

Educating Tomorrow's Veterans Today

SEPTEMBER 2023

MANDATES: The 2024 mandates are included in this bulletin. Please pay your mandates sooner than later. There were several Units who did not pay their mandates 30 days before Department Convention; therefore, they lost their voting rights at Convention. Any questions regarding Mandates, contact the Department Office.

DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE: The link to reserve a room will be coming out soon. Watch Ring Your Bell, the Department website and the Legion website. Book early as the rooms sell out fast.

SPECIAL PROJECT: President Rose's Special Project this year is Girls State. Any questions contact Shannon Mead, Special Project Chairman.

2024 DIRECTORY:

The 2023-2024 Directory is on aladeptaz.org Click on the far right tab at the top of the page.

POPPY: Believe it or not, it's time to order poppies again. Poppy order form is in the packet and can be found on the Department website. The deadline is September 30.

MEMBERSHIP: "AZ-Diterod, Sledding to Our Goals 23-24". Membership is everyone's job. Thank you to EVERYONE who renewed, recruited or rejoined members. 2024 membership renewals, rejoins and new members can be sent to Department. Don't hold on to membership, please send in weekly. One transmittal per envelope.

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

DIRECTORY UPDATES: None

ALAMIS ACCESS: Your Unit is not required to have FULL UNIT ACCESS.

If your unit wants full access to ALAMIS, the ALAMIS access form must be completed and sent to Department along with your payment. The form can be found on the Department website.



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UNIT PER CAPITA ASSESSEMNTS AND BOND FEES

2023-2024

MANDATES

Rehabilitation Per Capita (RPC), Delegate Per Capita (DPC), and Junior Activities Per Capita (JAPC) are based on "Close of Books" figures.

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
1	3	120	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$0.60	\$24.60	\$5.50	\$102.70
2	4	98	\$19.60	\$39.20	\$0.80	\$20.40	\$5.50	\$85.50
3	4	59	\$11.80	\$23.60	\$0.80	\$12.60	\$5.50	\$54.30
4	3	46	\$9.20	\$18.40	\$0.60	\$9.80	\$5.50	\$43.50
5	3	58	\$11.60	\$23.20	\$0.60	\$12.20	\$5.50	\$53.10
6	4	234	\$46.80	\$93.60	\$0.80	\$47.60	\$5.50	\$194.30
7	1	41	\$8.20	\$16.40	\$0.20	\$8.40	\$5.50	\$38.70
8	4	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$0.80	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$34.30
9	1	94	\$18.80	\$37.60	\$0.20	\$19.00	\$5.50	\$81.10
11	12	155	\$31.00	\$62.00	\$2.40	\$33.40	\$5.50	\$134.30
12	5	197	\$39.40	\$78.80	\$1.00	\$40.40	\$5.50	\$165.10
13	0	51	\$10.20	\$20.40	\$0.00	\$10.20	\$5.50	\$46.30
14	8	122	\$24.40	\$48.80	\$1.60	\$26.00	\$5.50	\$106.30
16	0	78	\$15.60	\$31.20	\$0.00	\$15.60	\$5.50	\$67.90
19	8	211	\$42.20	\$84.40	\$1.60	\$43.80	\$5.50	\$177.50
22	2	116	\$23.20	\$46.40	\$0.40	\$23.60	\$5.50	\$99.10
24	6	428	\$85.60	\$171.20	\$1.20	\$86.80	\$5.50	\$350.30
25	4	272	\$54.40	\$108.80	\$0.80	\$55.20	\$5.50	\$224.70
26	4	242	\$48.40	\$96.80	\$0.80	\$49.20	\$5.50	\$200.70
27	3	1707	\$341.40	\$682.80	\$0.60	\$342.00	\$5.50	\$1,372.30
28	2	101	\$20.20	\$40.40	\$0.40	\$20.60	\$5.50	\$87.10
29	10	283	\$56.60	\$113.20	\$2.00	\$58.60	\$5.50	\$235.90
30	1	77	\$15.40	\$30.80	\$0.20	\$15.60	\$5.50	\$67.50
32	0	150	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$125.50
34	2	318	\$63.60	\$127.20	\$0.40	\$64.00	\$5.50	\$260.70
35	17	297	\$59.40	\$118.80	\$3.40	\$62.80	\$5.50	\$249.90
36	1	259	\$51.80	\$103.60	\$0.20	\$52.00	\$5.50	\$213.10
37	1	51	\$10.20	\$20.40	\$0.20	\$10.40	\$5.50	\$46.70
39	11	462	\$92.40	\$184.80	\$2.20	\$94.60	\$5.50	\$379.50
40	0	89	\$17.80	\$35.60	\$0.00	\$17.80	\$5.50	\$76.70
41	18	298	\$59.60	\$119.20	\$3.60	\$63.20	\$5.50	\$251.10
42	4	27	\$5.40	\$10.80	\$0.80	\$6.20	\$5.50	\$28.70
44	0	324	\$64.80	\$129.60	\$0.00	\$64.80	\$5.50	\$264.70
45	5	46	\$9.20	\$18.40	\$1.00	\$10.20	\$5.50	\$44.30
46	0	57	\$11.40	\$22.80	\$0.00	\$11.40	\$5.50	\$51.10

