

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF
ARIZONA CONVENTION JUNE 26-29, 2025
RESOLUTION**

SUBMITTED BY: Marge Christianson

SUBJECT: VA&R Committee Members

DATE: May 28, 2025

Resolution No. 11-1
(Assigned by Resolutions Committee)

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WHEREAS, The committee for VA&R has grown to include more committee members, and this needs to be reflected in the Department of Arizona Bylaws; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, To amend the Department of Arizona Bylaws, Department Section, Article II, Sec 3(b) as follows (**bold indicates change**):

Article II, Sec 3(b):

By virtue of office, the Department Second Vice President shall serve as Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman. This Committee shall be composed of the Chairman, the Service to Veterans Chairman as Vice Chairman (2015), one **Chairman** from each State **Veterans Home**, **one Gift Shop Chairman from each VA Medical Center**, **Certified VAVS Representatives and Deputies**, the **overall Creative Arts Chairman** **and one local Creative Arts Chairman from each VA Medical Center**.

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SUBJECT: VAMC Gift Shop

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Whereas, The VAMC Holiday Gift Shop has become an annual event at each VA Hospital, it should be incorporated into the governing documents of the Department of Arizona; now therefore be it

Resolved, The following addition titled "VAMC Holiday Gift Shops" is proposed for the Department of Arizona Policies and Procedures Manual following the "Creative Arts" section on the current page 41:

Each VA Medical Center will have a Gift Shop Chairman. Chairmen will work with their hospital to determine appropriate venue and process for providing Hospital approved gifts for veterans and their families during December holidays. Chairmen are responsible for purchasing gifts in compliance with Department Finance policy, recruiting volunteers, promoting event and providing reporting or other activities as requested by VA&R Chair.

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SUBJECT: VA&R Housekeeping

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Whereas, It is good to periodically do a deep dive into the more “complicated programs” of the American Legion Auxiliary, like VA&R, to examine compliance across the governing documents and with previous National and Department changes and actual practices; now therefore be it

Resolved, To do the following “housekeeping” in the Department of Arizona governing documents.

Policies and Procedures Manual

Poppy

- Page 37 Remove statement (Also see Poppy Making section in this book in the VA&R section) as the Poppy Making section will be moved to immediately after Poppy. In the Poppy section add the following statement (Refer to National Poppy Program Guide).

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

- Page 38 paragraph 2- Update the Committee (subject to approval of attached Resolution 11-1): This Committee shall be composed of the VA&R Chairman, the Service to Veterans Chairman as Vice Chairman (2015), one **Chairman** from each State **Veterans Home**, **one Gift Shop Chairman from each VA Medical Center, Certified VAVS Representatives and Deputies**, the **overall Creative Arts Chairman and one Creative Arts Chairman from each VA Medical Center**.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation-Hospital Representative

- Page 39, Paragraph 1 (also page 41): Remove all references to the VAVS Representative in relation to the State Home in their area.
- Page 39: Paragraph 4: Update to coincide with National policy-Certified VAVS Representatives and Deputies remain in their respective position except for reasons of non-performance or resignation.
- Page 39 Paragraphs 5 and 6: Change verbiage to reflect that Certified VAVS Representatives, Deputies and all other VA&R volunteers should report their hours to their Unit. Units are responsible for submitting hours to the Service to Veterans Chairman for hour bar recognition and impact reporting.
- Page 39 Paragraph 9: Change verbiage to reflect that Certified VAVS Representatives will conduct Annual Joint Reviews with their respective VA Medical Center as outlined by National Policy and provide other reporting as requested by the Department VA&R Chairman.

VA&R - Poppy Making

- Page 40: Move to its own section following the description of the Poppy program on the current page 37.

Arizona State Veterans Homes

- Page 41, Arizona State Veterans Home(s), replace section with: State Veteran Home Chairmen will report to the VA&R Chairman. Chairmen will work with their respective State Home to determine needs and work to fulfill those needs in compliance with Department Finance policy.

Chairmen will engage Units/members in fulfilling those needs as appropriate. Chairmen and volunteer hours are reported to their Unit.

Add: Gift Shop--(subject to approval of attached Resolution 11-2)

- Each VA Medical Center will have an individual Gift Shop Chairman. Chairmen will work with their hospital to determine appropriate venue and process for providing Hospital approved gifts for veterans and their families during December holidays. Chairmen are responsible for purchasing gifts in compliance with Department Finance policy, recruiting volunteers, promoting event and providing reporting or other activities as requested by VA&R Chair.

Standing Rules Addendum 3- Finance Rules Poppy Proceeds

Update Poppy Funds Policy to reflect National Policy:

POPPY FUNDS MUST BE USED ONLY IN DIRECT AID TO THE VETERAN AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR AN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBER AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY, INCLUDING ALA-SPONSORED DEPARTMENT OR NATIONAL VETERAN CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVALS.