

*American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona*

*WELCOMES*

*NATIONAL PRESIDENT KATHY DAUDISTEL*

*Dinner March 26, 2022*

*No Host 5:00pm*

*Dinner 6:00pm*



*Dress Code  
Semi Formal  
Business*

*Cost \$10.00  
Chicken Fried Steak  
White Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Veg /Roll/Dessert*

*American Legion Post 66  
1560 W Duval Mine Rd  
Green Valley, Arizona 85614  
Phone 959-367-0998*

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**Dinner Reservations**  
**RSVP to: Diana Helser - ALA Unit 66**  
**Phone: 956-367-0998**  
**Email: Diane\_helser@yahoo.com**

**Deadline 3-14-2022**



DATE: 3-25-2022 TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: TUCSON INTL AIRPORT

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: ARRIVE - CHECK IN AT HOTEL - EAT

DRESS CODE: BC ATTENDEES (CIRCLE): ALA TAL SAL JRs Public

NATIONAL PRESIDENT ASKED TO SPEAK (CIRCLE): NO/YES HOW LONG (MINS) \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE HER TO SPEAK ABOUT?

DATE: 3-26-2022 TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: TUCSON VA

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: TAL POST 36 PTSD WOEKSHOP

LUNCH

DRESS CODE: BUSINESS ATTENDEES (CIRCLE): ALA TAL SAL JRs Public

NATIONAL PRESIDENT ASKED TO SPEAK (CIRCLE): NO/YES HOW LONG (MINS) \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE HER TO SPEAK ABOUT (TOPICS)?

DATE: 3-26-2022 TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: TA POST 66

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: OFFICIAL DINNER

DRESS CODE: BUSINESS ATTENDEES (CIRCLE): ALA TAL SAL JRs Public

NATIONAL PRESIDENT ASKED TO SPEAK (CIRCLE): NO/YES HOW LONG (MINS) \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE HER TO SPEAK ABOUT (TOPICS)?

DATE: 3-27-2022 TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

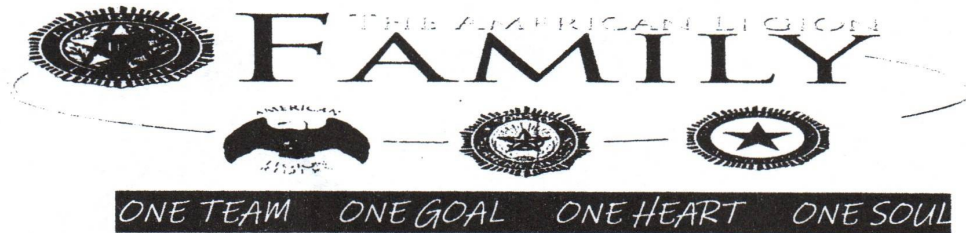
DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: DEPART

DRESS CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTENDEES (CIRCLE): ALA TAL SAL JRs Public

NATIONAL PRESIDENT ASKED TO SPEAK (CIRCLE): NO/YES HOW LONG (MINS) \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE HER TO SPEAK ABOUT (TOPIC)?





"The Department of Arizona Leadership" cordially invites you and (1) guest to the 2021/2022 official Homecoming Dinner for:

**State Commander BEN HEADEN (Post 24 Tombstone)**  
**State Auxiliary President JENNIE MOLINA (Unit 11 Douglas)**  
**State Detachment Commander DAN ASHLEY (Squadron 91 Chandler)**  
held Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ The American Legion Post 11,  
1325 North G Avenue, Douglas, AZ.

**5 ~ 6 pm** No Host Bar w/music  
**6 ~ 7 pm** Homecoming Table Greetings  
**7 ~ 8 pm** Dinner w/music  
**8 pm** Band

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

Commander Headen (Operation 22 PTSD Awareness)  
Madam President Molina (PTSD Foundation of America)  
Detachment Commander Ashley (C.H.A.M.P. Foundation)

**HOTEL LINKS FOR DOUGLAS AREA:**

The Gadsden Hotel- (520) 364-4481 OR [reservations@harrelldestinations.com](mailto:reservations@harrelldestinations.com)  
Best Western Hotel- (520) 364-5000 OR [bestwestern.com/douglasaz](http://bestwestern.com/douglasaz)  
Motel 6- (520) 364-2457 OR [motel6.com/douglasaz](http://motel6.com/douglasaz)

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Cut above, please **RSVP with FORM AND CHECK** Payable to:

**American Legion Post #11 ~ Arizona Department Homecoming Dinner**  
**Receipt of RSVP Required No Later Than \*\*\*April 15<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

**Address and Phone for RSVP: (520) 364-5171**  
**Scotty Babicky ~ American Legion Post #11 ~ 1325 North G Avenue ~ Douglas, AZ 85607**

**Name(s) & Title(s) please print\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*proceeds from meals will be shared between the three Special Projects\***

**Option 1: Roast Beef \_\_\_\_ # of meals x \$20 ea. = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Option 2: Chicken Alfredo \_\_\_\_ # of meals x \$20 ea. = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# **Making a Brighter World for Our Veterans**

**March 2022**

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**NATIONAL PRESIDENT KATHY is making her official visit to Arizona this month...March 25,26,27,2022. She is coming into Tucson...her dinner information is in this packet and on the website. She arrives Friday, 3-25-2022 in Tucson...3-26-2022 event at Post 36 9:00 - ...5:00pm Official Dinner Post 66 in Green Valley...3-27-2022 depart Arizona.**

