



**American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference
November 1-3, 2024
El Conquistador, Oro Valley, Arizona**

**REGISTRATION - \$10.00
At Fall Conference - \$20.00**

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

UNIT NUMBER _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NAME (PRINT)

POSITION/TITLE (PRINT)

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**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 15, 2024
NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS**



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
2024 DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Honoring Beverly Eads
Western Division National Vice President

MENU

Meat Lasagna or Vegetarian Lasagna
Green Salad
Choice of 2 Dressings
Bread Sticks
Spice Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

Cost \$30.00

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

MAIL TO:

ALA Department of AZ
Attn: Luncheon
4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85015

*Seating is limited to 90...Reservations must be turned in to Department by **October 22, 2024***

	NAME	Unit #	Meat Lasagna or Vegetarian
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PUT ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK.

\$30.00 X number of tickets _____

Hands to Help, Paws to Save

September 2024

Welcome to the start of another administrative year. There have been some changes to the Department of Arizona staff. Many of you have been talking to Rae Hopf, our membership processor who started in February. We would like to give her an official welcome aboard.

Longtime Department Secretary Barbara Matteson retired in April.

Barbara White has been the interim secretary since January of 2023 and finally gets to re-retire. Help us congratulate both on their work at headquarters.

Our new Department Secretary is Rose Ficklin. Rose started July 1st and is making changes to some protocols in the office to help things flow, she has also done some redecorating and is currently awaiting new office furniture to update the office.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: President Stacey's project this year is P.A.W.S.S. (Pup's and Warriors Side by Side) Christine Rodriguez from Unit 117 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, Chrisrodz25@gmail.com if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is everyone's job. Thank you to EVERYONE who renewed, recruited or rejoined members. 2024 membership renewals, rejoins 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 2024 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.

2025 DIRECTORY: The directory is currently being worked on. If your Unit or District has not sent in your 2024-2025 officers' names and contact information, please do so immediately. We sent out reminders in the mail for those we need.

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FLAGSTAFF STATE VETERANS HOME: They are shooting for an October 29th soft opening. They have a wish list, that will be in this bulletin/website. They are looking for volunteers to help with activities, monthly birthday parties etc. Call the Dept. HQ for more information. We are also looking for a chairman, so if you are up Nort and Interested please let us know.

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**Chaplain Report September 2024
September is Music Month.**

Resources for Unit Chaplains!

Chaplains Manual

This American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains Manual was created to aid ALA chaplains. You will find that it contains prayers for numerous occasions, memorial services, as well as other services such as the Four Chaplains service. The prayers and services in this manual are to be used as guidelines in your work. If you have your own prayers and services, we encourage you to use them. It is not mandatory that you use this manual. You may download it from:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/Chaplains Manual.pdf>
[https://emblem.legion.org/Books-Pamphlets-CDs/products/40 - Item#: 355.111 for \\$2.95](https://emblem.legion.org/Books-Pamphlets-CDs/products/40 - Item#: 355.111 for $2.95)

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<https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA Chaplains Prayer Book.pdf>
<https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA MANUAL OF CEREMONIES.pdf>

Regarding Music Month. Please consider participating in the gift of music that our Creator has given us. Either in doing so at your monthly meetings or at our Department Convention and Fall Conference. At the Annual Convention and Fall Conference, the Legion Family has a memorial service on Sunday. During those services, "The One" Legion Family Choir sings. Please consider rejoicing with us and honoring those before us that have passed, by either singing in the choir or in the congregation. For more information, you can contact me or the Music Chairman Alma Mattingly. I know she is always looking for voices to add to the choir and finding new and interesting music accompaniments to add to the program for the Chaplains.

Please keep the following in your hearts and prayers in this time of need: Past Department President Patricia Lugo in loss of sister (PDP Josephine Herrera) Unit 41, the family of Beth Nehring Unit/Post 105, the family of Priscilla Naranjo Unit 39, John and Cynthia Archuleta Unit/Post 91 in loss of brother, and Service Officer Martha Alderman Post and Unit 29 in loss of her husband.

Please pray in your own way: God of all creation, we thank you for your gift of musicians. May musicians facilitate music that brings you glory; music that transcends barriers that can divide race, class, gender, denominationalism, ethnicity, or geography. Fill musicians with your light and love as they generously share with the world. Amen.

If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call, please let me know:
Stephanie McMullen Chaplain, stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com, (623) 910-4716

September 2024 Bulletin

School is back in session and the Children & Young program is in full swing. In the spirit of becoming the community “go to” for activities and growth opportunities that make an impact for our children, I would like to focus on the activities for the coming month of October. This may be helpful for planning purposes to coordinate with your local school. What is the one thing that you do that touches and makes a difference to the children of your community?

What can you do?

Communicate with the school and find out what activities they have planned and explore ways to enhance those plans. If need be, create events to interact with students and staff. I recommend making a list of possible events such as Patriotic Music sing-alongs, Patriotic Art Projects, Patriotic Music for the band classes, and skits for Drama class.

Participate with the PTO, by discovering and fulfilling their needs. Volunteers are always needed.

Create and promote the students to make holiday cards for our deployed troops.

Build relationships with your local schools – ask them what they need the most: volunteers for the classroom, for the playground, for after school activities, or the music, band, P.E., drama, and art classes.

Plan and implement activities that work with the community and the schools – example: promote October Education Month by handing out pocket dictionaries to a specific grade.

Schedule ahead of time with the school to hold a Veteran’s Day Event to have veterans in the classrooms to showcase the sacrifices of our military heroes. I recommend pre-planned questions from the kids to ask the veterans. Coordinate with the Honor/Color Guard for an American Flag Folding demonstration.

Together I hope that we can assist our National Chairman in reaching these objectives. Fall Conference and future bulletins will include more recommendations and information on activities and awards for the Children and Youth Program.

