

# **Serving Those Behind The Badge**

May 2020

**FOR NOW, PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE YOU COME TO DEPARTMENT OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE...THIS IS DUE TO CORVID-19.**

**NO JUNIOR SPRING CONFERENCE this year...more information to come. Do you know Raynie Candler and Savannah Jacobs...If you know these Juniors please contact Department Office.**

**GIRLS STATE...NO GIRLS STATE Orientations...more information in this packet.**

**DEPARTMENT MANDATES...are still due to Department 30 days before Department Convention 5-26-2020 the following Units still have not paid them: 3, 6, 8, 9, 13, 16, 19, 31, 52, 57, 58, 66, 68, 69, 76, 84, 88, 90, 97, 114, 117, 125, 130**

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S OFFICAL VISIT...The District will be responsible for furnishing lodging, meals and mileage round trip from her home Unit for the official visit of the Department President to their respective District. The District MUST provide for this in their annual budget. Units may still invite the Department President to their meetings or special affairs, but the Unit MUST bear the expense. If you have done this great if not you OWE her...send it now. **President Patricia will be rescheduling her missed visits for next year.****

**Department Convention 2020 is officially cancelled. National TAL cancelled National Convention...ALA National cancelled theirs...they strongly recommend that the TAL Departments, ALA Departments, SAL Detachments, Legion Riders do the same. Current officers, chairmen and appointments to remain thru the 2021 year.**

**REPORTS...are still due...IMPACT REPORT...still due...notice a couple reports are in this packet...look for them.**

**DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...**

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**EXTRA EXTRA..." RED TICKET" ...there will something in someone's packet each month. If you find it contact Department.... reward to be given when we meet again. Make sure you have your tickets at the next meeting. There are winners calling the office. We are excited.**

**MEMBERSHIP PD ONLINE CREDITS...Many Units have membership credits and they are not using them. Please if you are not sure contact us and we will tell you. We're talking hundreds of dollars and it will revert to Department if not used by July 31.**

**MEMBERSHIP... “MEMBERSHIP PATROL”.** Membership is everyone’s job. **Legion Act** has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. Write **“OTHER CONFLICT”** on your applications until the new form comes from National. Go look for the members who weren’t in the window before. **We are at 92.28% of our MEMBERSHIP GOAL 22 GOAL UNITS...WAY TO GO MEMBERS.** Have you included all of you paid online? 1 Unit still has a big fat 0 so we know they haven’t counted the paid online...What’s wrong with this picture?

**Applications MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE**

- **Be eligible & USE BLUE INK, SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION and COMPLETE INFO.**
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1
- Only 1 time of service
- **NEW “OTHER CONFLICT”** ... please check the correct era if there
- **DIRECT DESCENDANT**... No longer on application
- Only 1 relationship and do not add any
- Now you have **spouse** in place of **wife**, you may 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
- Only list names that paid online, **do not send any money for them.**
- Make sure you mark all of the **NEW** women veterans.
- Do not mark **NEW** women veterans when they are renewing.

**Paying Dues**...We received a transmittal form from a Unit to pay all 2020 dues...but 1 of the members has not paid the 2019....so we had to call that member and ask did you really want to pay 2020. That member will lose her member since if 2019 is not paid...WHAT DO WE DO?? **Call Department to verify what credits you have for use.**



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# Auxiliary Emergency Fund

## May 2020

### Who is Eligible?

### What do these things have in common?

- **COVID-19 Pandemic**
- Health issues or family emergency...A financial crisis hits, leaving a member without resources for shelter or utilities, and no other source of aid is readily available.
- Earthquake in Utah and Tornados in Tennessee...A natural disaster or weather emergency leaves a member without shelter or food.
- Divorce or loss of job...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"

Thank you all for your support of AEF...

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## Education May, 2020



The deadline for the Department of Arizona WILMA HOYAL-MAXINE CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is quickly approaching. One annual scholarship of \$1000.00 is available to a student at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona enrolled as a second year or upper division student in Political Science, Public Programs or Special Education.

Any applicant must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Arizona for at least one year. Honorably discharged veterans or immediate family members of a veteran will be given preference.

Applications must be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Headquarters office by May 15.

Recipients will receive awards through the appropriate school offices for each academic year in the following manner: One half of the award will be made available to the recipient at the beginning of fall and spring semesters, dependent on proper enrollment with the university. Applicant must complete at least 12 hours with a grade average of "B" or better, and be enrolled as a fulltime student.

Applications to apply for this scholarship were included in the Education packet distributed at Fall Conference. Former recipients continuing degree programs as listed above may re-apply provided the applicant complies with rules and submits a new application.

