

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

POPPY ORDER FORM FOR 2023  
POPPIES

Order deadline is SEPT. 30, 2022

**NO EXCEPTIONS OR LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED**  
**THIS FORM MUST BE USED TO ORDER POPPIES**

Cost of Poppies is \$12.00 per hundred and must be ordered in increments of 100.

Date Poppies Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person to receive poppies \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poppies \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona and mail order form and check to:  
American Legion Auxiliary  
4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

OFFICE USE ONLY:

ORDER ASSIGNED TO:

Poppy Making Chairman:

**YOUR UNIT MUST ORDER AT LEAST 100 POPPIES BY THE DEADLINE TO BE IN COMPETITION FOR ANY DEPARTMENT AWARDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR OTHER THEN MEMBERSHIP AWARDS.**



**Effective 4 August 2022 American Legion Conference information ready for release is below:**

What: 2022 Department Fall Conference

When: 4-6 November, 2022

Where: El Conquistador Tucson Hilton Resort located at 10000 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704

Host: Oro Valley Post 132, Tucson, AZ.

**Room Registration Information:**

Elicia will be our rooms coordinator for American Legion events. Please let her know if you need anything regarding the booking link, or any questions, concerns regarding reservations.

Guests that wish to make reservations may do so now by either calling the number below and providing the group code or clicking on the following link:

Call: 1-888-370-0980

Group Code: **ALFO13**

Rate: \$119 plus tax, per night

Cut-Off Date: Reservations must be made 10/13/22

Resort Charge: Resort Charge is complimentary

**Booking Link:** [Hilton Booking Link](#)

The cut-off date for making reservations and receiving the contracted rate is **October 13, 2022**.

Please exercise consideration for other members of our Arizona American Legion Family before booking major blocks of rooms. The rooms that are closer to fun, are also those that are easier for people with mobility challenges.

The nearby Fairfield and Embassy Suites are alternatives if needed.

Also, if you do not expect to need your vehicle throughout each day for your stay, there is a nearby overflow lot that the El Conquistador has available and would shuttle you for at check in and out.

Riders are asked, for as much as able, to multi-park in a vehicle space to help share the parking area.

Thanks Everyone!



# **VERTERANS Our Hometown Heroes**

September 2022

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

**DUES NOTICE...Will find out this at NC.**

**FALL CONFERENCE...Housing is open and it is in this packet**

**PER CAPITA...The information that went out in August is WRONG...please use the one in this packet...website has been updated also.**

**FISHER HOUSE ...You need to identify your Fisher House donation for Tucson or Phoenix starting now.**

**STATE VETERANS HOME...This is President Barbara's Special Project this year. You need to identify the state home because there will be 4 very soon...Phoenix...Tucson...Yuma...and Flagstaff coming soon.**

**POPPY...Order form in this packet you must order at least 100 poppies to be eligible for awards...this not new and will be enforced. DEADLINE 9-30-2022. Just a FYI...we have crew here at Department ready to count poppies and bring to Fall Conference.**

**EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ... Did you get one? Did you know that there were red tickets in Membership Packets signed for at Dept Convention?**

## **DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS ...**

**Phoenix Gift Shop...Joyce Livingston...480-904-0766**

**Unit 19...Secretary...Joanne VanDerWerkin...928-502-0067...yuman45@twc.com**

**Membership...Winnie Moir...928-502-0238...stoneysouth@man.com**

**State Vet Home Yuma... Winnie Moir...928-502-0238...stoneysouth@man.com**

**MEMBERSHIP... "RACHING TO OUR GOALS". Membership is everyone's job. Legion Act has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. The Department Goal this year 14700.**

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

**2023 DUES RENEWALS SEND IN NOW...You can send in new members for 2023 but they will not be processed until Sept 1.**

**Barbara Matteson**

**Dept Secretary/Treasurer**

**[secretary1@aladeptaz.org](mailto:secretary1@aladeptaz.org)**



**Pat Stanaski**

**Dept Membership Processor**

**[membership@aladeptaz.org](mailto:membership@aladeptaz.org)**

## **President's Message**

September 2022

### **VETERANS Our Hometown Heros**

I attended an Agent Orange event at Post 58. Twelve Vietnam veterans were honored during the pinning and Welcome Home Ceremony. I had the honor of reading 10 of the 65 names of Arizona veterans who lost their lives to Agent Orange and have been honored by Washington, D.C. The event was organized by Cat Ludwig . . . she did an outstanding job!

The Officer and Chairman's Workshop was held July 30 at Post 35. Lots of information was shared by the different chairwomen. Don't hesitate to reach out to the Department Chairwomen if you have any questions regarding a program.

Encourage members to log on to the National website and create their account. There is a lot of information and online trainings for members.

My calendar is starting to fill up. Please reach out to me, in writing, if you would like to schedule a visit. My current schedule is on the back.

Share with your members the articles the Chairwomen have written, your Unit members/chairperson will be kept updated on what's happening! Also, the monthly packets are uploaded to the Department website. [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

A Facebook page has been created to share the Department President's travels. Please share with your members.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084236660491>

Until next month . . .

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**President's Schedule  
2022-2023**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 30, 2022	Officer and Chairman's Workshop	Post 35
August 6, 2022	Agent Orange Event	Post 58
August 25 - September 5	National Convention and Vacation	Milwaukee, WI
September 11, 2022	District 11 Official Visit	Post 29
September 17, 2022	District 8 Picnic	Prescott
September 18, 2022	District 12 Official Visit	TBD
October 8, 2022	Personal	
October 15	Honor Chandler Police Force Dinner	Post 35
October 21-22	Post 32 Early Bird Dinner and District 5 Official Visit	Post 32
National Commander Visit	October 23 - 26	
November 2, 2022	District 2 Official Visit	Post 66
Fall Conference	November 3 - November 7	Oro Valley
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day	
November 19, 2022	PSP Fundraiser Dinner	Post 35
December 7, 2022	Pearl Harbor Day	
February 16 - 19	National President's Visit	
February 26 - March 10, 2023	Sailing the Seven Seas	