In the Spirit of Service, not Self,
Daphne Coleman Children & Youth Chairman
Daphneinaz@yahoo.com
480-560-2940



Education September 2024



Everyone is back in school in one way or another. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the National Plan of Action. This month: **Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education," American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.**

The "Give 10 to Education" program is designed to allow our members to support education from different angles. Let's try for 100% participation, because this project can allow all members, juniors included, to participate. Here's how it works!
Determine what type of activity in which you would like to participate. Here are some suggestions:

1. Donate 10 minutes/hours/days of your time to volunteer in a classroom.
2. Assist with or donate 10 items to a backpack program held at many schools.
3. Donate 10 boxes of pencils or crayons to a classroom or school.
4. Provide a \$10 donation to a school library.
5. Help a teacher on the playground for 10 minutes.
6. Donate 10 flags and discuss the importance of the flag to a class.
7. Donate 10 pairs of shoes or socks to a kindergarten class.
8. Give 10 dictionaries to third grade students.
9. Support a scholarship fund (including National Scholarships) by donating \$10.

American Education Week is November 18-22, 2024. Visit the schools to promote the Auxiliary scholarships. Send a card to all local school staff, including all school personnel who children interact with, teachers, office staff, bus drivers, custodians, etc.

Promote Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-10, 2024. Send cards to your local schools' teachers. Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need. Plan teacher appreciation events at your schools.

I'm looking forward to hearing about the creative ways in which your Units and Members promote the Education Program.

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

Julie Vietri

Education Chairman
Department of Arizona

jvietri@msn.com

(480) 495-1558

Helpful Notes to help with Unit Finance:

- Use your Unit's legal name; information is found on Unit Charter.**
- You are a Unit, 501 C(19), National Group #0964**
- Create a recording keeping system, manual or computer.**
- Keep a copy of every check or cash disbursement and attach the corresponding invoice.**
- Set up a filing system, either manual or computer.**
- Financial Reports - share with Executive Committee Meeting and General Meeting. Keep copies of all monthly check book reconciliations.**
- Checks should be deposited within seven working days. Pay all invoices with a check. Cash transactions should have a petty cash receipt.**
- Keep copies of 990s and Corporation Commission Filings.**
- Annual Audits of all Auxiliary accounts are recommended. Work with your Unit President to set up an Audit Committee, with Unit Treasurer available to answer questions. Remember that the purpose of an Audit is to review transactions within the past year and reconcile accounts for next year.**
- Work with your Unit President to set up a Budget using last year's budget information, ie, income, expenditures and program expenses for the new budget.**

Remember that records need to be kept for seven years.

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

Penny Maklary, Member, 520-364-5038, ahhpenny@aol.com

Barbara White, barbara.white99gmail.com

Members by Virtue of Office: Stacey Mayberry, President, NEC, Rose Ficklin, Sec/Tres. (no vote)

Paying of Annual Mandates

It is mandated that each Unit in the Department of Arizona, American Legion Auxiliary pay certain expenses that are to be paid to the Department Headquarters annually. The mandated items are as follows:

1. Rehab per capita or RPC \$0.20 cents per member
2. Delegates per capita or DPC \$0.40 cents per member
3. Jr. Delegates per capita or JDPC \$0.20 cents per Jr.
4. Jr. Activity per capita or JAPC \$0.20 per member
(whether unit has Jr.'s or not)
5. Annual bonding fee \$5.50 per unit

The amounts vary for each Unit. The fees are based on what your Unit ended the year with at the Department close of books in membership. (The close of books is July 31 of each year.) The Department Headquarters office figures these fees and will post the Mandate list on the Department website, aladep taz.org and send a printout in either the August or September Bulletin for those that subscribe to receive the bulletin by mail.

UNITS MUST CONTACT YOUR INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TREASURER FOR THE AMOUNT OF YOUR MANDATED FEES TO THE DISTRICT. THESE ARE PAID TO THE DISTRICT AND NOT THE DEPARTMENT.

UNITS MUST PAY THE MANDATES AS LISTED AND HAVE THEM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 4701 N. 19TH AVE SUITE 100, PHOENIX, AZ 85015, 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN ORDER TO VOTE.

FAILURE TO PAY THE MANDATED FEES ANNUALLY WILL RESULT IN THE UNIT CHARTER BEING REVOKED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND ALL AUXILIARY FINANCIAL BOOKS, MONEY AND PROPERTY WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT THAT TIME.

Please do not let this happen to your Unit. If you do not know what your mandate fees are, please call the Department Headquarters 602-241-1080 M-F 7:00 to 4:00 or email secretary1@aladep taz.org

2024-2025 MANDATES

Rehabilitation Per Capita (RPC), Delegate Per Capita (DPC), and Junior Activities Per Capita (JAPC) are based on "Close of Books" figures.

