

Serving Those Behind The Badge

April 2021

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

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S OFFICAL VISIT... President Patricia will be rescheduling her missed visits for this year. Check with her about rescheduling. If you want her to revisit go ahead and ask.

POPPY ORDERS...Have you received you 2021 Poppy order? Please let us know because we are still shipping POPPY ORDERS.

PSP SHIRTS...we have them here in the office for sale. RED and BLUE tee shirts and polos wicking material...Get yours TODAY.

GIRLS STATE...It's happening...watch for details from the DIRECTOR...Did you get your information?

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

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EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ...if you have received a red ticket since last Fall Conference please contact Department again so that we can mail out your prize asap.

MEMBERSHIP... "MEMBERSHIP PATROL Part 2". Membership is everyone's job. Legion Act has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. Be a life saver and get a renewal and a rejoin. ARIZONA is at 64.27%...need to work on that...WE CAN DO IT!! Check out

the standings we have several Units that do not have the minimum of 10 members to maintain their charter. National has already asked if these Units are CANCELLING THIER CHARTERS. Question is are they?

RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY PHONE...Call National Headquarters at **(317) 569-4570** with your member ID and debit or credit card ready. If you would like to pay multiple members' dues at the same time, please call them, as this is the easiest way to accomplish this task.

Applications MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE

- **The original application is sent to DEPARTMENT not copies of them.**
- **Be eligible & USE BLUE INK, SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION and COMPLETE INFO.**
- **Unit number**
- **Name of Veteran related to and only 1**
- **NEW "ANYTIME AFTER" Veteran Served...MUST IDENTITY CONFLICT...CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**
- **DIRECT DESCENDANT... No longer on NEW application**
- **Only 1 relationship and do not add any**
- **Now you have spouse in place of wife, you have to identify female or male spouse**
- **Must be signed by a Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself**
- **Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies**
- **Do not pay for paid online and PUFL members on your transmittals...They are already paid for.**
- **NO NEW women veterans special offer for 2021.**
- **USE THE FORMS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING.**
- **DO NOT RECREATE THE FORMS.**

Please say a little prayer or wish that all are safe.



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2021

“Serving Those Behind the Badge”

Our Mission Statement states in part “ In the spirit of Service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families both at home and abroad.”

Military families, and the children in particular, sacrifice in a way few civilians understand. Here are some of the challenges they face:

- Children of servicemembers can have one or both parents serving in the military.
- They can live on or near a large military base or reside in geographically isolated command post.
- They may be sent to stay with grandparents, other family members, or guardian when parents deploy.
- Children of servicemembers may experience the stress of numerous deployments.
- Each of the three phases of deployment – pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment (reunion) - has its own unique challenges for the child and the family.

The month of April provides us with a special occasion to recognize and celebrate the sacrifice of our military children. Established in 1986 by Casper Weinberger, who served as Secretary of Defense at the time, Month of the Military Child acknowledges the significant place military children hold in our hearts.

During this stressful time let's celebrate these amazing children during the month set aside for them, let's show them we care!

Don't forget to renew your membership. It is very important to keep up with your dues because once we are able to meet, dues must be paid in order to attend meetings. You can renew your American Legion Auxiliary membership by visiting www.ALAforVeterans.org to pay online or you can pay by phone by calling ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570, Monday-Friday, 8a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. Visa, Mastercard, or Visa/Mastercard Debit are accepted.

Thank you for your support of my Special Project, The One Hundred Club. Tee shirts are still available at the Department office.

Until next month, stay safe.

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Auxiliary Emergency Fund

April 2021

Who is Eligible?

What do these things have in common?

- Health issues or family emergency...A financial crisis hits, leaving a member without resources for shelter or utilities, and no other source of aid is readily available.
- Earthquake in Utah and Tornados in Tennessee...A natural disaster or weather emergency leaves a member without shelter or food.
- Divorce or loss of job...In extreme circumstances, educational training is needed by a member lacking the necessary skills for employment.