## UNIT PER CAPITA ASSESSEMENTS AND BOND FEES

**2022-2023**

### 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	4	110	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$0.80	\$22.80	\$5.50	\$73.10
2	0	98	\$19.60	\$19.60	\$0.00	\$19.60	\$5.50	\$64.30
3	4	87	\$17.40	\$17.40	\$0.80	\$18.20	\$5.50	\$59.30
4	3	44	\$8.80	\$8.80	\$0.60	\$9.40	\$5.50	\$33.10
5	0	70	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$5.50	\$47.50
6	4	224	\$44.80	\$44.80	\$0.80	\$45.60	\$5.50	\$141.50
7	7	63	\$12.60	\$12.60	\$1.40	\$14.00	\$5.50	\$46.10
8	1	39	\$7.80	\$7.80	\$0.20	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$29.30
9	2	86	\$17.20	\$17.20	\$0.40	\$17.60	\$5.50	\$57.90
10	0	24	\$4.80	\$4.80	\$0.00	\$4.80	\$5.50	\$19.90
11	17	157	\$31.40	\$31.40	\$3.40	\$34.80	\$5.50	\$106.50
12	3	204	\$40.80	\$40.80	\$0.60	\$41.40	\$5.50	\$129.10
13	0	41	\$8.20	\$8.20	\$0.00	\$8.20	\$5.50	\$30.10
14	8	114	\$22.80	\$22.80	\$1.60	\$24.40	\$5.50	\$77.10
16	0	72	\$14.40	\$14.40	\$0.00	\$14.40	\$5.50	\$48.70
19	3	194	\$38.80	\$38.80	\$0.60	\$39.40	\$5.50	\$123.10
22	0	108	\$21.60	\$21.60	\$0.00	\$21.60	\$5.50	\$70.30
24	5	408	\$81.60	\$81.60	\$1.00	\$82.60	\$5.50	\$252.30
25	3	261	\$52.20	\$52.20	\$0.60	\$52.80	\$5.50	\$163.30
26	6	235	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$1.20	\$48.20	\$5.50	\$148.90
27	2	1812	\$362.40	\$362.40	\$0.40	\$362.80	\$5.50	\$1,093.50
28	1	74	\$14.80	\$14.80	\$0.20	\$15.00	\$5.50	\$50.30
29	12	283	\$56.60	\$56.60	\$2.40	\$59.00	\$5.50	\$180.10
30	1	77	\$15.40	\$15.40	\$0.20	\$15.60	\$5.50	\$52.10
31	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.50	\$5.50
32	0	120	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$5.50	\$77.50
34	1	314	\$62.80	\$62.80	\$0.20	\$63.00	\$5.50	\$194.30
35	12	292	\$58.40	\$58.40	\$2.40	\$60.80	\$5.50	\$185.50
36	2	275	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$0.40	\$55.40	\$5.50	\$171.30
37	1	39	\$7.80	\$7.80	\$0.20	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$29.30
39	10	400	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$2.00	\$82.00	\$5.50	\$249.50
40	1	100	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.20	\$20.20	\$5.50	\$65.90
41	17	297	\$59.40	\$59.40	\$3.40	\$62.80	\$5.50	\$190.50
42	4	20	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.80	\$4.80	\$5.50	\$19.10
44	1	307	\$61.40	\$61.40	\$0.20	\$61.60	\$5.50	\$190.10
45	6	43	\$8.60	\$8.60	\$1.20	\$9.80	\$5.50	\$33.70
46	0	53	\$10.60	\$10.60	\$0.00	\$10.60	\$5.50	\$37.30



# UNIT PER CAPITA ASSESSEMNTS AND BOND FEES

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
51	11	51	\$10.20	\$10.20	\$2.20	\$12.40	\$5.50	\$40.50
52	3	170	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$0.60	\$34.60	\$5.50	\$108.70
53	0	18	\$3.60	\$3.60	\$0.00	\$3.60	\$5.50	\$16.30
54	6	100	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$1.20	\$21.20	\$5.50	\$67.90
56	2	62	\$12.40	\$12.40	\$0.40	\$12.80	\$5.50	\$43.50
57	4	65	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$0.80	\$13.80	\$5.50	\$46.10
58	8	288	\$57.60	\$57.60	\$1.60	\$59.20	\$5.50	\$181.50
59	4	152	\$30.40	\$30.40	\$0.80	\$31.20	\$5.50	\$98.30
61	2	182	\$36.40	\$36.40	\$0.40	\$36.80	\$5.50	\$115.50
62	27	759	\$151.80	\$151.80	\$5.40	\$157.20	\$5.50	\$471.70
65	25	260	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$5.00	\$57.00	\$5.50	\$171.50
66	1	927	\$185.40	\$185.40	\$0.20	\$185.60	\$5.50	\$562.10
68	0	59	\$11.80	\$11.80	\$0.00	\$11.80	\$5.50	\$40.90
69	0	141	\$28.20	\$28.20	\$0.00	\$28.20	\$5.50	\$90.10
73	2	26	\$5.20	\$5.20	\$0.40	\$5.60	\$5.50	\$21.90
76	6	23	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$1.20	\$5.80	\$5.50	\$21.70
78	4	147	\$29.40	\$29.40	\$0.80	\$30.20	\$5.50	\$95.30
79	0	151	\$30.20	\$30.20	\$0.00	\$30.20	\$5.50	\$96.10
81	6	552	\$110.40	\$110.40	\$1.20	\$111.60	\$5.50	\$339.10
84	9	52	\$10.40	\$10.40	\$1.80	\$12.20	\$5.50	\$40.30
86	2	298	\$59.60	\$59.60	\$0.40	\$60.00	\$5.50	\$185.10
87	1	142	\$28.40	\$28.40	\$0.20	\$28.60	\$5.50	\$91.10
88	0	15	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$14.50
90	1	42	\$8.40	\$8.40	\$0.20	\$8.60	\$5.50	\$31.10
91	16	183	\$36.60	\$36.60	\$3.20	\$39.80	\$5.50	\$121.70
93	2	94	\$18.80	\$18.80	\$0.40	\$19.20	\$5.50	\$62.70
95	8	65	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$1.60	\$14.60	\$5.50	\$47.70
97	2	22	\$4.40	\$4.40	\$0.40	\$4.80	\$5.50	\$19.50
103	0	56	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$0.00	\$11.20	\$5.50	\$39.10
105	13	195	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$2.60	\$41.60	\$5.50	\$127.70
107	7	205	\$41.00	\$41.00	\$1.40	\$42.40	\$5.50	\$131.30
108	7	33	\$6.60	\$6.60	\$1.40	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$28.10
109	15	327	\$65.40	\$65.40	\$3.00	\$68.40	\$5.50	\$207.70
114	5	49	\$9.80	\$9.80	\$1.00	\$10.80	\$5.50	\$36.90
117	4	183	\$36.60	\$36.60	\$0.80	\$37.40	\$5.50	\$116.90
124	2	14	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$0.40	\$3.20	\$5.50	\$14.70
125	1	14	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$0.20	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$14.30
129	2	14	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$0.40	\$3.20	\$5.50	\$14.70
130	0	6	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$0.00	\$1.20	\$5.50	\$9.10
131	1	532	\$106.40	\$106.40	\$0.20	\$106.60	\$5.50	\$325.10
132	4	77	\$15.40	\$15.40	\$0.80	\$16.20	\$5.50	\$53.30