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
1	0	125	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$5.50	\$105.50
2	3	103	\$20.60	\$41.20	\$0.60	\$21.20	\$5.50	\$89.10
3	5	60	\$12.00	\$24.00	\$1.00	\$13.00	\$5.50	\$55.50
4	2	33	\$6.60	\$13.20	\$0.40	\$7.00	\$5.50	\$32.70
5	2	58	\$11.60	\$23.20	\$0.40	\$12.00	\$5.50	\$52.70
6	1	259	\$51.80	\$103.60	\$0.20	\$52.00	\$5.50	\$213.10
7	1	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$0.20	\$7.00	\$5.50	\$33.10
8	3	27	\$5.40	\$10.80	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$5.50	\$28.30
9	2	118	\$23.60	\$47.20	\$0.40	\$24.00	\$5.50	\$100.70
11	6	131	\$26.20	\$52.40	\$1.20	\$27.40	\$5.50	\$112.70
12	4	215	\$43.00	\$86.00	\$0.80	\$43.80	\$5.50	\$179.10
13	1	46	\$9.20	\$18.40	\$0.20	\$9.40	\$5.50	\$42.70
14	11	131	\$26.20	\$52.40	\$2.20	\$28.40	\$5.50	\$114.70
16	0	58	\$11.60	\$23.20	\$0.00	\$11.60	\$5.50	\$51.90
19	8	194	\$38.80	\$77.60	\$1.60	\$40.40	\$5.50	\$163.90
22	3	143	\$28.60	\$57.20	\$0.60	\$29.20	\$5.50	\$121.10
24	3	402	\$80.40	\$160.80	\$0.60	\$81.00	\$5.50	\$328.30
25	7	293	\$58.60	\$117.20	\$1.40	\$60.00	\$5.50	\$242.70
26	2	228	\$45.60	\$91.20	\$0.40	\$46.00	\$5.50	\$188.70
27	5	1896	\$379.20	\$758.40	\$1.00	\$380.20	\$5.50	\$1,524.30
28	2	76	\$15.20	\$30.40	\$0.40	\$15.60	\$5.50	\$67.10
29	7	234	\$46.80	\$93.60	\$1.40	\$48.20	\$5.50	\$195.50
30	0	85	\$17.00	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$17.00	\$5.50	\$73.50
32	0	151	\$30.20	\$60.40	\$0.00	\$30.20	\$5.50	\$126.30
34	1	319	\$63.80	\$127.60	\$0.20	\$64.00	\$5.50	\$261.10
35	9	297	\$59.40	\$118.80	\$1.80	\$61.20	\$5.50	\$246.70
36	3	260	\$52.00	\$104.00	\$0.60	\$52.60	\$5.50	\$214.70
37	0	39	\$7.80	\$15.60	\$0.00	\$7.80	\$5.50	\$36.70
39	13	502	\$100.40	\$200.80	\$2.60	\$103.00	\$5.50	\$412.30
40	0	97	\$19.40	\$38.80	\$0.00	\$19.40	\$5.50	\$83.10
41	14	334	\$66.80	\$133.60	\$2.80	\$69.60	\$5.50	\$278.30
42	6	30	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$1.20	\$7.20	\$5.50	\$31.90
44	0	338	\$67.60	\$135.20	\$0.00	\$67.60	\$5.50	\$275.90
45	4	43	\$8.60	\$17.20	\$0.80	\$9.40	\$5.50	\$41.50
46	2	49	\$9.80	\$19.60	\$0.40	\$10.20	\$5.50	\$45.50

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
51	8	58	\$11.60	\$23.20	\$1.60	\$13.20	\$5.50	\$55.10
52	3	198	\$39.60	\$79.20	\$0.60	\$40.20	\$5.50	\$165.10
53	0	25	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$25.50
54	3	87	\$17.40	\$34.80	\$0.60	\$18.00	\$5.50	\$76.30
56	0	73	\$14.60	\$29.20	\$0.00	\$14.60	\$5.50	\$63.90
57	3	73	\$14.60	\$29.20	\$0.60	\$15.20	\$5.50	\$65.10
58	10	388	\$77.60	\$155.20	\$2.00	\$79.60	\$5.50	\$319.90
59	3	129	\$25.80	\$51.60	\$0.60	\$26.40	\$5.50	\$109.90
61	2	206	\$41.20	\$82.40	\$0.40	\$41.60	\$5.50	\$171.10
62	37	966	\$193.20	\$386.40	\$7.40	\$200.60	\$5.50	\$793.10
64	0	22	\$4.40	\$8.80	\$0.00	\$4.40	\$5.50	\$23.10
65	50	296	\$59.20	\$118.40	\$10.00	\$69.20	\$5.50	\$262.30
66	1	886	\$177.20	\$354.40	\$0.20	\$177.40	\$5.50	\$714.70
68	0	56	\$11.20	\$22.40	\$0.00	\$11.20	\$5.50	\$50.30
69	0	128	\$25.60	\$51.20	\$0.00	\$25.60	\$5.50	\$107.90
73	1	27	\$5.40	\$10.80	\$0.20	\$5.60	\$5.50	\$27.50
78	5	153	\$30.60	\$61.20	\$1.00	\$31.60	\$5.50	\$129.90
79	0	181	\$36.20	\$72.40	\$0.00	\$36.20	\$5.50	\$150.30
81	8	666	\$133.20	\$266.40	\$1.60	\$134.80	\$5.50	\$541.50
84	6	41	\$8.20	\$16.40	\$1.20	\$9.40	\$5.50	\$40.70
86	5	415	\$83.00	\$166.00	\$1.00	\$84.00	\$5.50	\$339.50
87	2	133	\$26.60	\$53.20	\$0.40	\$27.00	\$5.50	\$112.70
88	0	5	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$5.50	\$9.50
90	1	74	\$14.80	\$29.60	\$0.20	\$15.00	\$5.50	\$65.10
91	21	250	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$4.20	\$54.20	\$5.50	\$213.90
93	0	107	\$21.40	\$42.80	\$0.00	\$21.40	\$5.50	\$91.10
95	7	72	\$14.40	\$28.80	\$1.40	\$15.80	\$5.50	\$65.90
97	3	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$0.60	\$7.40	\$5.50	\$33.90
103	0	38	\$7.60	\$15.20	\$0.00	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$35.90
105	6	204	\$40.80	\$81.60	\$1.20	\$42.00	\$5.50	\$171.10
107	2	201	\$40.20	\$80.40	\$0.40	\$40.60	\$5.50	\$167.10
108	3	32	\$6.40	\$12.80	\$0.60	\$7.00	\$5.50	\$32.30
109	8	371	\$74.20	\$148.40	\$1.60	\$75.80	\$5.50	\$305.50
114	0	5	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$5.50	\$9.50
115	5	26	\$5.20	\$10.40	\$1.00	\$6.20	\$5.50	\$28.30
117	5	251	\$50.20	\$100.40	\$1.00	\$51.20	\$5.50	\$208.30
123	1	37	\$7.40	\$14.80	\$0.20	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$35.50
124	2	24	\$4.80	\$9.60	\$0.40	\$5.20	\$5.50	\$25.50
125	1	14	\$2.80	\$5.60	\$0.20	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$17.10
129	1	15	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$0.20	\$3.20	\$5.50	\$17.90
131	1	573	\$114.60	\$229.20	\$0.20	\$114.80	\$5.50	\$464.30
132	2	80	\$16.00	\$32.00	\$0.40	\$16.40	\$5.50	\$70.30

