

HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE

March 2018

NATIONAL PRESIDENT...is here... see flyer in this packet...will we see you during her visit?

DUES INCREASE... We understand that your Unit is working very hard on the program and it just January; however, you must be pro active on this issue...NATIONAL is raising they portion of dues...per capita to \$12.00 per senior...that means a dues increase at the Unit level...that's you. **You will now be sending to Department \$4.00 for Juniors and \$19.00 for Seniors.** Please address this now. We **MUST** have the requested information **on or before March 15, 2018. The form is in this packet.**

MISSION TRAINING & JUNIORS...did I see you in Vegas.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION...It is true, it is at Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass NOT THE CASINO. Housing information is in the packet along with the registration form

IMPACT REPORT...in this packet...look at them...learn what you need to do...track and report.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

District 2...President email...ymartinez1053@msn.com

Unit 8...mailing address PO Box 11312, Casa Grande, AZ 85130

Unit 65...Membership Mischelle Henry email mischellekhenery@gmail.com

PDP...Karen Smith 1133 Carmelita Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

MEMBERSHIP... “WE CAN-CAN increase membership, YES WE CAN”. Membership is everyone's job. Please double check the information on the applications...have someone else check...we spending too much time getting missing information and corrections.

Applications must...

- Be eligible
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1
- Only 1 time of service
- Only 1 relations – do not add any
- Must be signed by an Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself
- Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies
- Only list names that paid online, do not send any money for them.

Please let your members know that if they pay online they need to let you know. Members can now also pay by phone using a credit/debit card. Call National at 1-317-569-4500 and tell them you want to pay your dues by phone. Again, remember that National does not send out cards they have to let you know.

LOGO STICKERS & WOODEN NICKLES...yes, we have both for sale here in the Department office.

Below is map of the convention hotel location...THIS IS NOT THE CASINO....

Everyone...We encourage you to work hard and watch deadlines...it takes both to be a winner and make membership meaningful.

“High Heels & Spurs”

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*American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona*

WELCOMES

NATIONAL PRESIDENT DIANE DUSCHECK

*Dinner March 9, 2018
Dinner 6:00pm
No Host Bar 5:00pm
Dress code
Semi Formal / Business*



*Cost \$12.00
Chicken Saltimbocca
Baked Potato
Green Beans, Salad
Dessert Buffet*

*Please plan to attend our Dinner with
National President Diane Duscheck*

*March 9, 2018
American Legion Post 66
1560 W Duval Mine Rd
Green Valley, AZ*

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Please send in the bottom part, along with your check
Please make out check to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66
Attn: National President's Dinner
1560 W Duval Mine Rd
Phone: 520-343-3703 Green Valley, AZ 85614

Please reserve _____ dinner(s) for The National President's Visit to Arizona. Cut off date for dinner tickets is March 7, 2018.

Enclose \$ _____

Please list the names for this event.

National President Diane Duscheck Official Visit

March 6-10, 2018

Tucson, Arizona

Agenda

Subject to Change

- 3-6-2018 Tuesday 8:30pm
Arrive Tucson International Airport
Check into La Quinta Hotel at the Airport
Dinner
- 3-7-2018 Wednesday
Breakfast - hotel
11am - 1pm Lunch - Tucson VAMC Employee Luncheon
2pm - 3pm Sister Jose's - All Units please have a drive for paper and hygiene products to be delivered during this visit.
4pm - San Xavier Mission White Dove
- 3-8-2018 Thursday
Breakfast - hotel
10am - Tucson VAMC Blind Center & CLC
1pm Lunch - Arizona State Veterans Home Tucson
5pm - Dinner - Post 109
- 3-9-2018 Friday
10am - Breakfast Fisher House
Lunch -
3pm - Titan Silo - Green Valley
5pm - Dinner - Post 66
- 3-10-2018 Saturday
Breakfast - hotel
Depart

**American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans
President's Message**

March 2018

Are you ready for Auxiliary National President Diane Duscheck's visit in the Tucson area? Let's make her visit a memorable one! First of all, we will tour Sister Jose facility in Tucson on Wednesday, March 7. Sister Jose is a Day Center that provides a safe environment for women going through the struggles of homelessness. The center also provides a Winter Night Program for women who would be sleeping outside. On March 8 we will tour the Community Living Center, the Blind Center and the VA Home on the VA Grounds. Friday morning, March 9 will be devoted to visiting Fisher House.

Do make plans to attend the National President's Banquet at Post 66 in Green Valley on March with no host bar at 5 pm and dinner slated to begin at 6 pm. She asks that in lieu of gifts; please make a donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation.

Thank you Unit 27 for the hospitality and camaraderie extended to me on my official visit last month. I do look forward to visits at Unit 41, Unit 19 and District 1 this month. Send invitations to your Unit or District by either MAIL at: 15606 South Gilbert Road, Lot 103, Chandler, AZ 85225 or Email to yodobo@msn.com

See everyone on the flip side!