UNIT PER CAPITA ASSESSEMENTS AND BOND FEES

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
51	10	54	\$10.80	\$21.60	\$2.00	\$12.80	\$5.50	\$52.70
52	3	163	\$32.60	\$65.20	\$0.60	\$33.20	\$5.50	\$137.10
53	0	24	\$4.80	\$9.60	\$0.00	\$4.80	\$5.50	\$24.70
54	4	94	\$18.80	\$37.60	\$0.80	\$19.60	\$5.50	\$82.30
56	2	81	\$16.20	\$32.40	\$0.40	\$16.60	\$5.50	\$71.10
57	1	32	\$6.40	\$12.80	\$0.20	\$6.60	\$5.50	\$31.50
58	12	340	\$68.00	\$136.00	\$2.40	\$70.40	\$5.50	\$282.30
59	5	150	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$1.00	\$31.00	\$5.50	\$127.50
61	2	198	\$39.60	\$79.20	\$0.40	\$40.00	\$5.50	\$164.70
62	35	873	\$174.60	\$349.20	\$7.00	\$181.60	\$5.50	\$717.90
65	33	308	\$61.60	\$123.20	\$6.60	\$68.20	\$5.50	\$265.10
66	2	884	\$176.80	\$353.60	\$0.40	\$177.20	\$5.50	\$713.50
68	0	58	\$11.60	\$23.20	\$0.00	\$11.60	\$5.50	\$51.90
69	0	120	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$5.50	\$101.50
73	2	28	\$5.60	\$11.20	\$0.40	\$6.00	\$5.50	\$28.70
76	5	21	\$4.20	\$8.40	\$1.00	\$5.20	\$5.50	\$24.30
78	3	156	\$31.20	\$62.40	\$0.60	\$31.80	\$5.50	\$131.50
79	0	141	\$28.20	\$56.40	\$0.00	\$28.20	\$5.50	\$118.30
81	6	646	\$129.20	\$258.40	\$1.20	\$130.40	\$5.50	\$524.70
84	11	46	\$9.20	\$18.40	\$2.20	\$11.40	\$5.50	\$46.70
86	3	323	\$64.60	\$129.20	\$0.60	\$65.20	\$5.50	\$265.10
87	2	160	\$32.00	\$64.00	\$0.40	\$32.40	\$5.50	\$134.30
88	0	38	\$7.60	\$15.20	\$0.00	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$35.90
90	1	56	\$11.20	\$22.40	\$0.20	\$11.40	\$5.50	\$50.70
91	13	217	\$43.40	\$86.80	\$2.60	\$46.00	\$5.50	\$184.30
93	0	109	\$21.80	\$43.60	\$0.00	\$21.80	\$5.50	\$92.70
95	8	74	\$14.80	\$29.60	\$1.60	\$16.40	\$5.50	\$67.90
97	2	27	\$5.40	\$10.80	\$0.40	\$5.80	\$5.50	\$27.90
103	0	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$0.00	\$6.80	\$5.50	\$32.70
105	15	188	\$37.60	\$75.20	\$3.00	\$40.60	\$5.50	\$161.90
107	2	221	\$44.20	\$88.40	\$0.40	\$44.60	\$5.50	\$183.10
108	5	33	\$6.60	\$13.20	\$1.00	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$33.90
109	13	351	\$70.20	\$140.40	\$2.60	\$72.80	\$5.50	\$291.50
114	4	52	\$10.40	\$20.80	\$0.80	\$11.20	\$5.50	\$48.70
117	4	234	\$46.80	\$93.60	\$0.80	\$47.60	\$5.50	\$194.30
124	2	21	\$4.20	\$8.40	\$0.40	\$4.60	\$5.50	\$23.10
125	1	13	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$0.20	\$2.80	\$5.50	\$16.30
129	1	20	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$0.20	\$4.20	\$5.50	\$21.90
130	0	3	\$0.60	\$1.20	\$0.00	\$0.60	\$5.50	\$7.90
131	0	551	\$110.20	\$220.40	\$0.00	\$110.20	\$5.50	\$446.30
132	2	82	\$16.40	\$32.80	\$0.40	\$16.80	\$5.50	\$71.90