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135	5	37	\$7.40	\$14.80	\$1.00	\$8.40	\$5.50	\$37.10
136	0	11	\$2.20	\$4.40	\$0.00	\$2.20	\$5.50	\$14.30
138	0	49	\$9.80	\$19.60	\$0.00	\$9.80	\$5.50	\$44.70
140	4	15	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$0.80	\$3.80	\$5.50	\$19.10
141	0	21	\$4.20	\$8.40	\$0.00	\$4.20	\$5.50	\$22.30
145	1	9	\$1.80	\$3.60	\$0.20	\$2.00	\$5.50	\$13.10

Please make check payable to American Legion Auxiliary and send to:

**American Legion Auxiliary
 Department of Arizona
 4701 N. 19th Ave Suite 100
 Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727**

**THESE ARE DEPARTMENT MANDATES AND ARE
 MAILED TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.**

**DISTRICT MANDATES ARE BILLED SEPARATELY AND
 SHOULD BE PAID TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER.**

American Legion Auxiliary Program Donations

2024-2025

Below is information on where to send donations for popular organizations.

<p>Tucson Fisher House Make donations to the C.H.A.M.P. Foundation Website: https://champfoundation.org/</p>	<p>The Chapel of Four Chaplains The Chapel of Four Chaplains 1201 Constitution Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19112-9901</p>
<p>Friends of Fisher House Phoenix Friends of Fisher House Phoenix PO Box 720 Phoenix, AZ 85022</p>	<p>Child Welfare Foundation The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. PO Box 1055 Indianapolis, IN 46206</p>
<p>ALLECA ALLECA PO Box 750 Cortaro, AZ 85652-0750</p>	<p>Spirit of Youth ALA Foundation 3450 Founders Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46206 Indicate on check that donation is for Spirit of Youth</p>
<p>USO-Sky Harbor Airport USO Administrative Office 3800 E. Sky Harbor Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85034 Specify where you would like money to go. i.e., Sky Harbor, one of the military bases in AZ. More information can be found on their website. Website: Arizona.uso.org</p>	<p>National Cemetery of Arizona National Cemetery of Arizona 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85024</p>
<p>National Creative Arts ALA Foundation 3450 Founders Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46206 Indicate on check that donation is for Creative Arts</p>	<p>Honor Flight (Poppy Funds May Be Used) Honor Flight Box L-4016 Columbus, OH 43260-4016 Website: www.honorflight.org. From here you can find a hub in the program</p>
<p>Wreaths Across America Wreaths Across America PO Box 249 Columbia Falls, ME 04623 Website: www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Wreaths can be sponsored from website.</p>	<p>POW/MIA National League of POW/MIA Families 5673 Columbia Pike, Suite 100 Falls Church, VA 22041 Website: www.pow-miafamilies.org</p>
<p>WIMSA Women in Military Service For America Memorial Foundation 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 400 Arlington, VA 22203 Website: www.womensmemorial.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your support of these valuable organizations!</p>



American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation

Congratulations, President Cameron Mirmelli of Arizona
and Vice President Isabella Windmiller of Missouri!

#ALAGirlsNation



Nationalist Party Chair
Senator Sasha
Arizona

**Girls State Graduation Stoles are available for
purchase:**

**\$35.00 Contact Mrs. Maklary at 520-850-1951 or
ahhpenny@aol.com**



Historian Report September 2024
September is Music Month 🎵

Did you know each meeting, and event your unit has is making history? What is your unit history? Email me you unit history and I will post it in the Historian Bulletin. Email address Lynda Griffin, Department Historian: Lynda4ala@gamil.com
Unit 62 – John J. Morris History will be featured in our October Bulletin Let other units know about your unit.

This month I want to see how well you know your Arizona Department History?

1. Who was Department of Arizona Chaplain in 2015?
2. Who was Department of Arizona Historian in 2015?
3. Who was Department of Arizona 2nd vice in 2015?
4. Who was Department of Arizona 1st vice in 2015?
5. Who was Department of Arizona President in 2015?
6. Who was Department of Arizona NEC in 2015?
7. Who was your District President in 2015?
8. Who was your unit President in 2015?

The first person to email me with the correct answers to all 8 questions; I will have a gift for you in November at fall conference. Each month I will have questions.

District Presidents, Secretaries and Historian – Who need a copy of your meeting minutes? Copies of your meeting minutes are to be sent to the Department Secretary Rose Ficklin at secretary@aladeptaz.org and to the Department Historian, at Lynda4ala@azdot.gov.



Leadership/Arizona Mission Training September 2024

Let us begin another great year for our Unit, District, Department and National Organization. We look forward to hearing from our members who have attended Officer Training and National Convention. This committee encourages you to plan and/or attend an Arizona Mission Training this year even if you have attended one in the past. There is so much to learn that we always come away with new information to share. **Empower Your Members!**

To set up an Arizona Mission Training:

- Contact Chairman (we will work together to set a date).
- You will need a minimum of 10 members.
- The charge is \$10 per member.
- The list of members and money sent to department 10 days prior to training.
- Send list of participants to chairman (with pictures, if possible).

