

# Serving Those Behind The Badge

January 2021

THE OFFICE IS OPEN, PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE YOU COME TO DEPARTMENT OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE...THIS IS DUE TO CORVID-19.

DEADLINE.... have past and no Scrapbooks and Prayer Books for judging were at Department office by November 7, 2020.

Report forms...Mid-Year if one does not come from Department we ask that you send an email to the Chairman with bullets on what you have done for that program.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S OFFICAL VISIT... President Patricia will be rescheduling her missed visits for this year. Check with her about rescheduling. If you want her to revisit go ahead and ask.

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EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ...if you have received a red ticket since last Fall Conference please contact Department again so that we can mail out your prize asap.

MEMBERSHIP... "MEMBERSHIP PATROL Part 2". Membership is everyone's job. **Legion Act** has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. Be a life saver and get a renewal and a rejoin. **ARIZONA UNIT 95 IS OUR ONLY UNIT THAT MADE 100% BY NOVEMBER 10, 2020. GREAT WORK UNIT 95.**

**Applications MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE**

- The original application is sent to DEPARTMENT not copies of them.
- Be eligible & USE BLUE INK, SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION and COMPLETE INFO.
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1
- NEW "ANYTIME AFTER" Veteran Served...MUST IDENTITY CONFLICT...CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
- DIRECT DESCENDANT... No longer on NEW application
- Only 1 relationship and do not add any
- Now you have spouse in place of wife, you have to identify 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
- Do not pay for paid online and PUFL members on your transmittals...They are already paid for.
- NO NEW women veterans special offer for 2021.
- USE THE FORMS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING.
- DO NOT RECREATE THE FORMS.

Women Veterans Trailblazer Award...check out the information. Do you know one these extra ordinary women veterans? Did you nominate anyone?

Please say a little prayer or wish that all are safe.



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**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE  
JANUARY 2021**

Happy New Year members! I hope you all had a happy and safe holiday with family. I want to thank everyone for your dedication to our mission of service not self during the holidays.

I appreciate the work that you are all doing despite the challenges that confront us currently. Thank you on behalf of our veterans, their families and the community.

Thank you for the support you have given to the Special Project “**The One Hundred Club**” so far. If you are interested in the First Responder Tee shirts, they are available at the Department office.

I will be resuming my visits to your Unit/District meetings as soon as it is safe to do so.

Help the Membership Patrol, keep sending in your membership.

I would like to express my condolences to all the families that have lost a loved one to Covid 19 or other illness.

Until Next month.

Patricia Lugo, President  
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# AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

**FEBRUARY 2021  
DID YOU KNOW?**

## ***Special 100th Anniversary Program Facts:***

The Auxiliary Emergency fund was established in 1969 by the National Executive Committee, as National President Marcella Davidson, Department of New Mexico, started this as her special project. It was funded initially through a generous legacy gift from Auxiliary member Helen Colby Small of Burlington, Wisconsin. The AEF is now able to continue to grant assistance through voluntary contributions. The Auxiliary promotes awareness of the fund, disseminates information about the application process, and solicits donations from units, departments, and individual members in order to continue its availability as a resource to help members in certain dire states. A national AEF grant review committee awards AEF grants to applicants based on criteria, membership, and fund availability.

In 1981, the AEF program was expanded to include a fund to help members who needed to support themselves due to unexpected life-changing circumstances such as death or illness of a spouse, divorce, or desertion. Those women found it difficult to obtain employment, and who are without the job skills necessary to obtain adequate employment. Because of this, short-term assistance can now be provided to help our members acquire marketable job skills through schooling or job training when all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted. This was called the Displaced Homemakers Fund. With the continuous generosity of our unit members, the funds allowed a wider use of the benefits to our members and it continues today. The first AEF grant amount was \$150 and today the grant amount is for \$2,400 that our members may be eligible to receive. Since the AEF Program's existence, our members have received an estimated \$5.8 million, with over \$6 million in donations from our generous members.

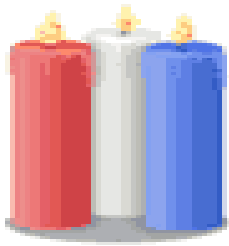
## AWARDS

Individual contributors donating \$50 or more can receive a citation and lapel pin.

Unit awards for Department listed below...

