

"Angels in the Outfield, Caring for others"

September 2025,

The Burning Question of the Summer: Can I join the ALA of my husband who is a SAL member, and not a veteran in his own right?

Answer: NO! Your eligibility must be a veteran and within 2 degrees of consanguinity.

The IRS regulation concerning veterans organization auxiliaries states in part that its members are spouses of veterans or related to a veteran within two degrees of consanguinity representing the most distant allowable relationships (for example, grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter).

PLEASE REMEMBER !!!!!

No one representing the American Legion Auxiliary will ever send an email or text asking you for money or to purchase gift cards for them because they are busy or "in meetings".

PLEASE ALWAYS DELETE THEM AND IGNORE ANY SUCH REQUEST !!!!!

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: President Dolores's project this year is Caregivers and Hospice. Dawn Davidson from Unit 45 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, aladawndavidson@gmail.com, if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is everyone's job. 2026 membership renewals, re-joins and new members can be sent to the Department. Don't hold on to membership, please send in weekly.

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

MANDATES: The 2025-2026 mandates are included in this bulletin. Please pay your mandates sooner than later. There were several Units who did not pay their mandates 30 days before the Department Convention; therefore, they lost their voting rights at Convention. If you have any questions regarding Mandates, contact the Department Office.

2026 DIRECTORY: Is on the Department website: www.aladeptaz.org. If your Units information is

blank, that means we did not receive your new officer information. Please email us with the information and we will get you entered.

DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE: November $7^{th} - 9th$. It will be held at Doubletree Reid Park in Tucson. The link to reserve a room will be coming out soon. Watch Ring Your Bell, the Department website and the Legion website. Book early as the rooms sell out fast.

POPPY: Believe it or not, it's time to order poppies again. The Poppy order form is in the packet and can be found on the Department website. The deadline is September 30. Several Units were ineligible for awards at convention because they didn't order poppies. Minimum order is 100 poppies for \$15.00

Unit Goals: 2026 Unit Goals are in the new 2026 membership report and in the directory. Good luck to all Units in achieving 100% for President Dolores.

The Office is open, and we are here to help. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4p.m. Evenings by appointment. (please don't be afraid to ask).

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