Contact Information: Karen Smith ksmith111@cox.net 520-249-1119

If you call, please text initially so that I may return your call. Thank you!

Please become familiar with the American Legion Auxiliary website alaforveterans.org as well as our department website aladepaz.org. All the information that you ever wanted to know about our organization is there. Let us try to take an online course this year. Then share the information at one of your meetings. A good start for Leadership!

I humbly ask that you keep track of all of your Leadership activities so that you can include them on the end of the year report form. That would be very much appreciated. Have a wonderful year!

Legislative Bulleting

September 2024

It is September and we are all in full swing. I am so ready for the weather to cool off just a bit here in the Phoenix metro area.

We just came off an amazing National Convention. I tried to watch as much as possible. But did you see all the awards Arizona took! Legislative was one of them! I am so proud of the work that you all have done. But we are not done, we are going to be even better this next year. Yes, I am still so excited about what YOU did this past year.

I have a couple of goals this year for us.

- More Contacts with our elected officials. This is easy just follow the alerts! - **Subscribe to grassroots actions.**
- I would like to have 100% reporting. Even if you don't work the program submit a report stating that. (but it only takes 1 minute or less to submit to your congressman or Senator.) **We can all do this.**
- **Subscribe to the dispatch.** Again, this comes right to your email box, and it is free. Know what's going on.
- More narratives! It doesn't have to be wordy, just tell us what you have done for legislative. That is it!
- A unit to rise to the top and be submitted to the Western Division.

Did you know that a Unit can be selected? Do you want to be one of 5 Units in the nation?

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Legislative Program (per division)

- Presented: One unit in each division
- Materials and guidelines:
 - The narrative should not exceed 1,000 words and should include specific examples of how the unit delivered mission service. The narrative can also include portions from the department chair's report.
- It should include action (high-resolution) photos, scans/links to news articles, etc.
- All unit entries must be submitted via [electronic form](#) by 5 p.m. EST on June 1.

Note: You will receive confirmation when your award is submitted. **We want this to be you!**

This year I am encouraging you to send pictures, articles, anything you are doing with legislation. This can be done all year. Send an email to the new email address below. With the following information, **Unit/District, what the event is and who is in the pictures.**

We have a new email address for all things legislative alalegislativaz@gmail.com

Did you know that we will come out to your Unit or District and talk more about Legislative issues, show you how to get connected and share why this is so important? Just send an email to the new email address with a couple of dates in mind. I would love to share!

Please reach out if you have any questions or need help getting online!

Kathy Amery

Legislative Chairman

2024-2025

alalegislativaz@gmail.com

623-640-0134

MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

		UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
		0100	Phoenix	171	0	43	43	25.15%
		Total		171	0	43	43	25.15%
	Total			171	0	43	43	25.15%
01		0019	Yuma	216	3	40	43	19.91%
		0046	Bouse	58	0	4	4	6.90%
		0056	Yuma	80	0	7	7	8.75%
		Total		354	3	51	54	15.25%
	Total			354	3	51	54	15.25%
02		0007	Tucson	45	0	10	10	22.22%
		0036	Tucson	279	0	19	19	6.81%
		0059	Tucson	145	1	27	28	19.31%
		0066	Green Valley	900	0	220	220	24.44%
		0068	Tucson	61	1	12	13	21.31%
		0073	Tucson	35	1	13	14	40.00%
		0109	Vail	390	2	81	83	21.28%
		0125	Tucson	16	0	0	0	0.00%
		0131	Green Valley	580	0	200	200	34.48%
		0132	Oro Valley	85	0	23	23	27.06%
		Total		2536	5	605	610	24.05%
	Total			2536	5	605	610	24.05%
03		0011	Douglas	145	0	3	3	2.07%
		0016	Bisbee	64	0	6	6	9.38%
		0024	Tombstone	415	4	88	92	22.17%
		0045	Benson	50	0	1	1	2.00%
		0052	Sierra Vista	210	0	18	18	8.57%
		0141	Pearce	22	0	0	0	0.00%
		Total		906	4	116	120	13.25%
	Total			906	4	116	120	13.25%
04		0008	Casa Grande	35	0	5	5	14.29%
		0009	Florence	125	0	2	2	1.60%
		0051	Coolidge	70	0	2	2	2.86%
		0054	Coolidge	93	0	13	13	13.98%
		0097	San Tan Valley	40	1	17	18	45.00%
		0129	Queen Creek	21	0	0	0	0.00%
		0133	Maricopa	35	0	2	2	5.71%
		Total		419	1	41	42	10.02%
	Total			419	1	41	42	10.02%

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05		0004	Globe	40	0	1	1	2.50%
		0028	Clifton	85	0	3	3	3.53%
		0032	Safford	155	0	48	48	30.97%
		0095	Solomon	82	3	32	35	42.68%
		Total			362	3	84	87
	Total			362	3	84	87	24.03%
06		0030	Springerville	90	0	14	14	15.56%
		0037	Holbrook	25	0	2	2	8.00%
		0069	Payson	130	0	9	9	6.92%
		0086	Overgaard	415	1	98	99	23.86%
		Total			660	1	123	124
	Total			660	1	123	124	18.79%
07		0003	Flagstaff	73	3	6	9	12.33%
		0013	Williams	50	1	12	13	26.00%
		0014	Kingman	145	1	34	35	24.14%
		0022	Golden Valley	150	0	17	17	11.33%
		0042	Grand Canyon	38	0	7	7	18.42%
		0057	Ash Fork	80	0	6	6	7.50%
		0081	Lake Havasu City	670	4	118	122	18.21%
		0087	Bullhead City	132	0	6	6	4.55%
		0088	Dolan Springs	10	0	2	2	20.00%
		0103	Meadview	43	0	21	21	48.84%
		0123	Seligman	40	0	1	1	2.50%
		0136	Yucca	15	0	0	0	0.00%
		Total			1446	9	230	239
	Total			1446	9	230	239	16.53%
08		0006	Prescott	263	5	71	76	28.90%
		0025	Cottonwood	306	4	100	104	33.99%
		0040	Chino Valley	95	0	8	8	8.42%
		0078	Humboldt	160	0	4	4	2.50%
		0079	Yarnell	183	0	19	19	10.38%
		0090	Black Canyon City	75	0	1	1	1.33%
		0093	Camp Verde	112	0	46	46	41.07%
		0108	Prescott Valley	38	0	3	3	7.89%
		0135	Cornville	47	1	10	11	23.40%
		0140	Prescott Valley	23	0	0	0	0.00%
		Total			1302	10	262	272
	Total			1302	10	262	272	20.89%

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11		0001	Phoenix	127	0	7	7	5.51%
		0005	Phoenix	65	1	14	15	23.08%
		0012	Wickenburg	220	0	4	4	1.82%
		0029	Glendale	250	0	22	22	8.80%
		0053	Buckeye	30	0	11	11	36.67%
		0061	Avondale	215	0	42	42	19.53%
		0062	Peoria	1000	31	200	231	23.10%
		0105	Phoenix	215	1	58	59	27.44%
		0115	Glendale	35	2	10	12	34.29%
		0134	Phoenix	22	0	0	0	0.00%
		0145	Peoria	14	0	0	0	0.00%
		Total			2193	35	368	403
	Total			2193	35	368	403	18.38%
12		0002	Tempe	111	0	35	35	31.53%
		0026	Mesa	235	1	52	53	22.55%
		0027	Apache Junction	1920	2	354	356	18.54%
		0034	Cave Creek	320	0	23	23	7.19%
		0035	Chandler	316	2	75	77	24.37%
		0039	Gilbert	520	6	143	149	28.65%
		0041	Phoenix	350	4	57	61	17.43%
		0044	Scottsdale	340	0	36	36	10.59%
		0058	Fountain Hills	405	2	94	96	23.70%
		0064	Phoenix	25	0	0	0	0.00%
		0065	Phoenix	350	10	49	59	16.86%
		0084	Sacaton	50	0	0	0	0.00%
		0091	Chandler	275	12	92	104	37.82%
		0107	Phoenix	210	1	54	55	26.19%
		0114	Scottsdale	25	0	0	0	0.00%
		0117	Phoenix	265	2	84	86	32.45%
		0124	Guadalupe	30	4	11	15	50.00%
	0138	Tempe	54	0	5	5	9.26%	
	Total			5801	46	1164	1210	20.86%
	Total			5801	46	1164	1210	20.86%
Total	Total			16150	117	3087	3204	19.84%



September2024
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
MUSIC REPORT 2024-2025

Greetings Musicophiles (“music lovers”),

September is Auxiliary Music Month. This year’s Music Theme is: “Saluting Our Super Heroes through Music”. Let’s get the love of music out to everyone. Together, we’ve got the music in us!. What a wonderful way to salute these heroes! I would like all Districts and Units to include music in their meetings. Please let me know some of the ways your Districts and “Units are Saluting Our Super Heroes through Music”. I’m looking forward to hearing your ideas.

Please continue to encourage your members and Post to participate in “The American Legion Family Choir”. The more voices participating the better we sound. Please remember to bring a “Legion” polo and dark pants for the “Memorial Service”. Seriously, I’m hoping to find a strong male voice to feature in a special Elvis song in the near future,

Fall Conference is approaching. I’m already working on music for Fall Conference. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!

“For me, singing sad songs often has a way of healing. It gets the hurt out in the open into the light, out of the darkness,”

Reba McEntire

With a song in your heart.
For God and Country,

Alma Mattingly, Department Music Chairman

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September Poppy News

This is the month all units need to get working on the Poppy Poster Contest. Please take these instructions with you when you visit the schools. All schools do not need to participate so if there are quite a few in your area, choose and then keep checking in on the progress. Set your date to have them back so they can be judged.

Encourage the schools you select to include a dog in their poster if possible, to promote the President's Project.

If you have a junior girl, ask if that member would like to be your poppy girl. If you have more than one, have a contest. Whoever you choose should be constantly working on the program throughout the year. There were dates listed last month. These dates are also in the power point which has been updated and is on the Auxiliary website. Take lots of pictures. The report for this will be digital.

The Poppy Poster instructions are on a separate page for your convenience. Good luck.

Kat Sticklin

Arizona Department Poppy Chairperson

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Poppy Poster Contest Rules

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups — including Junior members — may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

Contest Classes:

- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:
 - a. Those in special education classes.
 - b. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
 - c. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities; identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

Poppy Poster Requirements

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles “a”, “and,” “an”, “the” are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
2. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
3. Each poster must include a red poppy.
4. The department shall determine the closing date of the unit contest. The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
5. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
6. Posters will be judged using the following criteria: • 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality) • 40% - artistic ability (design and color) • 10% - neatness
7. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils, and markers.
8. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age, and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
9. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.
10. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
11. The label “In Memoriam” from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.

Wreaths Across America

In August 2023, the American Legion Auxiliary national organization joined forces with Wreaths Across America (WAA) to build a stronger awareness of each group's common missions while supporting fundraising efforts nationwide. Wreaths Across America is an incredible organization whose mission is to remember our fallen U.S. veterans. Honor those who serve and teach our children the value of freedom. Wreaths Across America's mission so closely aligns with the ALA's as they continue to pay homage to our heroes after they have passed from this world.