**National President Daudistel's dinner reservation information and visit schedule is in this packet...**

**Unit Member of the Year information in is packet...DO NOT SEND IT TO NATIONAL.**

**YEAR END REPORTS FORMS...WATCH WHO TO SEND THEM TO...DO NOT SEND THEM HERE TO DEPARTMENT.**

**DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...  
PDP...Helen Stout new email is helen.stout84@gmail.com.**

**EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ... Did you get one? If you get one send Department an email to let us know and the reward will be sent out asap.**

**NEW UNITS...Yes...let's get some...Guess what something is coming.**

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

**Applications MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE**

- The original application is sent to DEPARTMENT not copies of them.
- Be eligible & USE BLUE INK, SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION and COMPLETE INFO.
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1
- NEW "ANYTIME AFTER" Veteran Served...**MUST IDENTITY CONFLICT...CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**
- DIRECT DESCENDANT... No longer on NEW application
- Only 1 relationship and do not add any
- Now you have spouse in place of wife, you have to identify female or male spouse
- Must be signed by a Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself
- Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies
- Do not pay for paid online and PUFL members on your transmittals...They are already paid for.
- USE THE FORMS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING.
- DO NOT RECREATE THE FORMS.

**Have you signed up the Mission Training and or the Junior National Meeting in Las Vegas this month?**

**"Are you wearing Green?"**

**Barbara Matteson**  
**Dept Secretary/Treasurer**  
**secretary@aladeptaz.org**

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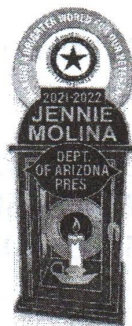
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MAKING A BRIGHTER WORLD FOR OUR VETERANS

MARCH 2022

Spring is here and it is now a perfect time to grow a more colorful and stronger life into our organization so we may make a brighter world for our veterans, children and community. Spring is a time to renew our strengths and dream of warmer days ahead. For the spiritual it is a time of preparations for the Resurrection and salvation.

I want to give you all a big hug and thank you for the work you do to provide a better life for our veterans. It is because of your caring and love that we can give value and meaning to the essence of our existence. I am very thankful for all the donations and interest that has been exhibited towards this year's Special Project of promoting Awareness and Education for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). I have heard many stories on how it has affected lives and I have received input from persons who have taken the time to do more research on this subject after hearing someone from our organization talk about it. All I can say to this is, IT IS WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH. Keep up the great work.

We are getting ready for our National President's visit from March 25th through the 27<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to having great participation so that Kathy Daudistel, whose special project is Caring for Caretakers can get a taste of the big heart, warm hospitality and interest Arizona has in our veterans.

One last item of great importance is Membership. I see we are moving up but still behind. I know Arizona can and will be number one by the time our year is up. I know this because it has been seen in the past. Start slow catch up and pass.

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

Jennie Molina

truelepa@gmail.com

ALA Dept of Az. President

(520) 220-8460

## **President Jennie Molina Calendar Activities**

**July** 11<sup>th</sup> District 3 Pierce/Sunsites

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Tombstone Post 24 Leadership

**August** 7<sup>th</sup> Tucson Officers'/Chairmen workshop

14<sup>th</sup> Tombstone Auction

26- Sept 3rd<sup>h</sup> National Convention Phoenix

**September** 12<sup>th</sup> District 3 Tombstone

**October** 2<sup>nd</sup> Post 109 First Responders Day

7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Presidents retreat -Kentucky

22<sup>nd</sup> Safford Early Bird Dinner

23<sup>rd</sup>, District 5 Post 32 Safford

**November** 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference Tucson

21<sup>st</sup> District 12 at Post 138 Tempe

**December** 1<sup>st</sup> Tucson VA Gift Shop

7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Phoenix/ Phoenix Gift Shop Post 1

10<sup>th</sup> Post 16 Christmas dinner

11<sup>th</sup> Post 45 Benson Veterans honored

15<sup>th</sup> Post 1 AZ staff luncheon

**January 2022** 8<sup>th</sup> AL Open House, Phoenix

9<sup>th</sup> Unit 91 Chandler

9<sup>th</sup> District 11 Post 62 Peoria

22<sup>nd</sup> Post 36 Tucson District Commander's dinner

29<sup>th</sup>-30 Las Vegas Mission Training.

**February** Feb 2 Phoenix office

5<sup>th</sup> Post 66 Mission Training.

15<sup>th</sup> Unit 66 and Unit 131

17<sup>th</sup> North Star Oro Valley

20-22 National Commander visit

**March** 12<sup>th</sup> Phoenix Lisa Williams fundraiser

13<sup>th</sup> District 3 Benson Official visit

24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> National President Visit.

**April** 7-10 Sons camp out Safford

21- Unit 35 Awards Dinner

23 Leadership Home coming Douglas Post 11



# Auxiliary Emergency Fund

## March 2022

### Who is Eligible?

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years) are eligible to apply in the wake of a financial crisis. Temporary assistance may be considered when:

- A financial crisis hits, leaving a member without resources for shelter or utilities, and no other source of aid is readily available.
- A natural disaster or weather emergency leaves a member without shelter or food.
- In extreme circumstances, educational training is needed by a member lacking the necessary skills for employment.

In the case of a natural disaster, an expedited application is available. The completed application can be submitted directly to ALA National Headquarters.

### AWARDS

Individual contributors donating \$50 or more can receive a citation and lapel pin.