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Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
133	1	38	\$7.60	\$7.60	\$0.20	\$7.80	\$5.50	\$28.70
134	3	14	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$0.60	\$3.40	\$5.50	\$15.10
135	7	56	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$1.40	\$12.60	\$5.50	\$41.90
136	0	13	\$2.60	\$2.60	\$0.00	\$2.60	\$5.50	\$13.30
138	0	34	\$6.80	\$6.80	\$0.00	\$6.80	\$5.50	\$25.90
140	3	23	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$0.60	\$5.20	\$5.50	\$20.50
141	0	1	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.00	\$0.20	\$5.50	\$6.10

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

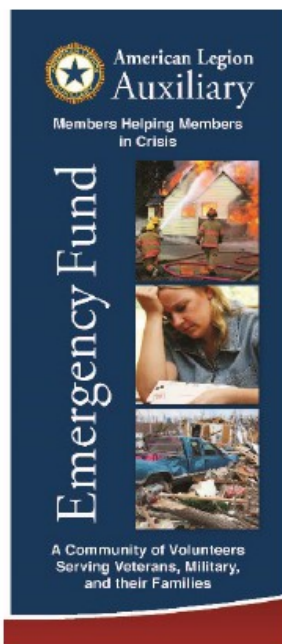
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Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727**



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona  
**Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)**  
September 2022

Hello All!

Have you seen this brochure? If not, it can be downloaded from the National website [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) or ordered from Department to have on hand when the need arises. Application forms are also available for download on the same website.



It has a wealth of information within its tri-fold format and can be a useful tool when one of our members is facing an emergency need for additional resources to get them through a financial crisis.

As I shared in the August Bulletin, the funds for Temporary Assistance are for housing and utilities. When applying for Disaster Assistance, the funds can be used for repairs to the applicant's primary residence, emergency expenses such as lodging, food, fuel, supplies, etc.

For God & Country,

Jonnie Maddox

Department AEF Chairman

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# Americanism

## September 2022 Bulletin

Americanism is everyone's chance to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship. There are so many ways to promote patriotism. It can be done as a unit or individually. As this year's Americanism chairman, I will try my best to promote events to participate in, and educate units on the various activities within the Americanism Program.

### Patriot Day

Patriot Day is observed every year on September 11<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Virginia, and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania.

Flying a flag at half-staff or half-mast is a sign of grief and mourning. It is flown following the death of certain government officials, in times of national distress, on various holidays, and at any other time it is instructed by the president or government. Due to the significance of Patriot's Day, it is a day in which the flag gets flown at half-mast.

Many events to honor those who tragically lost their lives. Whether it be a parade, a flag ceremony, or simply remembering 9/11. I personally will be participating in the 911 Tower Challenge, which is a way to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001, and in honor of our first responders and military who protect us from foreign and domestic threats. Those participating will climb 110 floors and 2071 steps, which simulate the floors in the World Trade Center's Twin Towers. This event will take place at the University of Arizona. For those interested, they can sign up in the link below. If someone wishes to participate, but is not able to participate in person, there is an option to participate virtually. What are some events you will be participating in Patriot's Day?

<https://www.911towerchallengefoundation.org/tucson-challenge-information>

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## “VETERANS Our Hometown Heroes”

### Cavalcade of Memories

September 2022

Arizona has had one Honorary National Junior President, Ms. Ronni Sterling from Unit #44 Sipe-Peterson in 2006-2007 and she also served as National Western Division Juniors Vice President in 2005-2006. And the 1st National Western Division Junior Vice President from Arizona was Ms. Charity (Dimick) Cano in 1996-1997. The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Western Division Junior Vice President from Arizona was Ms. Jessica (Matteson) McComb 2011-2012.

More Cavalcade of Memories for you Arizona has had 2 National Constitution & By Laws Chairman, Mrs. Adelene Smith from Unit #7 Morgan McDermott 1988-1989. Mrs. Penny Maklary from Unit #11 Fred Hilburn 2006-2007. These are Memories for the Department Arizona.

This Chairman is still asking all of the Past Department Presidents to send me the name of the past Honorary Department Junior President that served with them during their year as Department President. And if you know how to reach them and send their name to this chairman to add to the Cavalcade of Memories for the Honorary Junior Past Presidents book. I am in the Directory you can also e-mail me and if you have a photo of them. It can also be mailed to the Department at 4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ. 85015-3727, to Cavalcade of Memories Chairman. I am sending another Report form for the juniors. If any Unit that has had an Honorary Department Junior President can you send this chairman their name and Bio of that Junior and 5X7 picture.

I would like to wish everybody a Happy Labor Day September 5<sup>th</sup> and Happy Grandparents Day September 11<sup>th</sup>. And Bless all of the families on September 11 that lost a love one that day. And so on Labor Day when so many have the day off, we thank our men and women who wear our Uniforms. First Labor Day Parade occurred on Sept. 5 1882 in New York City, the first state to designate it as a legal holiday was Oregon in 1887. Around 30 states had adopted the Holiday by the time Congress made it a federal holiday in 1894.

“Whatever you want to do, if you want to be great at it, you have to love it and be able to make sacrifices for it.” Maya Angelou

Paula Burgess – Department Cavalcade of Memories Chairman





**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona  
Past Honorary Junior Department President**

**The Cavalcade of Memories is assembling a "Memory Book" featuring the Past Honorary Junior Department Presidents of the Department of Arizona.**

**The following information is needed from you to go in the Memory Book.**

**If you can please furnish the information requested.**

**The year you served.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your photograph – size 5x7.**

**Your name, your unit name and number.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Installation City.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Conference City.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Convention City.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department President's Name.** \_\_\_\_\_

**National President's Name.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honorary National Junior President's Name.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your National Convention City.** \_\_\_\_\_

**National Theme.** \_\_\_\_\_

**National Junior Theme.** \_\_\_\_\_

**National Membership theme.** \_\_\_\_\_

**National Junior Membership Theme.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Theme.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Membership Theme.** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you served as a Honorary National Junior Officer in what office.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special highlights of your year. (Use Separate sheet if necessary)**

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**Please forward this information to the Cavalcade of Memories Chairman and I will have it Include in our Memory Book which is on display at our Department Headquarters. Send your Information and photo to 4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, suite 100, Phoenix, AZ. 85015**

**Paula Burgess – Cavalcade Memories Chairman**



## **Chaplain Report September 2022**

**There are many 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://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/Chaplains_Manual.pdf)

### **Chaplains' Prayer Book**

At the 86th National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, a vote was taken to create an American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains' Prayer Book. This book is the result of that vote. The prayers on the following pages are a compilation of those submitted by past chaplains of the American Legion Auxiliary. Wherever possible, credit has been given to the individual who contributed the prayer. Although the material contained in this book may be changed or altered to suit the user, it should be noted that care has been taken to revise and edit the material to reflect the true non-denominational and non-sectarian views of the "Service to God and Country" programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Please use this book when and wherever possible. It has been written with love and prayer for all that these words touch. You may purchase it at emblem sales:

<https://emblem.legion.org/Books-Pamphlets-CDs/products/40/> (Item #: 355.111 for \$2.95) or download it from: [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_Chaplains_Prayer_Book.pdf)

### **Manual of Ceremonies**

This manual provides examples of suggested ceremonies for Unit meetings and special occasions. The use of ceremonies in the form presented here is not required by any official action of the American Legion Auxiliary National Organization. Ceremonies may be altered in accordance with the occasion; however, great care should be taken to ensure that no ceremony is objectionable to persons of any religious denomination.

[https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA\\_MANUAL\\_OF\\_CEREMONIES.pdf](https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA_MANUAL_OF_CEREMONIES.pdf)

### **September is Music month**

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 some one who could benefit from a card or phone call,  
please let me know: Marge Christianson, Chaplain, [alaunit62az@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit62az@gmail.com), (763) 234-9852**

# Community Service

## September 2022

Hello, Arizona ALA members –

As mentioned in last month's message, Units don't have to wait until March, the Auxiliary wheel's program emphasis month for Community Service, to be of service to our communities. Remember, in addition to being **Patriot Day** and **Grandparents Day** (o-o-o and this chairman's birthday), September 11 is also **9/11 Day of Service** where members can pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 by doing good deeds and charitable service

We've all heard of spring cleaning, but how about doing some fall cleaning to have a garage sale? Ask neighbors, church members, and acquaintances to join in and think about your proceeds going to a community project; could be a way to attract new members if they see what we do for our veterans, children and youth, and community.

By next month, following the National Convention, we'll know who our National Community Service Chairman will be and what the program action plan will include. Arizona is proud to have our own PDP Yolanda Bonilla as the Western Division Chairman. Let's make her proud with terrific community service reports this year.

"It does appear that involvement in organizations with a diverse membership and in groups that engage in acts of charity or community service boosts social trust."  
— Christopher Peterson, [Character Strengths and Virtues: A Handbook and Classification](#)

Again, be sure to keep a record of your hours, costs, and mileage as you work your community service activities.

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## Education September 2022



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. Every unit participating will receive a certificate. 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.
10. This year we can add 10 facemasks, 10 packs of sanitizing wipes, 10 bottles of hand sanitizer to our list.

American Education Week is November 14-18, 2022. 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 1-5, 2023. 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*

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## Finance

September 2022

### Compliance Matters Arizona!

Is your Unit in compliance with the IRS? Did you file the 990? Which Form applies to my Unit? These are valid questions and you need to know. IRS Form 990N (epost card) may be used when a Unit has gross receipts of \$50,000 or less. IRS Form 990 is required when gross receipts are greater than \$50,000. The due date to file is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month after the closed or the Unit's tax year. Example – Your fiscal year ends June 30, then you are required to file by November 15. Do you need help with this?

Compliance with the State of Arizona requires filing at the Arizona Corporation Commission. As a non-profit you must submit your Annual report. Simply e-file at ACC.gov, create a password and click on the File Annual Report. Then click each button until your report is accepted.

These two simple steps will greatly help you to make sure that you are in compliance and do not jeopardize your non-profit status. For further information, please make sure that you attend Fall Conference next month. Do you have questions? Please feel free to contact this Committee?

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# HISTORY

September

2022

**“Every member who contributed to the aims, purposes and principles of the American Legion Auxiliary has had a part in making history. We share in the pride of our magnificent record of loyalty to God and Country, unselfish service to humanity.”**

*National Historian Dorothy Kellerman, 1947*

Since our ALA inception on Nov. 10, 1919, Auxiliary members and nonmember volunteers have been tirelessly carrying out the ALA's commitment as a patriotic service organization whose mission would be to advocate for, help and honor United States military, veterans, and their families, and support the American Legion.

The American Legion Auxiliary has made a lot of history since then and we will continue to do so in the years to come. Soon we will be turning 103 years old, its another major milestone for this year's new leadership in our department and for new leadership at national headquarters.

Units and Districts submitting a history book at convention in 2023, start your history with the June 2022 convention, read the instructions and be sure to include President Barbara's theme:

***“Our Hometown Hero's”***

*History Question?*

*On the 50<sup>th</sup> ALA anniversary, the ALA department presidents were known as “\_\_\_\_\_?” prize will be given at fall conference.*

In the Spirit of Service, not self  
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## Legislative September 2022

Greetings Members,

Did you vote in the Primary? Did you get others to get out and vote? Great! With that being said, I will quickly go over the results from the Primary. I will start with the candidates for the Governor of Arizona. Current Secretary of State Katie Hobbs won the nomination for the Democrat party by 72.3%. Kari Lake won the nomination for the Republican party by a much narrower margin of 48%, to Karrin Taylor Robson's 43.2%. For the U.S. Senate, current Senator Mark Kelly ran unopposed in the Primary and he will be running against Republican Blake Masters. Adrian Fontes won the nomination for the Democratic party for Secretary of State and will be running against Republican Mark Finchem, who currently serves in the State Legislature. The Democratic party candidate Kris Mayes for Attorney General ran unopposed and will be running against Republican Abraham "Abe" Hamadeh. For the U.S. House District 1, Jevin Hodge (D) and Incumbent David Schweikert (R). District 2 Eli Crane (R) and Incumbent Tom O'Halleran (D). District 3, Jeff Zink (R) and Incumbent Ruben Gallego (D). Dist. 4 is Kelly Cooper (R) and Incumbent Greg Stanton (D). Dist. 5 is Javier Ramos (D) and Incumbent (R) Andy Biggs. In Dist. 6 (R) Juan Ciscomani and (D) Kirsten Engel. Dist. 7 Incumbent Raul Grijalva (D) and Luis Pozzolo (R). Debbie Lesko (R) is running unopposed in Dist. 8, and Incumbent Paul Gosar (R) won Dist. 9. For full election results, you can go to the following link: <https://www.azcentral.com/elections/results/2022-08-02/state/arizona/>.

As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, President Biden signed the PACT Act, which will deliver critical health care and other benefits for veterans. The PACT Act was named in honor of Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson, a decorated combat medic who died from a rare form of lung cancer. The PACT Act will provide high-quality health screenings and services related to potential toxic exposures, codifies VA's new process for evaluating and determining presumption of exposure and service connection for various chronic conditions, the legislation removes the need for certain veterans and their survivors to prove service connection if they are diagnosed with one of 23 specific conditions. The PACT Act also requires the VA to conduct new studies of veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War and analyses of post-9/11 veterans' health trends. The bill also delivers critical resources to the VA to ensure it can deliver timely access to services and benefits for all eligible veterans. In short, this is historic legislation for our veterans and legislation that was on the top of the list for the American Legion.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Madame President Barbara White, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rose Ficklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Stacey Mayberry and Mission Training Chairman Karen Smith for giving me the opportunity to attend several past mission training sessions as a Trainee to help me in one day becoming an instructor. I continue to learn more and more every time I attend a session. I encourage anyone that has not attended a mission training to please do so.

For God and Country,  
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# MEMBERSHIP

SEPT. 2022

Summer is sure racing by, and with it being September, we all know that means a new ALA membership year, so let's start those engines. Since I am writing this in mid-August National has not started processing 2023 membership, so I can't tell you who is tearing up the track yet.

To help all of you here are a few crew chief tips:

- Process all your PUFL and Honorary Life members ASAP. They are your sure thing renewals and this way they can also be early birds.
- Juniors count as member, so ask your unit members if they have daughters and granddaughters. Even if they live out of state, they can report to you all their activities, and your Unit gets credit. Also, if a new Junior is born on or after January 1, 2005, they are Juniors for 2023.
- USE YOUR CREDITS. CHECK ALAMIS TO SEE IF YOUR UNIT HAS CREDITS TO USE.

We are still waiting for National to rollout the (process your membership) ALAMIS. Membership processors MUST attend a virtual training session to use it and there will be an annual fee to be on this system. If you do not plan on using it but want to continue being able to see updates on ALAMIS the fee for that remains \$10 per person with two people maximum.

As always feel free to contact me with questions.

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# UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 2022

YTD 8/15/2022 100%  
May 25, 2022

		UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
01		0100	Phoenix	214	162	75.70%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>214</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>75.70%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>214</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>75.70%</b>
01		0019	Yuma	213	197	92.49%
		0046	Bouse	53	53	100.00%
		0056	Yuma	63	64	101.59%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>329</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>95.44%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>329</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>95.44%</b>
02		0007	Tucson	68	70	102.94%
		0010	Ajo	17	24	141.18%
		0036	Tucson	273	277	101.47%
		0059	Tucson	149	158	106.04%
		0066	Green Valley	946	928	98.10%
		0068	Tucson	65	59	90.77%
		0073	Tucson	27	28	103.70%
		0109	Corona	226	346	153.10%
		0125	Tucson	31	15	48.39%
		0131	Green Valley	452	538	119.03%
		0132	Oro Valley	81	81	100.00%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>2335</b>	<b>2524</b>	<b>108.09%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>2335</b>	<b>2524</b>	<b>108.09%</b>
03		0011	Douglas	171	174	101.75%
		0016	Bisbee	28	73	260.71%
		0024	Tombstone	442	417	94.34%
		0045	Benson	48	49	102.08%
		0052	Sierra Vista	128	173	135.16%
		0141	Pearce	16	1	6.25%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>833</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>106.48%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>833</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>106.48%</b>
04		0008	Casa Grande	47	40	85.11%
		0009	Florence	79	87	110.13%
		0051	Coolidge	105	62	59.05%
		0054	Coolidge	105	106	100.95%
		0097	San Tan Valley	25	24	96.00%
		0129	Queen Creek	16	16	100.00%
		0133	Maricopa	36	36	100.00%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>413</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>89.83%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>413</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>89.83%</b>
05		0004	Globe	60	47	78.33%
		0028	Clifton	47	76	161.70%
		0032	Safford	126	120	95.24%
		0095	Solomon	87	73	83.91%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>320</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>98.75%</b>

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06		0030	Springerville	75	78	104.00%
		0031	Saint Johns	16	0	0.00%
		0037	Holbrook	50	40	80.00%
		0069	Payson	132	141	106.82%
		0076	Show Low	31	29	93.55%
		0086	Overgaard	282	302	107.09%
		0130	Concho	15	6	40.00%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>601</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>99.17%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>601</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>99.17%</b>
07		0003	Flagstaff	89	91	102.25%
		0013	Williams	39	41	105.13%
		0014	Kingman	142	124	87.32%
		0022	Golden Valley	118	112	94.92%
		0042	Grand Canyon	77	24	31.17%
		0057	Ash Fork	82	69	84.15%
		0081	Lake Havasu City	525	562	107.05%
		0087	Bullhead City	163	143	87.73%
		0088	Dolan Springs	40	15	37.50%
		0103	Meadview	77	57	74.03%
		0136	Yucca	0	13	#DIV/0!
		<b>Total</b>		<b>1352</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>92.53%</b>
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08		0006	Prescott	245	229	93.47%
		0025	Cottonwood	238	264	110.92%
		0040	Chino Valley	107	101	94.39%
		0078	Humboldt	150	151	100.67%
		0079	Yarnell	164	151	92.07%
		0090	Black Canyon City	41	48	117.07%
		0093	Camp Verde	157	96	61.15%
		0108	Prescott Valley	63	40	63.49%
		0135	Cornville	68	63	92.65%
		0139	Crown King	42	4	9.52%
		0140	Prescott Valley	35	26	74.29%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>1310</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>89.54%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1310</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>89.54%</b>
11		0001	Phoenix	144	115	79.86%
		0005	Phoenix	81	70	86.42%
		0012	Wickenburg	214	209	97.66%
		0029	Glendale	289	297	102.77%
		0053	Buckeye	31	18	58.06%
		0061	Avondale	165	184	111.52%
		0062	Peoria	783	786	100.38%
		0105	Phoenix	166	208	125.30%
		0134	Phoenix	22	17	77.27%



12		<b>Total</b>		<b>1895</b>	<b>1904</b>	<b>100.47%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1895</b>	<b>1904</b>	<b>100.47%</b>
		0002	Tempe	97	99	102.06%
		0026	Mesa	230	242	105.22%
		0027	Apache Junction	1564	1815	116.05%
		0034	Cave Creek	281	320	113.88%
		0035	Chandler	276	304	110.14%
		0039	Gilbert	364	417	114.56%
		0041	Phoenix	240	315	131.25%
		0044	Scottsdale	347	310	89.34%
		0058	Fountain Hills	264	296	112.12%
		0065	Phoenix	250	286	114.40%
		0084	Sacaton	48	61	127.08%
		0091	Chandler	170	199	117.06%
		0107	Phoenix	227	214	94.27%
		0114	Scottsdale	52	54	103.85%
		0117	Phoenix	189	197	104.23%
		0124	Guadalupe	28	16	57.14%
		0138	Tempe	29	34	117.24%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>4656</b>	<b>5179</b>	<b>111.23%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>4656</b>	<b>5179</b>	<b>111.23%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>14258</b>	<b>14677</b>	<b>102.94%</b>

**Leadership**  
**Arizona Mission Training**  
**August 2022**

Greetings to all of you in the new Auxiliary year! We had a wonderful convention and along with the business taken care of we were able to see our friends and socialize. The Arizona American Legion Auxiliary has proven once again that they are a mighty force to be reckoned with. Congratulations to all who won awards.

