



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
DEPARTMET CONVENTION  
JUNE 22-25, 2017**

**PRE - REGISTRATION - \$10.00**

**REGISTRATION AT CONVENTION - \$12.00**

**PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:**

**ALA DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA**

**4701 N 19<sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015**

UNIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (PRINT)      POSITION/TITLE (PRINT)      PUFL      HLM      Veteran

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**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2017**

**NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS**

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**YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT REGISTRATION**

**YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR REGISTRATION BADGE WITHOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CARD**

WELCOME HOME PARTY/ CELEBRATION

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

JAN CUSHING

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Luke-Greenway Post/Unit 1  
364 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

COCKTAILS: 5:00 P.M.

DINNER: 6:00 P.M. BUFFET

MUSIC PROVIDED BY

Monica & Ivan Stein

BUSINESS/CASUAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No: Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$12.00 per person

Cut & remit with donation to:

Jan Cushing  
20089 N. Pinewish court  
Surprise, AZ 85374

Deadline: Monday May 15, 2017

“PAWS IN SERVICE”  
FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
PRESIDENT’S NOTES

APRIL 2017

Jane Shoemaker resigned as Past President’s Parley and Paula Burgess graciously stepped up to handed the next 3 months. Please send any report forms pertaining to PPP to the Department’s address. 4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85015.

The goals in the centennial Strategic Plan are much like the goals each of us set in everyday life. They are goals we work to achieve; along the way we set steps to help us achieve our goals, we call them initiatives. The concept of goals is to work to achieve a higher level of commitment and growth. We set goals high; if they are set too low we don’t really stretch to reach personal growth. This year the committee has completed two goals we have been working on all year. One is a new department web site design (please go to our website and see what you think) [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org) and the other is a bill board teaming with the legion family.

I want to thank Unit 107 for your generous donation to my special project, your members are awesome. Also a special thank you to Unit’s 32 & 73 for their generous donation as well. I visited Post/Unit 81 for the Commanders Dinner everyone had a great time and I also had my official visit to District 11 thank you for adjusting your schedule to fit mine.

Our Washington Conference trip was very informative and I have included information on the new ALA Academy 101. The trip to the Hill to meet with our Representatives’ & Senators’ was wonderful. Senator Trent Franks has signed on to cosponsor H.J. Res. 61 the flag protection amendment. We met with Jeff Flake, Tom O’Halloran, Raul Grijava, Andy Biggs, Paul Gosar, and David Schweikert. On Thursday the delegation were meeting with John McCain and Martha McSally.

Did you attend the Girls State Car Show at Post 81 in Lake Havasu on March 11<sup>th</sup>? Everyone had a great time and the cars were amazing and I was honored to be a judge at the car show.

It was suggested at the Washington Conference meeting that MORE Units do reporting, I know there are Units here in Arizona that do amazing work but never report it. Are you receiving the ALA in the Know Bulletin from National? Great information in there for you and your Unit’s.

Send any invitations to visit your Unit or District to me not to Department as Barbara has other important matters to handle; she is the Dept. Secretary and not my personal secretary!!! My address is 20089 N. Pinewish Court, Surprise, AZ 85374-4625 or e-mail me at [gcushing@cox.net](mailto:gcushing@cox.net) and it will also be in directory.

GO TEAM ARIZONA – Happy Easter

Jan Cushing  
Department of Arizona President  
2016-2017

## President Jan's Schedule

March 11, 2017	Girls State Car Show	Lake Havasu City, AZ
March 11, 2017	Official Visit Unit 81	Lake Havasu City, AZ
March 12, 2017	Official Visit District 11 Post 1	Phoenix, AZ
March 16, 2017	Post 35 Birthday Dinner	Chandler, AZ
March 18, 2017	Birthday Ball Post 19	Yuma, AZ
March 19, 2017	Official Visit District 1 Unit 19	Yuma, AZ
March 21, 2017	Official Visit Unit 1	Phoenix, AZ
March 24, 2017	Convention Meeting	Care Free, AZ
March 25, 2017	Strategic Plan Meeting	Dept. Headquarters
March 30-April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Northern Run	
April 7, 2017	Finance Meeting	Dept. Headquarters
April 8, 2017	Strategic Plan Meeting	Dept. Headquarters
April 11-16, 2017	Edward (grandson in town)	Surprise, AZ
April 15, 2017	Dist. 11 PPP Fashion Show Post 1	Phoenix, AZ
April 20, 2017	Official Visit Unit 35	Chandler, AZ
April 22, 2017	Official Visit District 7 Unit 14	Kingman, AZ
April 28-30, 2017	SAL Camp Out	Kingman, AZ
May 4-9, 2017	DLNC	Indianapolis, IN
May 16, 2017	Official Visit Unit 62	Peoria, AZ
May 19, 2017	Dept. Commander Bugh Homecoming Post 41	Phoenix, AZ
May 20, 2017	Dept. President Jan's Homecoming Post 1	Phoenix, AZ
June 2-10, 2017	Girls State (U of A)	Tucson, AZ
June 22-25, 2017	State Convention (Carefree Resort)	Care Free, AZ

# AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

**April 2017**

This chairman was very pleased to be able to attend two AEF fundraisers in February. The dinner and dance at Glendale Unit 29 went very well, and, although I haven't heard what the final tally was, the early figures were quite significant. Thank you for the invitation. Swaskegame Unit 14 also had a nice Valentine brunch which netted over \$400.

The following information came from our National Chairman, Lisa Williamson regarding the program. *"Grants disbursed since September 1, 2016, have totaled \$103,863.96. On the flip side, total donations to the AEF during the same timeframe amounted to only \$33,119.88, a \$70,744.08 shortfall. However, most Departments collect for the AEF throughout the year, and send in one large amount shortly after their Department Conventions. By the time we get to National Convention in August, we should see a much clearer picture. So, there's still time!"* Come on, Arizona, let's work hard to help with the shortfall so that our members needing assistance will have it.

Unfortunately, your chairman wasn't able to pull up this month's fundraiser idea, but it has to do with plastic eggs. If you receive the eBulletin, look up the AEF article and see if it is an idea you can use.

## WITH PAWS IN SERVICE



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## **AMERICANISM**

**APRIL 2017**

**Here is an important part of American history**

**A special holiday celebrated on April 16th each year:**

Emancipation Day is a holiday celebrated in Washington DC to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Compensated Emancipation Act, which freed more than 3000 slaves in the District of Columbia. Local government offices are closed and many public services do not operate.

Formal slavery was legal until 1865 in most of the area that is now the United States. Many slaves were of African origin and many slave owners were of European descent, although some other groups also had slaves. By 1860, there were about four million slaves in the United States. On April 16, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln, signed the Compensated Emancipation Act. However, slavery did not officially end in the rest of the United States until after the American Civil War, which lasted from 1861 until 1865.

The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution formally ended slavery in the US. It was proposed on January 31, 1865, and ratified by 30 of the then 36 states in the same year. However, it was only ratified in Mississippi in 1995. Slavery and the racial divisions, upon which it was based, have had and continue to have huge implications for individuals and American society as a whole.

**Now back to current matters:**

Unit winners of the Americanism Essay Contest should have already been mailed to me by April 1, 2017. If you are mailing them late, PLEASE CALL ME (Linda) at, 602-841-4770, and I will watch for them. I need Essay's by the 5<sup>th</sup> of April.

Year End reports are due to me by April 30, 2017. NARRATIVES are due at the same time as report forms. If your narrative is late, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. Report forms are most important, but I will accept late narratives if I know they are coming. I need the narratives by May 5, 2017.

Are you coming to Convention??? Are you bringing your Unit or District Colors??? Please remember to bring a white blouse and Navy pants or skirt.

Linda Hubbs  
Americanism Chairman

Debbie Aguirre  
Americanism Committee Member

**" What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."**

Jane Goodall

**ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON  
(ASVH-TUCSON)  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017**

**Meeting Called to Order 11:15 a.m.**

**Next ASVH-TUCSON Steering Committee Meeting**

Monday, April 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at ASVH-Tucson

**Present:**

Onita Davis, ALA 132

Charles "Tommy" Morrow, AL Post 68-SAL

Sam Nanez, ASVH-Tucson

Anna Marie Arenas, ALA 59

Fran Johnston, ALA 102

Nancy Morrow, ALA 7 & District 2 VP

Mary Torvik, ALA 109

**MINUTES:**

**1. Introduction**

- A. Sam reviewed February's meeting minutes with the steering committee. February 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes were accepted.  
Reviewed activities scheduled and/or in planning stages from March through May, 2017.
  - 1. Sam reviewed Rodeo Parade and will have a banner next year to recognize the veterans where they watch the parade, which will give them VIP attention.
  - 2. POWWOW on March 11, 2017 was attended by an average rate. Need to continue with volunteers.
  - 3. ASVH-Tucson will hire another recreation employee to cover weekend activities/events.
  - 4. Still need volunteered groups to adopt a building to continue with activities, i.e., bingo, one-on-one visits, holidays, etc. Recently had the pleasure of signing up two veterans to visit with the veterans/residents.
  - 5. Tucson Police Department squadrons will have uniformed police visit residents (for those who do not get visits from any one). Planning on 1-2 per week visits.
- B. Fran asked if the organizations were to invite residents to their dinners, etc. was their transportation available. Per Sam there is staff limitation due to work hours and availability is slim. However, organizations could provide the transportation for the residents. Fran also suggested posting flyers at ASVH-Tucson and invite the residents and their families to encourage them to attend the various events/activities.
- C. Mentioned after the end of the meeting that Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson is rated 5 Stars by the Center Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**2. Recent Donations Received at ASVH-Tucson**

- A. ALA Unit 132 donated movie theatre cards (\$100) for the veterans and will coordinate an additional donation of chips, candy, and snacks.

**3. Reports by Steering Committee – Scheduled and/or Plans for Future Events/Activities**

- A. Recurring monthly events
  - 1. Second Monday monthly  
Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson  
Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
  - 2. Third Tuesday monthly  
ALA hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m. This is an ALA hosted and scheduled event. Any requests for changes shall be discussed prior to this event through Fran Johnston (520-599-4786)
  - 3. Fourth Wednesday monthly  
Bingo hosted by the Elks at 2:30 p.m.
  - 4. Third Thursday monthly  
AMVETS hosted Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Please advise Anna Marie Arenas at 520-404-7646 regarding recurring monthly events so they are noted in these meeting minutes.

**B. March's events were discussed**

March 17	Saint Patrick's Day – ALA Unit 109 provided beverages previously. Will have a snack/appetizer, green beverages, and cheer at 2:00 p.m. with Irish melodies. ALA Legions and Units requested to bring side dishes. Units 109 and 132 to bring BBQ wieners and meatballs. Need chips and dips, cakes and/or cupcakes, etc.
March 14	Beer and Pizza Party at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers needed to host this activity
March 21	Monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social hosted by ALA Units 132 and 68
March 28	Uniform Display to honor Navy
March 29	Bingo hosted by the ELKS

**C. April events were discussed**

April 8	POWWOW – Produce scheduled from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.
April 16	ELKS to provide Easter baskets for residents. ALA to provide 120 chocolate bunnies for the residents.
April 18	ALA Unit 131 to host the Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m.

