

Serving Those Behind The Badge

October 2019

ALAMIS...If you have ALAMIS access you need to pay for you 2020 access and that is still \$10.00 per user. Include the names of your users to make sure they are current.

JUNIORS...Next month they are meeting for their Fall Retreat are your's going. January is the Juniors National meeting in Las Vegas. TIME to get them registered for both.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS... already...

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EXTRA EXTRA..."RED TICKET"...there will something in someone's packet each month. If you find it contact Department.... reward to be given at Department Fall Conference

MEMBERSHIP... "MEMBERSHIP PATROL". Membership is everyone's job. **Legion Act** has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. Write "**OTHER CONFLICT**" on your applications until the new form comes from National. Go look for the members who weren't in the window before.

Paying Dues...We received a transmittal form from a Unit to pay all 2020 dues...but 1 of the members has not paid the 2019....so we had to call that member and ask did you really want to pay 2020. That member will lose her member since if 2019 is not paid...WHAT DO WE DO??

OK ...Please double check the information on the applications...have someone else check...we are spending too much time getting missing information and corrections. Original applications must be sent in for all new members...don't understand why units just quit sending in applications for new members.

- **Be eligible & USE BLUE INK AND SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION**
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1

- Only 1 time of service
- **NEW “OTHER CONFLICT”**
- Only 1 relationship and do not add any
- Now you have spouse in place of wife and you may have to pick female or male spouse
- Must be signed by a Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself
- Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies
- Only list names that paid online, do not send any money for them.
- Make sure you mark all of the **NEW** women veterans.
- Do not mark NEW women veterans when they are renewing.

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. National is sending out cards for the 2019-2020 year until then they must let you know. Do not give them a card. They can only pay the current years dues. If they owe 2018 or before they will pay 2020 first to be current...this will be a rejoin member.

You can also pay others over the phone at National. Example...I can pay all my daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters. Hey maybe I will ask if I can pay another relative for friend. Doesn't hurt to ask.

UNIT GUIDEBOOK...The latest version of Guidebook is available at Emblem Sales. Everyone should order them a lot of good stuff and different stuff also in there. You might want to keep the older issue for reference

FALL CONFERENCE...Registration information in the packet.

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

OCW...There were several that had issues with their black bags. If you one of them send me a email so I can correct this...thank you.

Barbara Matteson
Dept Secretary/Treasurer
secretary@aladeptaz.org



Pat Stanaski
Dept Membership Processing
membership@aladeptaz.org



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
FALL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 8-10, 2019**

PRE - REGISTRATION - \$10.00

REGISTRATION AT CONFERENCE - \$20.00

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

ALA DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

UNIT NUMBER _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NAME (PRINT)	POSITION/TITLE (PRINT)	PUFL	HLM	Veteran	ALR
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2. _____

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 31, 2019

NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT REGISTRATION

YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR REGISTRATION BADGE WITHOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CARD

AMERICA LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

AMERICANISM – SEPTEMBER 2019

Happy Fall Y'all!!

Are you wondering what your Unit can do to promote Americanism? Your Unit's Americanism Chairperson or Committee should work on the following:

- Team up with your Legion Post to increase respect for the flag in your community; invite the public to participate in a flag disposal ceremony.
- Teach proper handling, displaying, and respect for the American flag, as well as our National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Organize a patriotic holiday event or participate in local patriotic holiday events.
- Volunteer to keep up the area around the flag pole at your community's civic government area by planting seasonal flowers and collecting trash.
- Encourage local businesses to fly the American flag, especially on patriotic holidays.
- Encourage Legion Family members to fly an American flag at their home.
- Provide American flags to your local schools for classrooms.
- Order pocket flag kits and distribute to members. More info here: <http://www.pocketflagproject.com/wp/participate/get-started/>
- Identify and distribute assembled pocket flags to active-duty military overseas.
- Encourage Auxiliary members to contact state and federal representatives and ask them to support the flag amendment.
- Encourage members to participate in Get Out the Vote and Kids Voting USA campaigns. For more information, refer to www.legion.org/vote and www.kidsvotingusa.org.
- Work with local schools to further education of the U.S. Constitution, either whole or in part such as the Bill of Rights or the Preamble.

Unfortunately the 2019-2020 Supplement to Americanism Programs Action Plan is not available, so this year's theme and deadlines have yet to be posted. I will make sure we have all information available in October's packet!

Upcoming Patriotic Days:

9/2 – Labor Day

9/11 – Patriot Day

9/17 – Constitution Day

For God and Country,

Laurie Castillo
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Creative Arts

October 2019

Your local VA Hospitals are already planning the local creative arts festivals to be held in February 2020. If you have never attended a festival at your VA, you are really missing something special. I have had the honor of attending festivals at all three Arizona VA's and I can't say enough about the experiences. Your support makes the festivals possible. The ALA is the **only** sponsor other than the Veterans Administration. Both the national festival and the local festivals depend on the ALA. When your unit sends donations to Department, you need to specify if you would like the donation to go to your local VA. If not specified donations will go to the national festival. Remember Poppy funds may be donated for CAF.

A video of the 2018 National CAF was shown at the ALA National Convention. You can read stories about veterans and view pictures and videos online at alavorveterans.org/nvcf. The 2019 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival will be held this month. The festival is usually featured in the February issue of your *Auxiliary Magazine*.

If I can be of any help to your unit or you need more information, please contact me or one of the other team members.

Your Department Creative Arts Team 2019-2020:

Phoenix:	Margaret Ellis, Chairman	maggylou@cox.net	480-818-3166
Prescott:	Sally Fine	mightyfine123@gmail.com	
Tucson:	Kathy Szakonyi	N3SAD@aol.com	

CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

October, 2019



THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS CELEBRATING OUR 100TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY WITH 20/20 VISION. WE CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE AND RING IN A NEW CENTURY OF SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MISSION – SERVING OUR VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES – TRULY LIVING OUR PROMISE OF "SERVICE NOT SELF."

I strongly encourage all units and district to promote this milestone event in your communities.

Another word to remember beginning with comm – COMMUNICATE! Please share all of your activities with me and with Historian Rose Ficklin. How can we promote the Department of Arizona if we don't know what you are doing. Yes, I check Ring Your Bell and Facebook, and it would be nice to have the actual public relations posters and articles that are printed about your activities. This is truly the year to promote our organization.