We ask that you think about your Unit/District goals for this year (2022-2023) and how to achieve them. A training could be focused on the areas that you wish to work on this year. There is much to learn and a wealth of information.

Remember that the National organization has several courses self paced courses available for you to take online. Log in with member ID. The courses may be changed periodically and new ones offered. Check out the National website ([alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)) and see what is available and when.

- ALA 101
- ALA Branding and Why it Matters to me
- ALA Communication Methods
- Establishing a Culture of Goodwill
- ALA Fundraising
- How to Deal with Conflict
- ALA Leadership Living our Motto of “Service not Self”
- ALA Juniors eLearning course

Sorry, that this bulletin is late, have to blame it on computer problems, Really!

Karen Smith, Chairman

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**Leadership**  
**Arizona Mission Training**  
**September 2022**

Let us begin a new year with **RENEWED** energy! Last year was a great year with many of you attending a Mission Training. We encourage you to return to your units and pass forward all the information to your members who were unable to attend a training;. Those who attended are encouraged to continue educating all members to maintain success in this great organization as well as building leaders and chairmen. Build confidence and help members to learn and develop their skills. We all have unique talents which can be utilized within our unit, district and department. Our seasoned members are willing to help and mentor our newer members. Do not try to do everything yourself, a great way to build up programs is to delegate! Try to delegate specific tasks that they are interested in. Mentor and support everything that is done. Treat everyone with dignity and respect.

We have four training's scheduled so far this Auxiliary year 2022-2023. They are:

August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Unit #26	Contact – Mary Dunn 602-999-7481
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Unit #107	Contact – Ginger Cox 602-616-2811
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dist. 7 & 8	Contact – Shannon Mead 623-521-1213
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dist. 8	Contact – Pati Hartfiel 320-282-0896

To set up an Arizona Mission Training:

- Contact Chairman for Mission Training date
- 10 or more participants
- \$10 for each participant sent to department prior to training.
- Send list of participants to Chairman when training is over.

Here is my contact information:     **Karen Smith, Chairman**  
  **(520) 249-1119 (please text initially)**  
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I hope that we will have a wonderful educational year for President Barbara White making “Veterans, Our Hometown Heroes.”





American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona  
**MUSIC REPORTS 2022**

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**September 2022**

Greetings Melomanos ("music lovers"),

Well members Music Month is September. I promote music every month and everyday. However, I am asking you and your Unit Music Chairperson to start thinking of ways to include music at your meetings and other events within your Post and community. Let's get the love of music out to everyone. Let's do this together. Some ways to promote music within your Unit and Post is to sing a patriotic song before or after your meetings, sponsor a student group at a local school, perhaps ask the local school to invite a group from your Unit to help the students sing a patriotic song during class. These are just a few examples. Use your imagination and spread the love of music and our Country.

I found an amazing song produced by The American Auxiliary on Youtube. I urge you to listen to it. Perhaps play it at one of your meetings. The video is titled, "The Power of One". This song brought tears to my eyes and is very inspirational.

Fall Conference is approaching. I'm researching music choices for the Memorial Choir. I have some great songs in mind, but will urge suggestions. Please let me know about your ideas. Please join us in the Memorial Choir and please invite men and Juniors. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you as well as the men and Juniors. What an amazing sound having so many in the choir will produce!

See you at Conference!

"Sometimes it's not the song that makes you emotional ...it's the people and things that come to mind when you hear it. "

Unknown

With a song in your heart.

For God and Country,

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## ARIZONA SONG

WE WEAR OUR SILK PAJAMAS IN THE SUMMER WHEN IT'S HOT  
WE WEAR OUR WOOLEN NIGHTIES IN THE WINTER WHEN IT NOT  
AND SOMETIMES IN THE SPRINGTIME AND SOME TIMES IN THE FALL  
WE JUMP BETWEEN THE SHEETS WITH NOTHING ON AT ALL

THAT'S THE WAY IN ARIZONA

THAT'S THE WAY IN ARIZONA

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## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

### **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

#### **WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?**

NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM MAINTAINS AND PROMOTES A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE BY STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORTING MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

- THERE ARE NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE DONE BY BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND AS UNITS. AS AN INDIVIDUAL YOU MIGHT BECOME AWARE OF ANY MILITARY FAMILY THAT SHOULD RECEIVE A BLUE STAR OR GOLD STAR BANNER IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE MEMBER'S SERVICE.
- BECOME MORE INFORMED ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS THAT AFFECT MILITARY FAMILIES AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP, SUCH AS; FINANCIAL LITERACY, PTSD, TBI, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER ISSUES.
- AS UNITS SUPPORT RESERVE AND TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS BY WORKING WITH A RETURNING NATIONAL GUARD OR AN INDIVIDUAL SERVICE MEMBER AND THEIR FAMILY.
- COORDINATE WITH COMMUNITY DONATIONS AND DISTRIBUTE SERVICE MEMBER CARE PACKAGES AND FAMILY SUPPORT PACKAGES.
- ENCOURAGE LOCAL BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE AND HIRE VETERANS AND MILITARY SPOUSES.
- COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KITS AND DISTRIBUTE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
- DONATE BLOOD
- SUPPORT THE NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
- JOIN WITH YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST TO HOST A POW/MIA CEREMONY ON POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY COMMEMORATED ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF SEPTEMBER.

THESE ARE BUT A FEW IDEAS YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT AND GET GOING TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO SUPPORT OUR MILITARY.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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## New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

September 2022

### GETTING BACK TO BASICS

The future of the American Legion Auxiliary is determined by what Unit members do today.

- Where will your Unit be in five years?
- What kind of investment in the future are YOU willing to make? Concerned Auxiliary members can promote the growth and well being of our Units. We aspire to serve God and Country. Our motto is *Service Not Self* and our mission is to enhance the lives of veterans, service members and their families. Anyone who encounters the American Legion Auxiliary, for whatever reason, is entitled to respect and courtesy. Do we *need* to like everyone in our Unit? Of course not; we are all individuals and our likes and dislikes are what set us apart. *But we do have a responsibility to treat each member with courtesy and respect.*
- When someone new enters your Unit, do you acknowledge them and make them feel welcome?
- When someone unknown comes to a meeting or participates in a volunteer project, do you ignore them?
- Are you part of a small group that sits together at meetings?
- Do you treat others as you would like to be treated?
- Do you snub others?
- Do you judge?
- Do you gossip?