**D. May events were discussed**

May 5	Planning to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Sam has a mariachi group to provide entertainment. ALA and AMVETS to host a "Build Your Own Nacho" plate. American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and American Legion Riders; and AMVETS to provide all the ingredients for the theme. ASVH-Tucson will provide the beverages. <b>Items needed: Nachos, nacho cheese, hamburger meat, tomatoes, shredded lettuce, black olives, salsa, peas, diced radishes, shredded cheese, desserts, and paper goods</b>
May 14	ALA to provide 10 roses for the female veterans at ASVH-Tucson. ALA Unit 132 to provide the roses. And, ALA to provide small gifts for the female veterans.
May 16	Monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social hosted by ALA Unit 59
May 20	Armed Forces day still in planning stage.
May 26	Memorial services for residents who have passed away. Tabled for next month's steering committee meeting.

**E. June events were discussed**

June 20	Monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social hosted by ALA Unit 109.
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**4. Items Needed**

A. Need paper goods, i.e., plates, cake plates, napkins, forks, and spoons. Especially for the upcoming events starting with St. Patrick's Day.

**5. Need a coordinator to plan and schedule a car show. Hoping American Legion can help.**

Meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Anna Marie Arenas, ALA Unit 59

Dated: March 13, 2017



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## Department of Arizona

### Chaplain Annual Report 2016-2017

Please complete this form and return to Jennie Molina @ P.O.Box 448 Douglas, Az. 85607 or email to truelepa@ gmail.com RETURN REPORT BY: MAY 15, 2017

Unit name and number \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

1.) Number of deceased members in your unit.

Senior Members \_\_\_\_\_ Juniors \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Star Mothers \_\_\_\_\_

2) Did your unit hold Memorial Services Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3) Was the Charter Draped for Deceased members. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4) Did your Unit have a Four Chaplains Program Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7.) Did members attend **National Chaplain Conference** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If No, please explain Why? To help us have a better understanding so that we may address any concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Did Members participate with Legion Family in observing:

• **Veterans Day** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

• How many Unit members participated? \_\_\_\_\_

• **Independence Day** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

• How Many unit members participated? \_\_\_\_\_

• **Memorial Day Programs** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

• How Many Unit members participated? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did Units prepare a **Prayer Book** for your Unit or Department President?

• Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you use **National Website Programs Action Plan** as resources for your activities?

• Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_ 5.

Did your Unit send in Prayers and Devotions for National Presidents Prayer book?

Yes\_ No\_

**Please attach a Narrative** of activities your Unit did with a Religious Emphasis on a separate sheet of paper. .

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## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

APRIL 2017

This is the beginning of a sacred month in which we can be fully involved in our churches, community and most of all representing our wonderful organization. Remember the National Chaplain's theme "For God and Country".

April is "Children and Youth" month and also we are asked to work and pray with other organizations in the interest of children. Please also remember that while our legislators are trying to eliminate our usage of religion in many areas, it is up to us to contact them and let them know we oppose these issues.

As we go through all the trials we go through as an organization, I would like you to read and keep to heart one of my favorite Bible scriptures.

Romans 14:1-9 New International Version (NIV)

### **The Weak and the Strong**

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. 2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Now remember why the good Lord sent his Son to us and why we celebrate Easter.

God Bless you and God Bless America

Jennie Molina      (520) 220-8460      truelepa@gmail.com

## **Community Service**

**April 2017**

### **PAWS in SERVICE**

**END OF YEAR REPORTS DUE DATE: May 1, 2017**

Spring has sprung, wow, where has the year gone?!

End of year reports are creeping up on us FAST. Start gathering information from you members and start documenting what your Unit has done. If you have any questions at all about the report or writing a narrative, DO NOT HESITATE to call myself or Onita.

If you need a copy of the report form and awards information, call or email and I will send you a form.

Did your Unit participate in the Department-wide Community Service project? I only know of one Unit that did. If your Unit participated or did a Community Service project, please let me know and send pictures. I want to pass on the information to the Western Division Community Service Chairman.

**REMEMBER:** When out in the community, wear your Auxiliary attire. We want the community to know who we are!

Any questions, do not hesitate to contact myself or Onita.

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Onita Davis, Member  
520-229-1064  
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**END OF YEAR REPORTS DUE DATE: MAY 1, 2017**

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### PAWS IN SERVICE

APRIL, 2017

Ladies, this is "April Children" month, let's not forget what special event we can do this month to support our Children and Youth Program. I will look forward to hearing about all of your activities in your annual reports.

Yes, it is report time, Your C&Y annual reports and narrative are due to this Chairman by April 15, 2017. The Children & Youth Report form was included in your January, 2017 bulletin. Let me know if you did not received a copy or you need another copy.

If you are submitting a narrative, please include the following in your report:

1. How your Unit promoted "Star Spangled Kids" Educating children and youth about the U.S. Constitution from the aspect of Patriotism and Americanism?
2. How did your Unit promote the "Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) program?
3. What success stories do you have regarding support for military and veterans' children as well as All children in your community.

#### **Department Awards:** (Criteria in Fall Conference Packets)

1. Jeanne McQuown Memorial Child Welfare Plaque-Unit with membership 150 and under
2. Arizona Child Welfare Plaque- Unit with membership 151 and over
3. Mary Bean Children and Youth Plaque- Unit with the most outstanding C&Y program during the month of April

For God and Country

Shirley Cannon -Johnson - Chairman

1734 E. Alicia Dr.

Phoenix, AZ 85042

Committee Members

Stacy Mayberry

Carla Solarez

# EDUCATION

## APRIL 2017

Well, here we are in April, almost at the end of this year for projects and programs, and now we must get our reports together. It has been an interesting year and hopefully it will end on a positive note. Thank you, President Cushing, for allowing me to meander through this program and learn as I go. It has been most interesting and hopefully you will be proud of the results.

Thanks to those who could gather scholarships from the schools and forward. Interestingly enough, Unit 32, my home Unit, had two entries for the Children of Wounded Warriors. After all these years of providing the information and getting no entries, it is ironic that two were submitted this year. Since that compromises my unbiased review, other arrangements will be made quickly to resolve this.

April is the month we education children about the flag and why we place them in cemeteries in May and then take them off a week later. This is a good opportunity to have volunteers join in the process of placement and retrieval. June is also when a lot of flags are retired and disposed of, and this can be incorporated into our flag education. A lot of these ceremonies are not well attended, so education in the months leading up to these could encourage more participation.

There are two different Arizona plaques that can be awarded: JEAN BATLEY PLAQUE - Units with membership of 150 and under.; and the CHRYSTEEN FRITZINGER PLAQUE - Units with membership of 151 and over. Please follow all directions for the narratives.

REMINDER: All narratives and reports must be received by **MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017** to the address on the form. The narratives will then be forwarded to "Judge Judy" and her crew for review and judging. Remember, I will be reviewing them also for reporting purposes.

My motto is: If others are succeeding in doing this, we need to find a way to succeed ourselves. We can gather necessary ideas and make plans by reviewing other Units innovative ways of succeeding and then applying them to ourselves (education at its most basic).

Thank you all for all the hard work you put in each year, month, day and hour for our veterans, children and youth, and the community. Without your dedication and volunteerism, our communities would not be able to succeed as they do. Again, thank you.

Kat Sticklin, AZ Department Education Chairperson  
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**HISTORIAN**  
**APRIL 2017**

**“Dedicated Historians Leave Paw Prints behind for Tomorrow”**

November of 2019 is the kickoff of the ALA Centennial Celebration. Now is the time to start preparing. Below is the list of five top things to do to be ready:

1. Know your successes: What did your unit do for the community?
2. Organize, organize, organize: Gather the information then go back and fill it in.
3. Document and digitize: For units without the means to archive electronically, scrapbooks containing special archival papers and binding materials are recommended.
4. Handle and store artifacts properly: Always consider environmental like cigarette smoke and humidity, which can deteriorate printed material quickly, whether they are already old and brittle or brand new.
5. Think about the future: Help the next generation of unit historians – at your upcoming unit activities whether mission outreach or regular unit activities ask someone to take pictures and notes if someone is not already designated to do so.

**Member** • Share Auxiliary memorabilia with your unit/department. • Ask longtime members or family members of deceased members if they would like to donate an item(s). • If you enjoy history and want to learn more, volunteer to be the History/Cavalcade chairman or committee member for your unit/department.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Junior Spring Conference will be held on April 22-23, 2017, at Post/Unit 29, in Glendale Arizona. Please submit your unit's Junior History books. Tell the story of the work your Juniors have been working on this year. Have they earned the History Patch? If so, please submit the form to the Junior chairman so your patch can be ordered.

**Patricia Lugo, Department of Arizona Historian**  
**602-475-0208, [plugo1@cox.net](mailto:plugo1@cox.net)**



**PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR JR AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY ACTIVITY**

Dear Parent,

A group of members from your unit are making a trip to Post 29 in Glendale, Arizona.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit# \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Date**            April 22-23, 2017   Start at 2:00 pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ----over by noon the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Lunch starting at 1:00pm on Saturday.

**EVENT**        Spring Conference

**PLACE**        Earl E Mitchell Post 29        BINGO HALL  
6822 N 57<sup>th</sup> Dr  
Glendale, AZ 85311   623-937-3411

Transportation   \_\_\_\_\_Self   group\_\_\_\_\_   Phone to Lexie 623-221-7132

Cost of the weekend   \$10.00 per Jr.        \$10.00 Chaperones Donation  
\$12.00 at door unless you have contacted Lexie in advance.

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Please retain top portion for your information

Please Complete Sign and Return to your Jr. Advisor

1. I hereby give \_\_\_\_\_ My permission to attend \_\_\_\_\_
2. While on this outing the sponsor has my permission to administer to my child the following medications. Med. \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ if necessary.
3. I understand that the American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary assumes NO Responsibility other than the exercise of prudent supervisors. All Medical expenses will be covered by my own medical carrier.
4. Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_
5. School Insurance \_\_\_\_\_
6. Parental Waiver [no insurance] \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

No Jr. member will be allowed to attend without a permission slip on file.  
Please bring permission slip to

**MAKE ENOUGH COPIES FOR EACH JUNIOR ATTENDING**



## Spring Conference 2017

Where: Earl E Mitchell Post 29 BINGO HALL  
6822 N 57<sup>th</sup> Dr  
Glendale, AZ 85311 623-937-3411

When: April 22-23, 2017  
Check in Time: 12:00pm at Post 29 BINGO HALL  
Lunch starting at 1:00pm on Saturday.  
Start Time: 2:00pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Check out Time: By 12 noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Why: To Celebrate Your Success  
**Unit Activity Reports** to be given  
Department Junior Awards to Judged  
*Prayer Book Plaque*  
*History Book Plaque*  
*Scrapbook Plaque*  
*Junior Member of the Year*  
*Miss Poppy*  
Election of 2017-2018 Officers

COST: \$10.00 per person  
\$12.00 at door unless you have contact Lexis Escudero in advance.  
Please bring checks to REGISTRATION

Items to bring with you:  
Sleeping Bag, Pillow  
PJs, Personal Items  
CD Player, CDs, games,  
Munchies for snacks  
Crafts/activities to do on Saturday night!!!  
Bring stuff to share with the group  
Dress/Slacks/Shirt for Sunday Memorial  
Pull tabs or money for pull tabs

Please see Registration form and permission slip.  
Please R.S.V.P. to Lexie Escudero by April 17, 2017

623-221-7132 so we may have a count of attendees for food.

## REGISTRATION FORM FOR JR SPRING CONFERENCE

Fee \$10.00 per Jr. in advance and \$12.00 at the door. This will cover entertainment and food.

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Names and address of Chaperones: \$10.00 donation in advance and \$12.00 at the door.

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Please fill out and return by the 17<sup>th</sup>, April 2017. We need to know so we have plenty of food!!!  
Please contact your girls and let's get a large number to attend.

Lexie  
623-221-7135

&

Karon  
623-332-1621

# ALA JUNIOR CONVENTION PERMISSION SLIP

As a parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for her to attend the ALA Junior Fall Retreat and participate in all activities.

Location: Post 29, 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Dr. Glendale, AZ 85301 POST PHONE (623) 937-3411

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized to Treat Minor:** *In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby permit to call 911 and/or to contact a medical facility or physician selected by chaparones to provide proper treatment to \_\_\_\_\_] and that I will be responsible for all expenses arising in association with such treatment..*

*I agree to hold ALA officers, agents, employees and volunteer chaperones harmless from any and all liability or claims, which may arise out of, or in connection with, my child's participation during Junior Convention and assume all liability for the conduct of my child and agree to indemnify the American Legion Family for any claims arising against it resulting from my child's conduct*

**RETURN THIS TOP PORTION BY April 15, 2017 \$10 to**

**ALA Dept of AZ, 4701 N 19<sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015**

**Or call 623-221-7132 for other arrangements. Easier to plan if we have a head count**

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**NO JUNIOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PERMISSION SLIP**

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LOCATION: Earl E. Mitchell Post 29 6822 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale AZ 85301

POST PHONE (623) 937-3411

Date: April 22-23, 2017

Check in 12:30PM April 22, 2017

Meeting begins at 2:00pm

Check out time BY 12:00PM April 23, 2017

For any questions or suggestions please call

Lexis Escudero 623-221-7132 or Karon Quigg 623-332-1621

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# **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

**April 2017**



## **Paws in Service**

### **CALLING ALL JUNIORS TO SPRING CONFERENCE**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR an INFORMATIVE FUN-FILLED  
WEEKEND AT POST/UNIT 29, APRIL 22-23, 2017.**

If you have been working on your patch program and have completed the requirements on any patch please send me the information so I can order the patches.

Any Junior working on their leadership course please send us the completed answer sheet. The certificates of completion will be presented by the Department Leadership Chairman during a ceremony on Saturday.

Please bring your pull tabs or the donation for Department President Jan's special project, "VETERANS BEST FRIEND".

Attached you will find the registration form and the list of things you need to bring with you.

Karen and I look forward to seeing you at the conference. We are working hard to make the spring conference a fun experience for all of you. Come and meet new and old friends.

Lexis Escudero and Karen Quigg  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona Junior Committee 2016-2017

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona Membership 2016-2017**

**April 2017**

**Good work Arizona as we continue to Rock the Year! Can we give a BIG SHOUT OUT TO ORO VALLEY UNIT 132 ON REACHING 100%? You make the magic come true ladies!!! We are feeling the love!**

**MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

The Idea Award is open to all Districts.

Criteria:

- Submit at least three samples of effective ways Units use to improve membership recruitment in your District using one or two paragraphs.
- Use of pictures, flyers is allowed.
- Partner with Legion Family.
- Deadline for submittal is May 1, 2017. Either via e-mail to [yodobo@msn.com](mailto:yodobo@msn.com) or mail to: 15606 S. Gilbert Rd. Lot 103, Chandler, AZ 85225
- A panel of three Auxiliary members will judge all entries.

And keep the following in mind:

- Sign up one new Auxiliary Member
- Sign up one new Junior Member
- Sign up one new Woman Veteran as dual member (Remember that National will pay \$9.00 for this wonderful member.)

**Any questions on AWARDS please ask!!! Remember that your next milestone is 95% by May 11, 2017. Keep those transmittals coming!**

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

**Yolanda Bonilla  
Membership Chairman  
602-989-3321  
[yodobo@msn.com](mailto:yodobo@msn.com)**



## American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

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### **“PAWS IN SERVICE” MUSIC REPORT APRIL 2017**

Welcome to Spring!

Here's hoping that you and your family will enjoy a wonderful Easter holiday or Passover celebration. On the Auxiliary Wheel, April is dedicated to Children & Youth and Junior Activities. If your Unit or District has special programs planned for this month, be sure to include any Junior members. April is a great opportunity to go out in the community and schools with music programs. Coordinate with school administrators to present an assembly honoring our veterans where patriotic songs will be sung. Invite local veterans and their families to attend.

Remember to include a song in your meeting program. Whether you start the meeting with a song or end it with a song, it's important to remember to include one. Henry Ward Beecher wrote, "A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth." Whether we realize it or not, music is everywhere. Let's spread the joy!

Remember to provide your year-end reports no later than April 17, 2017.

Department Music Awards are as follows:

#### **MUSIC PLAQUES**

**Frances Aros Memorial Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 151 and over  
Millicent Kasun Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 150 and under**

Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org) under Ruling Documents.

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman  
11533 E. Kilarea Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209  
[steinent@cox.net](mailto:steinent@cox.net)  
480.272.1255 cell



## American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

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### **“PAWS IN SERVICE” YEAR-END MUSIC REPORT NEEDED**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

It's that time of year when our thoughts are on springtime and vacations. Before you get too far off-track, please send me a short narrative telling me how you used music in your activities throughout this year. Even if the Unit or District doesn't have a Music Chairman, send in a report anyway. I want to include as many responses as possible in the year-end report. Here are some questions that might help jog your memories:

1. If your unit/district had a special song selection for “Paws in Service,” what song was it?

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Did your unit/district sing/play a song at regular meetings? If so, which songs were sung/played?

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Did members regularly participate in music programs in their individual churches and communities?