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,

**Yolanda Bonilla
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Date	Description	Location
November 11, 2017	Veterans Day Parade	Tucson, AZ
November 12, 2017	District 11 Official Visit`	Wickenburg, AZ. Post 12
November 18, 2017	Girls State Dinner	Tempe, AZ, Post 2
November 19, 2017	District 12 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
November 25, 2017	Post 26 Dedication Ceremony	Mesa, AZ, Post 26
November 27, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Prescott, AZ
December 4, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Phoenix, AZ
December 6, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Tucson, AZ
December 7, 2017	Pearl Harbor Day	Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix
December 9, 2017	District 6 Official Visit	Snowflake, AZ Post 126
Decmber 13, 2017	Unit 39 Official Visit	Gilbert, AZ, Post 39
December 19, 2017	Unit 1 Official Visit	Phoenix, AZ, kPost 1
January 3, 2017	El Zaribah Installation	Phoenix, AZ
January 6, 2017	Strategic Planning Meeting`	Department Office, Phoenix, AZ
January 6, 2018	Department Open House	Department Office, Phoenix, Az
January 14, 2018	District 3 Meeting`	Tombstone, AZ
January 14, 2018	Southern Run Tour	Tucson Area
January 17, 2018	Post 145 Charter Anniversary	Post 145
January 21, 2018	District 2 Official Visit	Tucson, AZ, Post 36
January 27, 2018	National Security/Children & Youth workshop	Phoenix, AZ, Post 1
February 2-3, 2018	Mission Training	Las Vegas, NV
February 5, 2018	Unit 27 Official Visit	Apache Junction, AZ, Post 27
February 7-8, 2018	Creative Arts	Phoenix VA, Phoenix, AZ
February 10, 2018	District 12 Rehab Dinner	Chandler, AZ Post 35
Februarry 17, 2018	Arizona Mission Training	Unit 75, VFW Post 9400, Phoenix, AZ
February 18, 2018	Meeting re: Sister Jose	Post 36, Tucson, AZ
February 21, 2018	Akimel Patriotic Day	Akimel School, Phoenix, AZ
February 23-25, 2018	ALA NEC Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
March 1, 2018	Unit 41 Official Visit	Phoenix, Post 41
March 7-10, 2018	National President's Visit	Tucson Area
March 17-18, 2018	Distrct 1 Official Visit, Unit 19 Birthday	Yuma, AZ, kPost 19
March 19, 2018	American Legion Birthday Dinner	Post 97, Florence, AZ
March 22, 2018	American Legion Birthday Dinner	Poar 35, Chandler, AZ
March 28-April 1, 2018	National Commander's Visit` - Northern Run	Northern Arizona
April 7, 2018	Strategic Planning Meeeting	Department Office, Phoenix, AZ
April 14, 2018	Post 29 Dinner	Glendale, AZ , Post 29
April 19, 2019	Unit 35 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35

April 28, 2018	District 7 Official Visit`	William AZ,
May 28,, 2018	Memorial Day @ National Cemetary	Cave Creek, AZ
June 1-June 9, 2018	Girls State Session	U of A, Tucson, AZ
June 21-June 24, 2018	Department Convention	Sheraton, Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix,

American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
March 2018

Happy March Unit Members! Hope your Valentine Day was awesome with or without a Valentine. By the time this hits your mail box the month of February will be over and the lovely month of March will have begun!

March brings St. Patricks Day, green beer, Irish Dancing, Corned Beef and Cabbage etc etc. Shamrocks are a great tradition for this holiday. Everyone seems to be Irish on that day so maybe the Unit can take advantage of it. Why not a fund raiser for the month of March? Make some cute four leaf clovers with green construction paper and draw a little smile on each one. Sell for \$1.00 (with the Post permission) the donor signs the clover and it is hung any extra space on the wall or ceiling or wherever there is a vacant area. The poster for the fund raiser could say something like lucky Shamrocks for our Vets who need it. Make a Vet lucky and get a Shamrock for him/her or any other expression that sounds good. Could be an easy way to raise AEF fund money! Much easier than cooking the corned beef and cabbage huh?

The Irish top hats are also easy to make for a pattern and sell. Maybe do both - Shamrocks \$1.00-Top Hat \$2.00. The Unit could also have a sign-up sheet to hire a Leprechaun (imaginary) for an hour to follow the Vet around and do Irish jigs. A little silly but all fund raising should be. This Chairman likes to suggest taking advantage of holidays to extend your monthly fund raising projects.

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ALA Rock Stars Contact Form

Department: _____

Name & contact information of person completing form:

Do you know a member or unit that is doing extraordinary work for the American Legion Auxiliary? Include their contact information below and submit to the National Membership Committee. They may be interviewed to be included in national publications such as the monthly membership newsletter, the eNews or eBulletin.

Individual Member Being Nominated:

Name & Unit: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Unit Being Nominated:

Unit Number & City/State: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Why are they an ALA Rock Star? (Use back or separate sheet if needed)

The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
AMERICANISM
March 2018

Americanism Essay Contest – This year's theme is ***What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community.*** A citation and \$50 prize will be awarded, along with an additional \$50 donation to the *Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship Fund*. Encourage your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors – any child in grades 3-12. Still plenty of time to spread the word and to get the entries sent to the Americanism committee by **April 1, 2018**.

March 15, the designated birthday of *The American Legion*, is the day in 1919 when the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4 – for the day in 1776 when revolting patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born – March 15 is the date on which the Legion came to life. Congress chartered *The American Legion* on September 16, 1919 and the first Legion Convention convenes in Minneapolis in November of that year.

The American Legion **Oratorical Contest** was designed for high school students to display their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. The Arizona Finals Contest will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd**. A maximum of two contestants from each "Area" compete in the Finals. The winner of this Contest will compete in the National Finals in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 13-15, 2018.

Quick Tips

- How many of you have done a ***Pocket Flag*** project? This is a great way to incorporate other organizations by having them work with you. You might ask a 4-H group or the Girl Scouts to work with you on this activity.
- Have you published flag etiquette tips in your newspaper or on social media?
- Encourage support of the flag amendment.

Upcoming Patriotic Days:

3/3 Navy Reserve 103rd Birthday
3/5 Seabees 76th Birthday
3/13 K-9 Veterans Day
3/15 ***The American Legion*** 99th Birthday
3/25 Medal of Honor Day

3/29 Vietnam Veterans Day
April – Month of the Military Child
4/4 Gold Star Spouses Day
4/14 Air Force Reserve 70th Birthday
4/23 Army Reserve 110th Birthday

Reporting dates to remember:

Americanism Essay Contest due 4/1/2018

Year-end reports due 5/1/2018

High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans,

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Chaplain

March 2018

Unit and District President's, please make sure the Chaplains are keeping track of how many cards are being sent out. Also, have them keep track of the number of visits they make. I will be reporting both numbers on the year-end report.

Thank you to those who have emailed me to send cards. PLEASE let me know if you would like a card sent to a Legion Family member. Email or call me, email preferred.

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT -- *It is not too early to start sending your prayers, inspiration poems/quotes, favorite scriptures or anything inspirational to me for President Yolanda's prayer book. You can email or snail mail them to me.*

I leave you with two motivation quotes this month.

When we work together, we maximize our impact.

SMILE

it will make you look better

LOVE

it will help you enjoy life more

PRAY

It will keep you strong

High Heels & Spurs In Service to Veterans

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High Heels & Spurs
Cavalcades of Memories
March 2018

Hello Ladies:

This year is moving fast three months to go and it will be Department convention time a time to reflect on getting, your reports together for all the programs your units have worked on all year long. Some awards weren't won last year create a year of going after some of them and make your units some memories and then you will have a Cavalcades of memory for your unit.