Patrica M. Lee –Gloria Elliott Memorial Plaque  
Paula Burgess "President's Plaque"  
Paula Burgess "Per Capita Award"

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## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

### **CENTENNIAL**

**JANUARY 2021**

Let us look forward to a New Year with renewed enthusiasm for the American Legion Auxiliary! You may be thinking “enough, already.” But, how often do we get the opportunity to celebrate an amazing event twice? This is a golden opportunity to gear up with plans for our Unit and District and to attend the National Convention in August 2021 in Phoenix. The National organization is planning a big celebration for us. We would like Arizona to be represented in the celebration with reports and pictures etc. of everything we have done to publicize and represent our organization. Remember, there are still people out there who do not know who we are and what we do. We can still persevere!

I have included a mid year reporting form with this bulletin. Please send to me by December 15<sup>th</sup> so that I can send the National Centennial Chairman an update on what activities have taken place in Arizona. I don't ask that you write an essay, a paragraph or two will do. Or you can use bullets. Pictures are very welcome. You could make posters of your activities and place them strategically around your community.

We realize that during this time when we are not even sure what will happen the next day that it is difficult to plan anything. Drive by fundraising, virtual events seem to be the way things are getting done. As I said last month, let us look at serving our Veterans and our Community as a CHALLENGE! I look forward to hearing from you. My telephone and e-mail are as usual:

Karen Smith, Chairman

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## **Serving Those Behind The Badge FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH January 2021**

Greetings Fellow Auxiliary Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for the second half of the 2020-2021 Auxiliary year. There's a lot of work to be done over the next several months to achieve our programs goals.

American Legion Auxiliary members are busy all year long working hard for our veterans, our service members and their families, and the American Legion Auxiliary's Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families – their 'health and well-being.'

But occasionally, we need to pause and reevaluate - take a break and reflect on what we've done thus far, what worked, what didn't and where we can improve. And Mid-Year Reporting provides us with the opportunity to do just that. It will also provide time to evaluate on how our Children & Youth program might better concentrate on National President Nicole's special emphasis on "The Health and Well-Being of our Veterans and Their Families."

Are you aware that 80% of our military children attend public schools? For those of you that are not close to a military installation, then think about going to your local schools. Reach out to your nearby schools, pick a classroom or age group and invite them to your celebration at your home post or in your community. If you have other events planned, celebrate with the children in that way. As an organization beginning our next century, remember our children are the future. Teach them well and give a sense of pride.

Think about using the number "100" - it's catchy! Purchase \$100.00 worth of coloring and activity books for the children. Donate 100 earphones for the kids, 100 coats, 100 socks, 100 bags of goodies. Think 100. What celebration would be complete without cake and ice cream; celebrate with our youth, sharing who we are and what we do.

### **Mark your Calendar**

**Mid-Year:** Were due December 15, 2020

**National Security / Children & Youth Workshop - To Be Determined**

*Happy New Year!*



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# Community Service

*January 2021*

Hello ALA Members,

*"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." ~Albert Pike*

Happy New Year! I hope your Holidays were filled with love and family.

Thank you to everyone who turned in Mid-year reports in a timely manner.

Now that the Holidays are over, it is a great time to reevaluate what kind of Community Service your Unit and members did in November and December.

Did you shop for a gift to give someone in need? Did you give to a food drive or make a meal? Did you volunteer in your Church or Community? All your time and energy, even doing the little things, adds up. Please bring it up in your meetings and offer to share your experiences. Ask your members to log these precious hours so you can report them in your End of Year reports.

Community Service Month is April! And it is right around the corner! What will your Unit and members be up to? NOW is the time to start planning and promoting Community Service Month.

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## Education January 2021



The 1st semester is already at an end! Each month I am focusing on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.**

There are a number of ways that Members and Units can assist veterans in furthering their education:

- Volunteer to collaborate with a Student Veterans of America chapter or other campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community.
- Sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.
- Arrange for your post home to be available for off-campus events/chapter meetings.
- Provide information/handouts to members on organizing and delivering presentations on career and life skills topics to student veterans.
- Promote events through local media and your Unit social media accounts.
- Promote the American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, available for students who are returning to the classroom after some period of time.

As you contact schools and students regarding the National Scholarships, be aware that the SAT/ACT requirement is being waived this year, due to the unusual circumstances.

A special THANK YOU to all the Units who sent me their mid-year report forms by the deadline. The year-end report form is posted on the Department website with the other chairmen's report forms.

I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary education programs throughout the school year.

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

*Julie Vietri*

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## FIANCE

January 2021

TO MY MANY FRIENDS IN THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY----- My most sincere thanks for the abundance of cards & prayers at the time of my cousin Pat Smith's sudden death and a short time later that of a niece in W VA. Patty was like another sister to me. It is so hard.

Now I want to preach a bit-If every Aux. member would get Their bible and turn to the bk of ECCLESASTIES, Chapter 4 VS9 &10- "2 people are better off than 1, for they can help one another succeed, if 1 person fails, the other can reach and help. (NLT). I don't know of a better way to help the AUX. succeed in the many programs we are involved in than to practice the above **USE YOUR HEADS!**

I PRAY THIS DREADED VIRUS HAS NOT TAKEN A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER OF YOURS!

WITH THE TROUBLED TIMES WE ALL ARE LIVING IN, **REMEMBER THAT VETERAN'S FAMILY YOU ARE LIVING NEXT DOOR OR DOWN THE STREET FROM. IS THERE SOMETHNG YOU CAN DO TO HELP THEM---FOOD, BABYSITTING ,TAKE THE KIDSTO SCHOOL, GROCERY SHOPPING,OR WHATEVER!!**

Do you have your budgets made?

Finance Committee.-Helen Stout, Chm; Patricia Lugo,Dept.Pres; Cindy Queen, NEC; Penny Maklary; Helen Griffin and Barbara Matteson

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
JUNIOR PROGRAM  
January 2021**

**“Serving Those Behind the Badge”**

**Happy New Year to all! We hope you all had a happy and safe holiday.**

Thank you to the Juniors that assisted their units during the holidays to bring joy to Veterans, their families and the community.

We understand that currently we have to be careful when doing activities and some units are not holding meetings. Below is information on a suggested activity.

**Suggested activities:**

**Junior Activities Patch Program:** American Legion Auxiliary Junior members and Sons of The American Legion youth members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program.

Regardless of where one lives, and whether she/he belongs to an active Junior group or squadron, Junior Auxiliary members and SAL youth members can serve their communities and veterans and receive a Patch when the all the requirements are met.

Have questions? Contact us at:

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP

JANUARY 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL MEMBERS.

THIS HAS BEEN A VERY DIFFICULTY YEAR AND IT WILL BE ON MIND AS THE WORST YEAR OF MY LIFE.

HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT CHANGED MY MIND THAT THIS A GREAT WORLD WE LIVE IN AND EACH AND EVERYONE OF US HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE TO MAKE IT A BETTER WORLD. THROUGH THE GROWTH OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, WE HAVE KEPT THE MOMENTUM OF PROVIDING FOR OUR VETERANS, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY. THIS CHAIRMAN DOES NOT NEED TO HARP ABOUT "YOU NEED TO GO OUT THERE AND GET NEW MEMBERS" SINCE YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE. WITH THIS PANDEMIC HOPEFULLY ENDING OR LEAST GETTING UNDER CONTROL THIS NEXT YEAR WE HAVE MORE ACTIVITIES WHERE WE CAN BRING IN NEW MEMBERS. START NOW BY PUTTING ON YOUR THINKING CAPS ON HOW TO DO IT. WHEN YOU DO GET IDEAS SHARE WITH OTHER MEMBERS AS WE ALL HAVE THE SAME GOAL. BUILD MEMBERSHIP.

THINKING IN A POSITIVE WAY, WE WILL BE HAVING NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PHOENIX IN AUGUST 2021. FOR THOSE THAT HAVE ATTENDED IN THE PAST REMEMBER HOW MUCH FUN IT IS SITTING IN THE VERY FRONT ROW BECAUSE WE HAD THE BEST MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION THINK OF THE TRIUMPH YOU WILL FEEL KNOWING OUR STATE HAS THE BEST MEMBERSHIP AND GETTING TO SIT IN THE FRONT ROW. I AM COUNTING ON ALL OF YOU TO MAKE ARIZONA LOOK GREAT. AS OF THIS WRITING WE ARE AT 58.56 %. Congratulations to Unit 95 for reaching their goal of 100%.

AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK NOT ONLY IN MEMBERSHIP BUT IN EVERY PROGRAM.

REMEMBER OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND CONTINUE "STAYING ALIVE STAYING ALIVE STAYING ALIVE"

GOD BLESS YOU AND MAY WE ALL HAVE A BETTER YEAR.

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY for 2021**

Membership Standings for December 21, 2020

100% May 25, 2020

<b>DISTRICT</b>		<b>PRESIDENT: PATRICIA LUGO</b>			
Unit	City	Totals for District 0	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
100	Phoenix	PATRICIA LUGO	182	101	55.49%
<b>Totals for District 0</b>			<b>182</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>55.49%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>		<b>PRESIDENT: DENISE JUNGEN</b>			
		<b>VP: NOLA HOLLAND</b>			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
19	Yuma	TAMMI CHAMPLIN	252	159	63.10%
46	Bouse	SUE HERRON	60	19	31.67%
56	Yuma	LINDA CLARK	73	38	52.05%
<b>Totals for District 1</b>			<b>385</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>56.10%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>		<b>PRESIDENT: DIANE HELSER</b>			
		<b>VP: ROSIE SALAS</b>			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
7	Tucson	KAREN ALFF	103	25	24.27%
10	Ajo	TAMARA GARRETT	42		0.00%
36	Tucson	SHELLY SPERL	337	200	59.35%
59	Tucson	ROSIE SALAS	145	75	51.72%
66	Green Valley	DIANE HELSER	1027	611	59.49%
68	Tucson	CECELIA GUTIERRES	79	30	37.97%
73	Tucson	TONI RECUPARO	33	20	60.61%
109	Corona	KATHY SZAKOYNI	297	144	48.48%
125	YOEME	JULIA RODRIGUEZ	20		0.00%
131	Madera	JAN MELHORN	561	333	59.36%
132	Oro Valley	ROSE GONALEZ	83	55	66.27%
<b>Totals for District 2</b>			<b>2727</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>54.75%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>		<b>PRESIDENT: NANCY BERG</b>			
		<b>VP: CHRISTINE KITSENBERGER</b>			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
11	Douglas	ILIANA SOLIS	164	111	67.68%
16	Bisbee	LAURA CHAVEZ	23	10	43.48%
24	Tombstone	JOY WESTIN	391	276	70.59%
45	Benson	ALISSA MONTIJO	58	31	53.45%
52	Sierra Vista	BRANDIE HIRRELL	174	51	29.31%
<b>Totals for District 3</b>			<b>810</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>59.14%</b>
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>		<b>PRESIDENT: LOIS THOMAS-HOMEWYTEWA</b>			
		<b>VP: LINDA RIGGINS</b>			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
8	Casa Grande	LINDA PALMER	58	34	58.62%
9	Florence	TERESA WHITTEN	42		0.00%
51	Blackwater	PAMELA THOMPSON	70	62	88.57%
54	Coolidge	NATALIE BAGNALL	107	73	68.22%
97	SanTan Valley	LINDA MOORE	28	18	64.29%
129	Queen Creek	PAM WOJTKUN	13		0.00%
133	Maricopa	GABBY POTTER	32	19	59.38%
<b>Totals for District 4</b>			<b>350</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>58.86%</b>

**DISTRICT 5****PRESIDENT: LINDA LOPEZ****VP: PATTY NOLAN**

Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
4	Globe	CARISSA KNAUSS	44	38	86.36%
28	Clifton	VERONICA GILLIS	41	27	65.85%
32	Safford	KATHY STICKLIN	145	58	40.00%
95	Solomon	FRANCES LOPEZ	79	74	93.67%
<b>Totals for District 5</b>			<b>309</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>63.75%</b>

**DISTRICT 6****PRESIDENT: KATHLEEN CHAMBERLAIN****VP:**

Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
30	Springerville	SUSAN MOORE	61	50	81.97%
31	St Johns	DJ SWOOPW	19		0.00%
37	Holbrook	KELLI SAMPLE	44	20	45.45%
69	Payson	CATHY ALSTON	128	32	25.00%
76	Show Low	KATHLEEN CHAMBERLAIN	28	20	46.43%
86	Overgaard	BARBARA BRYANT	302	168	55.63%
126	Snowflake-Taylor	ANITA VANHASSEL	19		0.00%
130	Concho	LAURA LEFFOW	25		0.00%
<b>Totals for District 6</b>			<b>626</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>46.33%</b>

**DISTRICT 7****PRESIDENT: ELLEN HAMPTON****VP: DANA BROCK**

Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
3	Flagstaff	WILDINE RODRIGUEZ	123	50	40.65%
13	Williams	DARLENE FOSTER	48	23	47.92%
14	Swaskegame	ROBIN ELSNEER	133	97	72.93%
22	Golden Valley	TAMMY SMITH	113	63	55.75%
42	Grand Canyon	REBECCA ROCHA	36	18	50.00%
57	Robert Fulton	LOJRAY ALVAREZ	78	51	65.38%
81	Robert A Eckert	KATHY SAMMONS	476	344	72.27%
87	Bullhead City	CAROL CROUGH	141	64	45.39%
88	Dolan Springs	NANCY ESTENSON	62	15	24.19%
103	Meadview	MARY DOWDY	58	42	72.41%
136	Yucca	CAROL ROSS	16		0.00%
<b>Totals for District 7</b>			<b>1284</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>59.74%</b>

**DISTRICT 8****PRESIDENT: SUSIE KING-SANDERS****VP: TRISH FELKER**

Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
6	Prescott	MARY ANN COLE	259	189	72.97%
25	Cottonwood	LISA YOUNG	229	185	80.79%
40	Chino Valley	LIZ PIPER	108	50	46.30%
78	Humbolt	PATTI HARTFIEL	147	99	67.35%
79	Yarnell	KATHY HOLLE	213	106	49.77%
90	Black Canyon	LAVERNE PEATEY	33	17	51.52%
93	Camp Verde	BRENDA ANDERSONB	176	98	55.68%
108	Prescott Valley	BARBARA PIDGEON	66	44	66.67%
135	Cornville	JONNIE MADDOX	70	43	61.43%
139	Crown King	SHELIA COLEMAN	43	43	100.00%
<b>Totals for District 8</b>			<b>1344</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>65.03%</b>

<b>DISTRICT 11</b>			<b>PRESIDENT: TINA GANADOS</b>		
			<b>VP: MARGE CHRISTIANSON</b>		
Unit	City		Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
1	Phoenix	JAN CUSHING	150	72	48.00%
5	Phoenix	CHARLOTTE MARTIN	79	26	32.91%
12	Wickenburg	NANCY DILLMAN	237	123	51.90%
29	Glendale	VERA ROBERTSON	376	311	82.71%
53	Buckeye	TRINA STARK	28	18	64.29%
61	Avondale	SANDI KUCERA	203	77	37.93%
62	Peoria	TAMMY EARLY	783	531	67.82%
105	Phoenix	VICKY STOKES	166	95	57.23%
134	Laveen	AMARIS JONES	32	10	31.25%
<b>Totals for District 11</b>			<b>2054</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>61.49%</b>

<b>DISTRICT 12</b>			<b>PRESIDENT: REBECCA GULLEY</b>		
			<b>VP: CHRISTEL ROMERO</b>		
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
2	Tempe	KATHERINE KRANTZ	102	56	54.90%
26	Mesa	CAROL GROEGER	244	186	76.23%
27	Apache Junction	CINDY QUEEN	1879	1089	57.96%
34	Cave Creek	JEANNE SCHWERDTFEGER	254	181	71.26%
35	Chandler	STACY RIEBOLD	311	123	39.55%
39	Gilbert	CAT LUDWICK	374	231	61.76%
41	Phoenix	ROSITA HERNANDEZ	350	150	42.86%
44	Scottsdale	JUNE MOYER	388	237	61.08%
58	Fountain Hills	CARRIE MARTINEZ	276	205	74.28%
65	Phoenix	TOYE STOKES	327	160	48.93%
84	Sacaton	CARLETTA MCDANIELS	54	38	70.37%
91	Chandler	CRYSTAL BEAUVAIS	181	94	51.93%
107	Phoenix	SANDRA MANN	286	153	53.50%
114	Scottsdale	JOYCE SAMMARIPA	49		0.00%
117	Phoenix	RACY SQUIRES	166	123	74.10%
124	Guadalupe	RAQUEL PEREZ	23	6	26.09%
138	Scottsdale	SANDRA HURLEY	62		0.00%
<b>Totals for District 12</b>			<b>5326</b>	<b>3032</b>	<b>56.93%</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>15397</b>	<b>8918</b>	<b>57.92%</b>
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## ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP



### SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE

January is here and we still need to push on with reviewing the manuals for insight into programs and what the American Legion Auxiliary is about. Review the Mission or another part of the book at a meeting. Review your Constitution and By-laws. Do the same with the Department Constitution and By-laws at [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org). These reviews re-enforces our commitment to serve veterans and can count as Constitution and By-laws training. Ask a member to review and talk about one of the programs even if you don't have a program chairperson. This is what a mentor does. Every Unit has mentors or members who work a certain program. Even the Treasurer or Secretary can talk about what they do and how they do it. Remember not everyone does these simple tasks. How about that member who volunteers for the Food Bank or some other community event? Come back and talk about it – Community Service Training. Let's get inventive with what we do. Track this training on the Tracking Form.

Although the vaccine is available, minimal will be given out to the general public in the first phase of inoculations. This still keeps us at a standstill for in-person training. Therefore, we are once again asking all members to complete the National Training Courses at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). Please take the time to complete the survey form and forward. If you completed it previously, review it again. Check for new courses and training given by National. **Instructors**, have you completed the National Training? Please do so and advise me when completed.

These certified instructors located in different areas of the state are available and can serve as mentors or answer questions:

DEBRA	MUNCHBACH	BARBARA	WHITE	CARMEN	GOSWICK
GINGER	COX	AMY	HANKINS	SALLY	FINE
PAULA	BURGESS	STACY	MAYBERRY	KATHY	STICKLIN
DORIS	THEISS	ROSE	FICKLIN	PENNY	MAKLARY
SHIRLEY	CANNON-JOHNSON	CINDY	QUEEN	KAREN	SMITH
JANE	SHOEMAKER	BECKY	RUIZ	JENNIE	MOLINA
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JAN	CUSHING	MAXINE	REITH	NATALIE	KASIC
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## New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

JANUARY 20201

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Hopefully 2021 will be a better year than 2020 was!

When Making Personal Contact with Members/Non-Renewals
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- The most important thing to do is LISTEN. People just want someone to listen to their concerns. Find out why the member did not renew.
- Tie their interest to American legion Auxiliary mission outreach programs.
- Provide information about meeting place/time, and how they can get involved in projects and programs of the Unit. Tell them about benefits and provide them with a brochure.
- Invite them to come back to the Auxiliary. Give them an application.
- Thank them.
- Ask for leads, are there family members eligible to join? Is the neighbor eligible? Do they have any female relatives in the Armed Services?
- Thank them again.
- Personalize Your Correspondence
- Letters should be personalized. Renewal letters and short notes should be hand-written on nice stationery. Never use form letters where you just fill in the blanks.

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## **American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley**

**January 2021**

**Happy New Year Arizona!**

**We are entering the mid-way point in the year and there is quite a bit to do until June. There are many mentors out there involved in our future, helping the ALA to continue to grow. Everyone can do a little to achieve our goals! Please, let's take time to go to the Department website at [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org) to review the criteria for these plaques:**

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

**There are deserving members that qualify for these awards. Please make sure you follow the rules and submit by May 1, 2021 and do include your report form with the narrative.**

**Mid-year reports were gladly received by this Chairman and hopefully, we will get an entire Department reporting activity on the Year End Report**

**THIS MONTH PPP HONORS A PAST PRESIDENT WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS BY HER SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!**

**Helen Stout, who served as Department President in 1989, has continued her service to the Department of Arizona by serving AS THE DEPARTMENT FINANCE CHAIRMAN FOR MANY YEARS.**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS?**

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Past Presidents Parley Chairman  
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PRESIDENT'S  
SPECIAL PROJECT  
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE  
100 CLUB  
January 2021

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.

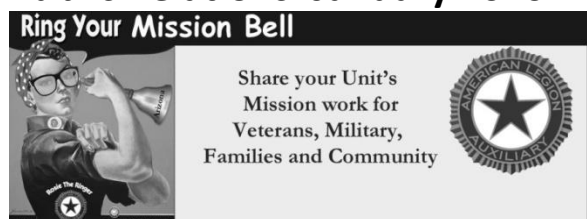
Assistance is extended to Volunteer and/or Reserve Officers/Fighters only when the incident occurs while he/she is on duty.

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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**An effective public relations program** can bring in new members, new resources and new volunteers. To be its most effective, it needs certain attributes which I am calling the 7 C's (lol-- get that—like seven seas?), which we will explore over the coming months.

So far, we've learned about Commitment & Consistency. This month, let's look at:

## **Creativity**

Every community, unit and member has different opportunities and skills. No community engagement plan will be the same. COVID adds an "challenge" element—making creativity an even more important aspect of your program! Don't let COVID win!

### **What are the opportunities in your community?**

Do you have a community center, high school or businesses where you could set up a POW/MIA table? If half their tables are empty for social distancing, you would actually be doing them a service! April is Children and Youth month. Why not set up a Military Child's table? Be sure to identify yourself!

### **What are the opportunities in your unit?**

Don't have a lot of funding? Maybe a Good Deed Award presentation at a local business? Put the recipient's photo on a table display at the local restaurant. Maybe a junior valentine project displayed at the local grocery store—using some of the stores product?

### **What are the opportunities among your membership?**

Got a talented photographer? Video a flag folding ceremony and ask a local business to run it.

In the coming months we will explore the other "C's":

## **Communication, Credibility, Cooperation, Collaboration**

I welcome your thoughts and questions!

## **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

**January 2021**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Hope everyone was able to celebrate the Holidays with loved ones whether it was in person or virtually.

This Chairman is overwhelmed with what Units did for our veterans during the Holiday. Units sent cards to the VA Homes, backpacks filled with masks, toiletries, snack for the Carl T. Hayden VAMC in Phoenix. Also, a shoutout to Unit 65 Juniors who wrapped and delivered gifts to the veterans at Victory Place.