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133	2	36	\$7.20	\$14.40	\$0.40	\$7.60	\$5.50	\$35.10
134	4	16	\$3.20	\$6.40	\$0.80	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$19.90
135	6	45	\$9.00	\$18.00	\$1.20	\$10.20	\$5.50	\$43.90
136	0	15	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$17.50
138	0	54	\$10.80	\$21.60	\$0.00	\$10.80	\$5.50	\$48.70
140	3	16	\$3.20	\$6.40	\$0.60	\$3.80	\$5.50	\$19.50
141	0	17	\$0.20	\$6.80	\$0.00	\$0.20	\$5.50	\$6.30

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

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

THESE ARE DEPARTMENT MANDATES AND ARE
MAILED TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

DISTRICT MANDATES ARE BILLED SEPARATELY AND
SHOULD BE PAID TO THE DISTRICT TREASURER.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

I am probably on my way back from the National Convention as you read this, but, I know during the August Pre-convention meetings, Arizona was loud and proud! We received numerous awards, and we will have a complete list in the next bulletin.

We held the Officers and Chairman meeting on July 29th, and we had a full house. I received a lot of positive feedback on the format and what all was presented. Thank you to all of those who attended. I enjoy seeing and spending time with you all.

August has been a bit quiet; Renee and I crashed the Unit 35 luau on August 12th. It was a really good time.

A few more Mission Trainings and Official visits are on my calendar, so if you want me to visit your Unit, please let me know.

I would like to welcome Barbara Matteson back from medical leave. Please be aware that she is working Monday, Wednesday, Friday for the first month or so. Barb White will still be helping and running the office until Barb is all clear from her Doctors. Please don't call her with a laundry list of things until then. Continue to email that list. Lol

Until next month

Rose

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PRESIDENTS SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 22, 2023	AZ Mission Training	Post 86
July 29, 2023	Officer and Chairman Meeting	Post 26
August 12, 2023	Luau Unit 35	Post 35
August 19, 2023	Family Wedding	
Aug. 25 - Sept. 3, 2023	National Convention and Family visit	Charlotte, NC
September 14, 2023	Official Visit Unit 5	Post 5
September 23, 2023	Unit 135 Car Show Cottonwood	Galipin Auto
September 23, 2023	PSP Fundraiser Unit 25	Post 25
September 30, 2023	AZ Mission Training	Post 24
October 7, 2023	Mission Training	Unit 41
October 14, 2023	District 8 Official Visit	Post 25
October 20, 2023	Post 32 Early Bird Dinner	Post 32
October 21, 2023	District 5 Official Visit	Post 32
November 3 -5, 2023	Fall Conference	El Conquistador
November 11, 2023	Veterans Day	
November 18, 2023	ALR 26 Ride	Post 26
November 19, 2023	District 12 Official Visit	Post 27
November 21, 2023	Unit 131 Official Visit	Post 131

PRESIDENTS SCHEDULE

December 4, 2023	Unit 27 Official Visit	Post 27
December 10, 2023	Post 26 Christmas Party	Post 26
January 4, 2024	Official Visit Unit 41	Post 41
January 14, 2024	District 3 Meeting	Post 141
January 21, 2024	District 2 Meeting	Post 36
January 26 -28, 2024	National Mission Training	Las Vegas
February 10, 2024	Official Visit Unit 2	Post 2
March 16, 2024	Post 19 Birthday Ball	Post 19
March 17, 2024	District 1 Official Visit	Yuma
March 20 - 24, 2024	NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT	YUMA/MESA
March 23, 2024	Unit 81 Car Show	Post 81
April 19- 21	SAL Campout	Cottonwood
May 1, 2024	REPORTS DUE TO CHAIRMAN	

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

POPPY ORDER FORM FOR 2024
POPPIES

Order deadline is SEPT. 30, 2023

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

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

Date Poppies Needed_____

Unit Name and Number_____

Name of Person to receive poppies_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____ Telephone_____

Number of poppies_____ Amount enclosed \$_____

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

OFFICE USE ONLY:

ORDER ASSIGNED TO:

Poppy Making Chairman:

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



Americanism September 2023

Do you remember where you were when 9-11 happened? I am sure there are many events that have happened historically that some can remember and others only have gotten to read about.

September has a lot to remember, especially 9-11

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Hispanic Heritage Month

Patriot Day - Sept 11

International Day of Peace - Sept 21

International Day of Sign Language - Sept 23

Please send me pictures or post pictures on Ring your bell, so that others may see what activities you do to help promote Americanism in your Unit and Communities.

Did you know?

Our current flag was designed by 17-yr old, Robert G. Heft for a history class project. When Hawaii and Alaska joined the union in 1959, He was given a B- by his teacher. He sent his design to the White House and President Eisenhower was so impressed he selected it as the new American Flag

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Change at Fall Conference

Trying something new,

Flag practice and set up
will be held at 7pm Friday
evening.

We will process JUST the
District and Unit flags
only.

Be ready to go for the
morning procession at
730am.