At your next Unit meeting or function, introduce yourself to someone alone or unknown to you. Find out something about them even if it is nothing more than their name and where they live. At each event, make a point to talk to someone unknown or not know well to you.

Consider how you appear outside our organization.

- What message do you send to prospective members?
- Consider how you appear to those just joining?
- What message are you sending?

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# **PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY COMMITTEE**

**September 2022**

The Past Presidents Parley is a forum that brings together the experience of our former presidents and utilizes their expertise in active service to the American Legion Auxiliary. Women who have been president of a unit, department, or the national organization are encouraged to contribute to the Auxiliary as members of the Past Presidents Parley. These leaders share their wisdom and provide ongoing mentorship to empower and bolster the Auxiliary's present leaders, ensuring the continuity and strength of the organization at all levels.

This committee also honors and recognizes one outstanding member from each Unit who has never held an office higher than Unit President and recognizes one member to receive the Department Member of the Year Award; the recipient of this award will be recognized at the National Convention.

This committee is also charged with recognizing women veterans through the Salute to Servicewomen Awards.

This year's project focus is the Medical Scholarship. This scholarship is 100% donation funded. The Medical Scholarship is available only to children or grandchildren of Veterans, so in that way, and consistent with our organization's core mission, it supports Veterans and their families through assisting with education in the healthcare field.

Here are a few ideas:

- Collect donations for the PPP Medical Scholarship.
- Promote application for the Past Presidents Parley Medical Scholarship.
- Nominate an outstanding Unit member who meets the above criteria for the Department's Unit Member of the Year.
- Seek out potential nominees for the Salute to Servicewomen Awards who meet the criteria set forth by the National organization including their concurrent contribution to service to their community.
- Collaborate with your Unit's Leadership committee to identify and mentor upcoming leaders in your unit.

I hope you have a great year working the Past Presidents Parley.

Patricia Lugo, Chairman  
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## POPPY

September 2022

Hello Everyone!

All Units should have their Poppy Chairman selected by now. Please be sure your chairman receive a copy of my bulletin each month.

URGENT !! The deadline to order your poppies for 2022-23 is Sept 30, 2022. Your Unit must order at least 100 poppies to be eligible for awards. The order form must be with your order. The form copy was in last months packet on the back of the 1<sup>st</sup> page. If you have misplaced it, you can get it from Dept. website, [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org) , first page, just scroll down a bit to the link.

If you plan to set up in front a business for poppy distribution Veterans Day, or any day, you'll need permission, some areas may need a permit. Many businesses need time to pass your request to their main office or headquarters and receive a response back. This takes time. Plan ahead as time passes faster than we anticipate. Many park festivals/ craft shows etc. also have deadlines to sign up for space.

Have you selected your Miss Poppy yet? Please do so if possible, children love to participate. Children feel important when they assist you and it's important for them to learn why we do what we do. They'll have fun being involved with distributions, promotions, riding in parades etc. Speaking of parades, to participate in a Veterans Day parade usually has a deadline also. You can have Miss Poppy wither you have an active Jr. Unit or not. If your Unit wants to include other girls they can be princesses or whatever works for your Unit. The main thing is to involve them, create memories for them with you, teach them, and to have fun supporting our veterans.

How can the money be spent?? Please refer to the Poppy Program Guide as there is far more information than I have room for here. There is specific guidelines that must be followed. Please note: in several places it specifically states-- it is for medical and financial need. You can find the Program Guide on the National Website. Go on the Dept. website, to programs, click top item of Veterans and Military Programs. Below that is Poppy Program. At the end of the paragraph in blue is the link for National Poppy Program. You need to Log In for Member Resources. You will find a download for the guide so you can easily refer to it when needed.

Please keep in mind: Poppy assistance is for Veterans and active duty military. Every Legion member of your Post is a Veteran. Please ensure your Post officers/members understand that if a member is in need they may qualify for an assist through this program. With inflation soaring, please be aware to take care of your own in addition to the outside community. For a member to ask for help can be difficult. Be sure you keep any information of a help request as confidential as possible so as not to embarrass any Legion Family member.

For God and Country,

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**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT  
2022-2023  
ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOMES**

First, for those of us (yes, myself included) who say the *V A Home*, this is not the correct name. V A refers to the Veterans Administration. The Arizona State Homes are administered by the Arizona Department of Veterans Services, thus are *State Homes*.

Each State Home is an ALA program by itself. You can make donations to the individual State Home of your choice, Phoenix, Tucson, Yuma or Flagstaff. Or you can donate to the President's Special Project and you can specify which State Home on your Special Project donation. Are you confused yet? With donations to PSP, Madam President hopes to purchase high dollar items much like we did with the Visually Impaired Veterans Special Project where we purchased the tandem bicycle for over \$3000. We also may be able to purchase the typical items such as snacks and gift cards. You are encouraged to continue to support the individual programs at your local State Homes. See the bulletins from those chairmen. Additionally we hope to make an extra impact with this Special Project. Madam President and I are working with Veterans Services to get more information about the needs of the two new homes.

All the State Homes are seeking qualified personnel. This is a big issue impacting the care of the residents, limiting the number of veterans that can be served.

There are two awards your Unit can earn for your work with PSP, the Ginger Cox PSP Award for Unit membership of 200 or less, and the Cathy Jarvis PSP award for Units 201 and over. Both of these awards require a narrative. Please take the time to document your hard work! If you have an event to support PSP, please let me know. I would be thrilled to attend if possible and I really want to hear what your Unit is doing. And watch for the houses at your district meetings. These houses can be decorated uniquely and are to be filled with cash for PSP.

Honor our Home Town Heroes who are residing in our Arizona State Veterans Homes!

For God and Country,

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## VA & R

September 2022

Hello fellow members!

### \*\*\* URGENT REMINDER \*\*\*

Please don't forget – In order to be eligible for ANY award – Not just POPPY awards - at Convention your Unit MUST order and pay for a minimum of 100 poppies no later than September 30, 2022. The order forms are available on the Department website at [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org). This is your last chance to get your order forms submitted.

There are many programs that fall under the VA & R umbrella which is why there is a chairman assigned to those particular programs. If you have questions about where to report your Unit's VA & R activities, you can reach out to me and I can direct you to the appropriate chairman. My contact information is below. You can also reference the Department Directory in this packet.