Unit awards for Department listed below...

Patricia M. Lee –Gloria Elliott Memorial Plaque  
Paula Burgess "President's Plaque"  
Paula Burgess "Per Capita Award"

Jessica McComb – Chairman  
602-573-8681  
[mommyofbrent@gmail.com](mailto:mommyofbrent@gmail.com)

## Americanism March

### Happy birthday American Legion March 15.

Back in 1919, a group of WW1 veterans in France started this organization which has grown into today's large nonprofit organization. The American Legion founding values were "truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism." These values continue today with a special focus on Americanism, children and youth, Veterans and rehabilitation.

MARCH 21st is Rosie the Riveter day. The well known icon represents the many women who worked the shipyards and factories during the war. The women moved into the workforce to support the needs of the nation. At this time the wages helped to support family income. The women learned new skills.

March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This day marks the end of 48 years: the longest war in our nation's history. It's a day to honor all who served. Those who served range in age currently from 97-55 years of age. The American flag is flown on this day although it is not recognized as a federal holiday. Many veterans still need our support and recognition. Let us not forget.

Linda Lopez  
Americanism Chairman  
NEW email address: [linda.lopez1942@gmail.com](mailto:linda.lopez1942@gmail.com)



## CHAPLAIN

March 2022

Greeting to all of you in this wonderful organization of the American Legion Auxiliary. Please remember to pray for those who have an illness in their families or have undergone the loss of a loved one. I quote from our Auxiliary manual on the duties of the Unit Chaplain. "The Unit Chaplain will express, by word and action, our founding principal of service to God and Country. She should encourage the Unit to celebrate the diversity amongst its members and their faiths. She will provide spiritual and emotional guidance to members, or their families, as needed or requested and with respect, always maintaining confidentiality." Some of you have functioned as a Chaplain in your Units or District, many times but it never hurts to reread what our position is all about.

There is a book called "Creating with the ANGELS" by Terry Lynn Taylor, Chapter one talks about personal freedom. For personal freedom to flourish and generate creative impulses, the following ideas might help:

- \*Be willing to drop rigid beliefs.
- \*Give up harsh judgements about fellow humans. Do not be ruled by judgements.
- \*Change your mind whenever you please; think, question, and philosophize.
- \*Realize how impressive peace is.
- \*Do not run on a strict time schedule; slow down, and allow room for something interesting to develop.
- \*Have a flexible mind and body
- \*Allow space for imperfection in yourself and others.
- \*It is okay to make mistakes or to be "wrong."
- \*Try something new often.
- \*Let go of your gripes; surrender your stubborn ways.
- \*Explore, experiment, enjoy things, expect the unexpected.
- \*Breathe deeply at least once an hour and let yourself feel enthusiastic.
- \*Know you deserve the best the angels have to offer.
- \*God's angels are guarding you day and night.
- \*Let your freedom ring!

Till next month, have a Blessed month and prayers for all Auxiliary members and their families.

Dolores Chavez, AZ Dept. Chaplain

928-386-0841

chebeejs@cox.net



## American Legion Auxiliary Children & Youth March 2022

This month I wanted to share this great blog post written by our 2021-2022 National Children & Youth Chairman - **Trish Ward** - from the National ALA website. ***What are you doing to support the Youth Caregivers in your area?***

**Sara Ward**, Children & Youth Chairman

Contact: (520) 840-4585 [saraelizabethward@hotmail.com](mailto:saraelizabethward@hotmail.com)

*What makes a youth caregiver? We've seen it and we know it. A young person who selflessly gives of themselves to aid others who need extra assistance. A young person who serves meals to a neighbor who is recovering from a health crisis. A young person who offers to give comfort and support to a friend or family member with no expectation of payment.*

*The youth of today are committed to helping, volunteering, and making a difference in the lives of others. Although many do not seek recognition, we in the American Legion Auxiliary family know that recognizing outstanding character and dedication goes a long way to ensuring and promoting a lifelong desire to serve others. In support of American Legion Auxiliary National President Kathy Daudistel's caregiver initiative, we are excited to announce a new recognition award offered through the American Legion Auxiliary's Children & Youth program. Just as the ALA Good Deed Award and ALA Youth Hero Award recognizes young people who perform good deeds and acts of heroism, the new ALA Youth Caregiver Award recognizes those who care for others without payment or expectation of reward.*

*It's easy for any ALA unit to participate and support the young caregivers in their community. The fillable certificate can be downloaded from the ALA national website on the Children & Youth program page. Be sure to log in to MyAuxiliary Member Portal to access the forms. Once located, select the menu tab, "Youth Caregiver Certificate," download the certificate to your computer, enter the name and department in the fillable fields, and print. It's really that simple! Be sure to take pictures of your unit recognizing these extraordinary young people and share them on our Children & Youth program Facebook group found [here](#).*

*As American Legion Auxiliary members, we know our service extends to assuring our youth who volunteer in service to others deserve our thanks and recognition. Be sure to seek out the young people in your community who qualify for one of our awards and take action to recognize them today. Your time showcasing their allegiance to the values of service to others affirms your unit's commitment to the elements of the Children & Youth program.*

*Get on board now and show these amazing young caregivers that the American Legion Auxiliary recognizes their service to others and values their spirit and generosity to help those in need. It's easy, it's free, and it's guaranteed to leave you with a feeling of satisfaction knowing that the kids who really make a difference in our country are remembered and valued by our organization.*

Guest blog post by Trish Ward, American Legion Auxiliary National Children & Youth Chairman, 2021-2022  
<https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/New-ALA-youth-caregiver-award-available>



# Community Service

*March 2022*

Hello ALA Members,

*"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." ~Aristotle*

**IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT! Year-end reports are Due May 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!**  
**Please include a narrative and cover page with what awards you are going for.**

March is Mental Health Awareness Month. How are your members fairing this month? I encourage you to reach out to those members that are not yet able to get out of the house due to health issues. Just knowing that someone is thinking about them and cares for them is a blessing.