Thank you to all the Unit Chairmen who turned in their year-end report by the May 1st deadline. I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary education programs throughout the school year, especially Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8. The school year is ending on a strange note with the COVID-19 shutdown. You'll have to be creative!

In the Spirit of Service, not for self,  
For Veterans, God and Country,

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American Legion Auxiliary  
Arizona  
**Girls State**

Dear American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State Units, Unit Girls State Chairmen,  
School Counselors and Delegates Selected to attend,

After taking a wait and see attitude, it is with sincere regret that the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State, due to COVID-19, closure of all youth orientated programs at the University of Arizona and our responsibility for the safety of the delegates and staff, Girls State, as we know it, has to be cancelled. However, not wanting to have something else that was looked forward to cancelled, this year the Arizona Girls State program will go online as a virtual program for those wanting to take the adventure with us. We ask that you use your imagination, that cannot be cancelled, and see the bigger picture for what this program can accomplish. We understand the social aspects of attending Girls State but we are also an educational program. We promote education of our youth in all aspects and activities. Knowledge, no matter how obtained, is a key to understanding and development.

Because of limited bed space at the University each year, we will not have the ability for those selected as delegates this year, 2020, to attend next year. The 2021 session will be for those girls in their junior year of High School, just as it was for those selected to attend this year. With that in mind, holding a virtual Girls State came into being. Any delegate selected to attend this year will have the option of attending or opting out of the program. We also have many alternates that can be inserted in a delegate's place, if this is something they would consider doing and space becomes available. We are enthusiastic about the possibilities of presenting the program to delegates in another form. Our ideas and dedication come from wanting to make Girls State happen for those selected to attend.

Virtual Arizona Girls State will be held for 2 hours a day for a week, ninety minutes for the program and thirty minutes for interaction with attendees and questions. Girls attending will be provided a handbook used with the program, lesson plans of daily activities and ways to use the website prior to the start of the program. After culmination of the program, delegates completing the week will be sent an Arizona Girls State pin, certificate and t-shirt. Educational information provided to the delegates will be through staff, videos or other forms of communication. We have had to think outside the box and let go of things as they were in order to visualize how they can be to make Girls State happen. More information will be provided as time goes on and more plans are finalized. This will include the week's schedule, tentatively set for the middle of June and the time of day session is happening.

We ask that you contact the school counselors you worked with and girls selected to attend. Explain what we are planning and ask if this is something they would like to do. We need an approximate count of those wanting to attend. We need this number before or by April 30<sup>th</sup> so we can continue with our preparations. We will need the names of the delegates also to make sure we have all their information in the data base. We know and understand this way of presenting Arizona Girls State may not appeal to everyone, so do not be discouraged if someone says no.

Funding for the Girls State program will be returned to you minus the amount for delegate fee to attend after the completion of the program. Delegates have already paid and only a portion of that amount will be used to cover expenses of the program.

If you have questions, and I know you probably have many, please reach out for clarification. We thank you for your patience, assistance and belief in this most valuable program.

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## HISTORIAN

May 2020

Hello,

By the time you get this bulletin we, hopefully will be out of lockdown and still be able to enjoy some nice weather in our beautiful state, and hopefully get back to our good works and deeds. Convention has been cancelled, but please keep sending your meeting minutes to me for the history which will be turned in at convention 2021.

Hopefully we know about reports before you get this, if not please remember to send your report forms in.

We are in this together, and are here for you all. Please reach out with any questions and concerns.

For God and Country

Rose

# Legislative

## May 2020

Greetings,

I hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits. This is a very trying time for all of us. Many may feel lost or not quite knowing how we all fit right now. Many are struggling with finances. I really don't know what to say.

I will tell you this. Our State elected officials are trying to get us back to normal. As of this writing due to their own health and health of their staff, they are in recess. They passed a mini budget to keep the bills of the State paid and essential workers paid. At this time, I have not heard of exact timeline of when our legislature will come out of recess. Last I heard through the rumor mill at the Capitol, was April 30<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully by the time you have all received this, they will be back to work. Many are working from home and are still able to receive emails. Phone calls and actual snail mail letters are not likely. But they can get emails. Maybe even send some words of encouragement. Positive little notes would be appreciated right now.

As many of you know the Governor and President are giving daily briefings on the COVID-19 pandemic. So I don't need to beat a dead horse there. Other than that, we are pretty much in a wait and see pattern that changes daily on a governmental and legislative level.