If you have not formed a committee to plan 100th activities, it can still be done. Some ideas from national are: **Host a Community Open House:** use this event as an opportunity to show off Post. This can really boost awareness of who you are and what you do, also a great way to attract new members! **Bury a time capsule:** We all enjoy a blast from the past. What a fun way to leave behind ALA artifacts for future generations. Include photos, pins, a poppy and perhaps a copy of the ALA magazine. **Make it official:** Work with elected officials to recognize our centennial year. The Governor has signed a proclamation for us which you will see at Fall Conference. You can surely do this in your own community. Take lots of pictures and please send them to me. Marge Christianson has put this last idea on Facebook and if you need more information please contact her. Every activity that you do can be turned into a centennial event. **CELEBRATE!!**

Karen Smith

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**HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN,
THE SKY ABOVE IS CLEAR AGAIN,
LET'S SING A SONG OF CHEER AGAIN,
HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN.**

**LET'S CELEBRATE ONE HUNDRED YEARS,
WE'LL FILL THE ROOM WITH A HUNDRED CHEERS,
LET'S SING TO CELEBRATE OUR YEARS!
HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN.**



Chaplain

October 2019

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary members,

I'm getting excited for the holiday season and I hope you are too. As you know, the holidays pounce on us if out of nowhere so I'd like to start reminding everyone to begin thinking about their mid-year reports. I'll have the due dates and report form to every Unit soon. Also, if you have prayers to send me for Madam President's Prayer Book I'd love to start receiving them. As always, if you would like me to send a card to someone, my contact information is listed below. Please send me an e-mail or text message and I'll get a card sent out right away. I'd be happy to send any kind of card – get well, condolences, thinking of you, motivational, encouragement, great job, etc.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Enlighten our minds with truth;

Enflame our hearts with love;

Inspire our will with courage;

Enrich our lives with service.

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

Amen.

Stacey Mayberry

Department of Arizona Chaplain

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“Serving Those Behind the Badge”
Cavalcade of Memories
September 2019

Cavalcade falls under History.

Ladies...we hear all the time that Juniors are our future. This Chairman is currently working on Memory Book for the Honorary Past Department Junior Presidents. So if you know any that came from your unit can you have them to do a biography of their year. I have a form that they can fill out and I need a 5x7 photo of them and send it to the department. So next year I can display their book also. And as much information they can remember of their year and if they held any office in the National Juniors.

This Chairman is still working on the 4th Volume of the Past Department Presidents. Volume 4 begins in 1996 and it begins with Mrs. Penny Maklary and if you came after Mrs. Maklary check with me and see if you have sent me your bio or picture and this chairman know it is about 8 that have not sent me anything please do so and there or several Past President that have passed away that this chairman have nothing so if you know these President and you have any information on theme can you send it to this Chairman. Carol Edwards, Rosemary Dambrauskas, Cathy Jarvis, Kimberly Wynn, Kathleen Medalen. Then we have the Cavalcade Award that was given out for the first time this year encourage your unit to participate in this award.

Here is a list of P.D.P that this chairman has no picture 5X7 or bio can you send them please. Debbie Collins, Doris Thiess, Sharon Doran, Jane Shoemaker, Yolanda Bonilla, Cindy Queen. You served wouldn't you like to be honored for your time of service as a Past Department President and as one of the President in this Centennial Celebration of 100 yrs. 1920 – 2020.

Department Cavalcade of Memories Chairman

Paula Burgess

Community Service

October 2019

Hello Ladies,

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others” -
Muhatma Gandhi

What have you and your units been doing? I challenge every unit and member to do a “Good Deed” a day. I would love to hear about some of your good deeds and highlight them in upcoming bulletins. I am excited for your mid-year reports and to see all that you have accomplished thus far! In the meantime, please feel free to email or text me some things you are doing so I can share them now.

Some ideas for a “Good Deed” are, bring some baked goods to your local fire or police department. Help someone load their groceries into the house. Drop off old magazines to the VA home or your local senior citizen center.

Veterans Day and is fast approaching and is an awesome day for your unit to plan a community service event. Thanksgiving is also just around the corner with lots of opportunities to help in the community.

Sara C. Decker
Community Service Chairman
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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”
MUSIC REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2019**

IT’S MUSIC MONTH!!!

What a wonderful time of year to celebrate our Veterans with song! Let’s work the music program around President Patricia’s theme of **“Serving Those Behind the Badge.”**

Hopefully by now your unit as appointed a Music Chairman to lead a song at your regular meetings. If one person doesn’t want the responsibility every month, then perhaps several people could be appointed to ‘tag’ someone to lead the song for the gathering. A patriotic song during the opening or closing of the meetings will only take a few minutes, but it gets everyone involved and brings home the theme of sharing the load together.

Many thanks to those of you who participated in the Choir at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning during the Department Convention in June. It’s not too early to start planning for the Fall Conference. President Patricia has all kinds of new ideas to share. The Fall Conference is great fun and I encourage everyone to attend this event in Tucson November 8-10. The Memorial Choir performs on Sunday mornings during the Fall Conference and the Convention. I’d appreciate your support in encouraging members to be a participant in the Choir. It’s a very rewarding experience.

Information regarding the Music Awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents. Click on ALA Department Awards Book and go to page 48. This will list the rules and the scoring for the awards.

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman
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**EDUCATION MID-YEAR REPORT FORM
2019-2020**

Unit Number _____

Total Membership _____

Chairman Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail address _____

Supporting the Program

Number of Unit Members involved in support of the program _____

Number of Juniors involved in support of the program _____

Number of Legionnaires involved in support of the program _____

Did your Unit participate in American Education Week? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit participate in the *Give 10 to Education* program? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit present the *Veterans in the Classroom* program? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit actively support any veterans associations on college or university campuses? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit help assist needy students? Briefly describe the activities.

Does your Unit award any Unit scholarships? How many? How does your Unit raise funds for the scholarships?

Has your Unit promoted the Department and National Scholarships? Briefly describe how this was done.

Did your Unit involve the Legionnaires, the Sons and the Legion Riders? How many of each group participated? In what way did they participate?

What were the other community resources or activities your Unit used to assist students, teachers or support personnel?

You may use separate paper, if needed.

Please return this form to the Education Chairman, **Julie Vietri, 7663 E. 6th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or jvietri@msn.com , on or before December 15, 2019.**

**EDUCATION YEAR-END REPORT FORM
2019-2020**

Unit Number _____ Total Membership _____

Chairman Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail address _____

Supporting the Program

Number of Unit Members involved in support of the program _____

Number of Juniors involved in support of the program _____

Number of Legionnaires involved in support of the program _____

Number of entries submitted to:

_____ Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

_____ The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

_____ The Spirit of Youth Scholarship

_____ The Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

_____ Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship

Number of Unit Scholarships awarded _____ Dollar value _____

Did your Unit participate in American Education Week? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit participate in the *Give 10 to Education* program? How many *Give 10 to Education* certificates were given in your Unit? _____ Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit present the *Veterans in the Classroom* program? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit actively support any veterans associations on college or university campuses? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit help assist needy students? Briefly describe the activities.

Has your Unit promoted the Department and National Scholarships? Briefly describe how this was done.

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What were the other community resources or activities your Unit used to assist students, teachers or support personnel?

You may use separate paper, if needed.

Please return this form to the Education Chairman, **Julie Vietri, 7663 E. 6th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or jvietri@msn.com , on or before May 1, 2020.**

Reminder: A typed narrative, not to exceed 1000 words, must be submitted to be eligible for the **Jean Batley Plaque** or the **Chrysteen Fritzinger Plaque**.



Education October, 2019



Everyone is well into the school year. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.**

Information on the Veterans in Community Schools program is available in the publications, *Veterans in the Classroom: History in the First Person*, on the Legion's website at <http://archive.legion.org/handle/123456789/1664> and <http://archive.legion.org/handle/123456789/1663>. They contain helpful hints on starting this program in your area.

- Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present this program in your schools.
- Contact your local school teachers to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in the Classroom event.
- Provide information to the teacher hosting your program about the challenges facing today's military families.
- The teacher can introduce the topic before your unit's presentation. It may be helpful to reference the article that was published in the Legion's magazine at <http://www.legion.org/magazine/162500/hardest-year>.
- Promote your Veterans in the Classroom event through local media and on your own social media accounts.
- Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in the classroom.
- Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit classrooms.

"The American Legion believes that our military veterans are living textbooks of American History. Their accounts of experiences in a uniform of the United States Armed Forces should be preserved and shared with others, especially with students in America's schools." (American Legion Publication No. 23-015, Rev. 1-2012)

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
jvietri@msn.com
480-495-1558

ITEMS FOR THE TROOP CARE PACKAGES

Candy:

Twizzlers
Star bursts
Jolly Rancher
Tootsie Rolls

Food:

Oatmeal (instant)
Raman Noodles – any flavor
Beef Jerky or Slim Jims
Granola Bars
Individual crackers and cookies
Canned fruit (pop top cans)
Gum
Tuna packets

Toiletries/Hygiene

Baby Wipes
Travel size body wash
Deodorant
Foot powder
Hand Lotion
Razors (disposable)

Other:

Socks (cushioned white calf high) very much needed w/ foot powder

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

Juniors Program 2019-2020

Dear Unit, Junior Chairmen: Thank you for your commitment to the Junior program of the American Legion Auxiliary for the year 2019-2020. As a senior member who graduated from the Junior program, I know how important it is to have chairmen who believe in preparing girls to become active adult members of the organization by providing positive volunteer experiences that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary.

Throughout the year through this bulletin I will post ideas of projects you can do with your Juniors. I would also like it if you have any ideas that you share with the rest of us, by sending them to me. In as much as we are celebrating the 100th birthday let's make it a fun year!

Ideas:

- ❖ Get your school or unit involved in making Pocket Flags for Veterans Day, see if you can have all the classes in your school fold flags for military personnel. Talk to your principal or counselor and explain that you are a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Explain that you want to teach classmates about Veterans Day and that they can make a difference in a military service member by doing little projects like folding Pocket Flags. You could also use this as an opportunity to work towards a patch. You could give a presentation about what the flag represents and the meaning behind it. Your school may not be able to pay for the flags, so talk to them about fundraising ideas. You could sell suckers at lunch on every Friday for a month. Visit the link <http://www.pocketflagproject.com> for more information.
- ❖ Write thank you letters. Contact a nursing home or veteran's home near your unit and ask how many veterans live there. Then get other Juniors in your unit or friends together and write thank you letters to them. To tell how much you appreciate their service and sacrifice they gave to our country. You can even include drawings of flags, or a picture of poppies.
- ❖ Collect items for the Give 10 to Education project. With other Juniors in your unit or with friends collect items for students in your school who has a parent in the military or National Guard. Work with your teacher or school counselor on how to get the items to the students.

Junior Fall Conference registration forms and information in this packet

Lexis Nicole Escudero, Chairman
623-221-7132

ALA JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

PERMISSION SLIP

As a parent or legal guardian of _____ Date of birth _____

I give my permission for her to attend the ALA Junior Spring Conference and participate in all activities.

Location: 6822 N 57th Dr, Glendale, AZ 85391, 623-937-3411

Parent/guardian signature _____ Phone # _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____ Relationship _____

Authorized to Treat Minor: *In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby permit to call 911 and/or to contact a medical facility or physician selected by chaperones to provide proper treatment to _____] and that I will be responsible for all expenses arising in association with such treatment.*

I agree to hold ALA officers, agents, employees and volunteer chaperones harmless from any and all liability or claims, which may arise out of, or in connection with, my child's participation during Junior Convention and assume all liability for the conduct of my child and agree to indemnify the American Legion Family for any claims arising against it resulting from my child's conduct

PLEASE SEND THIS TOP PORTION BY October 18, 2019 with \$10 to

Lexie Escudero, 13010 W Hearn Rd, El Mirage, AZ 85335

Or call 623-582-5399 for other arrangements. Easier to plan if we have a head count.