Community Service month and Earth Day is April. This is a great time to start planning what you and your unit can do. One idea is to start a recycling program. Have all your members save their cans and bring them to your meetings. Put up a recycling bin at your Post. By turning in cans, you are not only helping the environment, but you are also raising money for your causes.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day. Organize a group outing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to clean up your local park. This is a great way to get out in the neighborhoods and beautify your local community. Don't forget to take pictures and share them with me! You can also post your pics to Ring your bell on Facebook.

Sara C. Decker  
Community Service Chairman  
[SaradeckerAZ@gmail.com](mailto:SaradeckerAZ@gmail.com)  
480-580-3269

# **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**MARCH 2021**

## **Methods of Voting**

- Unanimous Consent – no member objects to a proposal that meets with general approval, a vote of silent agreement.
- Voice Vote – regular method of voting on any motion that does not require more than a majority vote, most common form of voting.
- Rising Vote – method used when a two-thirds vote is required for adoption; is also used when a member calls for a division of the assembly.
- Show of Hands or Voting Cards – an alternative method for a rising vote.
- Counted Vote – can be ordered by the chair when it appears a voice vote is unclear, and it can be ordered by a majority vote of the assembly.
- Ballot or Roll Call Vote – can be ordered by a majority vote of the assembly and is required if specified in bylaws.

Josephine Herrera  
623-340-5936  
jherrera268@aol.com



## EDUCATION

March 2022

March 2, 2022, is *Read Across America Day*. Ask your school if it will allow Unit members to read to a class on Patriotism, Safety, American Flag Etiquette, etc .

March 7, 2022, is *Teacher's Day*: Good opportunity for our Juniors to thank their teachers "for teaching me how to read and write; for guiding me to distinguish between what is wrong and what is right; for allowing me to dream of success as an adult." "Happy Teacher's Day!"

March 13, 2022, is *Good Samaritan Day*. Ask teachers if you can address their class on how students can be a "good Samaritan".

We need to prepare our students for jobs of today and careers for the future. Let us support our military children with educational opportunities: Junior members can help mentor military children in their classrooms. Senior members can offer tutoring to children who may be struggling. Provide your local school with a copy of the Educator's Guide to Military Children During Deployment. Resources are available at [www.militarychild.org/resources](http://www.militarychild.org/resources).

*An investment in knowledge pays the best interest ~*  
Benjamin Franklin

I have not received any questions regarding scholarships so I hope that means you have all accessed the website and are informed.

What did your Unit do to raise funds for Education? It is not too late for your Unit to provide school supplies, gift certificates, funds for uniforms and/or snacks.

Remember to keep good notes of your Unit's Education activities so your Year-End reports will be complete and accurate.

On a good note: Linda Moore from Unit 97 in San Tan Valley will receive her "Thank You" for submitting her report. I look forward to more reports next month.

Anita Ritter  
Education Chair  
Department of Arizona  
Ritmar@cox.net  
602-679-1785

## History

### 2021-2022

What is history? History is a record of events which tells an accurate story to succeeding generations. The goal of the Unit and District historians to compile the activities throughout the year beginning with the installation of officers at your Unit or District level.

- Start your history with the June 2021 Convention.
- When writing the history, ensure it is written in third person point of view. Please review the guidelines for writing a history on the Department website at [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org).
- Include President Jennie's theme when writing the history. Her theme this year is PTSD Education and Awareness.
- Did you have any fundraisers for President Jennie's Special Project? Include that in your history.
- Remember to include any visits from our National President (if applicable).
- Document any special events in your Unit/District and how they relate to both Department and National theme.
- If submitting a History Book at Convention, read, read and read the instructions.
- **\*\*\* If President Jennie has visited your Unit or District for a meeting or event, I require the minutes from that meeting or a quick email detailing the event. I can't write the history without this information from you. \*\*\***

Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime if you have any questions.

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry  
Department Historian

702-403-4903  
mayberry.stacey@gmail.com



## Legislative

March 2022

Greetings,

I hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits. We are over halfway through the Legion Year! Keep an eye out for the President's State of the Union Address on March 1.

Mid Term elections are just around the corner. Remember to get your members and members of the community to get out and vote. The ticket for Governor is very long, on both parties. I have seen a lot of activity going in and out of the Governor's Office and Secretary of State's Office. This will be an interesting primary. Primary Candidate and current State Treasurer Kimberly Yee has withdrawn from the run for Governor.

The Spring American Legion National Legislative and National Security Conference in DC this year has been cancelled again for all of the Department Legislative Chairmen and to attend in person. National Commander Dillard will attend himself to address Congress on behalf of the American Legion, however members of Department delegations will not be able to talk to Congressmen in person on local issues. It is imperative as Units to be reaching out to your elected officials this year, because we cannot see them in person on your behalf. This is very unfortunate, but they are required by national statute to at least meet with the National Commander.

