORT

Happy New Year!

May 2017 be a wonderful year for you and your family. Hope you enjoyed your Christmas and holiday gatherings and traditions. The Christmas Holiday party hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary planned to be fantastic and we will share more with you in next month's bulletin.

Ladies on behalf of the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson residents/veterans, staff, and the Steering Committee thank you so much for your donations and participation in the events at the home during the year of 2016. You made the residents/veterans so happy from birthday celebrations, game nights, movie dates, activities, and holidays. Those smiles mean so much. that Operation Make a Veteran Smile was successful for 2016 and we look forward to continuing the smiles.

Sam Nanez, program manager, wanted you to know that he needs better mailing addresses for the auxiliary units. Quite a few thank you letters from him and his staff have been returned due to incorrect addresses. Please be sure you provide him a complete address name/title with your donations and/or correspondence as he wants to let you know how much you are appreciated.

The following schedule is upcoming events at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson):

January 9	ASVH-Tucson Steering	Committee Meeting at	t 11:00 a.m. in Chapel
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Room (second Monday every month, same time, and same location). Will discuss February and upcoming events.

January 14 Produce on Wheels without Waste, POWWOW, from 8:00 a.m.

to 11:00 a.m. Need volunteers.

January 17 Monthly Birthday Celebration – Thank you units for your

donations of cakes and ice cream. Also have February,

March, April, and May scheduled.

January 27 Asia New Year – Philippine traditional cuisine. Volunteers to

transport the residents back and forth from event to their rooms

are greatly appreciated.

Date to be announced Chili Cook Off at the home

We will continue to plan the month once events are scheduled.

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ASVH-TUCSON RESIDENTS – BEST WISHES ALWAYS TO YOU</u>

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Need volunteers for the Gift Shop at the home. Also, why not host a birthday party, game day/night, host an event, or sponsor a building for all upcoming events and holidays. We will always be there to help.

Thank you Unit 132 for the magazine subscriptions (Sports Illustrated and National Geographic). Santa Claus delivered 25+ radios on Christmas Eve – Salute!!!!!!!

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME PHOENIX DECEMBER 2016 REPORT

Hello Ladies it's been beautiful weather finally in our valley! Happy Holidays!

Here is the list of January Birthdays:

1/1	Orville J.	(C1)	1/7	Jack R.	(C1)	1/8	Betty S.	(C2)
1/14	Ramiro G.	(D2)	1/15	James W.	(D2)	1/16	John Z.	(C2)
1/16	Melvin H.	(C1)	1/22	Ellsworth B.	(D2)	1/22	Linda P.	(C2)
1/25	James C.	(C2)	1/28	Steven W.	(C2)			

Thanks to all the units for sending Birthday cards to our veterans at the State Home.

Joyce Livingston and I have enjoyed helping our veterans the past month in the VA Hospital Gift Shop and the Veterans at the Arizona Veterans State Home. Thanks to all the units who participated as volunteers and donations to each special opportunity to put smiles and show our veterans how much we really appreciate them, Thanks. We really appreciate all the Units who have sent checks to help in this great effort to assist our veterans to have a very enjoyable and Happy Holiday Season. My mid-year report will show the donations that I have received the past month which helped us to successfully help our veterans. We received a very large donation of items from our Chandler unit.

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 <u>VLRKELL@aol.com</u> 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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ASVH (Phoenix) Chairman

Valerie Kelly

Joyce Livingston
Co-Chairman