[Read about ALA's support by clicking here!](#)



Wreaths Across America Day December 14., 2024

On that day, more than 2 million wreaths will be placed on veterans' graves across local, national, and military cemeteries, as well as veterans' memorials and historic sites. We encourage members of The American Legion Family to participate.

[Sponsor a wreath by clicking here](#)

ALA units can also take part in the Wreaths Across America **Sponsorship Group Program**. Units that register as a "\$5 back group" will earn \$5 for every \$17 sponsorship earned – allowing the donor to essentially "do good twice" and support both programs and missions.

[Sponsor wreaths by clicking here](#)

CREATIVE ARTS

SEPTEMBER 2024

Creative Arts offers opportunities for healing for the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country by their participation in various mediums, such as painting, sculpture, leatherwork, jewelry, woodwork, creative writing, dance, and music. This program helps veterans cope with service-related trauma (PTSD) and physical disabilities. Some veterans suffer feelings which often lead to depression, anger, drug and alcohol abuse, and even suicide.

Programs such as provided through Creative Arts have shown to be effective in improving the health, well-being, and quality of life for veterans exposed to trauma, as well as their families and caregivers.

Veterans eligible to receive care through Department of Veteran Affairs and are enrolled at a VA Medical Center, Outpatient Clinic, or reside in a state veterans home. Creative Arts Festivals are held to showcase their talents and promotes the benefits of arts therapy. Arizona VA Hospitals plan festivals in Tucson, Prescott, and Phoenix. Plan to attend and be amazed at the talent of our veterans and feel rewarded that your donations make this rehabilitation program possible.

I attended the Arts Festival in Tucson on August 15, 2024, which had 97 wonderful entries. I was happy to meet and converse with several veterans regarding their works. I posted several photos on Ring Your Bell. Thank you Kathy Szakonyi and Dawn Davidson, for your hard work in the success of another Southern Arizona VA Health Care System Creative Arts Show.

The American Legion Auxiliary and Department of Veterans Affairs are the only two sponsors for this program. Funds raised by your Unit through dinners, raffles, craft shows, etc. will help our Veterans receive therapy to rebuild their emotional and physical health. When sending donations to Department, please specify it is for your local VA festival or it will be forwarded to the National Creative Arts Festival. Poppy funds can be also used for the Creative Arts Program.

Additional information can be found at creativeartsfestival@va.gov.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or a team member in your area:

Phoenix:	Anita Ritter, Chairman	Ritmar@cox.net
Prescott:	Sally Fine	mightfine123@gmail.com
Tucson:	Kathy Szakonyi	N3SAD@aol.com

For God and Country.

Anita Ritter, Chairman
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Phoenix VA 2024 Wish List

CRRC (Homeless)

- Bus passes
- Gift cards (Walmart & Fry's)
- Walking canes
- Belts or Suspenders
- Work boots
- Dog items (leashes, collars, blankets and medium and large dog shoes)
- Bicycles, helmets and locks

COACH Program (Alzheimer/Dementia)

- Adult Coloring Books
- Packages of Colored Pencils
- Fidget quilts or toys
- Anything Veteran specific or branch specific
- Stuffed and/or electronic animals
- Lego kits with case for preschool age
- Lego building base
- Paint markers
- Magnetic building blocks
- Construction kits (Building toys)
- Fidget arm bracelets
- Fidget arm pillows
- Journals
- Weighted animals and/or blankets
- Plastic stop signs
- Pet carrier w/pet bed

Intimate Partner Violence Program

- Gift Cards for food and other items (like Walmart or something similar)
- Gas cards (Walmart & Fry's)
- Bus passes
- Tracfores

Women's Program

New baby outfits (0 to 9 months)

New onesies (0 to 9 months)

Sports bras in all sizes

Hairbrushes/combs for women

Gas cards or Fry's gift cards

32nd St. Clinic

- Reusable Water bottles
- Homemade Blankets
- Bus passes
- Gift cards (Walmart & Fry's)
- Hygiene bags

Military Sexual Trauma (MST) Clinic

- Inspiring/affirmation coins or tokens [example: Rainbow Lotus Premium Affirmation Coin (thetokenshop.com)]
- Plastic storage bin for MST materials
- Felt fabric for grounding activities (grounding through the senses)

Community Nursing Home (CNH) Program

- Adult Coloring Books
- Fidget quilts or toys
- Anything Veteran specific or branch specific
- Stuffed and/or electronic animals
- VA specific coins
- Blankets/quilts in Red/White Blue colors or branch specific

PRRC (Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center)

- Coffee snacks (donuts, cakes, preferably diabetic friendly {sugar free} cookies) [Gluten free]
- Snacks (individual packaging) chips, pretzels, nuts/trail mix, popcorn, etc.
- Challenge coins (VA or Military Branches themed)
- Gift cards (Fry's or Walmart) for essentials/gas/food items not given at food banks

HUD/VASH (Health and Urban Development VA Supportive Housing)

- Broom/Mop/Bucket
- Kitchen/Bathroom Cleaner
- Sponges/Cleaning Towels
- Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets
- Dish/Kitchen Towels
- Dish Soap
- Silverware
- Pots/Pans
- Dishes
- Cooking Utensils
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
- Shower Curtain with Rings
- Crock Pots
- Air Fryer
- Single Day Bus Passes
- Gift cards (Walmart & Fry's)

**For more information contact ALA Chairman
Gloria Torres: glorious.6020az@gmail.com**

GIFT SHOP

THE PHOENIX GIFT SHOP OPENS THE 1ST WEEKEND IN DECEMBER FOR OUR VETERANS. UNITS IN THE PHOENIX AREA ARE ASSIGNED A DAY FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COME AND HELP.