Your End of the Year Reports are due into the Department Chairman by May 1, 2022. Reports must include a narrative with a cover sheet to be considered for an award.

In closing, please stay healthy and positive. Remember, we are all in this together. Please remember, to be kind and patient with one another. I miss you all and care deeply about you and hope to see you soon. If there is anything you need to talk about, call or email me. I am but a few clicks away.

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

Chairman

16575 W. Moreland St.

Goodyear, AZ 85338

(623)910-4716, stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com

# Reaching for the Goal!

March 2022

As of the writing of this article Arizona is 5<sup>th</sup> in the Western Division! We are not too far behind Idaho. We are slowly moving up – THANK YOU to everyone!

**Reminder #1:** It's not too early to start thinking about year-end reports and narratives. Who doesn't want to brag about what your Unit accomplished to retain and recruit Membership!

The second renewal notices were mailed on February 1 to members who have not paid. Are you following up with membership who have not paid?

The next goal for membership is April 27. We do have Unit over 95% which the goal for April 27. How many more Units can reach that goal?

Keep you eye on Ring Your Bell for membership information. You never know, your Unit may be added to the 100% list. 😊

**Reminder #2** – Please submit membership on a weekly basis, even if it is only one. And write "Membership" on the outside of the envelope.

Until next month . . . .

Barbara White  
Department Vice President  
602-908-2980  
[Barbarawhite99@gmail.com](mailto:Barbarawhite99@gmail.com)



## **Leadership/Mission Training**

### **February 2022**

Thank you to all of the members who have been working on and scheduling Training for your Unit/District. With all of the Leadership cards that been given out in the past few years, we should be able to cover them easily. While a scheduled Mission Training is always recommended we can depend on long time members to mentor our newer members and programs, officer and chairman duties etc. In the previous bulletins we have talked about COMMUNICATION, INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AS CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD LEADER. The next one is EMPATHY. Empathy is basically understanding. Truly great leaders recognize motivation, hopes, dreams and problems. Empathy is not just being a nice person. It's a mindset that allows leaders to: make better predictions, improve work plans, inspire loyalty, improve negotiation tactics and increase creativity.

Any and/or all of these characteristics are great, something to aspire to, but if we can just try to work and communicate with our members so that we can learn and improve as we work the programs.

Margaret Blankenship, Western Division Leadership Chairman sent out a bulletin in which she talks about the steps in becoming an effective leader. Set the stage for good conduct by embracing the concept of compassionate leadership. This and many helpful documents are available under the Leadership portal located within the Member Support committees area of the national website. [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org). Please check into this for further information. See you at Mission Training and thank you for all that you do! If you have pictures of functions at your post Margaret has asked for them also. You can email them to me.

## **Leadership/Mission Training March 2022**

Greetings to everyone as we begin the last quarter of the year. Just a reminder that reports are due in all programs by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Unit Member of the Year Award will be due to your Leadership chairman on this date also. You may send via email or regular mail to me, address is at the bottom of this bulletin.

In the previous bulletins we have been addressing the characteristics of an effective leader. They were: **COMMUNICATION, INTEGRITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND EMPATHY**. Number 5 is **HUMILITY**. It can be tempting to become enamored with a new title or position instead of addressing issues from their position. Pride is good, but, *not so much*. Good leaders focus on the problem. Having said all this, all we can do is try to be a good role model with vision with good characteristics, and always willing to help.]

Due to health problems and upcoming I have been unable to attend those Mission Training sessions that have been scheduled. I will do my best to attend those that remain. I want to thank all of you for scheduling and setting up the trainings. Our Leadership instructors have been wonderful, stepping up to the plate. Thank you Barbara White, Stacey Mayberry, Yolanda Bonilla, Debra Munchbach, Rose Ficklin, Kathy Szakonyi and Cindy Queen. Thanks also to Cleone Magnuson and Jeanne McGaughney. Barbara and Paula at headquarters were instrumental in getting them done also. What a great Arizona Team!

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## Leadership Committee Award Entry Form Unit Member of the Year Award

A Unit Member of the Year from each department will be recognized annually at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.

### Requirements:

1. Open to senior members who are not currently, nor have ever been, in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.
2. Each department may submit only one entry.
3. Units must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address. **Please include this narrative with this form.**
4. Completed form due June 1 to Linda Newsome, [Leadership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:Leadership@ALAforVeterans.org)

### Nominating Department

Department:	
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### Department Leadership/PPP Chairman Information

Name:	
Address:	
City, State ZIP	
Email:	
Phone:	

### Unit Member of the Year Information

Name:	
Address:	
City, State ZIP	
Email:	
Phone:	



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona

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**“Education and Awareness of Our Veterans With PTSD”**  
**MUSIC REPORT**  
**MARCH 2022**

Greetings Melomanos (“music lovers”),

It's been a busy and exciting for this Music Chair. I do hope you have enjoyed working your Music program within your Unit. I received an email from the President from Unit 132 in Oro Valley. I want to say, the Unit has been doing some great things. This Unit is spreading their love of Patriotic songs with the young people in the community, among other things. I'm looking forward to seeing them at Convention and hearing what they are doing. Please share your accomplishments with me.

I've been researching possible music selections for Convention Memorial Service. If you missed the opportunity to lend your talents at Fall Conference, you will have an opportunity at Convention in 2022. I'm looking forward to seeing your beaming faces singing your hearts out at Convention, as well as the Legion and Sons of the American Legion members. Please encourage your Post and Unit members to attend and participate as well. The choir at Fall Conference was amazing for a small group. They produced such an amazing and glorious sound. Imagine how wonderful a larger group would be!