In the case of a natural disaster, an expedited application is available. The completed application can be submitted directly to ALA National Headquarters.

AWARDS

Individual contributors donating \$50 or more can receive a citation and lapel pin.

Unit awards for Department listed below...

Patricia M. Lee –Gloria Elliott Memorial Plaque
Paula Burgess "President's Plaque"
Paula Burgess "Per Capita Award"

Jessica Matteson – Chairman

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Chaplain

April 2021

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary members,

I hope this bulletin finds you all healthy and safe. If you have prayers to send me for Madam President's Prayer Book I'd love to start receiving them. As always, if you would like me to send a card to someone, my contact information is listed below. Please send me an e-mail or text message and I'll get a card sent out right away. I'd be happy to send any kind of card – get well, condolences, thinking of you, motivational, encouragement, great job, etc.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Enlighten our minds with truth;

Enflame our hearts with love;

Inspire our will with courage;

Enrich our lives with service.

Sanctify what we are; order what we shall be and thine shall be the glory and eternal salvation through our Heavenly Father.

Amen.

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Community Service

April 2021

Hello fellow Auxiliary members,

"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever." ~Kofi Annan

It warms my heart to see Community Service still going strong. From making masks to giving out care packages to those in need, to baking goods for our First Responders and the homeless, to visiting those that cannot socialize, everything is greatly appreciated and needed.

*I am looking forward to reading all your yearend reports and narratives!
Remember, follow the guidelines for Narrative in order to receive an award.*

IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT! Year-end reports and NARRATIVES are Due May 1st!!!!

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Education April, 2021



The time to submit your reports and narratives for the Department awards is quickly approaching! There are two awards for Education: The **Jean Batley Plaque** for Units of membership 150 or under and the **Chrysteen Fritzinger Plaque** for Units of membership 151 or higher.

The rules are the same for both awards:

- Any Unit in the Department of Arizona may receive these awards in the appropriate membership category.
- Judging will be based on actual participation in Scholarships, both Loan and Gift, educational programs in both high school and grammar schools, and extra activity done.
- Unit Education reports must be into the Department Education Chairman on or before the deadline date for reports or date designated by the Department Chairman (May 1st).
- A narrative report of the work accomplished in this program must be included with the report to be eligible for these awards. The narrative must be typewritten, not to exceed 1,000 words. (Refer to the Department Awards Rules and Regulations manual for further details on writing the narrative.)

The Education Year-End report form is available on the Department website [fa11040bd4661f514f55ec7318cf5b0c \(wsimg.com\)](https://www.wsimg.com/fa11040bd4661f514f55ec7318cf5b0c) . **The report forms and narratives are due to this Chairman by May 1st.**

I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary education programs throughout the school year.

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

Julie Vietri

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HISTORIAN

APRIL 2021

Happy Spring,

I hope all of you are well and enjoying our beautiful April weather. Now that the Governor has eased up on some restrictions, I hope all our wonderful Units are getting prepared to start our great work again. I know some Units have been doing things and others have still been locked down and unable to do a lot. As I am writing this, we are awaiting word about our convention in June. I hope we can all be together in Mesa and get to visit and get to some semblance of normal.

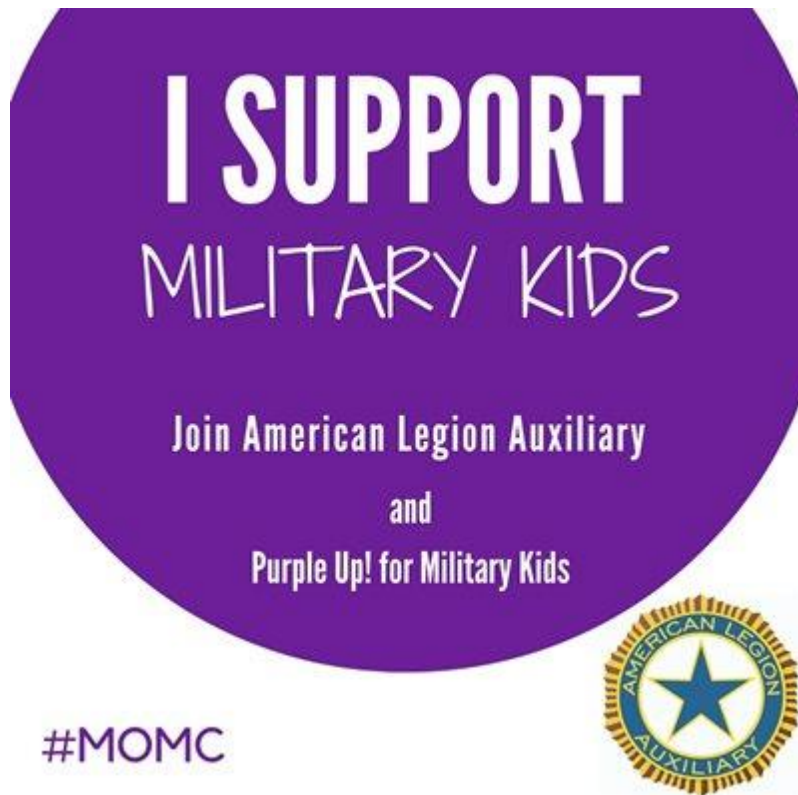
History report forms are due to me May 1st. Please email them to: auntwosie1990@yahoo.com or mail them to 1740 E 2nd Ave Mesa AZ 85204

Your units history books need to be at convention and turned that Friday by noon. Your history should be 2019-2021. If you turned in 2019-2020 then add 2020-2021 to it. Questions you can email me or call/text 602-628-4088

Can't wait to see you all

Rose Ficklin

Dept. Historian



Don't forget to show support for our nation's military children on "Purple Up! For Military Kids" day. This special day honoring our youngest heroes will be celebrated Friday, April 16, 2021. Join the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and others in the military community by wearing purple to support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices.

Purple symbolizes the combined colors of all five branches of the military—Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue.

April is Month of the Military Child. Here are some Virtual Purple Up! Day Ideas:

- Encourage your social community to participate in Purple Up! Day
- Wear purple during online classrooms via Zoom, Skype and Hangouts
- Invite military parents to attend one of their children's online classrooms
- Make a Tik Tok video dedicated to Purple Up! Day or honor military children
- Share your activities and photos on social media #purpleup
- Tell your kid they're awesome with this certificate and share on social media
- Purple Up! On Houseparty with your friends
- Teachers can honor or recognize military children during their online

Not virtual but within social distance guidelines:

Walk or ride bikes while wearing purple
Recognize the month with signs, decorations for military focused memorabilia in front of your home.

Legislative

April 2021

Greetings,

I hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits. As of the writing of this bulletin, Governor Doug Ducey is starting to lift restrictions, including seating capacity. This includes the mandatory opening of schools by March 15th. Many are still wearing masks and socially distancing. Others are getting vaccinated.

President Biden and Congress passed another COVID Relief Stimulus bill.

As many of you know the Governor and President, are still giving daily briefings on the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor has started to allow some elective surgeries. There are two vaccines approved by the FDA, by Pfizer and Moderna. Johnson and Johnson are also jumping aboard and working on getting a one dose vaccine approved by the FDA, as opposed to the two dose ones available now.

Protests and demonstrations in Washington DC as well as State Capitols including ours have died down somewhat, but strict security restrictions are still in place due to threats on elected officials and COVID restrictions. The fence surrounding the U.S. Capitol is now a permanent fixture. Our State Capitol will also soon have a permanent non scaleable fence surrounding the Executive Tower, House, Senate and Museum. The State Legislature is currently working on passing bills from last session.

