

# Hands to Help, Paws to Save

**December 2024**

**FLAGSTAFF STATE VETERANS HOME:** Is open for business!!!!

Lojray Alvarez from Unit 123 is the chairman. If you are interested in volunteering, please email her at [mrs48csm@aol.com](mailto:mrs48csm@aol.com)

**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT:** President Stacey's project this year is P.A.W.S.S. (Pup's and Warriors Side by Side) Christine Rodriguez from Unit 117 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, [Chrisrodz25@gmail.com](mailto:Chrisrodz25@gmail.com) if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is everyone's job. Thank you to EVERYONE who renewed, recruited or rejoined members. 2025 membership renewals, rejoins and new members can be sent to the Department. Don't hold on to membership, please send in weekly.

Make sure your Units **HLM Honorary Life Members** have all been processed on a transmittal.

**RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY PHONE or ONLINE:** Call National Headquarters at 317-569-4570 with your member ID and debit or credit card ready or [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

**MANDATES:** The 2025 mandates were in the September bulletin and are posted on the website. Please pay your mandates sooner than later. There were several Units who did not pay their mandates 30 days before the Department Convention; therefore, they lost their voting rights at Convention. If you have any questions regarding Mandates, contact the Department Office.

**2025 DIRECTORY:** Is posted on the website, if your Unit or District has not sent in your 2024-2025 officers' names and contact information, please do so immediately.

**POPPY:** If you didn't pick up your poppies at fall conference, then they are available for pickup at Department HQ. If you want them mailed, please call for shipping rates.

**OPEN HOUSE: Department Open House will be Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.** It is being held on Sunday to accommodate National Commander Jim LaCoursiere's visit to Arizona.

**Unit Goals:** 100% Unit Award Deadline is January 31, 2025

The Office is open, and we are here to help. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4p.m. Evenings by appointment. (please don't be afraid to ask).

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

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Department Secretary/Treasurer

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Department Membership Processor

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**Past Department President Centennial Stewart (1993-1994)  
passed away on Friday, December 27, 2024. Services will be in  
Texas on January 11, 2025.**

**Cards may be sent to the following address:**

**The Family of Centennial Tyson-Stewart**

**2388 County Road 4455**

**Bivins, Texas 75555**

**Check the Department Website for Year-End Report Forms.  
They are under Member Resources Tab #5. Each program's  
form is at the bottom of their "area" and is labeled as  
"Traditional". We are still waiting on just one. Once all are  
received we will get them converted to fillable forms. Stay  
tuned.**



# December 2025



## Holiday's time to Celebrate!

How do we keep the spirit of Christmas alive for our Veterans and their families? We can participate in the VA gift shops around the state. We can help decorate the VA homes. We can write Christmas cards to those at home or faraway from home. Invite a Veteran to dinner or make and drop off dinner. Some units participate in Christmas light parades to promote the Auxiliary. The need is great to feel loved this season!

**SPREAD LOVE AND JOY LIKE CONFETTI!**



## Did Ya Know?

According to the History Channel, the tradition of playing the Star-Spangled Banner during sports events began during the 1918 World Series game between the Boston Red Socks and Chicago Cubs. The baseball game took place a day after a bomb had gone off in Chicago only adding to the national heartache caused by the continuing Great War. The World Series continued to play the anthem at each of its games that year and the practice was soon adapted by other sports leagues around the nation.



### Christmas facts:

\*Eggnog originated in medieval Britain, and was a luxury drink for the upper class

\*The first artificial tree was made in Germany from goose feathers dyed green.

\*Jingle Bell was originally written as a Thanksgiving song.

## Programs to Support

Star Spangled Kids Kits  
Americanism Essay Contest  
Oratorical Contest  
ALLECA  
Jr Shooting  
Legion Baseball



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**Chaplain Report December 2024**  
**December is Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Month**

Fall Conference was very productive. I think those that attended, absorbed more than in past years. It was a great experience.

Unfortunately, the Department suffered the loss of Past President Jennie Molina. We have lost three great Department Presidents since July. At least we can have the comfort in knowing that they are no longer suffering.