NO JUNIOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PERMISSION SLIP

LOCATION: 6822 N 57th Dr, Glendale, AZ

PHONE (623) 332-1621

Date: October 26-27, 2019

Check in 12:30PM October 26, 2019

Meeting begins at 2:00pm

Check out time BY 11:00AM October 27, 2019

For any questions or suggestions please call Lexie Escudero

623-221-7132

The Department of Arizona Junior Fall Conference

Details still in the making but it is going to be the best Fall Conference ever.

We have a lot of special activities planned and if you will bring your Junior Activity Patch Booklet with you, we can sign off on some more Patches for you.

The Date is: October 26th to October 27th

Arrival time is: Saturday the 26th at 12:30pm.

Depart: Sunday the 26th by 11:00 a.m.

The Location:
TAL Earl Mitchell Post 29
6822 N 57th Dr

Please RSVP to Lexie Escudero, Dept. Junior Chairman, by Sept 18th so we can have plenty of time to get everything organized for a fun filled weekend.

My cell: 623-221-7132 and yes a text is ok.

My e-mail: LEscudero@camdenliving.com

My address: 13010 W Hearn Rd, El Mirage, AZ 85335

There is a Permission Slip included in this packet and it is very important that it is filled out and turned in to the registration table on day of Conference.

Chaperones will attend the conference overnight, so bring your sleeping equipment with you to spend the night.

Saturday.... Registration 10:00am -12:00pm
Lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm
MEETING 1:00pm
Leadership
Poppy
Activities
Dinner 5:00pm
Games

Sunday.... Up at 7 a.m. for breakfast, church-memorial service,
and quick mini meeting to give unit reports,
before adjourning the convention

REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 26-27, 2019

UNIT NUMBER _____ LOCATION _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME	JR	AGE	SR	\$10
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TOTAL	_____		_____	\$ _____

PLEASE RETURN WITH CHECK MADE O: Lexie Escudero, 13010 E Hearn Rd, El Mirage, AZ 85335

BY October 18, 2019. IN YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION CALL 623-221-7132

IT IS EASIER TO PLAN IF WE KNOW HOW MANY PERSONS TO PLAN FOR. THANK YOU

Legislative

October 2019

Greetings,

We have a lot to catch up on, so I am going to try and make this as short as possible.

First and foremost, the American Legion Auxiliary has recently had an eligibility change by Congress. Simply, the verbiage on the application and in the National Standing Rules and Bylaws has been changed from "Wife" to "Spouse". This will now include men. There are many female service members whom when they are deployed leave behind their spouses and children. This change allows their spouses to join a unit and receive assistance and support if needed.

According to Military.com, on the week of August 29, U.S. Customs and Immigration rolled out a disastrous new policy that delineates U.S. residency requirements for the purpose of U.S. citizenship as it applies to children born abroad. The policy goes into effect on October 29, 2019 and will affect the following: Children of parents who have never lived in the U.S. or established residency, children of couples including a U.S. citizen and non-citizen, children of non-citizens serving in the armed forces, and non-citizen children adopted by U.S. citizens. The new policy unleashed a firestorm of criticism for its poorly worded verbiage, leaving many thinking that USCIS was revoking birthright. Their data indicates this policy would have affected only "20 to 25 children a year." USCIS sought to clarify the changes with the media.

On September 2nd, a former Marine temporarily had his five weapons confiscated by the FBI from remarks he made at a protest against ANTIFA. The temporary seizure came through the use of Oregon's "Red Flag" Law.

On September 12, 2019 the U.S. House Judiciary Committee met to discuss acting on the impeachment of President Trump. Representative Lesko and Representative Biggs spoke out against the action.

Also, on September 12, 2019 the 2nd 2020 Democratic debate was held in Houston. Out of the ten contenders in attendance, three notable names were Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Former Vice President Joe Biden. There was a contentious debate over healthcare and the China Trade Deal.

In conclusion, please write letters to your Congressmen and women about healthcare and Medicare benefits and to ensure long term adequacy and stability of social security.

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

Chairman

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 2019

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR THE MEMBERSHIP PATROL TO BE ON THE PROWL AND ON ACTIVE DUTY.

IN OUR LAST BULLETIN WE RECEIVED THE LATEST NUMBERS FOR OUR UNITS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. IF ARIZONA ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE LAST YEAR FOR MEMBERSHIP AND WAS UP FRONT, THIS YEAR SHOULD BE A BREEZE. THINK OF IT, WE CAN NOW HAVE THE SPOUSES OF OUR FEMALE VETERANS JOIN OUR RANKS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE UNITS I HAVE SEEN ON RING YOUR BELL ARIZONA FOR HAVING MALES SIGN UP. FOR SOME IT IS DIFFICULTY TO ACCEPT THESE CHANGES AND FOR SOME IT IS THE BEST THING TO HAPPEN. THE WORLD IS CHANGING AND WE ARE CHANGING WITH IT.

THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CENTENIAL CELEBRATIONS AND I HOPE THEY ARE BEING USED TO FULL ADVANTAGE. THIS BEING AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING AWARENESS TO OUR ORGANIZATION, CELEBRATING OUR MOTTO OF "SERVICE NOT SELF" AND INVITING OTHERS TO JOIN US. THERE IS ONE LAST THING I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO DO. HAVE FUN AS YOU DO WHAT YOU DO FOR IT SHOWS IN ATTITUDE AND IN THE PASSION WE DISPLAY.

ON OUR LATEST MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN NUMBERS. **GREAT!!!** BUT THERE STILL 23 UNITS SHOWING 0. I KNOW THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT. PLEASE SEND IN THOSE APPLICATIONS, RENEWALS AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT GETS A NUMBER ON YOUR UNIT. DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY SUBMIT WHAT YOU SEND IN. REMEMBER THERE ARE AWARDS TO BE WON FOR INDIVIDUALS, UNITS AND THESE ALL HELP YOUR DEPARTMENT.

JUST A LITTLE SIDE NOTE,- I HAVE SPOKEN TO A FEW LEGIONNAIRES WHO ARE PROUD TO HAVE A TRI MEMBERSHIP AS A LEGIONNAIRE, SAL AND NOW AUXILIARY.

I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT FALL CONFERENCE. IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP YOU WITH INCREASING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THEN, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO , GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!!!

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Membership chairman

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Vice President Dept, of AZ

ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP



Here it is starting October. Can you say, “we are all done with our training for this year?” Not even my own Unit or District can say that. Time to get started ladies.

Many times while I was working, training for the year was brought up. I can truly say I made the following comments, “why do we need this training again? I went to training last year. I don’t need to go again. Once was enough. There isn’t anything that is of importance this year.” Strangely, after attending the mandated training, I could say I felt refreshed with the knowledge I gained and those items I had reviewed. Even the eight hours of training on sexual harassment and the forty hours of crisis management and suicide prevention was an eye-opener. Have you made similar comments?

Look at teachers, police officers, firemen, paramedics, nurses, search and rescue personnel and all those others – do they just sit on their initial training or do they continue to train to be up on the newest ways of doing things? Most are required to complete forty hours or more a year to hold their certifications. Many companies, state and federal employees and other career fields do this each year. I for one am thankful we do not mandate this much training each year.

Training Scheduled:

Unit 107 – October 26th, mini session

Unit 131 – January 19th, full session

Unit 35 has expressed interest but has not scheduled

Districts 3 and 6 have expressed interest but have not scheduled

TEN RULE – 10 signed up and paid to Department ten days in advance of training. 8-hour course is \$10 each; 4-hour course is \$5 each.

How many words (3 or more letters-no proper names) can you make from the word PREAMBLE?

For God and Country in Service to Veterans

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Open, Northern Co-Chair

Pending Approval, Southern Co-Chair

Open, Central Co-Chair



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE” MUSIC REPORT OCTOBER 2019

Hello you wonderful ladies:

As your Music Chairman this year, I wanted to pass along some information to those of you privileged to hold the position of Music Chairman at the Unit and District levels, which might be helpful in planning your programs for the year. Always remember to include a patriotic song at each meeting or event, when appropriate. We all recognize the impact music can have in bringing members together for the good of all concerned. Encourage Auxiliary members to participate regularly in music programs in their individual churches and communities. Make regular visits to VA Hospitals to entertain with songs. These visits are not only uplifting for the Veterans, but also for the ladies who participate. Local Nursing Homes provide another opportunity for members to share their talents. Alzheimer patients who may not remember family members, are able to remember songs from their childhood including patriotic songs. Yes indeed, music does touch the soul!

It's not too early to start planning for the Fall Conference. President Patricia has all kinds of new ideas to share. The Fall Conference is great fun and I encourage everyone to attend this event in Tucson November 8-10. I'd also like to encourage your Unit members to participate in the choir, which sings two selections at the Memorial Service held the Sunday of Fall Conference.

Mid-year Reports are due to this Chairman by December 15. The form for submitting reports is included.

Information regarding the Music Awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents. Click on ALA Department Awards Book and go to page 48. This will list the rules and the scoring for the awards.

Department Music Awards will be handed out at Convention in June 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

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”
MID-YEAR MUSIC REPORT FORM**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

It's that time of year when our thoughts stray to good food and spending valuable time with our families. It's also a wonderful opportunity to spread some cheer to our many Veterans who are not as blessed with "All Good Gifts" as we might be. Let's make a vow to get out there and give thanks to the many service men and women we honor by providing music at Veteran functions in our area. I am asking that each Music Chairman from all Units and Districts fill in this form telling me how music was used in your activities thus far this year.

1. Does the Unit/District have a Music Chairman? _____
2. If so, does that person choose the songs for all the meetings? _____
3. If the Unit/District does not have a Music Chairman, who decides which songs to sing or play? _____
4. How is music incorporated into the various functions in the Unit/District?

5. Do members regularly participate in music programs in their individual houses of worship and communities? _____. If so, give some examples: _____

6. Are regular visits made to hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? _____. If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? _____

Mid-year music reports are due to me no later than **December 15, 2019**. Either email/mail to me.

Unit No./District No.: _____/_____; No. of Unit Members: _____

Unit President: _____

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL SECURITY

OCTOBER 2019

Hello ladies of the great state of Arizona!!! We are now into a couple months of Units meeting and starting their programs. Each month I will list something that can help your Unit. But this month, please see below a list of items needed in case of an emergency and you need to evacuate your home. It could happen to you!!!

What you would need for a “GO BAG” which every family should have one.

Listed below are items you should have in your “go bag” ready at a location near your door, if and when, you need to leave your house in a hurry.

- Bottled water
- Energy or protein bars
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Cell phone and battery powered charger
- Extra set of car and house keys
- First aid kit
- Medications
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush/paste/soap, etc.)
- Large baggie or waterproof container for your personal records
- At least two changes of clothing
- Comfortable shoes
- Lightweight jacket
- Blanket
- Money in small bills for at least \$100
- Have Pets? Be sure you have a carrier for them, along with dry food

These are just a few items you can add to your “go bag” or add more items based on the size of your family or your individual needs.

Remember, this could happen to you so it’s better to be prepared and not have to use these items, then trying to figure out what to take or pack if it does.

Until next month with more news!!

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Serving Those Behind The Badge FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH OCTOBER, 2019

Greetings,

As I write this bulletin, I am preparing to attend the National Children & Youth Conference in Indianapolis. I look forward to sharing with you the information I received from the conference.

Remember our Purposes for this program: To assure protecting, caring and supporting children & youth particularly those of veterans and military families.

To Educate: Children and Youth on the history of the United State "Star Spangled Kids"

To Support: Homeless Veterans Children- See your Voluntary Service Representative, VA Medical Center can help with identifying and meeting the needs of Veterans Children or let a military child know that we appreciated their sacrifice thru Heroes "2" recognition button- include your Legion Family and Juniors.

To Protect: Prevent and stop Bullying/Missing Children/Safe Halloween. American Legion Auxiliary has brochures available on bully and Safe Halloween. October is National Bullying Prevention Month, what will you do to stop and educate our youth on Bullying.

To Recognize: Reward the positive actions of our children and youth. The American Legion Auxiliary has two special National awards to youth nominated by the Units. The Youth Hero Award –recognizes someone 18 years or younger who performs a heroic act of physical bravery. The Good Deed Award – for youth 18 years or younger who have contributed in a special way to society through community service.

There will be additional information regarding this program in your Fall Convention packet.

Remember Mid-Year Reporting is due December 15, 2019.