IMPORTANT – YOUR YEAR END REPORTS ARE DUE TO ME BY MAY 1ST!!!! I only received two Mid-Year Reports in December. It is vital to our organization that these reports are done. It is important that these Legislative reports are done on a Unit level, so that the Department Chairmen have something to give to National to take to Congress. Please send your reports in by May 1st, 2021, even if you were unable to do anything. Thank You.

In closing, please stay healthy and positive. Remember, we are all in this together. Please remember, to be kind and patient with one another. I miss you all and care deeply about you and hope to see you soon. If there is anything you need to talk about, call or email me. I am but a few clicks away.

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP
APRIL 2021

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR HARD-WORKING MEMBERS OF THE MEMBERSHIP PATROL. IT IS GETTING TO THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN WE START PUSHING MORE FOR MEMBERSHIP. DURING THE COURSE OF MY TIME AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN I HAVE BEEN RELAXED, POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING. I AM PROUD TO SAY LAST YEAR WAS EXCEPTIONALLY GREAT AND IT WAS EVIDENT YOU ALL WORKED HARD. THIS YEAR APPEARS TO BE A LITTLE SLOWER BUT I KNOW WE WILL CATCH UP. I KNOW THIS BECAUSE LAST MONTH WE WERE PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR SPRING AND WATERING FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH. SPRING IS NOW HERE SO WE SHOULD START GATHERING OUR FLOWERS AND EVERYTHING WE PLANTED SHOULD BE COMING UP. MEMBERS GALOR.

OUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ABLE TO STAY ALIVE AND WELL WITH ONLY SHORT BOUTS OF QUESTIONS ON WILL WE BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AND SURVIVE TO CONTINUE HELPING OUR VETERANS. THE ANSWER IS VERY EASY. YES. THIS IS DUE TO THE COMMITMENT OF OUR MEMBERS. I AM PROUD TO SERVE YOU AND BE A PART OF OUR AUXILIARY.

IT IS GETTING CLOSE TO CONVENTION AND I HOPE YOU ARE ALL TAKING CARE OF YOURSELVES SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART AND ENJOY THE COMPANIONSHIP WE HAVE ALL MISSED. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AND THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND CONTINUING TO SING MY SONG OF STAYING ALIVE STAYING ALIVE STAYING ALIIIIIIIVE.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO AND GOD BLESS THE USA.

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Music
April 2021

Greetings Members,

With social distancing and the flu, we are still mostly home bound trying to keep Covid-19 and the flu at bay. I'm pleased to hear so many Units are continuing with their music programs despite the challenges from Covid-19. Fortunately, many have chosen to get the vaccine.

I've had the opportunity to speak with some units and would like to visit and hear what the Units have in mind for music opportunities. If you would like assistance with ideas or music, I'm here to assist you. Some units are including a patriotic song during their meetings. Other Units' juniors have sung "The National Anthem" at their functions. It's wonderful to include these young voices, they are our future.

Year-end reports are due May 1, 2021. I'm looking forward to receiving your reports and hearing about things you are doing within your Units and Posts. It's vital to our organization that these reports are completed by your Unit Chairman, I would like to report to National what our Units are doing despite dealing with Covid-19. I certainly appreciate your impute.

It might be early, but I've been looking at possible choices for Convention Memorial Service. I have a few selections in mind, but if you have a suggestion I would welcome your suggestions. I would like to add new music choices to the mix.

"Music puts everything you wish you could say into words and melody."

Stephen Gomez

With a song in your heart
For God and Country,

Alma Mattingly

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL SECURITY

APRIL 2021

Hello ladies of the great state of Arizona!!! At this writing this chairman is hoping that everyone is doing everything they can to stay safe during the Coronavirus epidemic. Hoping that anyone who is wanting to get a vaccine has been able to do so with so many POD's opening in your area.

One of the things that would be important is to make sure that your home is also in safe mode. Are your smoke alarms up to standard...are the batteries needing changed? Do you have a carbon monoxide detector in your home? Make sure your filters are cleaned regularly.