As of the writing of this bulletin, PDP Jennie's services are scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am at American Legion Post 11, in Douglas, Arizona. A recap of her services will be available in the January Bulletin.

**Religious sensitivity during the Holidays**

In the American Legion Family, we do not promote any single religion or culture. And in a country as multicultural as the United States, the months of November, December and January are filled with diverse cultural and religious events and celebrations. Enjoying your own while recognizing and respecting others' traditions is important this holiday season. As a Christian, I often must keep myself in check to not offend other faiths. As a member, here are some things to consider to show your respect and understanding:

- Embrace the diverse celebrations around you and welcome others to join your celebration. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about each other!
- Look for commonalities and points of interest between traditions rather than focusing on the differences. Remember that all religions believe in courtesy, kindness, and empathy.
- Don't feel like you must apologize if your celebrations are different than someone else's. You can be you!

Most importantly, remember that kindness should rule the season. Your actions and reactions, if given and taken with kindness, will enlighten those around you to both your holiday traditions and your intentions to wish well upon them.

Have a joyous and safe Holiday Season! I bid you Peace and Joy to you and your family this Holiday Season!

If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call, please let me know:  
Stephanie McMullen Chaplain, [stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com), (623) 910-4716



## Education December 2024



**ATTENTION: ALL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE THIS YEAR BY 11:59 P.M. MARCH 1, 2025!**

Welcome to the exciting world of education! Education is a lifelong process that starts at birth and continues to the last breath of life. This year you have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of students and educators. Brainstorm, be creative, and encourage your members to do the same. How many lives can we touch? We are limited only by the number of people living in our communities, states, and nation.

The following items are available on the Department and the National website:

1. Rules for National and Department awards in Education: [Education Program National Awards \(legion-aux.org\)](https://legion-aux.org) and [Department awards](#).
2. The **Education Year-end report** form to be submitted to the Department Chair by **May 1, 2025** [Education year-end report form](#).
3. The applications for the **Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, The Spirit of Youth Scholarship, and The Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship** are available at [Scholarships \(legion-aux.org\)](https://legion-aux.org).
4. A copy of the rules and application for the **Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship** is also available at [Wilma Hoyal - Maxine Chilton Scholarship application](#).
5. Scholarship brochures are available from the Department office.

The entire information packet for Education can be found on the Department website [Education Fall Conference packet](#).

Further information can be found on the National website <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/education>

Please feel free to contact me for further information or assistance. I look forward to seeing the creative ways that the Units promote the Education Program. Be sure to continue to update me with your activities related to your education program so that I can pass on your achievements on to the Division Chairman.

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

*Julie Vietri*

Education Chairman  
Department of Arizona  
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## **Finance**

**December 2024**

**Happy Holidays! Are you aware that Policies and Procedures has a very informative section on Finance? Please see below for the first installment on Finance. And make sure to follow up next month on more information:**

**FINANCE (updated 2024) Financial security within the Department is guaranteed by 3 elements working together very closely and providing checks and balances for each other.**

**1. Department Secretary/Treasurer who is responsible for the daily financial business of the Department.**

**2. Outside Paid Accountant and Payroll Service providing daily access to professional guidance and supervision of the Secretary/Treasurer's work. It is required that the chief liaisons of the outside accountant and payroll service are not members of the American Legion Auxiliary to prevent the perception of Conflict of Interest. In addition, the outside services are responsible for proper reporting of employee withholding taxes and IRS requirements. The outside accountant is hired by the Department Executive Committee.**

**3. Department Finance Committee-This Committee is the point of contact for the Department membership on any matter which concerns the Department Finances. The Committee is responsible for preparation of the annual budget and supervises the expenditure of funds under the budget approved by Convention Delegates.**

**The Finance Chairman and Department President receive monthly financial statements from the Secretary/Treasurer and outside accountant. The Finance Chairman and Committee are responsible for making sure yearly audits are conducted, and for recommending the hiring or contracting of an outside auditor to the Department Executive**