Don't forget the history patch for the juniors do your units have any juniors that qualify for it. It is a history patch so look into it for your juniors. Calling all Past Department Presidents and Honory Junior Department Presidents the cavalcades is still looking for your 5X7 photo and your biography of your year, it would be so good to look back and see what you had accomplish your year.

The cavalcades will be having two awards that was approved at fall conference 2017 and you can work on it this year after the 2018 Department Convention and it will be awarded in 2019 at Department Convention. The award and rules will be coming out at fall conference. It is simple not a written report but what unit raises the most funds donated during the membership year to Department Cavalcade of Memories Fund, that's one. The Second one is the unit that raises the most funds donated per capita during the membership year to Department Cavalcade of Memories Fund. The 2 awards or Centennial Stewart-Helen Stout-Cavalcades of Memories "President's Plaque", and the Centennial Stewart – Helen Stout – Cavalcade of Memories "Per Capita Award". Coming Soon To Your Packet in 2018.

Department Cavalcades of Memories Chairman
Paula Burgess / Past Department President

**American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans
Children & Youth
March 2018**

Hello Ladies!

The American Legion Auxiliary Children and Youth Committee emphasize protecting, caring, and supporting children and youth, with an emphasis on the youth of Veterans and Military families. Next month, April is the Military Child Month and is a time where we can take positive steps to serve the children of our military families.

Military children face some challenges out of the ordinary. Many of them are faced with the separation of a deployed parent for an extended period and sometimes for multiple times. In addition, they are constantly moving which disrupts friendships, schools and the familiarity of a community. In many cases children are younger than five years old and could use a friend. Consider helping out by funding The GI Josh Dog Program. GI Josh can help ease the anxiety and help both parent and child while separated. For information on how you as a Unit can help, go to Josh and Friends.org. For information on locating service families needing help, go to the ALA Website, ALA Family Readiness Action Guide at alaforveterans.org.

Please remember to file your annual report by May 1, 2018.

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,

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Creative Arts

March 2018

It's a wrap! All three Arizona VAMC's have selected the blue ribbon winners who will be judged for possible invitations to the National Creative Arts Festival in Des Moines, Iowa, in November 2018. Thank you everyone who helped make these shows a success.

Much of your February *Auxiliary* magazine is devoted to the 2017 National Veterans Creative Art Festival. There are several excerpts from creative writing as well as pictures of the performing and visual arts in the magazine. One of our Phoenix artists is pictured with his leather work and at least one Prescott painting "Homage to Hopi Codetalkers" is pictured. I hope you will take a moment to look at the article.

I've been to the Tucson and Phoenix VACAF and will have been to Prescott by the time you read this. More on the local shows next month.

Your Department Creative Arts Team:

Phoenix:	Margaret Ellis	maggylou@cox.net	480-818-3166
Prescott:	Sally Fine	mightyfine123@gmail.com	928-713-5842
Tucson:	Kathy Szakonyi	N3SAD@aol.com	520-400-5839

Prepare to Stay EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Keep enough supplies in your home to survive on your own for at least 3 days without electricity or running water. Keep these materials in an easily accessible, separate container or special cupboard. Indicate to your family members that these supplies are for emergencies only.

Prepare to Go GO BAG

Every family member should pack a Go Bag – a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. It should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container. A Go Bag should be easily accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry.

WATER

- One gallon per person per day

- Bottled water

FOOD

- Non-perishable, ready-to-eat canned foods

- Non-perishable food such as energy or granola bars

TOOLS & OTHER SUPPLIES

- Small toolbox
- Flashlight
- Battery or solar-powered AM/FM radio
- Extra Batteries
- Phone that does not rely on electricity
- Manual can opener
- Whistle

- Utility shut off tool
- Flashlight
- Battery or solar-powered AM/FM radio
- Extra Batteries
- Solar-powered cell phone charger
- Extra set of car and house keys.

MEDICAL

- First-Aid kit including bandages and antibiotic ointments
- Medications
- Iodine tablets or one quart of unscented bleach (for disinfecting water ONLY if directed to do so by health officials)
- Eyedropper (for adding bleach to water)

- First-Aid kit including bandages and antibiotic ointments
- Medications

PERSONAL

- Personal hygiene items (soap, feminine products, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)

- Personal hygiene items
- Change of clothes
- Sturdy, comfortable shoes
- Lightweight rain gear
- Coat
- Blanket

DOCUMENTS & CASH

- Copies of your important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, photo IDs, proof of address, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
- Contact and meeting place information
- Small regional map
- \$50-\$100 cash in small denominations

OTHER ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Other medical items (light-weight portable wheelchair, cane/walker, extra oxygen, etc.)
- Childcare items (diapers, wipes, food, formula, toys, etc.)
- Pet supplies (food, water dishes, sanitation items, toys, leash, collar, pictures of pets, etc.)

CHECK & UPDATE YOUR KITS EVERY THREE MONTHS.

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

HISTORY

MARCH 2018

HEELS AND SPURS

Spring is in the air and it is time for new beginnings. If you have not yet started keeping track of all your work, it is not too late. There has been a lot of reporting from the different units and Districts. You ladies have done an awesome job working the different programs, and reporting. You have continued to do the CAN CAN in fulfilling our roles to help veterans, children and communities.

Now is the time to start putting together all the history you have collected for your units and Districts. All the information was in your Fall Conference Packet. If you have misplaced this information, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Remember there are four History Book categories:

Connie Erickson Middlebrook Plaque-----Junior History

Helen Blakeslee Memorial Plaque----- Units with membership 150 and under

Betty Kent Plaque-----Units with membership 151 and over

Rasmussen District History Plaque-----District History.

If you need more information on the criteria, you can go into our website and down load the information.

Remember what I said during our Fall Conference; If the cavemen had not drawn pictures on the cave walls, If our forefathers had not written a history of events or if no one had kept a record of births, marriages and deaths, how would we know where we came from and where we have been.

Ladies THANK YOU for giving so much of yourselves and for all the work you do.

God Bless you and God Bless America

Jennie Molina

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Department of Arizona Historian

Juniors Are Our Future

March 2018

Another month has passed and I hope the next three months are very successful for our Junior units.

It won't be long and we will be getting ready for our end of the year reports and if the mid-year reports are an indicator of the successful Junior unit activates we are in for a great awards presentation.