Under the National Security program, we talk about being ready for any disaster to come our way. We are there now!

Stores are still dealing with running out of many items needed for all of us who have made the decision to be quarantined in our homes. Kudos to those entities who are shutting down ensuring our safety, those stores who are opening to the elderly first, and so much more. Please follow the guidelines in your local stores of staying in the social distancing safety measures.

As each month with our members getting the vaccines, we feel more secure in gatherings, but please remember we want to still ensure that masks are worn as you enter a building, moving around, and walking out of a building.

With all that said, please do not forget that reports are due to me by May 1, 2021. If you have any questions with regard to the form, give me a buzz...call or email.

Until next month with more news!! And more importantly, thanks for all you do!!!

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New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

APRIL 2021

GETTING BACK TO THE 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 will to make? Concerned Auxiliary members can promote the growth and well being of our Units. We must get back to the Basics.

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 you need to like everyone in our Unit? Of course not; we are all individuals and your 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 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?

American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley

April 2021

Arizona ALA, the time to submit for all PPP Plaques is fast approaching! And here is the criterion for two plaques:

Arizona Active Past Presidents Plaque

Arizona has had many past Unit, District and Department Past Presidents who continue to serve ALA programs and should be recognized for their dedication. Qualifications: Must be a PAST Unit, District or Department President who is active in various activities/programs and attends meetings on a regular basis. Do submit a narrative NTE 1,000 words describing qualifications/accomplishments/achievements for this year. MUST BE SIGNED BY Unit President and Unit Chairman and submit to this chairman by May 1, 2021.

Unit Member of the Year

Does your Unit have that member that meets the following criteria to serve as Arizona member of the Year? Criteria: Selection should be based on contribution through a program and/or project for the CURRENT year. Is she a member in good standing? Has not served in an appointed and/or elected office higher than Unit President. Length of membership is not a criterion. Submit a narrative NTE 1000 words describing accomplishments/achievements for this year. INCLUDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS. MUST BE SIGNED BY Unit President and Unit Secretary and submit to this chairman by May 1, 2021.

THIS MONTH PPP HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THEIR SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY! PPP is asking you to place a submittal of your choice. When placing a submittal please mention in a short paragraph their credentials. This can be a past Unit, District or Department President. And please consider your Junior Presidents. These submittals will be honored at our Department Convention.

Please contact me if you have questions about the narratives or this program.

**Yolanda Bonilla
Past Presidents Parley Chairman
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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT**

April 2021

The One Hundred Club of Arizona

**"Standing Behind the Men and Women who
Stand Behind the Badge."**

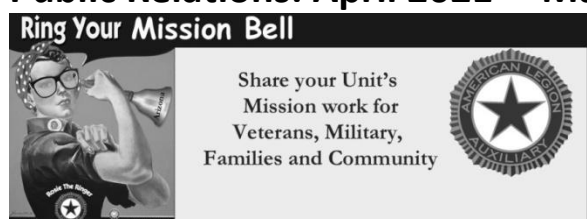
The mission of the One Hundred Club is to provide financial assistance to families of First Responders who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty and provide resources to enhance their safety and welfare. We have proudly served the public safety community since 1968.

They provide immediate financial assistance to families of public safety officers and firefighters who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, and to provide resources to enhance their safety and welfare.

On behalf of President Lugo, we would like to thank all the Units for your support of this great project.

Special Project Tee Shirts are available at the Department Auxiliary office.

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An effective public relations program can bring in new members, new resources and new volunteers. To be its most effective, it needs certain attributes which I am calling the 7 C's, which we will explore over the coming months.

So far, we've learned about Commitment, Consistency, Creativity and Communication. This month, let's look at:

Credibility: The quality of being trusted and believed in.

trustworthiness · reliability · dependability · integrity · character · reputation ·

This might seem incredibly obvious—and yet it is not always easy to achieve. In an organization that is comprised of volunteers, commitments are sometimes not taken seriously and life "priorities" can take last minute precedence. If your Unit does not show up for a meeting or a table is left empty at a benefit, you are risking your reputation as a credible partner. That can be hard for a business, school or an elected official to understand. They begin to wonder why they should support you!