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Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hi Everyone,

First, I would like to thank President Rose for giving me this chance to be the chairman for Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF).

The AEF program was established in 1969. This program was designed to help Auxiliary members who have endured a financial setback. A member can fill out the application and return it to the National American Legion Auxiliary. The maximum amount that an individual can apply for is \$2400.00 and can only be applied for once.

With our weather the way it is here in Az right now, please watch out for our members and if they need help with anything help them. If they need additional help have them contact me and I will see if the AEF program can assist them in anyway

My contact information is Patti Hartfiel (320-282-0896) or pjhplace@aol.com.

For God and Country

Patti Hartfiel



Chaplain Report September 2023
September is Music month

Resources for Unit Chaplains!

Chaplains Manual

This American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains Manual was created to aid ALA chaplains. You will find that it contains prayers for numerous occasions, memorial services, as well as other services such as the Four Chaplains service. The prayers and services in this manual are to be used as guidelines in your work. If you have your own prayers and services, we encourage you to use them. It is not mandatory that you use this manual. You may download it from:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/Chaplains Manual.pdf>

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

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

[https://emblem.legion.org/Books-Pamphlets-CDs/products/40 - Item#: 355.111 for \\$2.95\)](https://emblem.legion.org/Books-Pamphlets-CDs/products/40 - Item#: 355.111 for $2.95)

or download it from:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA Chaplains Prayer Book.pdf>

Manual of Ceremonies

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

<https://member.legion-aux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/ALA MANUAL OF CEREMONIES.pdf>

Please pray in your own way: God of all creation, we thank you for Your gift of musicians. May musicians facilitate music that brings you glory; music that transcends barriers that can divide race, class, gender, denominationalism, ethnicity or geography. Fill musicians with Your light and love as they generously share with the world. Amen.

If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call, please let me know:

Lynda Griffin Chaplain, Lynda4ala@gmail.com, (623) 349-3979

Community Service

September 2023

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Coretta Scott King

Greetings ALA members of Arizona,

September has many opportunities for community service. There are many activities that can be done for Labor Day. Have a drive for school supplies for your local school. It doesn't need to occur only when school starts. As a teacher, supplies are in demand all year.

September 11th (Patriot Day) is 9/11 Remembrance. Talk with community members and plan an activity, do something within your American Legion, or go to schools and have a discussion with students about the importance of this holiday.

Have a wonderful fall season.

Lisa Young, Community Service Chairman, 2023 – 2024

lmby_02@msn.com (928) 593-9170



Education September 2023



Everyone is back in school in one way or another. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the National Plan of Action. This month: **Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education," American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.**

The "Give 10 to Education" program is designed to allow our members to support education from different angles. Every unit participating will receive a certificate. Let's try for 100% participation, because this project can allow all members, juniors included, to participate. Here's how it works!

Determine what type of activity in which you would like to participate. Here are some suggestions:

1. Donate 10 minutes/hours/days of your time to volunteer in a classroom.
2. Assist with or donate 10 items to a backpack program held at many schools.
3. Donate 10 boxes of pencils or crayons to a classroom or school.
4. Provide a \$10 donation to a school library.
5. Help a teacher on the playground for 10 minutes.
6. Donate 10 flags and discuss the importance of the flag to a class.
7. Donate 10 pairs of shoes or socks to a kindergarten class.
8. Give 10 dictionaries to third grade students.
9. Support a scholarship fund (including National Scholarships) by donating \$10.

American Education Week is November 13-17, 2023. Visit the schools to promote the Auxiliary scholarships. Send a card to all local school staff, including all school personnel who children interact with, teachers, office staff, bus drivers, custodians, etc.

Promote Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8-12, 2024. Send cards to your local schools' teachers. Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need. Plan teacher appreciation events at your schools.

I'm looking forward to hearing about the creative ways in which your Units and Members promote the Education Program.

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

Julie Vietri

Education Chairman
Department of Arizona
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(480) 495-1558

Finance

September 2023

Units, please refer to these Notes for your financial records:

- **Use your Unit's legal name; hint, this information is found on Unit Charter.**
- **You are a Unit, 501 C(19), National Group #0964**
- **Create a recording keeping system, either manual or computer.**
- **Keep a copy of every check or cash disbursement and attach corresponding invoice.**
- **Set up a filing system, either manual or computer.**
- **Financial Reports - share with Executive Committee Meeting and General Meeting. Keep copies of all monthly check book reconciliations.**
- **Checks should be deposited within seven working days if physically possible. Pay all invoices with a check. Cash transactions should have a petty cash receipt.**
- **Keep copies of 990s and Corporation Commission Filings.**
- **Annual Audits of all Auxiliary accounts is recommended. Work with your Unit President to set up an Audit Committee, with Unit Treasurer available to answer questions. Remember that the purpose of an Audit is to review transactions within the past year and reconcile accounts for next year.**
- **Work with your Unit President to set up a Budget using last year's budget information, ie, income, expenditures and program expenses for the new budget.**

Remember that records need to be kept for seven years.

Yolanda Bonilla, Chairman, 602-989-3321, yodobo@msn.com

Penny Maklary, Member, 520-364-5038, ahhpenny@aol.com

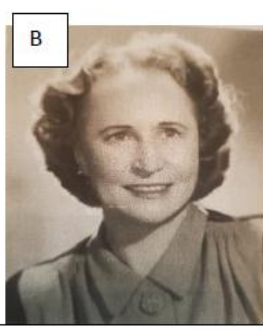
Helen Griffin, Member, 602-478-4909, hgriffin6868@gmail.com

Members by Virtue of Office: Rose Ficklin, President, Barbara White, NEC, Barbara Matteson, Sec/Tres. (no vote)

History September 2023

Fashion is a fun way to reflect about History....

Can you match the Past National Presidents with the decade in which they served—just by evaluating their photo? Hair style, hat (or lack thereof), glasses, jewelry, neckline all provide you clues. What does this fashion tell you about what was going on the United States during that period?



Who served when?

1920's ____

1930's ____

1940's ____

1950's ____

1960's ____

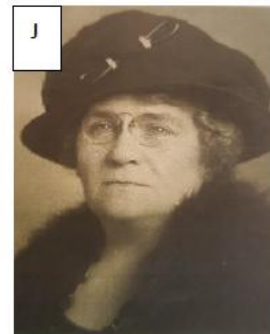
1970's ____

1980's ____

1990's ____

2000's ____

2010's ____



Look for answers next month along with information about these accomplished women and the times in which they served!

Marge Christianson, Department Historian, alaunit62az@gmail.com, 763-234-9852

Leadership/Arizona Mission Training

September 2023

Let's have a **fantastic** Leadership year! Prepare your units for the year ahead. We can look forward to Fall Conference where we will be able to hear all the news from the national convention and learn more about our new President's Special Project. We encourage you to plan and/or attend an Arizona Mission Training. There is always something to renew and refresh ourselves and our units. We have held one training so far at Unit #86 in Heber-Overgard.

Arizona Mission Trainings Scheduled:

September 30 th	Unit #24	Contact Peggy Linnan 520-266-5909
October 7 th	Unit #41	Contact Rosita Hernandez 602-237-7443
October 28 th	Unit #2	Information pending

January is beginning to fill with some tentative scheduling.

To set up a Arizona Mission Training:

Contact chairman (we will work together to set date)

10 or more participants

\$10 for each participant sent to department 10 days prior to training.

Send list of participants to Chairman when training is over.

Contact Information: Karen Smith ksmith111@cox.net (520-249-1119)

Please text initially so that I may return your call.

It is important to make use of information available if you are unable to attend a training. The national organization has online courses available on all kinds of information. The new schedule will be in future bulletins as soon as I see current schedule. You could have one or two members take a course and share it with your unit. Perfect avenue for leadership and mentoring!

Have a wonderful Auxiliary year and see you in November!!!!!!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
LEADERSHIP/ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING
UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR
APPLICATION

1. Application open to senior members who are not currently, nor have ever been, in an elected or appointed position leadership role higher than unit President.
2. Each Unit may submit one entry only.
3. Unit must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the following information. Please include and send this form and narrative together.
4. Due to Leadership chairman by May 1st, 2024.

Karen Smith 1133 Carmelita Drive Sierra Vista 85635
ksmith111@cox.net (520) 249-1119

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL _____ TELEPHONE _____

MEMBERSHIP#: _____ YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP _____

NAME AND # OF UNIT SUBMITTING APPLICATION:

_____ MEMBERSHIP _____

PLEASE CHECK aladeptaz.org FOR CRITERIA REQUIRED FOR THIS AWARD.

Legislative Bulletin
September 2023
Educating Tomorrow's Veterans Today

Greetings,

Hopefully everyone is getting back into the swing of things. Since our State and National Conventions are over, it is time to get busy! You might be new to your position as Legislative Chair or committee member and don't know where to begin. I am here to provide resources you may need and answer any questions you might have. And if I don't know the answer, I will find it for you.

Last month I shared our Arizona, Congressional information. This month let's look at other fantastic resources. I highly recommend you get connected. Did you know ALA National has a legislative Facebook page?

Check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALALegislative>

What happens if you're not on Facebook? ALA National also has an excellent website for legislative and other resources.

Check it out here: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/legislative>

You can also get connected at the American Legion website where you can subscribe to their dispatch:

Check it out here: <https://www.legion.org/dispatch>

Lastly, I will share a couple more gems with you. You can sign up for alerts, review and stay on top of all house bills regarding Veterans. It's also where you can check out what the Legion is supporting.