We will be holding another fun filled Junior campout coming in April, the exact date has not been set yet so stay tuned for the updates.

For those girls who attended the Junior Mission Training conference in Las Vegas earlier this month, the report is that they had a great time learning the different programs. Team work was the main theme. As in the past, these Juniors returned home to their units sharing their experiences. The Juniors also gained new friends as they meet other Juniors from across the United States. As in the past, these girls have formed a lifelong bond with these new friends and it will carry them into their adult life as members of the American Legion Families.

To all our Arizona Junior units, keep up the good work and we look forward to the future together.

Department of Arizona Chairman,
Karon Quigg 623-332-1621

**AZ MISSION TRAINING
LEADERSHIP
MARCH 2018 BULLETIN**

“High Heels And Spurs”

Give us a call to schedule a workshop for your members. Time is approaching for nominations and elections. **You need to schedule a Mission Training workshop for all the new officers and chairman to be ready for the new year. Training now is very important. Plan ahead for success.**

AZ Mission Training will provide:

PROTOCOL	PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES
GOODWILL CULTURE	HOW TO CONDUCT A MEETING
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS & STANDING RULES	MEMBERSHIP
FINANCE (INCLUDES BUDGET/AUDIT)	ALL AUXILIARY PROGRAMS
REPORTING, IMPACT REPORT, WRITING NARRATIVES, DEPT. AWARDS	
TEAM WORK with BREAKOUTS	
DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN	OTHERS ITEMS AS NEEDED

A low cost of \$8.00 to attend!!!!

Eight hours of priceless training!!! **Eight hours of priceless information!!!**

Not all members profess to be leaders but every member of your unit has many talents and strengths that will enhance the Unit. With training there is no limit to every Units success.

AZ MISSION TRAINING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED TO DATE:

SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>WORKSHOP PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	
<u>2/24/18</u>	<u>8-4:30</u>	<u>Dist. 1</u>	<u>Post 19 Yuma</u>	<u>Marge Greene</u>	t104greene@aol.com
<u>3/17/18</u>	<u>8-4:30</u>	<u>Unit 40</u>	<u>Post 40 Chino Valley</u>	<u>Kathy Ingram</u>	kathiespups@yahoo.com

MORE TO COME, STAY TUNED OR CALL US TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP !!!!

Ginger Cox, Dept. Chairman Phone:: 602-616-2811

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LEGISLATIVE March 2018

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We need to protect the rights of our veterans, active military and their families!

How many of you Auxiliary members watched the State of Union Address? Take a poll and report your findings in the Year-End Narrative Report; which is due on **May 1, 2018**. Remember: The Jessie Gribble Memorial Plaque (membership of 151 and over) and Betty Kent Legislative Plaque (membership 150 and under) require a notebook and typed narrative, not to exceed 1,000 words. The Unit Chairman will mail me a copy of the narrative and bring the narrative and notebook to the 2018 Arizona American Legion Convention.

- For Plaque and Narrative Writing information go to www.aladeptz.org and connect to the links: Member Resources; Reward, Reporting & Recognition; 2017-18 Department Awards Book.

(Please provide this bulletin to your Unit Legislative Chairman)

As explained in last month's bulletin, Alice Thomas National Legislative Bulletin "The Dispatch" Plaque criteria was under review. Due to "The Dispatch" going free/digital the Unit that Alice Thomas is from has voted to not present this plaques for 2017-2018 fiscal year. A new plaque is under development in honor of Alice Thomas

The Congressional Session Calendar is out and can be found at:

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/2018_schedule.htm (The space between 2018 and schedule is an "_" underscore.)

<https://www.majorityleader.gov/2018-calendar/> (At this site you will have to select and download the PDF Calendar.)

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/resources/pdf/2018_calendar.pdf (The space between 2018 and calendar is an "_" underscore.)

Do your National legislators have a mobile office in your town or nearby? Give a call or drop by your local Mayor's office to get a schedule of when that mobile office might be manned. Once you know when someone will be there, make an appointment to visit with them and express your concerns about our veterans and find out what legislation is being considered. Once you have that information, get it out to your members so that everyone can stay informed and write letters.

Two Year Sequestration Alleviating Budget Deal: In a bipartisan deal, Congress voted to increase sequestration spending caps for fiscal years (FY) 2018 and 2019, keep the government open and ease the impact of sequestration on our service members, veterans, and their families. It has been long called for an end to sequestration which has cause dangerous budget cuts harmful to the military and VA. We are glad Congress recognizes that arbitrary caps set in 2011 no longer reflect the reality of today's demands on our military and VA's obligation to provide care to those who have served. This action by Congress raises those caps by nearly \$300 billion for both defense and non-defense spending over FY18 and FY19.



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS” IN SERVICE TO VETERANS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February 2018

What's up for 2018? Well congratulations to the following Units that made 85% by January 11th. Unit 51 and Unit 132. Ladies, there were several Units that were close and too many Units that need to start kicking up your heels and getting that “Can-Can” theme in submitting your membership to department. National will be contacting our Department to find out the problem. Let's please get our numbers up before that happens!!!

In addition, be sure to share with your members that if they pay online, be sure they print out the paid receipt and bring it to your unit membership chairman, so they can (1) get their card; and (2) be counted in your Unit's membership number which is turned into Department.

Good news, in receiving the comparison reports each week from National, we are ahead of last year, so let's keep that momentum going!

WE CAN-CAN make those high heels and spurs work for our Units increasing our membership to an all new high, but need “everyone's help”.

If you need help in getting members to renew, create a team to make phone calls and reach out to those who “seem to forget” to renew or rejoin. Have an event creating interest in potential members to join.

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT? **SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY**

For more information about membership, please go to www.alaforveterans.org and link on “members only” and click on Membership Program Action Plan.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS” IN SERVICE TO VETERANS
MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

March 2018

Hello Ladies of the great state of Arizona!!!! We are making wonderful strides in getting our membership numbers increased each week. Kudos to all Units who are working so hard doing the can-can and kicking those heels high in the air!!!

Unit 132 Oro Valley has already surpassed their 100%. WOW, congratulations to them. Who is next to reach at least the 95% by May 11th? OR can you get there before then? I’ll bet you “CAN-CAN”, as there are several Units so close.