Give some examples: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Were regular visits made to VA Hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

Each narrative should be 1,000 words or less. Provide your year-end reports no later than April 17, 2017. You may email them to me at the address below.

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## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL SECURITY REPORT**

### **APRIL 2017**

I was privileged to be one of the more than 300 women representing the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) who convened in the nation's capital Feb. 25 – March 1, 2017 for the organization's Washington DC Conference, held in conjunction with fellow members of The American Legion Family. The event provided me an opportunity to hear from Washington-based experts on issues relevant to the ALA's mission of serving veterans, the military, and their families, and to meet with Congressional representatives on key legislative priorities.

#### **Conference highlights:**

- Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony (Feb. 26) – ALA National President Mary E. Davis placed a wreath in solemn observance of the sacrifices of the 8,744,000 Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War from 1961-1975. A representative of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund was also present to provide an official welcome-home ceremony from the U.S. Department of Defense for our Vietnam veterans that were present.
- Educational presentations (Feb. 27) – Topics included: Why ALA members are motivated to continue serving veterans; how members can embrace women veterans within their own communities; programs and resources available to caregivers; and how the ALA and other nonprofits can work together to honor and serve veteran families, among others.
- Public Spirit Award Luncheon (Feb. 27) – The ALA honored the Bob Woodruff Foundation, founded in 2006 after ABC “World News Tonight” reporter Bob Woodruff was seriously injured by a roadside bomb while covering the war in Iraq. Since then, the Bob Woodruff Foundation has led an enduring call to action for people to stand up for heroes and meet the emerging and long-term needs of today's veterans.
- A joint session with The American Legion (Feb. 28) – The American Legion Family came together to focus on legislative issues important to veterans, such as protecting the American flag and reclassifying cannabis for medical research. And gender specific health care for women veterans. Guest speakers included Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin; Senate Committee on Armed Services Chairman John McCain; U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., ranking member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee; and U.S. Rep. Phil Roe R-Tenn., chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, among others.
- Meetings on Capitol Hill (Feb. 28) – ALA members met one-on-one with their Congressional representatives. We met with the Arizona Congressmen, Raul M. Grijalva, Trent Franks, and Tom O'Halleran.
- National Commander's Testimony (March 1) – The American Legion's National Commander Charles E. Schmidt will share the Legion's legislative priorities with a joint session of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs.

Josephine Herrera, NEC 2016-2017





## **“Paws in Service as We Build for Our Future”**



### **New Units March 2017**

I am very happy to announce that we have a baby Unit. Guadalupe Unit 124 has completed all the requirements and signed their charter paperwork.

Debra Munchbach, Yolanda Bonilla, and Barbara White worked diligently with this unit to finally get it to come to fruition. Many individuals in the past ten (10) or so years have worked to bring this unit on board, but it took the above listed team to actually make it happen. They began working with them in early September 2016, and persevered and we are so happy to have these new eleven (11) members added to our rolls.

BUT.....Are we done yet just because they signed their charter application?? No. A baby unit needs nurturing and mentorship. A member of the team (FYI: Deborah Munchbach has nicely volunteered to mentor this unit) will attend meetings for the next 6 months or so to ensure that things are running smoothly. At that time, the new unit will be reviewed and the timeline can be adjusted. We need to be there for the members so that we don't just gain them and then just lose them in a year or two.

So once again, CONGRATULATIONS to our new members and our NEW UNIT....GUADALUPE UNIT 124.

Vickey J. Zwall  
New Units Chairman



# *American Legion Auxiliary*

## *Public Relations Year End Report Form*

Please send completed form to:

**Marge Christianson, 9611 W Bonita Ct, Sun City, AZ 85373**

**or email it to [ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com](mailto:ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com)**

Unit Number & City:	<b>Report</b>
Unit PR Chairman & Email:	<b>Deadline:</b>
Total Members in Unit:	<b>May 15, 2017</b>
<b>Building Infrastructure (as applicable):</b>	
What is your Unit email address:	
What is your website address:	
What is your Facebook address:	
Other Social Media addresses (twitter, Instagram):	
Do key Unit members have ALA business cards?	
<b>Utilizing Resources:</b>	
Does your Unit receive and use monthly PR Bulletin from Department?	
Has your Unit visited the Department PR Facebook page?	
Has your Unit visited <a href="http://www.ALForVeterans.org">www.ALForVeterans.org</a> to review resources? Please describe resources used/valued (Program Action Plan; news story- brochure-poster templates; subscriptions to e-news & <i>In the know</i> e-bulletin):	
<b>Engaging VIPs</b>	
Has your Unit developed a list of current media contacts?	
Has your Unit engaged local elected officials? Who and how?	
Has your Unit engaged local "celebrities" (business owners, Girls State/Nation, other)? Please explain who and how:	
<b>Media Impact (please report numbers where applicable):</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	
Articles Published (Do not include Letters to the Editor, Calendar, Community Notes or Ads)	
Letters to the Editor/Op-Eds	
Public Event Announcements (Community Notes, Monthly Calendars, etc.)	
• #TV:	
• #Radio:	
• #Print:	
Public Service Announcements (DVD from National ALA)	