Check it out here: <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>

The American Legion Legislative page is also a great resource.

Check it out here: <https://www.legion.org/legislative>

Here is a call-to-action link to reach out to your congressperson to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act. <https://p2a.co/BcvczOo?mibextid=Zxz2cZ>

These links should get you started. As stated before please let me know if you have questions. I am here to help you!

Sincerely,
Kathy Amery
Arizona Department Legislative Chair
Luv2p8@gmail.com 623-640-0134

**Legislative Report, Department of Arizona
Year-End 2023-2024**

Department **AZ** Unit Number _____ Unit Name _____

Unit Chairman _____ Contact email _____

Contact Phone _____

Unit meetings

Did the Unit hold any special Legislative meetings? No ☐ Yes ☐

Legislative Rallies No ☐ Yes ☐ Town Hall Meetings No ☐ Yes ☐

Meet the Candidates Night No ☐ Yes ☐

If Yes, please give details on separate sheet or make sure to include in Narrative.

Dispatch

Did the Unit promote The American Legion's **The Dispatch** No ☐ Yes ☐

If so, how? If Yes, please give details on separate sheet or make sure to include in Narrative.

How many electronic subscriptions to **The Dispatch** were done by members? _____

Campaigns

Were there any campaigns to White House, U. S. Senators, Reps, State or Local Officials? No ☐ Yes ☐

How many emails through Grass Roots action center sent?

U.S. Senators _____ U.S. Reps _____ State Officials _____

Local Officials _____ White House _____

How many letters were sent to:

U.S. Senators _____ U.S. Reps _____ State Officials _____

Local Officials _____ White House _____

Number of Other Contacts (visits, telephone calls, or direct e-mails etc.) with?

U.S. Senators _____ U.S. Reps _____ State Officials _____

Local Officials _____ White House _____

Number of Replies Received:

U.S. Senators _____ U.S. Reps _____ State Officials _____

Local Officials _____ White House _____

Please give details and how you promoted this on separate sheet or make sure to include in Narrative.

Did the Unit submit an account of Unit Activities to be included in the Congressional record?

No ☐ Yes ☐

Give details on a separate sheet or make sure to include them in the narrative.

Voting

Did the Unit promote voting to its members? No ☐ Yes ☐

Give details on a separate sheet or make sure to include them in the narrative.

Describe any other Legislative outstanding activity. Give details on a separate sheet or make sure to include them in the narrative.

Narrative included? No ☐ Yes ☐

E-MAIL YEAR-END REPORT BY MAY 1, 2024, TO

Luv2p8@gmail.com in the subject line put Unit # Leg 23-24 Year End- I will respond within 24 hours of receiving. If you do not hear from me- call 623 640 0134

If you prefer to mail Kathy Amery | 9902 W Desert Hills Drive| Sun City, |AZ | 85351

MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2023

Let's get this membership party started! National Convention is done as of this bulletin and it is time to DIG IN!

There are goals to meet, members to greet and we're gonna hit the street to be the DEPARTMENT TO BEAT!!!

My membership theme this year is the AZ-Ditarod, Sledding To Our Goals. Our National President Lisa Williamsons' theme is the Iditarod which is the famous Alaskan sled dog race that takes place each year in March and goes from Anchorage, AK to Nome, AK. It is one of the most extreme races in the entire world. Harsh conditions, harsh environment, exhausting, never ending... doesn't that sound like working our membership goals at times??? But you know the best thing about the AZ-Ditarod??? Just like those incredible sled teams, our Auxiliary Units working together to recruit, retain and rejoin members can reach all of our goals! That being said, here are some highlights for this month:

1. ALAMIS – the form is on our website www.aladeptaz.org under the Membership tab:

Each Unit and District is eligible to have up to two ALAMIS (ALA Membership Information System) users. The cost of ALAMIS is set by National. Only members that are paid up for the current year will be given access to ALAMIS.

Type of Access	Benefits	Cost per User
Unit Full Access	Pay Dues Online, Rejoin Former Members, Edit member data, Add new Members for your Unit	\$20
Unit Write Access	Edit Member Data and Add New Members for your Unit	\$15
Unit View Access	View your Unit, No Change Capabilities	\$10
District View Access	View All Units, No Change – limited to Dist Presidents Only	\$10

If you have requested Full Access and are still experiencing issues, please contact Department or me to find out what is holding up your full access. All full access applications have been reviewed and updated at this point so if you have followed all the directions and completed the training and still don't have full access, your membership chairman and team will find out what is going on and let you know.

2. Transmittals – Please, please, please - Only send one transmittal sheet per envelope. Each transmittal has 25 lines per sheet and you can mark renewal, new, rejoin on the transmittal; you do not need to split them but please make sure you are marking the appropriate year.

3. Do NOT hold membership – it is important that you are sending in your membership transmittals **WEEKLY AT A MINIMUM**. Let me repeat that... **WEEKLY AT A MINIMUM**.
4. Challenges:
 - a. At the Department Officer and Chairman's meeting July 29, 2023, there were some challenges put on the table!
 - i. District 12 challenges District 11 – highest percentage by 12-7-2023 - \$50.00 to President's Special Project
 - ii. Unit 41 challenges Unit 65 – highest percentage by November 11, 2023 - \$50.00 to President's Special Project
 - b. A special challenge on the table to ALL Units – If the Department of AZ makes 100% goal by 4-1-2023 our Madam President Rose will wear a dress during her processional at Department Convention! C'mon members! We got a special treat at this last Convention with her beautiful costume for her floor remarks but WE ALL want to see her strut her stuff in a dress at our next Convention! We can do it... I know I want to see that 😊
 - c. The Western Division challenges with Department of Alaska and Department of New Mexico are listed in the Membership Package on the Department website.

I know this is a long bulletin but there is so much information that goes along with membership. Please take the time to share with your Unit members and especially your membership chairman.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My contact information is below. I work full time so I may not always be able to answer a call during work hours but I will return your call if you leave a voicemail. You can also text or email me at any time. My contact information is below.

I'm very excited to be your membership chairman this year. We should have the final numbers for the 2022-2023 year so that we know the numbers we need to beat for the 2023-2024 year! I said at Convention that we need to beat the last number by at least ONE!!!!

Let's also remember to "Be The One" which is also aligned with National President Lisa's theme this year. We can all be the one to sign up a new member, retain a member or rejoin a member who can help save a Veteran from suicide. As always, remember the mission of "Service, Not Self."

Thank you for all you do!

Stacey Mayberry
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September 2023
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
MUSIC REPORT 2023

Greetings Musicophiles (“music lovers”),

Please continue to promote music within your Unit and Post. Let’s get the love of music out to everyone. Let’s do this together. Use your imagination and spread the love of music and our Country. Together, we’ve got the music in us!. Turn on other people to music.

We have given the choir a new name, “The American Legion Family Choir”. They are wearing the name proudly. I’m certainly proud of the men and women who lend their voices to the American Legion. Please continue to encourage your members and Post to participate in “The American Legion Family Choir”. The more voices participating the better we sound.

Coming up in November is Fall Conference. I’ve started looking at possible songs for Fall Conference. If you have any favorites or suggestions, please share. You never know, your favorite or suggestion could be the song the choir will sing. See you there!

“Music is what tells us that human race is greater than we realise.”
Napoleon Bonaparte

With a song in your heart.
For God and Country,

Alma Matttingly, Department Music Chairman

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VA & R

September 2023

I hope this finds everyone well and healthy. For those who attended the National Convention in Charlotte, NC it was a long week and I hope you all had a wonderful time. Now it's time to start sledding to our goals for President Rose for the coming year while educating our long-time members as well as our newly joined members.

REMINDER

Please don't forget to order and pay for your unit poppies, for a minimum of 100 poppies its \$12.00, the form is on www.aladeptaz.org website. Last chance to get your order in before September 30th, the price will go up to \$15.00 next year.

Remember to turn in your 10% net income from poppies to the Department 30 days before convention in June 2024.

There are different programs that fall under the VA&R, and there is a chairperson assigned to each program, they will be putting information in the monthly bulletins for your units. If you have any questions about the activities your unit should report, please feel free to reach out to me or the chairperson of that program. Don't forget monthly bulletins and other ALA information is on our website for those who have access to computers, also share information with members that don't have access to a computer.

For Service, not Self

Dolores Chavez

Department 2nd Vice President

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Service to Veterans

September 2023

Hello fellow Auxiliary members,

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." ~Harry Truman

Service to Veterans Volunteer Opportunities

After a member has made the decision to volunteer outside of a VAMC, the first step should be to identify a servicemember, veteran, and/or family member's needs within the community. Consider the following when trying to locate where to identify these needs:

★Start with your own post home. Some Legionnaires are now aged, infirmed, confined due to illness or inability to drive, and spend most of their time at home or in assisted living facilities.

★Utilize leaders in your community. Contact government officials, religious leaders, and social service offices to ask about different programs in the community serving veterans. Once you have obtained contact information, reach out to the various organizations and ask them to identify their needs.

If your members need Service to Veterans pins, please order them thru Department for the cost of \$26 If you have any questions, please contact me. For quicker responses, text me.

Sara C. Decker
Service to Veterans Chairman
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American Legion Auxiliary VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
7-31-23

Major changes to mask requirements have finally happened. We are working very hard with the Recreation therapists to get our traditional events back up and running.

Ward W2 (Dementia Ward) in Building 60 is currently seeking twin size blankets for their patients. They request that the blankets be different colors/patterns so each patient will recognize their personal blanket. Thank you Unit 8, Unit 62 & Unit 66 for your generous donations. They are also requesting clothing donations (sweatshirts and sweatpants all sizes especially size small in "girly" colors for the two female Veterans, socks and shoes men's sizes 9 and above). Many of the Veterans they serve come in with no clothing. One female patient in Building 60 is 106 years young..

Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center (SWBRC) is continuing going on outings where they are invited. They would like to request support for outings which are not direct donations such as going to the movies, Pima Air & Space museum, Botanical Garden, etc. These outings must be financed by donations of the purchase of tickets directly by the sponsor. They currently have a population of twenty.

Patriot Pantry is up and running at is currently supporting 40 to 50 Veterans with food insecurities. The current monthly cost for this program is estimated at \$1,000. VA funds can now be used to purchase the food and different donors are shopping and delivering the items to SAVAHCS. There is also a Patriot Pantry program at the Sierra Vista CBOC.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023 is \$350.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023 is \$5,598.36.. Thank you Unit 62, Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Eight registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023 is 270.5. We have on-boarded two new volunteers whose hours will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary. The Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE formerly Voluntary Service) is bringing back many volunteers.

This chairman has volunteered 48 hours and logged 480 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of July 31, 2023. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was re-elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 12, 2021. This chairman has been elected to fill a three year term on the VAVS Executive Committee. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. This chairman 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. This chairman is actively supporting the Patriot Pantry at SAVAHCS. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. National Veterans Creative Arts Festival will be held August 22 & 23, 2023. Annual Joint Review was completed December 8, 2022. VAVS Committee voted to fully fund transportation for the gold medal winners from NVCA at SAVAHCS on February 1, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative



We had a very successful organizational meeting on July 29th at the department president's home unit. I for one learned a lot. Hope every chairman took something back with them. We had a great time at the birthday party in August. A small problem came up and unit 132 stepped up and helped bring the cupcakes and ice cream. . 132 your unit rocks. Unit 24 and 45 stepped up as well and helped me throw the party at the State Veterans Home. I love how American Legion as a whole steps up like family and always has each others backs. September birthday party will be done by unit 59. Thank you ladies. I am in talks with Sam about trying to bring back the steering committee meetings. That will be a great way to get everyone back on track and know what is going on .

I am in the middle of trying to update my files of what I was given by the past chairman. I need all the presidents in districts 2,3,4, 5 to send me your name and number and unit number and your chairman name for the unit for the Veterans home. If your unit doesn't have a chair person please just put none. I will have business cards at Fall Conference and at the next district 2 meeting, so you'll be able to get a hold of me at any time. If want me to speak at your unit or district meeting let me know, so I can arrange ride. I do not drive, but willing to help get word out about the Arizona State Veterans Home Tucson. We can have an successful year if we all work together and wake up the sleepy giant. There is no I in TEAM!. Remember to when coming to the State Veterans home to sign in to the volunteer book and keep track of your hours. When coming to help out the guard will take your temperature. To be a regular volunteer you need your covid-19 shots and all your boosters and get a finger print card and a TB test.

The Gift Shop needs full-size candy bars, water, soda (regular and diet) of all kinds and individual bags of chips and crackers (variety packs work great).

Please remember to mark on your donation check, before sending it to Department, which AZ State Veteran Home you wish your donation to go toward (Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma or Flagstaff).

Nancy Morrow
Department Chairman – Arizona State Veteran Home – Tucson
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Northern AZ VA Health Care System

Whipple Gift Shop

Our Gift Distribution is tentatively set for December 20, 2023. Our plan this year is to have a holiday activity in the Community Living Center in the morning and to have a holiday party for the Domiciliary in the Theater (Building 15) during the afternoon. These events will provide an opportunity for many volunteers to be involved. If your unit is interested in helping for either the morning in CLC or the afternoon in the Theater, please text me at 928-632-2290 or e-mail me at patricia.aljets@hotmail.com. I will contact you directly once our plans are complete.

We are accepting quilts, afghans or plush throws to be given to each Veteran residing at the facility during the holiday. If you are interested in donating, please make sure the item is at least 48"x72". If crocheting or knitting, we ask that they are tightly knitted or crocheted so that the item does not have holes that can get caught on wheelchairs, fingers or toes and cause a tripping hazard. Tied fleece blankets would also be most welcome.

We do NOT need any more handmade winter hats or socks at this time.

I will be picking up donations of blankets/throws during the Fall Conference or donations could be delivered to the VA at 500 Hwy 89 North, Prescott, AZ 86315. Please make sure that any donations are clearly marked for Trish Aljets, ALA Gift Shop and your unit information is enclosed.

We will not be providing a shopping experience, but the parties will provide an opportunity to thank our Veterans in person and to wish them health and happiness during the holidays and the coming year.

Trish Aljets

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