Once again, as a reminder, be sure to share with your members that if they pay online, they need to print out the paid receipt and bring it to your unit membership chairman, so they can (1) get their card; and (2) be counted in your Unit’s membership number which is turned into Department.

Good news, in receiving the comparison reports each week from National, we are ahead of last year, so let’s keep that momentum going. Where do you think we will be sitting at National Convention?

If you need help in getting members to renew, create a team to make phone calls and reach out to those who “seem to forget” to renew or rejoin. Have an event creating interest in potential members to join.

WHAT’S MOST IMPORTANT?
SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY

For more information about membership, please go to www.alaforveterans.org and link on “members only” and click on Membership Program Action Plan.

Cindy Queen, Department V.P., Membership Chairman
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cynqueen53@cox.net

602-316-7647 (cell) 480-358-6923 (home)

MEMBERSHIP

Numbers that were reported at the NEC meeting in Indianapolis on February 24, 2018

2017

1700 Members that renewed by telephone

FEBRUARY 2018

4000 Members that renewed by telephone

2017

15,700 Members that renewed online

FEBRUARY 2018

16,900 Members that renewed online

2017

432 New members that joined online

FEBRUARY 2018

300 New members that joined online

ALAMIS

We have 1900 Units that use ALAMIS

****Please share this with your Units in your Departments.**

Jan Cushing
Western Division Membership Chairman

Soaring to New Heights in Membership Trophy

- Eligibility open to all American Legion Family Entities
- MUST WORK event OUTSIDE your Post Home.
- WORK with your Legion family.
- Notify your District Commander/President when hosting event:
Name of Commander/President_____

Signature_____

- Verification of event name, location, time and date is a must.
- Total Funds spent on Event \$_____
- Hours working Event _____
- Miles Traveled to Community Event _____
- Total in attendance_____
- Total signed up: _____Legion _____Auxiliary
_____Sons
- Deadline to submit: May 21, 2018
- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Presentation of Trophy: June 21, 2018 at Opening Ceremonies.

American Legion Working to Increase Membership



ALA Member Benefits

– There's more in it for YOU!

The value of being an American Legion Auxiliary member is growing big time! You bring untold value to the Auxiliary and America's veterans through your service to our mission; to show our appreciation, the ALA is bringing **valuable benefits to you!** Your membership brings you access to a wide array of discounts, products, and services.

It's easy! Online at www.ALAforVeterans.org (go to Member Only > Member Benefits), you can learn about an array of benefits through our partnership with Gallagher Benefit Services Inc., USAA and several other companies.

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- ★ Accident Insurance Plans by The Hartford®
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- ★ Senior Term Life Insurance by The Hartford®
- (844) 363-1726
- ★ Long Term Care Insurance by LTCR
- (800) 616-8759
- ★ Hearing Aids & Services by Hear in America
- (800) 286-6149

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- ★ 888-98-BONUS

Abenity Discount Program – Discounts include but are not limited to:

- ★ Amusement Parks
- ★ Hotels
- ★ Movie Tickets
- ★ Restaurants
- ★ Car Rentals
- ★ Concert Tickets
- ★ Retail Stores

For more information visit www.ALAforVeterans.org, Members Only*, and Member Benefits Tab

*ALA members must have a login and password for the members' only section of the national website to access member benefits information

ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS

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- ★ www.dell.com/epp/flyer
- ★ ALA Code: **CS711278890**

USAA CREDIT CARD

American Legion Auxiliary Credit Card

- ★ (855) 291-8252
- ★ www.USAA.com/ALA
- ★ USAA Bank will make a contribution to the American Legion Auxiliary when you open an account, make eligible purchases and keep an active account.



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- ★ <http://movingallied.com/legionaux> or email: info@movingallied.com





American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS” MUSIC REPORT MARCH 2018

Fellow Music Chairs:

March is Community Service month and there are lots of opportunities to give service to Veterans. If you are living in an HOA-run community, work with the Activities Director to organize activities for the Veterans in your community. Work with the Vets on a clean-up or beautification project. Afterward, why not treat the Veterans to a potluck? Entertainment could include singing patriotic songs. Maybe someone would volunteer to bring a karaoke machine and everyone could sing along. Do you sing in the car while driving? Everyone does! So while you're driving a veteran to his or her doctor appointment, grocery store, etc., work out your vocal cords at the same time. Many houses of worship hold services leading up to the Easter celebration. March 20 is the first day of Spring and a great time for new beginnings. Opportunities are everywhere. Just open your eyes and your heart.

Remember to provide your year-end reports no later than May 1, 2018. In order to be considered for an award, a narrative of not more than 1,000 words must accompany your reports.

Department Music Awards are as follows:

MUSIC PLAQUES

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

Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents.

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman
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steinent@cox.net
480.272.1255 cell



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS”
YEAR-END MUSIC REPORT
Due May 1, 2018**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

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

1. If your unit/district had a special song selection using President Yolanda's theme of "High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans," what song was it? _____.
2. Did your unit/district sing/play a song at regular meetings? If so, which songs were sung/played?
_____.
3. Did members regularly participate in music programs in their individual churches and communities?
Give some examples: _____.
4. Were regular visits made to VA Hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? _____.

Submitted by: _____; **Unit/District:** _____; **Total Membership;** _____

Please email or mail this form to me no later than May 1, 2018 so that I will have time to submit them to Department by deadline.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

NATIONAL SECURITY

MARCH 2018

This chairman would like to thank everyone who attended the Children & Youth/National Security Workshop on January 27, 2018. We had 31 Legion Family members and the presentation by the (6) speakers were very informative.

The National Security Program and the 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan-Maintaining and promoting a strong national defense by supporting service members and their families helps us build loyalty (Goal5) among a target membership population (Goal1) while keeping us focused on our mission.

- Do you have an emergency preparedness kit and plan put together?
- www.ready.gov/build-a-kit
- [www.maricopa.gov/1681/personal-and-family preparedness](http://www.maricopa.gov/1681/personal-and-family-preparedness)
- Do you do the POW/MIA ceremony at your Unit meetings? That was on your Mid-Year Report and will be on the Year End Report as well. If you do this please mark it on the report form.
- Have a training exercise in your post home to give training in first aid, CPR.
- Wear red on Fridays to “Remember Everyone Deployed.”

Upcoming dates for March 2018:

15-17th The American Legion Birthday
19th Start of operation Iraqi Freedom 2003

Jan Cushing
National Security Chairman
2017-2018

gcushing@cox.net

623-544-0797

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

March 2018

The PPP committee's salute to our Past Department Presidents continues this month. I want to thank Irene Mullins of Unit 6 for inviting me to present the Past Presidents Parley program to the members of Unit 6 and District 8. A big shout out to Past Department of Arizona President and Past National Chaplain Carm Staker for attending. It was nice to visit with everyone.

Vickey Zwall 2009-2010

Department Theme: "No Beginning, No End in Service to Our Veterans and Their Families"

Special Project: JROTC

National President: Rita Navarrette from the Department of New Mexico

National Theme: "SERVICE NOT SELF"

Membership Theme:

Member of Unit 58

Currently serving as Department UD&R Chairman

Served Department on various committees including Past Presidents Parley

Serving as National Le Chapeau of 8and40 for the year 2017-2018

Debbie Collins 2010-2011

Department Theme: "Making a Difference"

Special Project: Wounded Warriors concept

National President: Carlene Ashworth from the Department of Texas

National Theme:

Membership Theme: "TRAIN – Trust, Reward, Aim High, Inform, New"

Member of Unit: 29

Served as: District 11 President, NEC and Past Presidents Parley

Woman Veteran of the Month:

Judith "Judy" Hatch

Military Service 1961-1963, United States Air Force, Arizona National Guard 1981-2000. Retired as a Master Sergeant. She set a precedent as the first female single parent in a reserve component. She established a camp scholarship program for children of deployed 161st Air Refueling Wing members. She serves as a volunteer at the Phoenix VAMC performing military honors for fallen comrades. She also serves as a registered Adult for Young Marines, firebird Chapter. She was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2010. She continues to help veterans and their family members daily. She is a member of TAL Christopher J. Lapka Post and Unit 105. Thank you for your service Judy!

**Past Presidents Parley
Dates to Remember**

End of the Year report due May 15, 2018 to this chairman

Member award: Unit member of the year

- **Deadline June 1, 2018.**
- **Send to PPP Committee Member Carlene Ashworth, postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.**

National Award: Salute to Servicewoman

- **Deadline: June 1, 2018**
- **Must Submit on the PPP Page on the national website**
- **Send to National Past Presidents Parley Chairman Mary Davis postmarked or emailed by 6 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.**

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MARCH 2018

Hello Ladies,

Spring is almost in the air and time to start preparing for all the spring and summer festivals and events that are perfect for poppy donation collections. Many business locations require an advance request to set up on their property over Memorial Day weekend. Don't procrastinate! Without it you may be asked to leave. It isn't always up to the store manager, it may need to be approved by their corporate office and that takes time.

My thanks to those who sent information for my mid year report. Of the Units that reported they now take their Juniors with them to donation sites all said it was more productive with them than before. Great job girls, thanks for participating. Thanks also to the adults that take them, teach them and encourage them.

ALA National wishes to use the poppy as a branding loyalty item for the public to recognize us by and identify it with us as to who we are and what we do for our nation's veterans. Some of our Units have provided their Juniors with a banner with poppies on it for their functions. Great thinking ladies, branding our youth to us also.

If you'd like to see the 2016-2017 Poppy Poster Contest Winners, the National website is alaforveterans.org , click on member resources, scroll down about half way to Poppy. If your Unit is entering this year (I hope so) deadline to me is April 19, 2018.

Our Purpose Statement: To elevate community awareness and respect for our veterans by educating our membership and the public about the poppy's significance and the financial benefit realized by our nation's veterans as a result of its distribution.

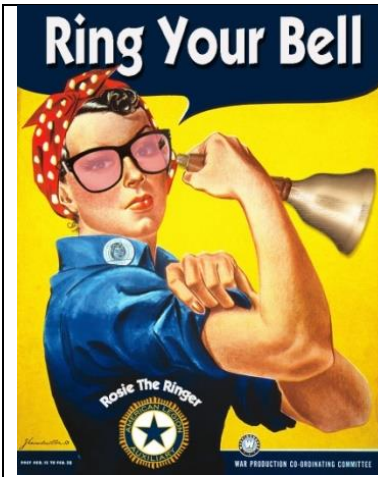
So keep in mind ladies, with the warm weather approaching--EVERYTHING should be coming up POPPIES !

For God and Country,

Julie Ross
Rebecca Gulley
Dept. Poppy Chairman
juliedistrict3@gmail.com
beccaP1020@gmail.com

Committee

Public Relations: March 2018



CONTACT STUFF:

Promotional support, questions, comments: Marge Christianson;
ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com

Department webpage: www.ALADeptAZ.org

Facebook Group: Search for "Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA"

- Units post activities of pride or interest to each other and department.
- Posts from this page "feed" the Department webpage—get your activities & photos on the Department website!
- Get help from other Units/Department
- Also "Ring Your Bell" central for the contest. Request membership today!

2017-18 Ring Your Bell Contest

- 25 Points for Facebook Postings that show the American Legion Auxiliary emblem during any event or activity where the public (non-Legion Family members) is present. Parades, poppies distribution, holiday events, etc. Maximum 25 points per event. 50 point maximum per month.
- Keep all the other postings coming. WE ARE ALL LOVING THEM!

Recent Highlights/Website updates

- We welcome ideas for any items that should be on the webpage.
- The new American Legion Family Scholarship brochure has been added under "Member Resources" on the Department webpage.
- Looking for things to do? Twenty "Events" are currently listed on the "Ring Your Bell" Facebook page!
- District 7 Units were featured on the *front page* of the Mohave News with their program making sleeping mats for homeless....way to go ladies!
- We have over 500 members in the Ring Your Bell Facebook group.
- Keep up the great work and thank you for all you do!

Marge Christianson- Public Relations

Volunteer & Chair

Department of Arizona--

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President's Special Project

Hello Ladies,

March is the beginning of the end of our year, and I know that reports and narratives will be due before we all know it. Just remember there is NO REPORT FORM for Presidents Special Project. You just have to write a narrative and get it to me by May 1st.

\$15,000 has been turned in so far. Remember we need all monies turned in NO LATER than 30 days before convention. That means May 22nd. In order to be counted towards me in a dress. Remember to put PSP in the memo area of your check. Any questions please feel free to call or text me 602-628-4088.

Send your narrative's to:

Rose Ficklin

1740 E 2nd Ave

Mesa, AZ 85204

Thank you everyone for your hard work.