Reminder: Year End reports are due May 1, 2022. I'm looking forward to reading about the wonderful things your Unit has done. Take a look in your January Bulletin for forms and criteria.

“Music unwraps the heart, sings out the prayer, dances the Spirit and opens the soul.” Mary Davis

With a song in your heart.

For God and Country,

Alma Mattingly, Department Music Chairman

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

### MARCH 2022

This month's article was taken from the February issue of the American Legion Auxiliary Magazine article page 48. Please take time to read the article. It is regarding a card project that helps deployed service members. I think you will find the article very interesting and informative.

At this time, it would be nice to remember the troops especially the ones that are being deployed. Remember them and their families, let them know that we are with them and support them.

If your unit would like to send cards to the troops here is the basic criteria for handmade cards that is included in the magazine article. Please share with your members.

- ❖ No glitter for overseas cards
- ❖ Cards should not be too bulky
- ❖ Cards need to have their own envelope. Any size up to 5x7 inches.
- ❖ Leave cards blank on the inside (don't sign these): Sentiments appropriate to the subject of the card are okay)
- ❖ Crafty additions are okay (buttons, rhinestones, etc.). but the card still needs to fit through a postage meter.
- ❖ Dark cards must be lined with white on the inside.
- ❖ General occasion cards are always welcome, including birthday, miss you, thank you, etc.
- ❖ Try to set your thinking to six months before a holiday.

#### Signed Cards

- ❖ Make sure your signed cards are left unsealed and in the envelope. You can bundle the in quantities of 25.
- ❖ Each bundle should be labeled with the signed cards you are sending (i.e., Christmas, thank you, get well, Veterans Day).

For more details on card requirements, packing your boxes, and where to send cards, visit [www.Facebook.com/greetingcards](https://www.Facebook.com/greetingcards) for soldiers and check out the pinned post for detailed instructions.

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## New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

March 2022

### UNIT REVITALIZATION Plan development

1. Commitment: There must be commitment from members in a Unit who want to reorganize/revitalize their Unit. Without commitment, nothing positive will occur. Commitment involves:
  - a. Sacrificing time, giving of self
  - b. Willingness to change old habits
  - c. Desire/courage to try something new
  - d. Letting others hold office or chairmanship
  - e. Removing existing “cliques”
  - f. Determining desire – Do Unit members have desire to change?
  
2. Recruiter Profile
  - a. How do you look?
  - b. Are you knowledgeable about programs and benefits?
  - c. Are you energetic, enthusiastic, flexible?
  - d. Can you talk “off the cuff” or “on your feet”?
  - e. Does not have to be a Past President or officer

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY

MARCH 2022

This month we recognize District 11. Chairman Tina Ganados provided all the Units within District 11 a spectacular PPP luncheon and event on February 12<sup>th</sup>. From the pictures shown below you can see the many baskets that were raffled off with all proceeds to going to the PPP program Nurses Scholarships. In addition, a “fashion” show was held in which the husbands and other gentlemen provided lots of laughs and fun for all.

Thanks to all the Units/Districts who are inviting me to your PPP event. Do you want your Unit or District to be recognized? If so, I need your information!!!! Send me what you do and how you celebrate the Past President’s Parley program.

Until next month with more news!!

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Past President Parley Chairwoman  
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## THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

### Poppy Report

Hello everyone!

If your units have had any poppy-related events or have upcoming poppy-related events I would love to hear about them or attend, so I can write about it! These events can be useful to new units and existing units on how to incorporate poppies into our mission.

Have extra time on your hands? Want to spend time volunteering with veterans? I have found some amazing opportunities for you to complete alone or with your units:

- **Caring Companion Program:** Is for people who are able to come in on a weekly basis to visit with a veteran. Based on the volunteer's interests, they are matched with a veteran. Our veterans who do not have family members close by are usually placed in this program.
  - **Contact info:** <https://dvs.az.gov/blog-terms/volunteer>
- **Friends of Veterans Program:** Is for people whose schedules are busy but who still want to make a personal connection with a veteran. This program requires a volunteer to visit a minimum of 1 time per month, but may visit more if their schedule allows.
  - **Contact info:** <https://dvs.az.gov/blog-terms/volunteer>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email or phone. If you call me, please leave a voice mail or text if I do not answer. I may be at work or do not recognize the phone number and may not be able to answer.

I appreciate all of your hard work and look forward to seeing all that you do!

**Jessica Vaupel (Unit 11)- Poppy Chair**

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## VA&R

March 2022

We are coming close to the end of another Auxiliary year. It was nice to see 30 members of the Department of Arizona in Las Vegas for National Mission Training. I hope you all learned as much as I did.

With May 1<sup>st</sup> just around the corner, please start working on your report forms and consider writing a narrative for an award. Please refer to the Department website for award rules.

The following is from the National VA&R Chairman's newsletter, and I thought I would add it to my bulletin.

Not every community has a Veterans Affairs facility nearby to volunteer as a Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service volunteer. However, all ALA members can help veterans outside those VA facilities; anything done directly for a veteran outside of a Veterans Affairs facility is considered 'Service to Veterans.'