**Committee if deemed necessary. (2006) Composition of Finance Committee shall be set up as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws.**

**To be continued in January.....**

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**Penny Maklary, Member, 520-364-5038, [ahhpenny@aol.com](mailto:ahhpenny@aol.com)**

**Barbara White, 602-908-2980, [barbara.white99gmail.com](mailto:barbara.white99gmail.com)**

**Members by Virtue of Office: Stacey Mayberry, President, NEC, Rose Ficklin, Sec/Tres. (no vote)**

**Historian Report December 2024**  
**By Lynda Griffin – AZ Department Historian**

**Happy Holidays,**  
**It was great seeing everyone at Fall Conference.**



**Serve. Honor. Advocate. Educate.** These words embody the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. For more than a century, ALA members have volunteered selflessly to help our veterans, military, and their families. Today, our mission-outreach impact exceeds \$2 billion annually, our sustaining commitment to honor our country's past, present, and future veterans.

The responsibility of the historians of the Auxiliary is not only to the women and men of the organization today but to the women and men of the future, and to the America of the future. It is through their work that the Auxiliary will live long after its last member has gone to their grave and that its ideals will be transmitted to generations of Americans yet unborn. They have a task worthy of their best efforts, and which will give scope to their fullest talents. **To do this I need help please mail or email me your meeting minutes for each district and each unit of AZ!**

**LET MAKE HISTORY FOR AZ COUNT!**

**I want YOU**  
**in the Department History**  
**Be sure to post on Ring Your Bell**  
**And send me your meeting minutes!**

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## **Arizona Mission Training/Leadership October 2024**

**“Leading the Way”**

**“P.A.W.S.S. – Pups and Warriors Side by Side”**

**“Hands to Help, Paws to Save”**

Now is the time for our Units to plan what activities they can do to promote National President Trish’s theme and President Stacey’s theme. This can be fun and exciting! Do you want to plan a Mission Training for your newer members or continue with a Mission Training 202 for those who have attended one or more in the past three years? Put this on your agenda for your next meeting so that you can get it scheduled early. Call and text (520) 249-1119 and remember the rule of 10. You must have a minimum of 10 members registered, \$10 each and sent to Department office 10 days prior to the scheduled date.

I would like to encourage Units to go on the department website [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org) to read the bulletins regularly along with other important information. We found at our National Zoom meeting that departments throughout the organization are really zoning in on the ALA Academy courses available to everyone. Why not make it a goal this year to have members take at the minimum 3-4 courses available. Go to [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org). Make it a contest with a prize! Give an award at the end of the year and report it, of course. Everyday is a good day to take an ALA Academy course. They are self-paced and you can choose from a wide variety of topics. New ones are added each year.

As of this date a Mission Training has been held sponsored by Unit #91. Tucson Unit #36 has scheduled a Training on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Call Jennifer Turner Jones at 520-409-1751 if interested. A Training will be held by Ashfork Unit #57 on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Pam Foster at 480-206-8876 if you are interested in attending.

Enjoy your time “Leading the Way” through the Auxiliary year. Remember to text first and I will return your call.

*Karen Smith*

*520-249-1119*

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## **Leadership/Arizona Mission Training**

### **December 2024**

"Leading by example is one of the most powerful ways to inspire others. Whether through your actions, words, or attitude, showing others what is possible can have a profound impact." Ginny Chaput, Eastern Division Chairman

The best leaders are the ones who show up on time, get their hands dirty and get things done. The Auxiliary has a lot of those members, think about who may fit that description in your Unit/District. Don't be afraid to join in, or wait to be asked. Our Units work hard to benefit our programs and it takes a lot of planning and just being there to complete the job.

The Leadership team tries to inspire and lead by example by holding the Arizona Mission Training sessions. I dare you to come away from one of the sessions without being inspired, perhaps to try something new, to pass on learned knowledge and getting to know one another. If you want to learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary think about the National ALA Mission Trainings and National Junior Meetings. Our Western Division meeting is held in Las Vegas, NV on February 1, 2025. You will learn a lot about the programs and meet National leaders.