Rose

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

Request to Speak Program Account Set-Up Form

The Request to Speak Program allows members of the public to make comments and give their position on bills being considered in Legislative Committees at the House and Senate. After you are registered for the Request to Speak program, the system will allow you to sign-up online to speak on or indicate your support or opposition for a bill that is scheduled for a Committee Hearing. By submitting the information below, an account can be created for you by Legislative Staff. Once your account is created, you will receive the "Request to Speak Manual" by email and you can comment on bills being heard in Committee through your online access.

Sign In Information

Email: _____

Personal Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Are you a lobbyist?: (yes or no)

Note: Once we create your account, you will have the OPTION to identify whether you are a register voter.

Please email, fax or mail this completed form to:
Jacqueline Sandoval
House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington St, Ste H * Phoenix * AZ * 85007-2844
Office: (602) 602-926-5848 * jsandoval@azleg.gov

Do not fill out information below. For staff use only:

Data was entered by: _____

Date that Request to Speak account was created: _____

Request To Speak Manual emailed: _____

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME PHOENIX

March 2018

Good Morning Ladies

Unit 61 reported their Unit adopted the C1 Unit at the ASVH. They will be checking in and helping with items needed for the Veterans. What a great idea Colleen! Maybe your Unit could do the same, or you could pair up with another Unit and share the responsibilities. Also, thank you, Unit 61, for remembering the Ladies Veterans on Valentines. Each received a Valentines card and a Dunkin Donuts gift card. Very sweet Ladies!

Happy Birthday to the March Birthdays:

1 st Edwin K.	1 st Joseph S.	2 nd Leroy L.	7 th Allen T.	9 th John H.	10 th David R.
14 th George P., Jr	14 th Robert E.	20 th Harrol S.	24 th James S.	26 th George De L., Jr.	
27 th Michael R.	29 th Billy S.	29 th Gary K.	29 th Gary J.	30 th Curtis R.	31 st Bruce C.
31 st James S., Jr.	31 st Syide N.	(And yes, <u>Harrol</u> and Syide are the correct spelling.)			

Thank you, Unit, 78 for sending in those birthday cards. The residents loved them.

Below is the 2017-2018 donation wish list for the home. I have underlined the most desired items needed but they will appreciate everything. Keep in mind that items might be added or deleted as the months go by, so keep checking the list. Thanks.

Donation Wish List

VISA GIFT CARDS
AMAZON GIFT CARDS
PORTABLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER
PLASTIC STORAGE CONTAINERS- A LOT! (ALL SIZES)
PHOENIX ART MUSEUM GIFT CARD/VOUCHERS
ODYSEA AQUARIUM TICKETS
LARGE NERF GUNS (10) AND EXTRA BULLETS
ADULT COLORING BOOKS AND COLORED PENCILS
11 x 14 CANVAS'S FOR PAINTING
INDIVIDUAL CRAFT KITS
CRAFT SUPPLIES
LARGE DUTY THERMAL ROLL LAMINATOR
REMOTE CONTROL CARS- LARGE CARS WITH EASY TO USE REMOTES

WALMART GIFT CARDS
DUNKIN DONUTS GIFT CARDS
1 LARGE STURDY WIRE RACK
LARGE PRINT BIBLES
SODA (REGULAR & DIET)
UMBRELLAS (20)
GIANT CONNECT 4
PAINT BRUSHES
LATCH HOOK SETS
BOARD GAMES (NEW)
TISSUE PAPER

Please let me know if your Unit participates in monthly ASVH activities or donated items to the facility by emailing me at lbubbles@cox.net

If you have any questions, please call me or Joyce Livingston.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs 602-312-9245
ASVH Chairman

Joyce Livingston 623-846-9670
ASVH Co-Chairman



High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

MARCH 2018

Here are some ideas for activities that count toward Service to Veterans hours that can be done by a unit or individual members:

- Visiting veterans in their homes or facilities where they are living.
- Offering to drive veterans to appointments, taking them on errands, or to visit friends/family.
- Offering to stay with a veteran while their primary caregiver takes a break.
- Obtain supplies such as laundry soap, cleaning supplies, clothing, etc. for transitional housing complexes.
- Offer to assist families of service members with school supplies or other items listed above.
- Offer sewing or mending services, or make quilts, blankets, etc.

Please note the following unique criteria that impact how Service to Veterans hours are counted:

- Services provided to a member of a volunteer's family or a relative cannot be counted.
- Junior members can perform service and earn hours under the direction of senior volunteers.

Regardless if you chose a listed activity or one of your own design, Service to Veterans volunteers should provide feedback to the unit/department about volunteer activities and any opportunities they learn about.

Volunteers must represent the American Legion Auxiliary as prescribed in the Code of Ethics.

Members and chairmen with questions about Service to Veterans should refer to the "Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers," which is available for download at <http://www.ALForVeterans.org> or contact their local VA&R chairman, department VA&R chairman, or the division VA&R chairman.

Patricia Lugo. VA&R Chairman

Plugo1@cox.net.,

Phone 602-475-0208

VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
1-31-18

American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bingo parties which are held on the third Saturday of each month at 1:30PM in Building 60 at the VA hospital. Volunteers are needed to assist with this activity, which is much appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans. Please consider sponsoring the Bingo program. Thank you to the past & current District presidents who volunteered at the June Bingo. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos.

The American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday. We sponsored refreshments on January 16th & January 30th, 2018 (sponsored by Unit 131). We will be sponsoring refreshments on February 20th, 2018. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 & 132 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. The staff requesting donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need. Units 102, 131, 132, 109 and District 2 have responded to this need and we ordered 250 backpacks and water bottles in July, we ordered athletic equipment, adult coloring books, crayons, colored pencils and yoga mats during December with the final delivery on January 2nd, 2018 (donation included in this month's total). The Building 95 donation was made possible largely by a very generous donation from Unit 102.