Thank you

For Gold and Country

Chairman

Lynda Griffin, Chairman

Committee Members

Rebecca Gulley

POPPIES

OCTOBER 2019



Hi ladies,

Hope all units ordered their Poppies on time. You will be able to pickup your orders at Fall Conference.

Now is the time to think about Veterans Day displays. Great time for Veteran awareness and remembrance.

Start getting involved with your communities in spreading the Poppy story at schools, events and any veteran functions that may be coming up.

See you at Fall Conference!



For God & Country

Nita Kimball Nitastreehouse@gmail.com (928)919-2734 Department of Arizona Poppy Chair

American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley

November 2019

Do you have plans to attend Fall Conference in Tucson? Please do take time to review your packet and ask questions about the Past Presidents Parley. You will find pertinent information about all plaques:

- **Arizona Active Past Presidents Plaque**
- **Cora Griggs Past Presidents Parley Plaque**
- **Jarvis Plaque Auxiliary Member of the Year**
- **Unit Member of the Year**

You will also find information about honoring

- **Women veterans**
- **Women currently serving in the military**
- **Outstanding unit members who do the hard work of service**

Does your Unit have dual Auxiliary-Legion members? If so, please forward some information about those members and their Branch of Service. Each month one member will be recognized with a short bio about their Military Service and service to the ALA and the American Legion.

This month, Jami Gavigan, past Mathew B. Juan Unit 35 President is our honoree. Jami served in the US Army Reserves for eight years and finished her military career as a Staff Sergeant. She is an eleven year member of the ALA and has been a Legionnaire for four years. She is currently serving Mathew B. Juan Post 35 on the Executive Committee. Thank you for your service Jami!

**Yolanda Bonilla
Past Presidents Parley Chairman
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American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley

October 2019

Plain and simply stated the purpose of the Past Presidents Parley is to promote training of the future leaders of the American Legion Auxiliary. Have you served as a Unit, District, or Department President? A simple conversation on protocol can be a useful tool to engage and mentor that new Unit President. Can you remember that first meeting? Reach out to new members and share your knowledge and keep an open mind. Does your Unit encourage training and development of future leaders? How do honor outstanding Unit members? How do you honor Past Presidents in your Unit? Do you hold a banquet or present them with a citation? This chairman wants to hear from you.

A function of the Past Presidents Parley is to raise funds for Nursing and Medical Scholarships at the end of the year. Yearly, the Department of Arizona awards scholarships to students enrolled in nursing or medical related schools. Does your Unit or District participate in a Parley? Would you like to start a new Parley in your area? If so, please contact this chairman and we'll get the ball rolling.

Just a reminder that this program awards the following plaques:

- **Arizona Active Past Presidents Plaque**
- **Cora Griggs Past Presidents Parley Plaque**
- **Jarvis Plaque Auxiliary Member of the Year**
- **Unit Member of the Year**

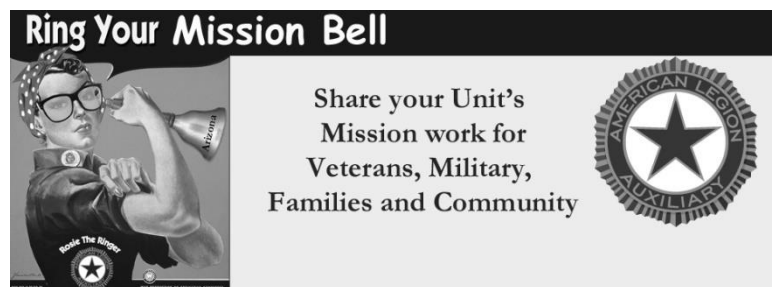
Please look for detailed information in your Fall Conference Packet.

How does your Unit honor Women Veterans? Please share the information with this Chairman.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

**Yolanda Bonilla
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Public Relations: October 2019



Promote our 100 Years!

The request for a Gubernatorial Proclamation has been submitted to Governor Ducey—but what about YOUR CITY?

Use this wording (or your own) to get a Mayoral Proclamation—send it to your Mayor in time to get the proclamation by Nov 10! We'll show them off at the Fall Convention. (If you have more than one Unit in your city, please work together to put them all on one proclamation.) I can send you the document for editing—just send me an email (aladeptazpr@gmail.com) !

Whereas, the first words of the American Legion Auxiliary preamble are "For God and Country". Members believe in the ideals and principles of America's founding fathers and pledge to foster patriotism, preserve and defend the Constitution, promote allegiance to God and Country, and uphold the basic principles of freedom of religion, speech, and press; and

Whereas, the Auxiliary to the American Legion, through its over 8000 units located in every U.S. state and some foreign countries, embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with the American Legion Family, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals; and

Whereas, the more than 600,000 American Legion Auxiliary members represent the families of those who are serving, or have served during times of conflict protecting our freedom; and

Whereas, these American Legion Auxiliary members provide millions of volunteer hours annually in support of veterans, military, families and communities; and

Whereas, the nationally recognized American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona consists of over 14,000 members in over 80 units located across Arizona who are dedicated to and provide thousands of volunteer hours to veterans, military, families and community; and

Whereas, the [name of Unit] Unit [##] in [city], Arizona, is an integral part of the American Legion Auxiliary in Arizona and locally supports veterans, military, families and community, and

Whereas, having been founded on November 10th, 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2019 during the American Legion Family Fall Conference held annually in Tucson, AZ; and

Whereas, Sunday November 10th, 2019 will be a time to celebrate this accomplishment, and I do hereby declare Sunday, November 10th, 2019 as American Legion Auxiliary Centennial Day throughout this city, and I urge all the people of [city], Arizona to celebrate the accomplishments of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Department of Arizona and Unit [xx] and consider volunteering in support of veterans, military, families and youth.

Now, Therefore, I, [name of Mayor], Mayor of [City], AZ, do hereby proclaim November 10th, 2019 as American Legion Auxiliary Centennial Day

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the [City], Arizona, to be affixed this xx of xx, 2019.

Marge Christianson, Department of Arizona PR Chairman- aladeptazpr@gmail.com 763-234-9852

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
100 CLUB
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE**

Assists the families of Public Safety Officers and Firefighters upon death or serious injury.

Aid is also extended to Officers and Firefighters who are called to active duty military.