Print Advertisement (Paid: Newspaper Ads, Magazine Ads, etc.)		
Letters of Appreciation Sent (To Public --non-members)		
Please include details or copies from above (or send online links to <a href="mailto:ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com">ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com</a> )!		
<b>List All Other Printed Materials Used</b> (Flyers, Banners, Posters, Invites, newsletters etc.) Please only include items when used to engage the “public” community		
<b>Public Events:</b> Please describe any public events, how they were promoted etc.		
<b>Ring Your Bell:</b>		<b>Yes or No</b>
Has your Unit participated in the Ring Your Bell Contest currently in place through Department?		
Did your Unit receive a Department PR Packet at Fall Conference?		
Please describe your view of the “Ring Your Bell Contest”. What do you like or not like:		
Has your Unit participated in the #MyALAElevatorSpeech media campaign yet? If no, why not:		
Did you encourage your members to subscribe to the ALA e-news or the ALA <i>In the know</i> e-bulletin? How?		
<b>How Did The Unit Promote The Department President’s Visit?</b>		
<b>How Did The Unit Work To Display The ALA In Your Community?</b> Poppy Activities, PR events, etc		
<i>Please attach a narrative report if you need more room for your report. Thank you Patricia Thomas (Public Relations Expert) for providing this template!</i>		

## Public Relations: April 2017



Email (questions, comments): Marge Christianson; [ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com](mailto:ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com)

Facebook Page: "Jan Cushing, AZ ALA Dept President"

- Department generated posts about Jan's travels and mission activities

Facebook Page: "ALA Department of Arizona Public Relations"

- Department generated posts about community engagement of interest to units, districts

Facebook Group: Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA

- Units, Districts generated posts about community engagement stories of interest to each other and department. Entries should focus on how the public was engaged in what you did, what you learned, etc. Also "Ring Your Bell" central for the contest. Request membership today!

## ***New Department Website: You can be on it!***

We are busy building a new department website and want you to be part of it.

Send us:

- Photos & Stories (be sure to include the names of all people in photos)
  - Working the mission
  - Fundraising
  - Recruiting members or engaging local VIPs
- Links to published news stories
- Examples of working with local businesses

Help us tell our story AND earn 100 points (maximum) in the Ring Your Bell contest for any stories or photos sent.

Thank you!

Marge Christianson  
Public Relations Volunteer & Chair  
Department of Arizona  
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# President's Special Project Soldier's Best Friend

<https://soldiersbestfriend.org>

Hello!!!!

Can you see the finish line? Can you hear the members of your Unit's cheering you on?

Ladies, you are fabulous and it's been a pleasure working with you this year. Finish this wonderful journey with me and finish STRONG!

Reminders again:

- Units, send in your PSP donations to Department in order to get credit for your hard work
- Districts, in order to participate in this Chairman's challenge your donations must be sent through Department. In the memo line note "PSP Coin Jar."
  - The challenge was the District with the largest donations, per capita, 30 days prior to Convention
- Narratives – **Must be sent into this Chairman by 5/15/17 (snail mail or email);** 6740 N 32<sup>nd</sup> Dr; Phoenix, AZ 85017; robin\_reed@gmail.com
  - Remember, a narrative should have a cover page, include your membership number, the name of your PSP unit chairman and the name of the unit President. Also, please include your word count of the narrative.

## PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS

Ginger Cox President's Special Project Award Unit Membership 200 and Under

Cathy Jarvis President's Special Project Award Unit Membership 201 and Over

1. Any Unit in the Department of Arizona is eligible to receive this award in their respective membership category, as long as current Department Mandates are paid.
2. This plaque shall become the permanent property of the Unit winning it for three consecutive years. The permanent winner will place another plaque in the Department for competition, with the rules and name remaining the same.
3. The winning Unit in each membership category will be picked by the President's Special Project Chairman, judging a 1,000 word or less narrative on what the Unit did to raise funds and work the program.

For God and Country,  
Robin Reed  
President's Special Project Chairman

Karen Mealey - [genverna@live.com](mailto:genverna@live.com)  
Cleone Magnuson - [jazzydoll@cox.net](mailto:jazzydoll@cox.net)  
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

“PAWS IN SERVICE”

FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SCRAPBOOK

APRIL 2017

If your Unit is going to submit a scrapbook at Convention please follow the rules that were handed out at Fall Conference.

**Luella Price District Scrapbook Plaque**

**H.H. Donkersley Unit 19 Scrapbook Plaque with membership of 151 and over**

**Martha Waters Scrapbook Plaque with membership of 150 and under**

**Moulton Junior Auxiliary Scrapbook Plaque**

For the rules they are on the department website [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org) under useful links and you will see ALA Dept. AZ Awards it is so easy. If this is your first time on the department website WELCOME and visit it often for information and old bulletins.

Please send any pictures you take of the Department President to the address below to put in her scrapbook. Noreen will be visiting in April to start putting the President's scrapbook together.

Noreen Lankin  
Scrapbook Chairman  
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Surprise, AZ 85374-4625  
[gcushing@cox.net](mailto:gcushing@cox.net)

Amy Hankins  
Member  
[aacomm@cox.net](mailto:aacomm@cox.net)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

**ATTENTION:** IF YOU OR YOUR UNIT RECEIVED A PLAQUE AT THE  
STATE CONVENTION LAST JUNE PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING  
IT BACK TO THE CONVENTION THIS YEAR SO THE WINNER WILL  
RECEIVE IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

JAN CUSHING, DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

## UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

4 MARCH 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Reggie Yates, the opening ceremony was conducted and guests introduced.

Gina Ruggiero from "Creative Drill Sergeants" gave a presentation on their organization. It utilizes the creative arts to help veterans adjust to civilian life. They focus on "veterans at risk" in an attempt to reduce the number of veteran suicides. Their program is available to everyone however. Their pilot program started in June and will allow veterans and civilians to hire veterans to learn how to produce graphic designs. Their goal is to make veterans economically stable. They search for naturopathic ways vs traditional medical procedures to help the veterans. The VA has little to no services in this area. They are here to help motivate people.