Poppy/Welfare/VA & R monies may be used for donating to the President's Special Project which supports the VA State Homes in AZ. The VA homes in Phoenix and Tucson are long-standing and always in need of donations and support. Keep in mind that there are two new homes opening up soon which will also be seeking donations and support; One in Yuma which should be opening very soon (2022) and the other is in Flagstaff (early 2023). You can follow their progress on Facebook:

Facebook Pages:

- Arizona State Veteran Home – Flagstaff
- Arizona State Veteran Home – Yuma

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry

Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

# Service to Veterans

*September 2022*

Hello fellow Auxiliary members,

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." ~ Joseph Campbell

*This month I want to share with you some of a report I was given on the Agent Orange Awareness Event hosted by Cat Ludwick. August was Agent Orange Awareness Month.*

The main event was held at post 58 in Fountain Hills, there were over 200 attendees, we honored a dozen Veterans during the pinning and Welcome Home Ceremony, four widows were recognized and nearly a dozen family members who have lost their Veteran to Agent Orange. The American Legion family were all well represented by members at every level including the Legion Department Commander Mike Simon and Auxiliary President Barbara White. The Purple Heart Association D12 Representative also attended.

As part of the ceremony, we read the names of 64 Veterans who have not only lost their lives to Agent Orange but have been honored in Washington DC. These Veterans names, faces and biographies are on display on the Virtual Wall at the Smithsonian Institute year-round. The ceremony was concluded with the playing of TAPS.

After the event concluded, there was a Memorial ride from Fountain Hills to the Gilbert Water Tower. Both the fountain and the water tower were lit up in Orange. There were over two dozen people holding flags and reading names of the fallen as candles were lit in their memory. Nearly 40 were present. All monies raised went to Veterans Affinity, a Veterans organization that focuses on our older /elderly Veterans and ensuring they have the resources they need to live out their lives as best as possible and for those who are terminally ill or in hospice, they ensure our Veterans die with dignity and do not die alone. What a wonderful event! Thank you to all you came, gave and participated.

Please continue to share your events with me so I can share them with all of you. Keep up the important work you are all doing!

For God and Country, Sara C. Decker

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## **Creative Arts Chairman Update for September 2022**

Art Heals, Art Restores, Art Encourages & Art is for everyone! So happy to report good news for Tucson area veterans. The Tucson VA medical center will host their 2022 Creative Arts Festival September 14-15. It will also be a "walk through" event. If you know a Tucson area veteran who creates artful things made over this last year, that they could show, please contact me at the info below. I can set you up with an application and more information about the event. We may need volunteers the day of the event or treats to serve. If your Tucson area unit is interested in assisting, I will know more about the event and needs when this is delivered to you in early September.

As I write this I am looking forward to the National Convention and hoping to meet other Creative Arts chairmen and see what is happening to encourage creativity among our veterans in Arizona. I will make a full report in the October newsletter. In between that time, please take time to do something creative for yourself and your veterans. As most of us are also caregivers to veterans, we can reap the benefits of creative activities to relax and rejuvenate. If you think you or your unit would like to know more about some simple creative and artful activities, let me know and I'll make a visit and get you started with some mosaic watercolor or simple weaving projects. These projects are no fail and only for our own eyes and benefit. I think you'll see the benefits of using color and creativity in our lives. And I believe, once you try creative activities, you can be more encouraging to our veterans to do the same. Whether it's a veteran you volunteer to assist at the State Homes, or the veteran in your home, it sure can be a wonderful thing to see a veteran truly enjoy a creative activity and rest their minds of everyday stress. My veteran husband and I see the benefits of creativity and color in our lives. I think you will too!

**For God and Country, in Service not Self-**

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VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
7-31-22

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

Second booster shots (fourth shot) are also now available for those over 50.

Southwest Blind Rehabilitation Center is now open and is resuming outings. Visitation at SAVAHCS is still limited. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time.

There is a new program to assist Veterans patients with food insecurities. A separate food pantry is filling this need. Thank you to Unit 132 for their generous donation to this program.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022 is \$400.00.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022 is \$2,106.99. Thank you Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Four registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022 is 277.5. SAVAHCS is in the process of bringing back volunteers. Volunteers will be phased in as needed and the process will be closely monitored by the Director. Volunteers will be contacted by the Voluntary Service office as their services are needed.

This chairman has volunteered 39.5 hours and logged 420 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of June 30, 2022. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was re-elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 12, 2021. This chairman has been elected to fill a three year term on the VAVS Executive Committee. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. This chairman worked with all Units to provide beverages and snacks for staff, patients and volunteers who were manning the COVID-19 vaccination sites. This chairman is working with the Homeless Program to ensure that our Homeless Veterans and those in Transitional Housing have the food and beverages that they need during this time of enormous stress on all community resources. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is tentatively planned for September 14 & 15, 2022. Annual Joint Review was completed November 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX  
September 2022

Hello Everyone,

I hope August treated you well and you're getting ready for all the upcoming "ber" months – September, October, November and December. This starts a busy time for most Units as everyone is gearing up for the rapidly approaching holidays.

While you're thinking about what your Unit will be doing for our Veterans for the holidays please keep in mind those who live in the Arizona State Veterans Homes.

At the Phoenix location, they are allowing visits from our Auxiliary members, in small groups, following strict Covid protocols. If your Unit would like to plan an event or visit, please contact me so we can coordinate with the Recreation Director to ensure everyone is in compliance and does not conflict with other planned activities. The Veterans would love to visit with you for BINGO, Ice Cream Socials, Game Days or any number of other social activities.

I've been notified by several Units and individuals that they'd like to participate in the birthday card program. Thank you all. These cards truly make a difference and remind our Veterans they have not been forgotten. The cards are given to the Veteran on his/her actual birthday along with a cupcake (or other dietary approved treat) and balloons. They also have a "group" birthday party on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month for all birthdays, usually at 2:00 pm and our members are welcome to attend. The cards can be sent once per month in a group package directly to the State Home or to Department. Those sent to Department will be delivered monthly. Mailing addresses for each are below. September and October birthdays are:

September:

6<sup>th</sup> - Tony H. 7<sup>th</sup> - William "Mike" Sm. 7<sup>th</sup> - JW K 9<sup>th</sup> - Darrel H. 14<sup>th</sup> - Mike M.  
15<sup>th</sup> - Robert N. 21<sup>st</sup> - Tom K. 21<sup>st</sup> - Encarnacion "Shon" T. 21<sup>st</sup> - Guy C.  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Ron M.

October:

4<sup>th</sup> - Pat H. 4<sup>th</sup> - Roman C. 4<sup>th</sup> - William M. 13<sup>th</sup> - Henry H. 19<sup>th</sup> - Peter S.  
21<sup>st</sup> - Rico D. 24<sup>th</sup> - Clifford S. 29<sup>th</sup> - John Bl.

Mail cards to either:

AZ State Veterans Home c/o Brittany Tashner Recreational Therapy Director 4141 S. Herrera Way Phoenix, AZ 85012	American Legion Auxiliary Dept of Arizona Attn: Birthday Card Program 4701 N. 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85015
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Thank you all for your continued support of our Veterans,  
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