The schedule for the Department of Arizona Mission Trainings is now on our department website: [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org). along with whom to contact if you wish to attend any of them. Thank you, Deb Munchbach for doing this.

Please contact me if you wish to schedule a training. Our Leadership Team work together to see that your needs will be met. You should have a selected date with an alternative date, minimum of 10 members. The cost is \$10 each which is sent to the Department office along with list of attendees 10 days prior to the training.

I wish you wonderful Happy Holidays and New Year filled with all that you wish for.

Karen Smith, Chairman

[ksmith111@cox.net](mailto:ksmith111@cox.net)

520-249-1119

Please text and I will return your call. Thank You!

## **SCHEDULED ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING EVENTS**

**1-11-25 Unit 26 Mesa Mary Dunn**

**602-999-7481 auxiliary@mesapost26.org**

**1-18-25 Unit 29 Glendale Kerry Jean Ward**

**623-341-1219 kjwardunit29@gmail.com**

**(CORRECTED DATE)**

**1-25-25 Unit 5 Phoenix Advanced Training**

**Kim Lindsey 602-574-1318 scoutermomkim@yahoo.com**

**2-22-25 Unit 41 Phoenix Virginia Romero**

**602-551-5261 vzromero0817@gmail.com**

**3-8-25 Unit 25 Cottonwood Dede Dexter**

**546-370-0080 debdexter2010@yahoo.com**

**3-22-25 Unit 16 Bisbee Ria DuBois**

**860-508-7330 texasct2@gmail.com**

**3-29-25 Unit 62 Peoria Kathy Amery**

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*Information added as available*

# Legislative Bulletin

December 2024

Can you believe we have reached the Holiday Season? It seems like we were just all together at convention. But elections are behind us and changes are happening in DC. Although this is a down time of the year for DC, please don't forget there are important bills still on the line. For example. Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act has passed congress but now we need it to pass the Senate. This is one of many bills out there.

CHECK OUT THE BILLS  
THAT ARE ON THE TABLE  
FOR OUR VETERANS.

[HTTPS://WWW.VOTERVOIC  
E.NET/AMERICANLEGION/](https://www.votervoicenet.com/americanlegion/)

And boy did I step in it! I was so excited I told the Western Division Chairman that I am going to work very hard to get everyone to report this year even with no activity, even if I have to call every president. So please don't make me call you but help me out by sending in your report by May 1st. This is so important for Arizona and me! What was I thinking?

We easily overlook Legislation because it seems so out of reach for us. Back in the day you had to write a letter, stamp and mail it and hope it got there. Today all we have to do is click on our phone, tablet or computer and in less than it takes to make coffee you can support 10 bills. Can you do that today? Every click helps! Our Veterans are worth it!

And to make things even easier all you must do is, sign up for alerts. Once you get one, click and you can send it to everyone involved! Remember to track those for your end of year report. Speaking of reports, did you know that there is an award out there for **Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Legislative Program** (per department)

This could be your UNIT!!! Document and remember to submit your report by May 1st!

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and the best New Year and together we can put Arizona 1<sup>st</sup> in legislation!

For God and Country,

Kathy Amery , Legislative Chair 2024-2025

**Websites with Legislative Planning Information:**

**1. The American Legion Auxiliary Legislative Website-**

[https:// member.legionaux. org/member/committees/legislative](https://member.legionaux.org/member/committees/legislative)

**2. The American Legion Legislative Action Center-**

[https:// www.votervoice.net/AmericanLe gion/home](https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home)

**3. Legislative Advocacy Guide-**

[https:// member.legionaux.  
org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/  
Legislative\\_Advocacy\\_Guide.pdf](https://member.legionaux.org/cmsdesk/ALA/media/PDF/Guides/Legislative_Advocacy_Guide.pdf)

**4. The American Legion Dispatch-**

[https:// www.legion.org/dispatch](https://www.legion.org/dispatch)

## MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 27, 2024

		UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
		0100	Phoenix	171	2	124	126	73.68%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>171</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>73.68%</b>
01		0019	Yuma	216	6	138	144	66.67%
		0046	Bouse	58	0	10	10	17.24%
		0056	Yuma	80	0	41	41	51.25%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>354</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>55.08%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>354</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>55.08%</b>
02		0007	Tucson	45	0	20	20	44.44%
		0036	Tucson	279	3	156	159	56.99%
		0059	Tucson	145	3	84	87	60.00%
		0066	Green Valley	900	0	698	698	77.56%
		0068	Tucson	61	1	43	44	72.13%
		0073	Tucson	35	1	17	18	51.43%
		0109	Vail	390	10	274	284	72.82%
		0125	Tucson	16	0	0	0	0.00%
		0131	Green Valley	580	0	464	464	80.00%
		0132	Oro Valley	85	1	67	68	80.00%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>2536</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1823</b>	<b>1842</b>	<b>72.63%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>2536</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1823</b>	<b>1842</b>	<b>72.63%</b>
03		0011	Douglas	145	1	82	83	57.24%
		0016	Bisbee	64	0	29	29	45.31%
		0024	Tombstone	415	8	342	350	84.34%
		0045	Benson	50	0	29	29	58.00%
		0052	Sierra Vista	210	0	120	120	57.14%
		0141	Pearce	22	0	20	20	90.91%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>906</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>69.65%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>906</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>69.65%</b>
04		0008	Casa Grande	35	0	17	17	48.57%
		0009	Florence	125	1	55	56	44.80%
		0051	Coolidge	70	0	2	2	2.86%
		0054	Coolidge	93	0	54	54	58.06%
		0097	San Tan Valley	40	1	29	30	75.00%
		0129	Queen Creek	21	0	3	3	14.29%
		0133	Maricopa	35	1	21	22	62.86%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>419</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>43.91%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>419</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>43.91%</b>

05	0004	Globe	40	2	19	21	52.50%
	0028	Clifton	85	0	38	38	44.71%
	0032	Safford	155	0	87	87	56.13%
	0095	Solomon	82	5	60	65	79.27%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>362</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>58.29%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>362</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>58.29%</b>	
06	0030	Springerville	90	0	63	63	70.00%
	0037	Holbrook	25	0	2	2	8.00%
	0069	Payson	130	0	43	43	33.08%
	0086	Overgaard	415	1	268	269	64.82%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>660</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>57.12%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>660</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>57.12%</b>	
07	0003	Flagstaff	73	3	33	36	49.32%
	0013	Williams	50	2	40	42	84.00%
	0014	Kingman	145	1	87	88	60.69%
	0022	Golden Valley	150	3	96	99	66.00%
	0042	Grand Canyon	38	6	24	30	78.95%
	0057	Ash Fork	80	2	41	43	53.75%
	0081	Lake Havasu City	670	6	493	499	74.48%
	0087	Bullhead City	132	0	94	94	71.21%
	0088	Dolan Springs	10	0	25	25	250.00%
	0103	Meadview	43	0	28	28	65.12%
	0123	Seligman	40	0	19	19	47.50%
	0136	Yucca	15	0	10	10	66.67%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1446</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>70.06%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1446</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>70.06%</b>	
08	0006	Prescott	263	5	214	219	83.27%
	0025	Cottonwood	306	6	215	221	72.22%
	0040	Chino Valley	95	0	59	59	62.11%
	0078	Humboldt	160	2	92	94	58.75%
	0079	Yarnell	183	0	122	122	66.67%
	0090	Black Canyon City	75	0	31	31	41.33%
	0093	Camp Verde	112	0	91	91	81.25%
	0108	Prescott Valley	38	1	25	26	68.42%
	0135	Cornville	47	8	29	37	78.72%
	0140	Prescott Valley	23	4	10	14	60.87%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1302</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>70.20%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1302</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>70.20%</b>	

11	0001	Phoenix	127	0	21	21	16.54%
	0005	Phoenix	65	1	28	29	44.62%
	0012	Wickenburg	220	2	118	120	54.55%
	0029	Glendale	250	5	149	154	61.60%
	0053	Buckeye	30	0	30	30	100.00%
	0061	Avondale	215	1	168	169	78.60%
	0062	Peoria	1000	31	785	816	81.60%
	0105	Phoenix	215	7	188	195	90.70%
	0115	Glendale	35	2	16	18	51.43%
	0134	Phoenix	22	0	0	0	0.00%
	0145	Peoria	14	0	16	16	114.29%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>2193</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1519</b>	<b>1568</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2193</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1519</b>	<b>1568</b>	<b>71.50%</b>
12	0002	Tempe	111	0	74	74	66.67%
	0026	Mesa	235	1	169	170	72.34%
	0027	Apache Junction	1920	3	1471	1474	76.77%
	0034	Cave Creek	320	1	197	198	61.88%
	0035	Chandler	316	7	198	205	64.87%
	0039	Gilbert	520	8	400	408	78.46%
	0041	Phoenix	350	9	200	209	59.71%
	0044	Scottsdale	340	0	222	222	65.29%
	0058	Fountain Hills	405	8	343	351	86.67%
	0064	Phoenix	25	0	16	16	64.00%
	0065	Phoenix	350	11	179	190	54.29%
	0084	Sacaton	50	9	47	56	112.00%
	0091	Chandler	275	15	187	202	73.45%
	0107	Phoenix	210	1	133	134	63.81%
	0114	Scottsdale	25	0	2	2	8.00%
	0117	Phoenix	265	3	160	163	61.51%
	0124	Guadalupe	30	4	15	19	63.33%
	0138	Tempe	54	0	57	57	105.56%
	<b>Total</b>		<b>5801</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>4070</b>	<b>4150</b>	<b>71.54%</b>
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**REORDER FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES**

PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AS NEEDED AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY  
MAIL TO: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 100  
Phoenix, Arizona 85015  
**ATTENTION: SUPPLIES**

ALLOW 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE ORDER INTO DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Send to Name & Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Select and Indicate Amount Needed**

Junior Activities Handbook (online download at National Auxiliary website or buy at Emblem Sales)

VA&R Rehab Guide (online download at National Auxiliary website or buy at Emblem Sales)

Emergency Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary At A Glance (membership application) \_\_\_\_\_

The American Legion Family (all entities application) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Guide Book (\$10.00 ea. plus shipping) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Blank Cards 8 cards/sheet (\$1.00 per sheet) \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Programs \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Youth Programs now include Girls State and Youth Activities

**Note:** The above supplies are free except for the membership cards and Guide Books. If you are asking for a bulk supply of these items, please order them from Emblem Sales. Any other items such as certificates, National Constitution and Bylaws and many other resources can be downloaded from legion-aux.org.  
**There will be no phone orders accepted.**

# Public Relations

The holidays are upon us once again. I have already heard so much about the wonderful events many of you have planned for the holiday season. It is so great to hear about all the giving for our veterans and their families. Keep up the wonderful work ladies.

Last month we had Veterans Day and I know that so many of you did such wonderful events and things for that very special day. Please be sure to keep record for your Press Book and also if possible send me a copy as well for Stacey's Press Book. I sure would love to see all those great stories about your events.

During the upcoming holiday season please remember the deadlines for your local newspapers. There are many wonderful events taking place in each community and each newspaper will need to try and squeeze them all in. Be sure to contact both the Editor and the reporter for your community with these special events. Lets get out there and get involved.