Units across the state laid wreaths on veterans' graves on National Wreath Across America Day.

The Department of Arizona has lost another Auxiliary member from COVID-19, Anna Marie Arenas. She was Chairman of the Tucson VA Home for many years. She loved working with the veterans and planning activities for them. She will be dearly missed. Please keep her family and the Post 59 Family in your prayers and thoughts.

A BIG Thank You to the Units who sent in mid-year reports.

Construction of on both VA Homes is coming along. Are you following the progress on Facebook?

**Facebook Pages:** Arizona State Veteran Home – Flagstaff  
Arizona State Veteran Home – Yuma (To be completed Summer 2021!)

**Reminder:** PLEASE send me your accomplishments/what you are doing throughout the year. I would love to read what your Unit/Post Family is doing for our veterans.

Until next month . . .

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## Creative Arts

### January 2021

The Creative Arts Program, like everything else this year, is hostage to COVID-19. The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival was held virtually. The sessions that were open to public are available online. I strongly urge each and every one of you to view at least a portion. I promise it is worth your time. Go to <http://bddy.me/3qe5k47>. There are separate segments for each of the 5 days. They are about an hour long. The Opening Act has an introduction by our National ALA President, Nicole Clapp, and showcases many performances by veteran ribbon winners. The Artist Showcase has many recorded excerpts from the veterans about their experience as well as pictures of their winning visual arts entries. Some brought tears to my eyes. The Writers Showcase has recorded excerpts from the winning creative writing. Again, have tissue handy.

The next NVCAF will not be until April 2022. All local events are to be held sometime between June 2021 and September. It appears that the Phoenix CAF will be virtual and held the last week in September.

Your Department Creative Arts Team 2019-2021:

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VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
11-30-20

**All events are suspended until further notice. Thank you volunteers for your help!**

**Southwest Bind Rehabilitation Center is now accepting a limited number of new patients. They have requested that service organizations provide delivery of in house meals. There will be no volunteers at these meals. There is NO visitation at SAVAHCS. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time. American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop will have to be done differently this year. The hospital is asking for lists from nursing staff of items needed by Veteran patients. They have requested that all service organizations work together to fill these needs with no duplication. American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop donated \$4,000.00 worth of gift cards in support this effort.**

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020 is \$800.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for February 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020 is \$31,922.27. This amount includes the Christmas Gift Shop donation for 2019. Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 66, Unit 68 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Three registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020 is 232.5. **S AVAHCS is in the process of bringing back volunteers. Volunteers will be phased in as needed and the process will be closely monitored by the Director. Volunteers will be contacted by the Voluntary Service office as their services are needed. One more Auxiliary volunteer has been called back.**

This chairman has volunteered 80.5 hours and logged 1,260 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of November 30, 2020. This chairman has now logged over 3,750 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 8, 2020. The audit of the books was completed. 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 during this time of enormous stress on all community resources. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. Annual Joint Review was completed November 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative



# Needs List

VA Voluntary Service  
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System  
500 HWY 89 North  
Prescott, AZ 86303  
928-776-6013

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Veterans served by the Northern AZ VA Health Care System. All donations should be brought to Voluntary Service in Building 15, room 106. Please call 928-776-6013 to determine if the items you wish to donate are still needed prior to purchase. All items should be new unless otherwise noted. Monetary donations are also accepted so that Voluntary Service can purchase these items as the need presents itself.

<p><b><u>PERSONAL CARE ITEMS</u></b>          Laundry Detergent          Roll on/Spray Deodorant          Disposable Razors, 3 bladed preferred          Shaving Cream          Comb/Brushes          Pencils /Pens          Forever Stamps          3-in-1 Body Wash          Playing Cards-New or Used          Game Books (word find, crossword, etc.)</p>	<p><b><u>CLOTHES (New Only)</u></b>          Socks--(Men Various Sizes)          T-Shirts--(Men and Women's, Various Sizes)          Underwear-for men and women          Jeans          Short sleeve shirts          Shoes – athletic          Hats          Belts          Light rain jackets          Interview Clothing (for men and women)          Collared Shirts – Male and Female all sizes          Dockers – Male and Female various sizes          Black, oil resistant / slip resistant shoes</p>
<p><b><u>OTHER PROGRAMS</u></b>          Calorie King Books – Diabetes Education          Equine Therapy Program funding</p>	<p><b><u>RECREATION THERAPY</u></b> Serves Veterans residing in the Community Living Center (nursing home) and the Domiciliary.          New or Used Softball Gloves          Acoustic guitars for patient use          Fishing reels – closed Zebco 33s          Potting Soil and Pots          Models – Wooden or Plastic-cars, planes, craft kits          Craft Supplies (Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Tandy or Gift Cards)          Gift Cards Groceries – Fry's, Safeway          Gift Cards for Harkins movie theater          Backpacks- day packs for hiking program          I-tunes Cards- for speech therapies</p>
<p><b><u>HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM</u></b>          Food vouchers (Gift Certificates \$10-\$20 grocery store or fast food restaurant)          Rain ponchos or slickers          Backpacks          Flashlights or headlamps          Umbrellas          Tents          Prepaid phone minute cards          Plastic accordion files (For Vets to keep their documents dry and together)          Calendars – pocket size          Sleeping Bags</p>	