WE ARE HOPING THIS YEAR TO GO BACK TO WRAPPING ALL THE GIFTS OUR VETERANS CHOOSE, RATHER THEN SENDING THEM HOME WITH PAPER AND BOWS FOR THEM TO WRAP THEMSELVES. LAST YEAR OVER 90 VETERANS WERE ABLE TO PICK OUT MANY ITEMS TO TAKE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE DRIVERS WHO WILL PICK UP VETERANS FROM HOMES AND THE VA HOSPITAL AND BRING THEM TO THE GIFT SHOP.

VOLUNTEERS AND VETERANS WILL ENJOY COFFEE AND COOKIES EACH DAY.

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHOENIX GIFT SHOP AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN DECEMBER.

THANK YOU ROSE AND STACEY FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Christine Paulson
602-737-9908
ccpaulson45@gmail.com



2024 Gift Shop Dates:

Prescott: December 18

Room to room delivery in the Whipple Community Living Center and a Domiciliary get-together
More info or to volunteer: Patricia Aljets

Phoenix: December 2- 4

Set up the 1st at Post 1
Shop set up for veterans to shop for themselves and family
More info or to volunteer: Christine Paulson

Tucson: December 3-5

Set up on the 2nd at the Tucson Medical Center Auditorium
Shop set up for veterans to shop for themselves and family
More info or to volunteer: Carla Neill



American Legion Auxiliary VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
8-31-24

We are working very hard with the Recreation therapists to get our traditional events back up and running. We have wonderful volunteers for the second Saturday for Bingo at the Community Living Center but can use more help.

Ward W2 (Dementia Ward) in Building 60 is currently seeking twin size blankets for their patients (this is an ongoing need). They request that the blankets be different colors/patterns so each patient will recognize their personal blanket.

Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center (SWBRC) is continuing going on outings where they are invited. They would like to request support for outings which are not direct donations such as going to the movies, Pima Air & Space Museum, Botanical Garden, etc. These outings must be financed by donations of the purchase of tickets directly by the sponsor. They currently have a population of twenty.

Patriot Pantry is up and running at is currently supporting 40 to 50 Veterans with food insecurities. The current monthly cost for this program is estimated at \$1,500. VA funds can now be used to purchase the food and different donors are shopping and delivering the items to SAVAHCS. There is also a Patriot Pantry program at the Sierra Vista CBOC.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024 is \$5,251. Thank you Unit 131 and Unit 136 for your generous donations to support our programs.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024 is \$10,913.44. Thank you Unit 24, Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 131 and Unit 73 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Eight registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024 is 398. Twelve occasional volunteers have contributed 73 hours as of August 31, 2024. The Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE formerly Voluntary Service) is bringing back many volunteers

This chairman has volunteered 70.5 hours and logged 720 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of August 31, 2024. This chairman has now logged over 4,700 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was privileged to present the honorary check to the directorship of SAVAHCS in the amount of \$2,199,900 representing value of volunteer hours and donation this past fiscal year. This chairman finished 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 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. This chairman is actively supporting the Patriot Pantry at SAVAHCS. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. NVCA. Festival was held August 12 through August 15th with the first place winners going to Tucson Mall for display for a month. ALA purchased steel mesh screens for displaying entries. Annual Joint Review was completed November 28, 2023. VAVS Committee voted to support the Patriot Pantry, Building 95 Recreation and Fisher House with donations on July 31, 2024. Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative



We started the term real good. Auxiliary department president Stacey Mayberry had her organizational meeting on the August 3rd I thought it was great . I learned a lot . I really liked Marge Christianson auxiliary 2nd vice president and Chairman for VA&R. She had a break out session for the the lower VA&R chairman's . It really good to know where everyone is at and know what there doing and bounce ideas off each other.

I am in the middle of trying to get a list together for what the Tucson Veterans home needs. Birthday parties are always the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1pm to 3pm. September birthday parties are being hosted by unit 68/125. It would be nice if units can stay awhile and talk to the residents and veterans and help serve. Some of the veterans and residents there don't get no interactions . All they see are staff. It brings a smile to their faces when we interact with them. I have all the birthdays booked for the year. I would like to start booking for 2025. I need units from districts 2,3,4 and 5 to start thinking what month they want starting in January of 2025. If for some reason your unit is unable to come to help they can have someone drop off the goodies by 12:30pm the day of the party. If a unit can't get the stuff they can send a check made out to Department of Arizona Auxiliary and in memo put in the month you picked and birthday party. Once they get it and okay it it will be sent to me and my self or Dawn will pick up the supplies.

If you would like to scheduled Dawn and I to speak at your unit meeting or district meeting just feel free to contact us .

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FLAGSTAFF STATE VETERANS HOME

WISH LIST

Bingo Machine	Popcorn machine	BBQ Grill with cover
Radio Controlled Cars	Corn Hole Boards	Pool Table
Poker Table	Stereo with CD and Bluetooth	Nerf Guns
Decks of Cards	Poker Chips	Board Games
Puzzles		
Soda Regular and Diet	Beer N/A and Regular	Wine N/A & Regular

Gift Cards: Safeway, Walmart, Bosa or Dunkin Donuts, Pizza

They want to have monthly Birthday parties and Coffee time

VOLUNTEERS TO COME IN AND DO ACTIVITIES WITH THE RESIDENTS

They also want an Honor Guard to come do a Flag Ceremony/Education on Veteran's Day (Flagstaff Fire Dept. might do this but in case they can't)
Celebration on Marine Corps Birthday
Thanksgiving Celebration

Please call they Dept. Office if you or your Unit can help with any of this.
PLEASE LET YOUR LEGIONAIRES, SAL AND RIDERS KNOW TOO