Assistance is extended to Volunteer and/or Reserve Officers/Firefighters only when the incident occurs while he/she is on duty.

Donations: All donations will remain in the State of Arizona to help our hometown Heroes.

Units: Thank you for all you have and are doing for those who keep us safe.

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Trophies and Awards

October, 2019

Ladies, we have many Trophies and Awards that are still missing please look around your Post they have to somewhere. If you haven't checked those boxes that have been setting unopened for ages, check them out. If and when you find those forgotten trophies please return them to Department or if you should be near Post 26 you can drop them off to me.

Thanks for your cooperation in this search.

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Post 26 .. 505 W 2nd Ave, Mesa Az 85210

For God and Country

Carol

UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
7 SEPTEMBER 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Dylan Dalzotto. The opening ceremony was conducted and guests introduced.

The newly selected AVHOF Inductees were congratulated.

Pat Upah (Col, USA, Ret) gave a report on the Honor House. Their mission is to bring resources to the veterans in their homes. They have a Vet Centered Care Program which encourages veterans to take control of their own feelings. The Honor House was founded by a severely wounded Iraqi Veteran in 2011. They are located at 8433 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Suite 164, Phoenix, AZ 8502. For more information you can check out their web page at thehonorhouse.org.

Marie Culpepper, Director of Community and Business Development for Canyon State Academy presented information on how the academy student volunteers can help at veteran service organization events. The academy is located on 180 acres. It is a group home for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 17. The majority of students are boys. They have 50 beds, the stay is between 6 and 12 months. If they are close to completing the program a waiver can be granted if the 12 months is reached, to allow the child to finish the program they are enrolled in. They are located at 20061 E. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek 85142. Their website is canyonstateacademy.com. Marie's email is marie.culpepper@rop.com. Telephone: 480-987-9700.

Tom Hodges gave a briefing on Saddlebrooke Veterans Club, Tucson's Troop Support Program. Email: info@saddlebrooketroopssupport.org; Webpage: www.saddlebrooketroopssupport.org.

The 25-member nonprofit Saddlebrooke Veterans Club's mission is to provide Southern AZ veterans with gift cards, financial assistance, and emergency funds for financially-strained, vetted military families and National Guard troops. They stock and maintain three military food banks with items collected from donations and provide baby layettes for military families in need. They also support the Military Lounge at Tucson International Airport with snacks, computers, and a place to relax for troops awaiting departure to their next station. Lastly, they have partnered with GoGog.com, which helps transitioning service members connect with identified and matched civilian employment opportunities.

Roll Call was taken, a quorum was established, motion was made and second for approval of June's minutes, approved.

The treasurer's report was given. The total funds in all accounts is \$69,040.47 as of 31 August 2019.

Ken Garcia from Representative Gallego's Office gave a report on what Representative Gallego has been working on and how he is helping the veterans.

Dr. Maureen McCarthy, Chief of Staff for the VA Medical Center gave a report on the new Mission Act and advised the membership that they are currently recruiting for some positions at the VA. (See attached flyers). The Veteran's Resource Center has served over 7,000 veterans since its opening. Due to

the Center, Patient Advocate complaints have reduced by 30%. The Phoenix VA received national recognition for the improvement of access to the Primary Care Clinics. There will be a Women's Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 1 at the VA Medical Center 650 E Indian School Road. Starting a 5:30 p.m. (I think that is the time, will check on it and let you know if it is different).

Currently they are taking Agent Orange claims but they will not be processed until after the first of the calendar year.

The nominations for officers within the UAV is moving up one month to November, since the December meeting has been cancelled due to Pearl Harbor Day.

The new Director for the National Cemetery reported that the Undersecretary for the VA is coming to Phoenix. He will be here October 22-23.

Terry Araman gave the legislative report. There was not much to discuss since the legislature is not in session. The Veterans Caucus will be getting together with the legislators towards the end of September, or early October to discuss legislation.

Terry reminded the members that nominations for the Coper Shield and Copper Star are due no later than 30 September.

Judith Hatch gave a report on the upcoming Pearl Harbor Day. Invites have gone out to all past participants request information as to whether they plan on participating again this year. There will be a flyover, groups were given information as to how they can contribute to the flyover (see attached flyer). The Navy, Marine, POW/MIA and Arizona flags need to be replaced. She has asked anyone interested to supplying one of the flags, to please get in touch with her. She is working on having a "pre show" which would mean the event would start at 10:30 instead of 10:55.

There were several announcements "FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER". See the attached flyers.

There being no further information to come before the membership, the closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith Hatch



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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization
OCTOBER 2019

NEWS FLASH

I am pleased to announce we have a NEW BABY UNIT it is Yucca Unit 136. The new members have been initiated and the new officers installed. They will be receiving their Charter and their new bundle of joy at Fall Conference in Tucson. Welcome Yucca Unit 136 to this great organization!! I want to thank Barb M. for getting all their paperwork in order.

Charter Lost or Destroyed

When a charter has been lost or destroyed, a duplicate can be secured through a request to the Department Secretary and payment of the charter fee. Duplicate charter rolls can also be obtained by the same procedure.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Tucson Christmas Gift Shop
October 2019

It's hard to believe there is only 3 months left till the end of the year 20 19.

The busy Holidays are right around the corner, stores are now displaying Halloween, soon Thanksgiving and Christmas displays will be up. We will be getting ready for the Tucson Gift Shop. For those of you who haven't worked a gift shop this is one of the best experiences, the Veterans are so appreciative and thankful to have this available for them to shop for their families. As you know everything is provided by the ALA, and the veterans who are in the hospital can shop free, this is what is so amazing to the Veterans. Please remind your ALA members the dates for the Tucson gift shop are; setting up: Tuesday December 3rd (time still to be determine), The official opening will be Wednesday December 4th at 10:00am, with the ribbon cutting ceremony, and open Thursday-Dec. 5th & Friday-Dec. 6th

If your unit is donating, please make check out to Department of Arizona and mark your check for Tucson gift shop and mail to the Department of Arizona, 4701 N 19th Ave Phoenix AZ 850 15, your unit will get credit for your donation.

Volunteers will be needed on those days, if your able to volunteer please feel free to contact me any time.

For God and Country
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**ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON
(ASVH-TUCSON)
STEERING COMMITTEE SCHEDULED EVENTS
AS OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

Upcoming car show on September 28, 2019 was discussed. Al coordinating event (car show and food fundraiser). Onita distributed flyers in District 2. John said there will be raffles (i.e., 2 baskets and a 50/50) are recommended. Marcia reported that she and Fran will be donating the prizes). John has tickets and will be the DJ for the event. Auxiliary will be accepting donations at show for pull pork plates, Al to have a friend making popovers, and hoping to get snow cone and hot dog food vendors. Volunteers to report at 8:00 am and set up security and entry locations. Need gate to open (off Ajo) early around when John shows up at 7:00 am. Applications were distributed for those who wanted to show their vehicles. Sam to provide 4 ice carts with ice for beverages. Al looking for sponsors to provide beverages. Still need to contact radio stations for media releases regarding the car show. Need help with registration, selling tickets, American Legion Riders Chapter 132 to provide security. Other volunteers are welcomed to be on security group. Car show is in front of Bldg 4 and 5 (Ajo side up to 6th Avenue area on State premises), food vendors in west area right by sheds. John to bring tables for raffle prizes, 2 tents available. Anna Marie to present golf cart modification request and car show at District 2 meeting on September 16, 2019. John to present at Legion meeting also. Need paper products for event estimating 250 attending. Event will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is a cash only event. Post 59 will lend safety vests for security.

POWWOW scheduled for September and October. Will restart in November. Still 2nd Saturday of the month.

November 8, ASVH-Tucson to have veterans ceremony. George to will do taps. Sam to coordinate speakers and food services to provide food. Anna Marie to contact Lady Titans

ASVH-Tucson will change steering committee meetings for October and November due to holidays. October 7, 2019 and November 4, will be scheduled for Steering committee meetings. Same time and place.

November 10, Marine Corps Birthday – ASVH-Tucson to have display and cake to celebrate.

Fall festival plans were reviewed. October 25, 2019 from 5:30-9:00 pm. Need donations of wrap candy. ELKS to provide ziplock bags for the candy. Annually residents put candies in the bags to prepare for the festival. Need at least 65-70 cakes for cake walk. So far, cake walk, train, jumping castle, horses, and Italian ice vendors are scheduled. ELKS to have annual Halloween party.

Scheduled Events/Activities - Monthly

A. Recurring monthly events

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Second Monday monthly | Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson
Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 am |
| 2. Second Tuesday monthly | Pizza and Beer Party – 5:30 pm |
| 3. Third Tuesday monthly | ALA hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 pm. <u>This is an ALA hosted and scheduled event. Any requests for changes shall be discussed prior to this event through Terry Soto 520-551-3628</u> |
| 3. Every third Wednesday | Bingo hosted by ALA Unit 8 at 10:00 am |
| 4. Fourth Wednesday monthly | Money Bingo hosted by the ELKS at 2:30 pm |
| 5. Third Thursday monthly | AMVETS hosted Bingo at 5:30 pm |

6. POWWOW

Volunteers needed to set up around 5:30 am and assist in distribution of produce from 6:00 -9:00 am for summer months starting in May.

Activities and Events –

September

Sept 10 Pizza and Beer Party – 5:30 pm – Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary
Sept 17 ALA Units 68 and 132 hosting monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social
1:30 pm Set up at 1:00 pm
Sept 19 AMVETS hosting bingo at 5:30 pm
Sept 20 Dog Show at 3:00 pm
Sept 25 ELKS hosting money bingo at 2:30 pm
Sept 28 Car Show – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm – Volunteers to set up at 7:00 am. Show will be in front of Building Units 4 and 5 along Ajo Way.

October

Oct 7 ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 am Chapel Room
Oct 8 Pizza and Beer Party – 5:30 pm
Oct 15 ALA Unit 36 hosting monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social 1:30 pm
Set up at 1:00 pm
Oct 17 AMVETS hosting bingo at 5:30 pm
Oct 25 Fall Festival from 5:30 to 9:00 pm Vendors to set up by 5:00 pm
Need cake donations for cake walk and candy to hand out to residents and family, and employees and their families.
Oct 30 ELKS hosting money bingo at 2:30 pm
Oct 31 ELKS hosting Halloween Party at 2:00 pm

November – To Date – Will add more events at next meeting

Nov 4 ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 am Chapel Room
Nov 8 ASVH-Tucson to have veterans ceremony and brunch. Ceremony to start at 10:00 am
Nov 10 Marine Corp Birthday – cake and display
Nov 12 Pizza and Beer Party – 5:30 pm
Nov 27 ELKS hosting money bingo at 2:30 pm
Nov 29 Decorate for the holidays at ASVH-Tucson buildings – meet at 9:00 am in Building 1. Want to continue hanging wreaths around the buildings (inside). This was started by ALA in 2018. ALA units are encouraged to participate per these meeting minutes. ELKS decorate Building 3

Future Dates

Dec 10 Pizza and Beer Party – 5:30 pm
Dec 14 ALA hosting Christmas party at 2:00 pm Handing out Christmas gifts and providing desserts.
Dec 18 ELKS hosting a Christmas party – Handing out Christmas gifts.
Dec 21 The Military Order of the Cootie of the United States, aka Cootie hosting a Christmas party.
Dec 24 The Military Order of the Purple Heart hosting a Christmas Eve party
Dec 31 Knights of Columbus hosting a New Year's Eve party

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

October 2019

It's October, can you believe it?! Christmas in 2 ½ months away and Thanksgiving is 1 ½ months away.

Has your Unit started shopping or holding fundraisers for the Gift Shop? Is your Unit or Legion Family adopting family(s) for Thanksgiving or Christmas? Yes, it's that time.

The Gift Shops are right around the corner. Questions about the Gift Shop in your area, contact the Gift Shop Chairman in your area.

Christmas cards for the deployed -- is your Unit sending Christmas/Holiday cards? If so, PLEASE let me know how many cards that were sent from your Unit. I'd like to report on how many cards were sent to the National Chairman!

I would love to hear from your Unit and see pictures of what you are doing with our veterans.

I look forward to hearing from you and reading what you are doing on Ring Your Bell. Share with everyone what you are doing for our veterans!

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Until next month . . .

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