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<b><u>FOOD/DRINK</u></b> Healthy packaged snacks (nuts, bars, etc.) Cases of bottled water, coffee, creamer, sugar, stir sticks & cups for the Drop-In Center Non-perishable foods (snacks-fit in a backpack) Regular and Decaf Coffee	<b><u>PROJECTS &amp; OTHER NEEDS</u></b> Donations to support: New benches and picnic tables across campus; Welcome station at main entrance; Blankets for Yoga classes; Healing Gardens; update B107 monument area.
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**FUNDS:** are needed to support a variety of ongoing programs. These programs have a direct impact on the quality of life for residential Veterans and allow us to provide a more positive experience for Veterans attending our outpatient clinics. Checks should be made payable to "Northern AZ VA HCS" and sent to Voluntary Service at 500 HWY 89 North in Prescott, AZ 86303. Please include a note that tells us how the funds should be used and to whom we should send the acknowledgment.

You may donate on-line as well by going to the following website and selecting "Continue to the Form" and select Northern Arizona VA Health Care System. (\$5.00 minimum)

<https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/52238064/>

<b><u>GPF #</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>COMMENTS</u></b>
<b><u>9006</u></b>	<b><u>Domiciliary</u></b>	<b><u>Support daily needs for personal care or program supplies</u></b>
<b><u>9007</u></b>	<b><u>General Use</u></b>	<b><u>General benefit of patients and the facility</u></b>
<b><u>9013</u></b>	<b><u>Recreation Therapy</u></b>	<b><u>Activity on and off station, decorations, events, refreshments, Equine Therapy, movie theater, batting cages, bowling, golf</u></b>
<b><u>9015</u></b>	<b><u>Social Work</u></b>	<b><u>Emergent needs of in and out patients, transportation, gift certificates, canteen books</u></b>
<b><u>9017</u></b>	<b><u>Greenhouse</u></b>	<b><u>Pots, soil, tools, plants, bulbs, etc to support the greenhouse and gardens.</u></b>
<b><u>9019</u></b>	<b><u>Holiday Account</u></b>	<b><u>Patient gifts, holiday parties, decorations for all Holidays.</u></b>
<b><u>9035</u></b>	<b><u>National Games</u></b>	<b><u>Wheelchair Games, Golden Age Games, Winter Sports Clinic, Summer Sports Clinic, Tee Up for the Troops</u></b>
<b><u>9042</u></b>	<b><u>Guest Services</u></b>	<b><u>Internet for patients, personal care items, clothing room</u></b>
<b><u>9044</u></b>	<b><u>Women Veterans</u></b>	<b><u>Annual workshop &amp; recognition, gender specific clothing &amp; personal care items, etc.</u></b>
<b><u>9064</u></b>	<b><u>Creative Arts Festival</u></b>	<b><u>Veteran Travel to the festival, supplies for the local program, shipping art to national, etc.</u></b>
<b><u>9030</u></b>	<b><u>Chaplain</u></b>	<b><u>Support ongoing needs for chapel, supplies</u></b>
<b><u>9070</u></b>	<b><u>Facility Beautification</u></b>	<b><u>Standardize benches across campus (\$30,000 project); healing gardens, update the B107 monument area, other projects TBD.</u></b>

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## PHOENIX STATE VETERANS HOME

January 2021

Hopefully, this virus will leave us soon. We have lost so many of our family members. Seems so hard but with this new vaccine hopefully it will start turning around.

We can't do much, so we've decided to just send them a check twice a year. We sent one in July for \$500.00 and they really appreciated it. So that is what we plan for their Christmas. The nurses can take care of needs and treats.

That's it for this month hopefully things will be better next month.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe...

Pat Stanaski & Sara Ward  
AVSH- Phoenix