Tarra Matyas from "Wreaths Across America" gave a presentation on this organization and their efforts to have wreaths placed on all veteran's graves during the month of December each year in honor of their service. This year's program will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the National Cemetery in Phoenix, starting at 10:00 a.m. Currently there are 200 locations across the nation that participate in this program, laying the wreaths at the same time. The program started at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. and has grown. The founder purchased the wreaths and had them placed on all veterans graves. This was done annually until 2005 when the "Wreaths Across America" came into existence. Last year some 6000 wreaths were presented. The goal for 2017 is 10,000 wreaths. The cost is \$15 and are manufactured in the northeast. Orders must be placed by Thanksgiving to allow for time for the wreaths to be shipped.

Sean Kriner from "Honor and Remember" gave a presentation on their organization. They have designed and have manufactured flags to be given to the families of our fallen comrades. These flags were meant to be flown in honor of the men and women who have died as a result of battle or of wounds sustained in combat. There is no cost to the families, but they do solicit funds to help pay for these flags for the families. The Honor and Remember organization is dedicated to the perpetual recognition of our military fallen heroes and their families. Their mission can be summarized in four objectives; establish, educate, present and comfort. The primary vehicle for continuous tribute is a symbol with which every patriotic American can visibly acknowledge the high price of freedom every day; the Honor and Remember Flag. Since its founding a number of requests have come forward from fallen first responder families and so they have also designed a flag to honor these individuals. It is their goal to have these flags recognized nationwide by legislation. Currently there are 21 states that have adopted the "Honor and Remember" flag. People are encouraged to visit their web site at [www.HonorandRemember.org](http://www.HonorandRemember.org) and sign the petition. The goal is to collect an individual signature for each of the nearly two million who have died in military service. You can also contact your U.S. Senators, your member of the House of Representatives and your state lawmakers, and ask them to initiate or support legislation that recognizes the Honor and Remember Flag.

Roll call was taken, a quorum was established, a motion to accept the minutes from the past meeting was made, second and approved.

Bob Hysko, Treasurer gave the financial report. Currently the UAV has \$35,045.90 in their account.

Dr. Maureen McCarthy from the VA Medical Center updated the membership on the status of several of the issues previously discussed. She advised everyone that Dr. Shilken has been confirmed as the new Director for the Veteran's Administration in Washington D.C. This past Thursday they held the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Midtown CBOC at 10:30. There were many veterans and dignitaries present for this event. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Southwest CBOC will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. There will be a Town Hall meeting coming up in April in Payson. Dr McCarthy also provided the statistics on the increase of patient usage of the VA. They continue to work on improving the wait time to obtain appointments and are working hard to clear up some of the problems with the "Choice" program. This is still a temporary program scheduled to expire in August. Veterans are encouraged to contact their Congressional Representatives to encourage them to extend this program to insure more favorable access to



medical care for all veterans. If the program is not extended, the veterans care could be jeopardized. Their new tele-health program continues to grow for veterans living in outlying areas. The Community Living Center has received a 5 star rating. They are also working on helping veterans make arrangements where necessary to insure their hospital stay is at a minimum.

Lee Huff from Congressman Biggs office gave a report and update on issues that Representative Biggs has been dealing with. He advised everyone of an upcoming Resource Clinic being held by Congressman Biggs on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Gilbert South East Regional Library from 1-5 p.m. Mr. Huff also requested that if anyone has any veteran's legislation they would like to see go forward to please contact their office.

Mel Brody gave an update on the Phoenix National Cemetery. All the plans for the new section have been approved and work is beginning.

Reggie Yates advised the members that they are looking for help with the web site.

Terry Araman gave the legislative update. Everyone is encouraged to keep up with legislation pending and try to go to the State Capitol to show support for all veterans legislation. If unable to attend, you are encouraged to get registered through the State's Web Page and log in to show your support. House Bill 1444 "Tax relief" for retired military will be coming up for a vote on Monday, 6 March 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Request all veterans that are able to please attend the hearing to show support for this legislation. If approved, this bill will attract many more veterans to our state. HB2336 asking for \$500,000 so the State can hire more VSOs has passed the house. There is also legislation being worked which would allow honorable discharged veterans, who were not legal citizens and have been deported, to be brought back into the US. There will be a Standdown held in Tijuana to help these veterans.

Members were reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the AVHOF closes on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

A reminder of the upcoming Spring Gala, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Members encouraged to get their reservations in.

Request to join the UAV were made by three organizations, "Healing Waters", Arizona Art Alliance and one more, didn't get the name. Motion to accept was made, second and approved.

Judy Hatch reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day Program and offered forms for those desiring to participate with an Honor Guard or wreath laying ceremony.

The April meeting will be held at Mana House in the board room at 755 E. Willetta, Phoenix. This move was made due to a programs scheduled at Steele Indian School Park which will affect the egress into the State Veteran's Home.

There being no further information, the closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Hatch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Judith Hatch".



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona

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**“PAWS IN SERVICE”  
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION REPORT**

**April 2017**

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

With only two months left before Convention, are you getting prepared to fill out your report, gathering all your hours, mileage, cost, etc.

**I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT YOUR YEAR-END REPORTS THAT ARE DUE TO ME BY MAY 1, 2017.** *This ensures that all the hard work your Unit has been doing all year for Veterans gets recorded. This Chairman in turn, sends a report to National and I would also like to brag that Arizona received 100% reporting. HOW...BY LETTING ME KNOW WHAT YOUR UNIT HAS DONE.* And, don't forget to include your narrative if you are going to submit your Unit for a Department Award. There are several on the website, so be sure to submit the proper one.

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions: •

- \*How did your unit participate in the caregiver support program?
- \*Describe how members earned their Service to Veterans hours.
- \*What assistance did your unit give at a stand down?

Don't forget to visit the website, [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) for more vital information.

*Until next month, thank you for all you do for our Veterans!!!*

*If you have not heard, the Convention will once again be at the Carefree Resort.  
See you there in June!!!!*

Cindy Queen, Department VA&R Chairman  
4718 S. Adelle Circle, Mesa, AZ 85212  
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