Your Year End Reports were due to me by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Department and National still need them. I am sure that you do have things worth reporting on that you did during the year, and even now with the pandemic. So far, I have only received reports from four Units. To those Units, thank you. I will need to turn in my report to National by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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. I 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.

***"A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?" - George Washington***

For God and Country,

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## ***ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP***

**HEROES RESPOND FIRST**



### **SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE**

Here we are again in May. It has certainly been an interesting and eventful year. Plans A, B, C etc., went right out the window. The last four sessions of scheduled training had to be canceled due to unforeseen world events which came home to all of us. Overgaard, Humboldt, Yuma and Casa Grande I am sorry you got caught up in this cancellation. Hopefully the new year will bring better times for all of us.

As it stands right now all chairpersons will remain the same for this next year. Due to current circumstances I will not be holding any training sessions until at least September. In the meantime, I am working on putting all training together for on-line use or use with a computer at training sessions.

Thank you to all the units that submitted a report. I fully realize that not all units had members capable of attending department training sessions. This should not have stopped any unit member from learning from another about a specific duty or about the Auxiliary in general. Mentors are the backbone of all units as they pass on knowledge and are available on a more personal basis to provide assistance when needed. Thank you to all mentors.

I am hoping the units are sending in nominations for Mentor of the Year, Leadership Instructors, and Narratives. We receive so few of these.

Again, thank you to all members for all that you do. Hope this finds all in good health.

For God and Country in Service to Veterans

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NATIONAL SECURITY  
MAY 2020

Hello ladies of the great state of Arizona!!! Unfortunately, we are still in “stay home” mode so please stay safe and healthy.

Even though we are not able to socialize or hold actual meetings due to Post closings, I hope that you were able to gather the information necessary and submitted your year-end report. In today’s world with so much technology, most are able to email one another, use the apps that are available so we can continue to talk, and see each other through our computers.

With the Department of Arizona convention being cancelled in June of 2020, awards for this program will be handed out at Fall Conference, unless we are told otherwise.

While we are still experiencing this pandemic, remember the following:

- It is very important Support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve and transitioning military servicemembers and their families.
- Assist military spouses in getting and maintaining employment.
- Support the National Security programs of The American Legion.
  - Complete a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course.
  - Refer to How to Train for FEMA’s Community Emergency Response Teams for information and specific steps.
  - Build and/or help a neighbor build an emergency preparedness kit and plan.
  - Sign up for the Legion’s Legislative Action Alerts, and be sure to act on the ones regarding a strong national defense and affecting current and transitioning servicemembers and their families.

Legion Resources: •

- ✓ Blue Star and Gold Star Banner: [www.legion.org/troops/bluestar](http://www.legion.org/troops/bluestar)
- ✓ Disaster Preparedness and Response for American Legion Posts: [www.legion.org/documents/pdf/talarc\\_disaster\\_preparedness.pdf](http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/talarc_disaster_preparedness.pdf)
- ✓ Family Support Network: [www.legion.org/familysupport](http://www.legion.org/familysupport)
- ✓ Operation Comfort Warriors: [www.legion.org/troops/operationcomfort](http://www.legion.org/troops/operationcomfort)
- ✓ Legislative Action Alerts: <http://capwiz.com/legion/home/>

Until next month with more news!!

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2019-2020

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New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization  
MAY 2020

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Each year Unit Membership Chairmen spend untold hours promoting and enrolling new enthusiastic members. Then after a year or two, these members often drop their membership due to lackluster meetings, seasoned members not inviting newer members to participate in volunteer projects and events, the same officers serving year after year, or perhaps the unit is unwilling to change the way they do things.

For the auxiliary to be successful, the revolving door must stop. Many of the issues plaguing our Units today can be resolved through Conflict Resolution.

So where do you begin? First, call a special meeting and ask each attendee to respond to the following question. *“If you had the power to make two major changes in this Unit, what would those two changes be?”*

Each response should be written on a flipchart or chalkboard. Once everyone has responded, categorize the list into workable groupings, based on the number of attendees. If you have four groupings, then have the attendees count off: 1, 2, 3, 4: 1, 2, 3, 4.

Next, ask each number group to go to a different area of the room to begin discussing the issues assigned to their group. Each group should also have one group member to take notes. This person will also read the notes later in the meeting. The groups should have 10-15 minutes to discuss their assigned issues.

When the allotted time has elapsed. Everyone should come back together, and the person responsible for the notes in each discussion group reports their group’s solutions. After each report, ask for additional comments from the floor, and then go on to the next group’s report, etc.