Following is a list of ideas to get your started:

- ✓ Visit with veterans, and remember them on special occasions.
- ✓ Offer to drive veterans to doctor appointments.
- ✓ Offer to stay with a veteran while his/her primary caregiver goes shopping or out for a break.
- ✓ Take a veteran for a Sunday drive, picnic, or maybe to see one of his/her friends.
- ✓ Treat veterans to tickets for sporting events or movies.
- ✓ Donate a membership to The American Legion. Arrange an outing to a Legion meeting for special events such as a Veterans Day dinner, memorial service, etc.

This is only a start of things that we can do to help a veteran in our communities. The ideas are endless.

The one thing I ask you to remember, is please report your hours to the Service to Veterans Chairman.

For God and Country

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**ALA Dept. of AZ**  
**Creative Arts for March 2022**

Just a quick note and Update for the Creative Arts.....

As Chairman, I want to make a difference and work diligently to get the Creative Arts into our veteran's lives where applicable. We are continuing to be held up by Covid precautions and every effort is made to keep our veterans safe and healthy. I have had to reconsider and revamp goals for 2022, if we are going to proceed and progress in spite of regulations beyond our control. Mostly, We can be so grateful for the coordinators and workers in our hospitals whose schedules had been used to having volunteers, but these past 2 years or more they have had to do it all.

Thank you to all the Units who have donated funds to get Creative Arts Supplies into our Hospitals and Homes. It is very much appreciated, and it can be our most valuable way to help in these times of Covid shut out. It helps both out the staff supporting the veterans and the creative veterans seeking healing in this way. Please consider having your unit help in this way if possibly. Your donations to the Veterans Creative Arts Festival in your area and/or, creative art supplies will be used to encourage Veterans and give them hope for a brighter tomorrow. This is our current goal.

If your Unit has made donations and gifts towards the Creative Arts, Please consider your Unit for the

**Carmelite Staker Creative Arts Award.**

The application was in last month's info.

Corrections on that Application is as follows:

Please complete application and send to -

**Dawn Davidson**

**11070- S Camino San Clemente**

**Vail, AZ 85641**

**Or email: ALADawnDavidson@gmail.com**

VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
1-31-22

**All events are suspended until further notice. There is communication that some volunteer activities will be restarting. No specifics as of this date. Thank you volunteers for your help!**

**Moderna vaccine has arrived and all staff who desired vaccination have been vaccinated. All Veterans and caregivers have been offered the two dose vaccine. Current numbers are rising rapidly according to Director. This may cause changes to the visitation policies at the hospital. Booster shots are also now available.**

**Southwest Blind Rehabilitation Center is now closed. There is limited visitation at SAVAHCS. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time. Unit 73 sponsored Thanksgiving meals for Veteran patients at SWBRC.**

**There is a new program in start-up process to assist Veterans patients with food insecurities. A separate food pantry is filling this need. The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona donated gift cards valued at \$1,150 towards this program.**

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 is \$9,278.47.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 is \$19,662.67. Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 30, Unit 66, Unit 73, Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Four registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 is 1,391. **S AVAHCS is in the process of bringing back volunteers. Volunteers will be phased in as needed and the process will be closely monitored by the Director. Volunteers will be contacted by the Voluntary Service office as their services are needed. One more Auxiliary volunteer has been called back.**

This chairman has volunteered 175.5 hours and logged 1,980 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of January 31, 2022. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was re-elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 12, 2021. This chairman has been elected to fill a three year term on the VAVS Executive Committee. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. This chairman worked with all Units to provide beverages and snacks for staff, patients and volunteers who were manning the COVID-19 vaccination sites. This chairman is working with the Homeless Program to ensure that our Homeless Veterans and those in Transitional Housing have the food and beverages that they need during this time of enormous stress on all community resources. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. Annual Joint Review was completed November 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative



American Legion Auxiliary

## YEAR-END IMPACT REPORT FORMS

### ***Why report these numbers?***

Every hour, every dollar ALA members invest in our mission of helping veterans adds up. It not only gives each member a sense of pride, but it allows us to demonstrate our effectiveness to the world. Each small sum of numbers gets added into the collective numbers that are called Impact Numbers. These numbers proclaim our impact and make membership in the ALA meaningful.

These numbers are also reported to The American Legion, which includes them in its annual report to Congress. To make this process easier for you, it has been simplified and the form has been condensed to essential information. If you aren't sure, even giving an estimate is better than not reporting at all.

### ***How to complete the Impact Report Form***

1. **Each ALA member** should fill out the Member Form and give it to the unit president. This probably happens in April, but check with your unit.
2. The unit president (or designee) compiles all of the member data on the Unit Form and adds any additional data not reported individually by unit members. This form then gets forwarded to either the district/county (if applicable) or department, which compiles all the records.
3. It is more important that you report information in one section of the form only rather than worry if you have selected the right category. For example, if you provide a service for children, it should go in either Service for Military Families (for example, camps for military children only) or Service for Children & Youth (Legion Family camps for all children) but not in both places.
4. Please round to whole dollar values (for example, \$149.50 should be \$150).

### ***Report Simplifications***

1. All service for all military whether active duty, retired, or reserve component is now combined in one section.
2. Each section has better defined examples of the service that should be reported.
3. **For Units, Districts/Counties, and Departments:**  
“Line numbers” and “Obtain Total From” columns assist in transferring data from form to form. For example, units can find the number of Volunteer Hours for Military Families on Line 5 of the Member Form.

A downloadable fillable monthly tracking worksheet and annual report form is available under the Members Only, Annual Report Forms section on the national website: [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)

**Thank you for taking the time to REPORT your VALUABLE SERVICE and helping us TELL OTHERS about our INCREDIBLE IMPACT!**

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# END OF YEAR IMPACT REPORTING

## FAQs

- Question: Where do I report my service for a National Guard "Welcome Home" activity?  
Answer: *Service for ALL members of the military, whether they are retired, active-duty or in the reserve component such as the National Guard is now reported in "Section 1: My Service for Veterans, Active-Duty, and Reserve Military."*
- Question: Do I report my VAVS (Veterans Administration Voluntary Services) on the Impact Form since I already sign in at the VA when I volunteer?  
Answer: *No, the ALA receives those hours from the VA on a yearly basis.*
- Question: Does time shopping for care packages for deployed military count as service?  
Answer: *Yes, shopping for care packages counts as service hours under Section 1.*
- Question: So.... does driving my daughter to Junior Meetings count as service?  
Answer: *Sorry, that falls within your responsibility as a parent. You get kudos for being a great ALA parent though!*
- Question: My unit volunteered at a summer camp for military kids. Where should I report this service?  
Answer: *You may report service for summer camps open only to military kids under "Section 2: My ALA Service for Military Families." If the camp is open to ALL children, then your service would be reported under "Section 3: My ALA Service for Youth." But don't worry if you don't remember. Just report it somewhere.... once!*
- Question: My neighbor is deployed, so I help her husband by babysitting their children once a week. Does this count?  
Answer: *Absolutely! Report this under "Section 3: My ALA Service for Military Families."*
- Question: What if I don't know exactly where on the form to report my service?  
Answer: *You can always report it under "Section 4: My Service Representing the ALA in My Community."*
- Question: Can I count hours spent taking care of a veteran who lives with me but is not a blood relative?  
Answer: *As long as you are not receiving compensation in return for your role as a caregiver (such as when you care for your spouse), you may report it under "Section 1: My ALA Service for Veterans, Active-Duty and Reserve Military."*
- Question: Can I count hours spent preparing meals for Legion meetings and administrative support for TAL commanders as hours spent in Service to Veterans?  
Answer: *Those hours count but should be reported under "Section 4: My Service Representing the ALA in My Community." Some of our members aptly describe those activities as family chores.*

THANK YOU FOR SERVING **AND** REPORTING!

# UNIT Year-End Impact Numbers Report

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit President \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (if other than president) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Member Impact Reports \_\_\_\_\_

Here is what our unit did in the last 12 months.

## 1. Our ALA Service for Veterans/Active-Duty/Reserve Military

	Service for Veterans/Military	Obtain Total From	Member	+	Unit	=	Total
Line 1	Total hours members volunteered	Member Form Line 1			N/A		
Line 2	Total dollars spent	Member Form Line 2	\$		\$		\$
Line 3	Total number of veterans/military assisted	Member Form Line 3					
Line 4	Total number of "Veterans in Community Schools" presentations facilitated	Member Form Line 4					
Line 5	Value of in-kind donations received*	Unit Records	N/A		\$		\$
Line 6	Number of poppies or poppy items distributed	Unit Records	N/A				
Line 7	Dollars raised from poppies	Unit Records	N/A		\$		\$

\*Estimated cash value of non-cash donations from **NON-MEMBERS** of goods (like paper goods, clothing) or services (like pro-bono CPA services from a local firm)

## 2. Our ALA Service for Military Families

	Service for Military Families	Obtain Total From	Member	+	Unit	=	Total
Line 8	Total hours members volunteered	Member Form Line 5			N/A		
Line 9	Total dollars spent	Member Form Line 6	\$		\$		\$
Line 10	Number of military families served	Member Form Line 7					

## 3. Our ALA Service for Youth

	Service for Children & Youth	Obtain Total From	Member	+	Unit	=	Total
Line 11	Total hours for ALA Girls State	Member Form Line 8			N/A		
Line 12	Dollars spent for ALA Girls State	Unit Records	N/A		\$		\$
Line 13	Total hours for other Legion Family youth activities	Member Form Line 9			N/A		
Line 14	Dollars spent on goods for youth activities	Member Form Line 10	\$		\$		\$
Line 15	Dollar amount of direct cash aid to help a needy child	Member Form Line 11	\$		\$		\$
Line 16	All other UNIT expenses (parties, dinners, paper goods, trophies)	Unit Records	N/A		\$		\$
Line 17	Total number of children/youth served	Member Form Line 12					
Line 18	Donations to all other child service charities	Member Form Line 13	\$		\$		\$



4. Our Service Representing the ALA in Our Community

	For any service not included in Sections 1-3	Obtain Total From	Member	+	Unit	=	Total
Line 19	Total number of hours	Member Form Line 14			N/A		
Line 20	Total dollars spent	Member Form Line 15	\$		\$		\$

5. Scholarships Presented/Awarded by Our Unit

	Scholarships	Obtain from	Total
Line 21	Number of unit scholarships presented/awarded	Unit Records	
Line 22	Total dollar amount of unit scholarships	Unit Records	\$
Line 23	Total dollar amount donated to department scholarships	Unit Records	\$

When completed, send to: American Legion Auxiliary  
 (Get name and date from district) Department of Arizona by \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 4701 N 19<sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 100 (department)  
 Phoenix, AZ 85015

**CONGRATULATIONS---YOU DID IT! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO  
 AND FOR REPORTING YOUR UNIT'S IMPACT!**