Veterans Creative Arts Festival was held February 7, 2018. Margaret Ellis attended for the setup and judging on February 6, 2018. No volunteers (other than this chairman) assisted VA personnel with conducting this event.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon is March 7th, 2018. As always, volunteers, salads and desserts are needed from all Units. Start time is 9AM; we serve from 11AM to 1PM.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 is \$11,703.13. Ten youth volunteers were sponsored by Units 36 & 132. Thank you Unit 66 & Unit 39 for your generous donations.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 is \$43,047.39. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Ann Reatherford, Unit 24, Unit 131, Unit 132, Unit 73 and Unit 109 members and unaffiliated volunteers for their constant support of VA programs through their donations. The Legion family is the largest supporter of the Arizona Fisher House. Currently, Arizona Fisher House is funded for the foreseeable future. Other programs are in dire need of donations (ie. Homeless, Building 95, Social Services, Bingo, etc.). The donation figure does not include Christmas Gift Shop at this time.

Fifteen registered hospital volunteers and ten summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 is 4,200.5; occasional volunteer hours are 249.5 donated by fifty eight occasional volunteers (includes Christmas Gift Shop volunteers). We are now down to ten registered adult volunteers at SAVAHCS. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have one new American Legion Auxiliary registered volunteer this year. Please consider sponsoring a summer youth volunteer at SAVAHCS. The cost is \$40 per youth. All hours logged by each sponsored youth will be credited to the American Legion Auxiliary.

This chairman has volunteered 288 hours and logged 3,300 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of January 31, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
3 FEBRUARY 2018

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Jim Katzenberger, the opening ceremony was conducted and guests were introduced.

Kathy Laurier gave a report on the Arizona Veterans Hall of Famed Society 12th Annual Patriotic Gala being held on Saturday, April 21, 2018. She also brought the awards (Copper Shield & Copper Star) being presented so everyone could see what they looked like.

Teresa Herrera gave a report on "Operation Home Front". Operation Home front was founded in 2002, a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was formed to support the families of deployed service members. They serve the families of deployed and transitioning service members and ost 8/11 wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans. Their programs are primarily targeted to junior and mid-grade enlisted (E1-E6) service members.

Terry Araman reported that MANA House will be moving to a place on Holly Street, across the street from the Veterans Furniture Center.

Bob Alford gave an update on the "Veterans Furniture Center", a Program of United for Change. The center is located at 2319 W. Holly Street, Phoenix, AZ 85009, phone 602-303-6112. The center has one part time paid employee (warehouse manager). All other employees are volunteers. They work side-by-side with the "Homeless Veterans" program to help get them in suitable living quarters. They are looking for more funds so they can buy new furniture and other items needed that will fit into the small apartments. Living Spaces provides free beds for all the apartments. They have 10,000 square feet of warehouse space. It costs \$900 to completely furnish the apartments. They are asking for help in getting the word out. For more information contact Bob Alford at 602-303-6112 or email www.veteransfurniturecenter.org.

Dr. Juan Gurule gave a presentation on "Father Albert Braun Veterans Memorial Historic District". Their mission is to promote the development, naming and implementation of the Father Albert Braun O>F>M> Veterans Memorial District (Phoenix Land Reuse: Central area 7th Street to 24th Street; Union Pacific Railroad to Rio Salado) in partnership with the City of Phoenix, locl, state and federal entities. Father Albert was a WWII Army Chaplain.

Carol Culbertson took the roll, motioned that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion was second and approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien gave the treasurers report. Currently there is \$16,568.73 in General Fund, \$14,041.60 in savings and \$25,673.72 in HOF account for a total of \$56,284.05. Members were reminded that their dues were due January 1st and will be considered late on March 1st.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS –

Deepest sympathy to the families of the late Ruth Natvig Kilmer, widow of Lloyd Kilmer, AVHOF 2004, Ken Buckley of Prescott, Past VFW Dept. Service Officer & Chaplain; and the late Patricia Burden, wife of John Burden, Air Force veteran AVHOF 2014, and Dept. Commander – DAV. Members were also reminded to send get well wishes to Art Sloane, Master Chief Petty Officer (USCG, Retired), AVHOF 2008 at 23610 S Desert Burst Curt, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 and Jesse Gersten, Navy veteran, AVHOF 2004; at 9238 E. Nacoma Drive, Chandler 85248.

Judy Hatch reminded everyone that if they want to continue the flyover for Pearl Harbor day, donations can be sent to ADVS, Attn: Director Wanda Wright, 3839 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Checks should be made payable to Arizona Department of Veterans Services with “Pearl Harbor Day” written in the memo.

Rudy Coda from Congressman Huff’s office reported on an upcoming Veterans RAMP Program being held in Chandler on February 22nd.

It was brought up that there was a problem with those receiving Vocational Rehab check did not receive them on February 1st. This was due to a glitch in the system. The problem is being worked on and all checks should be received by February 6th.

Dr. Maureen McCarthy from the VAMC reported on events and happening at the Phoenix VA Medical Center. There is another program upcoming to help prevent suicides. The ER now has 40 beds open after the remodeling. They are going to have an elevator installed within the ER so that patients do not have to be taken through the lobby to get to x-ray and other areas upstairs. They currently have 91,000 veterans registered at the Phoenix VA. Dr. McCarthy asked that if you get a survey to please complete it and return it. Very few are being returned, mostly the people that were unhappy with the services rendered. They can’t get a decent results if everyone doesn’t return the survey.

Mel Brody reported on the upcoming Memorial Day and requested that everyone receiving the letters looking for financial support to please send in their donations. He also reported that the new section of the cemetery is due to open sometime next year.

Legislative Committee Chairman Terry Araman gave an update on some of the legislation pending in the State. SB 1167 dealing with the reduction of taxes on retired pay failed in the rules committee. HB2236 dealing with the same subject is still alive. It would increase the amount of deduction over the next 10 years. It is due to be heard on Monday, 5 Feb at 2:00 p.m.

HB 2191 to establish a second fund for all generation veterans is scheduled to be heard in the House Rules Committee at 1:00 on Monday, Feb 5th.

A memorandum is pending to be sent to the U.S. Congress requesting that they stop deporting veterans.

HB2420 is pending this bill is requesting \$770,000 to hire 10 more VSO to cover those lost due to budget cuts in the past.

Board of Directors: Nominations are open for the Class 2018 for AVHOF. A workshop was held February 3rd to help people in putting the packets together. Deadline for submission of this year's class is 31 March 2018.

Chapter 22 of the DAV has an abundance of wheelchair, electric wheelchairs, walkers, etc.

Creative Drill Sergeants are starting new classes this month. Their classes are free to all veterans.

There being no further business to come before the membership, closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Hatch". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Judith Hatch