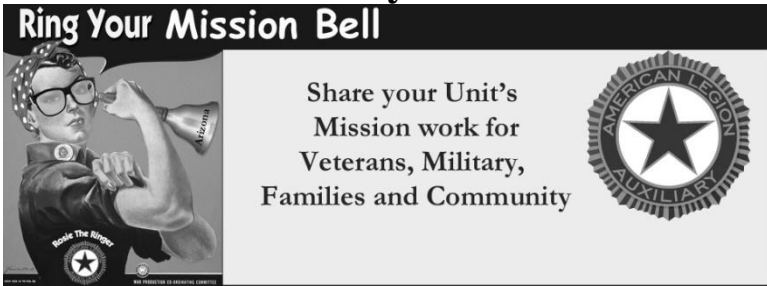
So often when individuals or a group of members have problems, they call on others to solve their dilemmas for them. However, since the majority of disagreements stem from individual differences, it is important for Unit members to understand how necessary it is to try to solve their own problems.

It has been our experience that when a unit has participated in this meaningful exercise, the members soon recognize and appreciate the tremendous opportunities that result. New ideas abound, and that leads to renewed enthusiasm. The key to conflict resolution is giving EVERY member a voice. Once the voices are heard, however it is up to the leaders and all members to work together to take the steps necessary to implement the changes.

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## Public Relations: May 2020

**Ring Your Mission Bell**



Share your Unit's  
Mission work for  
Veterans, Military,  
Families and Community

### Some American Legion Family efforts during COVID-19....

- The Arizona Department of the American Legion Family assisted Deployed and Activated Arizona National Guard Families: To date, The Legion Family has raised \$15,500 and have sent money to the Arizona National Guard FRG Headquarters
- The Arizona Department of the American Legion Family assisted Veterans at Harvest Compassion Center Food Bank: Valley Posts (District 11 & 12) invited hundreds of Veterans in need assistance to come to Veteran-only food distributions in April and May.
- Hundreds (perhaps thousands!) of home-made facemasks have been made by Auxiliary members across the state and delivered to hospitals, healthcare workers, assisted living homes, Fisher House, businesses and more.
- Countless veterans and families have been assisted with groceries, social visits, phone calls and child care.
- Bags and bags of clothing, towels, sheets and more have been brought to organizations and people in need.
- Members have taken those in need to doctor appointments, shopping, etc.
- The Arizona Department of the American Legion Family is providing stress relief through a program founded by the American Legion Auxiliary: Heal Her Art is sponsoring Facebook Live Art Classes through May 7. Veterans, military, family, members & children are invited to join in free virtual art session on Facebook from their home. Find them on Facebook @HEALHERArt

**We have a lot for which to be proud! When the going gets tough—we shine!**

**Please tell us about your efforts. You can email me or post on the Ring Your Bell Facebook page. Our communities need good news in these trying times! Spreading the news of your good works can bring joy to many!**

**\*\*\*\*\*THIS IS WHAT WE DO!!!\*\*\*\*\***

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**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**  
**May 2020**

I sincerely hope this find everyone safe and healthy during this unprecedented time we are going through!

Thank you to those Units who provided year-end reports and narratives.

Have your Units checked in on your veterans to see if they need anything? If not, please do so. You won't know if they need anything unless you reach out to them. Many won't let you know they need assistance. If so provide assistance to a veteran(s), remember to count the time, miles and monies to Service to Veterans.

Remember to thank a veteran! They love it when you take the time to say "Hi" and thank them for their service!

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Until next month . . .

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## Creative Arts May 2020

Year End Reports should all be in to me by the time you read this. I haven't received many yet as I write this, but a few of you have used your at-home time to get them done early and I appreciate it.

Is everyone getting cabin fever? Try some Creative Arts! You don't have to be an artist to get benefit from creative arts. A lot of you are crafters anyway and I'm sure you are making good use of the time at home to do some really great craft projects. For those of you who are not crafters, how about writing. Write a journal. It doesn't have to go to anyone else if you don't want it to, but writing down feelings is good therapy. Write letters or emails to friends and family you haven't seen in awhile. Make it Christmas in May instead of waiting for December. Music is great for relaxation or even for energizing while you clean house for the umpteenth time. Whatever you are doing, stay safe, stay well!