Engaging your community is serious business and should not be taken lightly:

- Don't make a commitment if you aren't positive your unit can deliver
- Make sure volunteers understand what is expected of them—and when.
- Commit less than you think you can manage—having more people show up, raising more money, having a better float for the parade are pleasant surprises!
- Be on time!
- Dress better than you think is required.
- Follow-up on outstanding questions or issues. No one expects you to have all the answers on hand, but they do expect you to get them.

Future topics: Cooperation, Collaboration

Purple Up! Day (April 15) is a great opportunity to engage your community. Let's see those photos on social media using #purpleup

I welcome your thoughts and questions!



Creative Arts

April 2021

Have a blessed and happy Easter!

As I write this, it is National Creative Arts Therapy Week. (March 14 – 20) It is designated to draw awareness of how creative arts therapy changes lives.

I did attend the National ALA workshop on the Veterans Creative Arts Program. It was designed as more of an introductory session, so while I did enjoy it, I can't say I learned much new. But I highly recommend these ALA sessions for those of you who really want to learn more about the ALA programs.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival costs a lot of money to hold each year. The performances require backgrounds, lighting, special costumes for each performer and are emceed by well-known personalities. Display of visual arts requires all sorts of equipment. At the local level, framing supplies, display cases, shipping expenses, and veteran transportation are just a few areas your donations help. There are also often expenses for care givers that are not covered.

To quote one veteran participant; "for those moments, I am free." What better compensation is there!

Your Department Creative Arts Team 2019-2021:

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
2-28-21

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

Moderna vaccine has arrived and all staff who desired vaccination have been vaccinated. All at risk Veterans and those 75+ and 65+ have been offered the two dose vaccine. Currently working on Veterans 55+. Current numbers are encouraging according to Director.

Southwest Bind Rehabilitation Center is now closed until COVID-19 numbers improve. There is NO visitation at SAVAHCS. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time. American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop will have to be done differently this year. The hospital is asking for lists from nursing staff of items needed by Veteran patients. They have requested that all service organizations work together to fill these needs with no duplication. American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop donated \$4,000.00 worth of gift cards in support this effort. February was National Salute to Veterans during the week of Valentines Day. Gift bags and items were donated by Service Organizations and community groups. Unit 132 donated coffee pods and snacks for the Infusion Suite. There is a new program in start-up process to assist Veterans patients with food insecurities. Once implemented, a separate food pantry will fill this need.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 is \$800.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for February 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 is \$39,950.29. This amount includes the Christmas Gift Shop donation for 2019. Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 66, Unit 68, 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, 2020 to February 28, 2021 is 658. **S AVAHCS 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. One more Auxiliary volunteer has been called back. This effort is currently being reevaluated due to current numbers and availability of vaccine.**

This chairman has volunteered 119.5 hours and logged 1,680 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of February 28, 2021. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 8, 2020. The audit of the books was completed. 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. Annual Joint Review was completed November 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME (ASVA-PHOENIX)
APRIL 2021

Good morning to all Auxiliary Family Ladies. You are such a special bunch of women. I still do not have much to report since the virus broke out.

We were able to donate \$500.00 to the Veterans Home and they really appreciated our generosity. Let me send you a paragraph from their thank you letter.

"I would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Arizona State Veterans Home. The check for \$500.00 is much appreciated by our residents, And they wish to extend their gratitude to you as well. Our veterans have many needs, which can only be met through generous donations such as yours.

Thank you for thinking of us and assisting us in making the Arizona State Home the best place to be."

This is from Tim Bouseman NHA Administrator.

Very thoughtful of him to recognize us.

For god and Country

Pat Stanaski