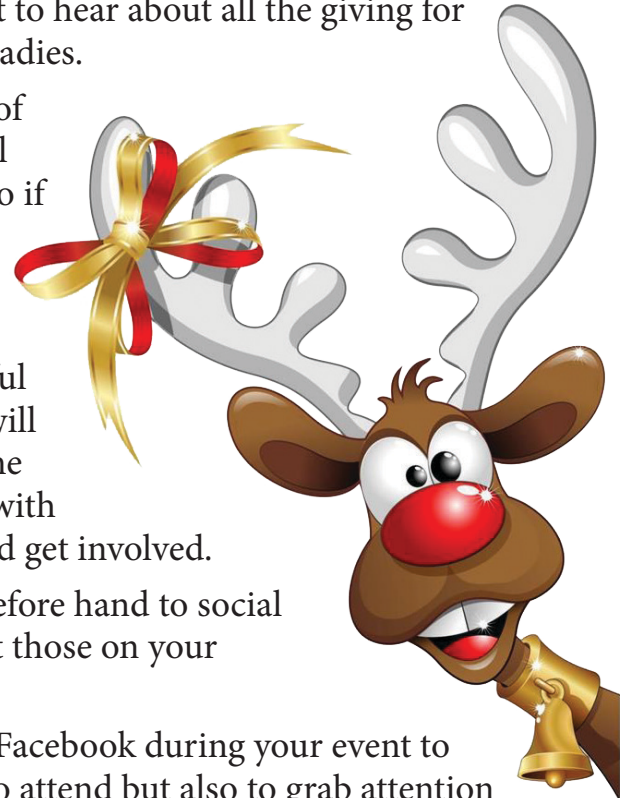
Remember to post your event flyers before hand to social media to help get the word out. Also put those on your website if you have one.

A fun new thing to do is a live event on Facebook during your event to share with those who might not be able to attend but also to grab attention and bring in new members. They get to see what all you do and how much fun everyone is having and it is all live. With it being live do please remember to be careful of where you go and what you show!

Please note we have release forms for emblem use and photos on the Department website under Public Relations. Also there is a download for a newsletter template from Nationals.

Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season.

Always remember, I am here to help and serve you. Please contact me at anytime phone or email and I will do my best to help you and if not I shall find someone who can.



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American Legion Auxiliary VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
11-30-24

We are working very hard with the Recreation therapists to get our traditional events back up and running. We have wonderful volunteers for the second Saturday for Bingo at the Community Living Center but can use more help.

Ward W2 (Dementia Ward) in Building 60 is currently seeking twin size blankets for their patients (this is an ongoing need). They request that the blankets be different colors/patterns so each patient will recognize their personal blanket.

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 \$1,500. 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, 2024 to November 30, 2024 is \$5,251. Thank you Unit 131 and Unit 136 for your generous donations to support our programs.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 is \$15,499.14. Thank you Unit 24, Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 131 and Unit 73 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, 2024 to November 30, 2024 is 664. Twelve occasional volunteers have contributed 83 hours as of November 30, 2024. The Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE formerly Voluntary Service) is bringing back many volunteers

This chairman has volunteered 113 hours and logged 1,260 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of November 30, 2024. This chairman has now logged over 4,700 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was privileged to present the honorary check to the directorship of SAVAHCS in the amount of \$2,199,900 representing value of volunteer hours and donation this past fiscal year. This chairman finished 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. NVCA. Festival was held October 12 through October 15<sup>th</sup> with the first place winners going to Tucson Mall for display for a month. ALA purchased steel mesh screens for displaying entries. Annual Joint Review was held on November 26, 2024. VAVS Committee voted to support the Patriot Pantry, Building 95 Recreation and Fisher House with donations on July 31, 2024. Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

Hi All,

I have the birthday lists for November, December, January and February. They are

**November:**

Alan(11/13)

Gregory(11/17)

Hans: 11/18

William: 11/25

**December:**

John(12/17(c1)

Mike:12/18(d2

Earnest:C2 12/23

**January:**

Porter: (C2) 01/05)

Gene:d1(01/19)

John :D2: 01/18

**February:**

Thomas:C1(02/02)

Leslie:C2: 02/12

Robert:D2:(02/16)

Leo:D1: 02//19

Bruce:c1: 02/20

Please mail them to:

Arizona State Veterans Home

4141 North S. Herrera Way

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Attention: Renee Metcalf

Social Services Director

Thank you and I apologize for the delay, but now we have them through Feb 2025. Thank you  
Renee for sending them.

Cat Ludwick

Chair ASVH-Phx, Dept of Arizona

ALA Unit 2 Tempe