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VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
3-31-20

**All events are suspended until further notice. Thank you volunteers for your help!**

**Upcoming Events (Volunteers & Monetary Donations Needed):**

**Bingo parties** which are held on the **third Saturday of each month at 1:30PM in Building 60** at the VA hospital. Volunteers are needed to assist with this activity, which is much appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans. Please consider sponsoring the Bingo program. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos. Thank you Unit 54 & Unit 7 for your generous donation to support the Bingo program. Many thanks to the new Bingo volunteers, Kathy & Marilyn. Thank you Unit 68 for volunteering and providing funds for the August & September Bingos. Unit 68 will be sponsoring Bingo for the balance of the year. **Suspended until further notice.**

**Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday.** We sponsored refreshments on February 18, 2020. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 & Unit 68 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman (Ku Istan) and Jude for all their assistance with this activity. This activity has been suspended until further notice. **Suspended until further notice.**

**Employee Appreciation Luncheon** was held March 4, 2020. We fed almost 600 staff and donated 100 meals to the Homeless Program, which they greatly appreciated. We had a good turnout of volunteers. Many thanks to Onita Davis and Unit 132 for their additional donations and volunteers who made this luncheon a great success.

**Wish Lists**

Golf clubs, Gloves, Gift Cards and Meals for PGA Hope Golf Program POC Scott Strzyzewski (520) 792-1450 X6367. Unit 109 contributed six sets of golf clubs with bags for this program. **Suspended until further notice.**

Yuma CBOC (Community Based Outreach Clinic) is seeking donations of gift cards to local food stores (Fry's, Walmart, Albertsons, Sam's Club, Food City). These donations will support a collaboration between American Legion Post 19 and the Yuma CBOC. The Registered Dietician, Kelly Hamlin, MA, RDN is coordinating the effort to provide a cooking class for Veterans who would benefit from these skills. Many Veterans at the Yuma CBOC suffer from diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure and kidney issues due to a diet of processed foods. They want to teach these Veterans to prepare some healthy, simple meals to help improve their health. POC: Kelly E. Hamlin, MA, RDN; phone (520) 403-0217; mailing address 3111 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364. Should you decide to support this effort, please make sure that you submit a donation form to Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System.

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. The staff requesting donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need. This program has requested 300 backpacks and 400 water bottles at this time. Any Unit which would like to support this need should send checks to Department with the memo "Building 95 Needs". Very generous donations from Unit 66 and Unit 132 have made it possible to fill this need.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020 is \$28,387.70. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Unit 7's Ann Reatherford, Unit 24, Unit 131, Unit 132, Unit 73 and Unit 109 members and unaffiliated volunteers for their constant support of VA programs through their donations. The Legion family is the largest supporter of the Arizona Fisher House. Currently, Arizona Fisher House is funded for the foreseeable future. Other programs are in dire need of donations (ie. Homeless, Building 95, Social Services, Bingo, etc.). Units 58, 62, 75 and various other Units forwarded funds in the amount of \$7,295 for the Fisher House with their year-end donations. Total monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020 are \$20,335. Thank you Unit 7 for your donations to support social services, July parties, mental health and Creative Arts. I don't have the numbers for the month of February and will update next month. Could not get the information due to VA restrictions. Approximate amount of donations for Employee Appreciation Luncheon is \$1,000.

The American Legion Auxiliary provided refreshments for the Psychosocial Recovery & Rehabilitation Center graduation on January 10, 2020. There were three graduates at this celebration. This is the first graduation they have held since June, 2018.

Twelve registered hospital volunteers and three summer youth volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 is 4,246.5. Occasional hours

are 758.25 donated by one hundred seventy six volunteers. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have signed up one new volunteer and are processing three more. Thank you new volunteers!

This chairman has volunteered 300.5 hours and logged 3,800 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of March 31, 2020. This chairman was elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 1, 2019. This chairman volunteers at the monthly Bingos and coordinates the refreshments for the Bridging Ceremony celebrations on the third Tuesday of each month. This chairman is responsible for entering all material & activity donations and acknowledging all donations, monetary and material, for SAVAHCS each year. These donations were in excess of \$1,000,000 for the last two years. This chairman made a motion at the July meeting of the VAVS Committee to fund Veteran Sports Programs (Wheelchair Games, etc.) in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried. This chairman volunteered three days at Christmas Gift Shop. We will distribute the Christmas Pledge money and cards on December 17, 2019. AJR was completed November 12, 2019 and forwarded to National. This chairman assisted at the Veterans Creative Arts set-up, judging and display on January 28 & 29, 2020. This chairman prepared all the chicken and rice for the Employee Appreciation Luncheon held on March 4, 2020.

The situation at the Tucson VAMC is changing every day. Visitation is curtailed. Recreation is suspended until further notice. We are awaiting a policy update regarding acceptance of donations. Only monetary donations are being accepted at this time.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative