

**CALL TO CONVENTION**  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona

The Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona, is hereby called, and, in conformity with the Department Constitution Article VIII, *Section 1*, which provides that the annual Department Convention shall be held at the same time and place as The American Legion Annual Convention, will be held in Oro Valley, Arizona, June 22 to 25, 2023.

**PURPOSE**

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and committees, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

**REPRESENTATION**

Each Unit shall be entitled to four (4) delegates and four (4) alternates and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) alternate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, whose current Department and National dues have been paid and received by Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention. Each member of the Department Executive Committee shall be an ex-officio delegate with full voting power. All Past Department Presidents in good standing in their local Units shall be life delegates to the Department Convention with vote. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate, shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from the Unit each voting its full strength. Units shall elect delegates and alternates at a special meeting called for that purpose not less than two weeks prior to the Convention. A quorum at the Department Convention shall consist of fifty-one percent of the Units of the Department.

UNITS NOT HAVING their current District, Department, and National mandates paid thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention shall not be entitled to vote. Delegates per capita, rehabilitation per capita, junior activities per capita and bond fee must be received by close of business May 23, 2023.

**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A pre-convention meeting of the Department Executive Committee is hereby called as provided by the Department Constitution, Article VII, and will be held at El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley, AZ, June 22, 2023, at 1 p.m.

A meeting of the Department Executive Committee will be held at the call of the Department President within twenty-four (24) hours after the adjournment of the Convention. The newly installed officers, including the ten new District Presidents, are to be in attendance. All Past Department Presidents are invited to attend. The meeting is open to any interested member.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

A meeting of the Resolutions Committee is called by the Department President for El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley, AZ, June 22, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

One "hard" copy, signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates, and an unsigned "soft or electronic" copy of all resolutions are to be forwarded to the Department Secretary before Convention if possible. Resolutions originating at Convention need to be written as a "hard" copy with two delegate signatures, and a "soft or electronic" copy forwarded to the Department Secretary as soon as possible so that discussion and vote may take place. Resolutions presented by the vote of a unit need to be signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates from the Unit and forwarded to the Department Secretary thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention for registration and classification and issuing to respective committees. A resolution which has not been presented through the proper channels will not be considered.

## **HOUSING**

Headquarters will be the El Conquistador, Oro Valley AZ. All housing reservations for the period of the Convention must be made individually with the hotel or motel desired.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration fee is \$10.00 per member if pre-registered. Registration at the Convention site will be \$20.00. Pre-registration is encouraged. Checks made out to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona should be included with pre-registration. All registration will be at the El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley AZ.

## **PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY LUNCHEON**

The Past Presidents Parley Luncheon will be held El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley, AZ, June 24, 2023, at 11:30 p.m. Cost for the luncheon will be \$28. Past Department Presidents, N.E.C., Department President, and Department Secretary will be guests at the luncheon. All members and women veterans are invited to participate in this activity.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A Memorial Service will be held jointly with The American Legion on June 25, 2023, at 8 a.m. at the El Conquistador Resort in Oro Valley, AZ.

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Units and Districts may bring their Colors and standards for the opening and closing ceremonies. A practice session is scheduled for June 23, 2023, at 7:00 a.m. Color Bearers are to wear navy blue skirts, white blouses, red scarf, navy or black pumps/flats and white gloves, and must be in attendance June 25, 2023, for retirement of Colors. White gloves are to be worn by Department Officers, including District Presidents and Past Department Presidents.

## **PLAQUES**

All trophies and plaques must be engraved and brought to Convention. These must be turned into the Department Trophies and Awards Chairman no later than 8:00 a.m. Friday, June 23, 2023. A table will be set up near the Auxiliary Registration at the El Conquistador Resort, Oro Valley, AZ.



AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF  
ARIZONA CONVENTION  
JUNE 22-25, 2023

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

REGISTRATION - \$10.00

**REMINDER AT CONVENTION - \$20.00**

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Arizona  
4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix, Az. 85015

UNIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (PRINT)

POSITION/TITLE (PRINT)

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 2, 2023

NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

**PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY LUNCHEON  
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023**

**MENU**

Chicken Caesar Salad  
Choice of 2 Dressings  
Roll and Butter  
Lemon Cake  
Iced Tea

**Cost \$28.00**

**MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA**

**MAIL TO:**

ALA Department of AZ  
Attn: PPP Luncheon  
4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85015

*Seating is limited to 90...Please make your reservation before June 15, 2022*

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**PUT ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK.**

\$28.00 X number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
EL CONQUISTADOR RESORT  
TUCSON, AZ

*This schedule is subject to change.  
Chairmen, please sit up front prior to speaking.*

**Thursday, June 22, 2023**

Registration: 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.		Foyer
12:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Agave I
1:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Agave I
	All Department Officers, including District Presidents, and Past Department Presidents	Agave I
2:00 p.m.	Girls State Directors Meeting	Agave I
3:30 p.m.	Credential Committee Meeting	Agave I
	Rules Committee Meeting	
	Resolutions Committee Meeting	
	Courtesy Resolutions Committee Meeting	
6:00 p.m.	Joint Opening	Turquoise I

**Friday, June 23, 2023**

Registration: 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Presidio I / Foyer
7:00 a.m.	Sgt @ Arms, Pages, District & Department Color Guard meet with Americanism Chairman Linda Lopez & Chairman of Pages for instruction.	
7:45 a.m.	Processional Lineup – All Department Officers, District Presidents, and Past Department Presidents... <i>Don't forget sashes.</i>	
8:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	Presidio I
Processional		Jacqueline Solis
Call to Order		Barbara White, Dept Pres
Opening Prayer		Marge Christenson, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance		Jacqueline Solis
National Anthem		Alma Mattingly
Preamble		Debra Munchbach
POW/MIA Chair		Barbara White, Dept Pres
		Rose Ficklin & Stacey Mayberry
Welcome and Purpose		Barbara White, Dept Pres
Response		Rose Ficklin, Dept VP
Introductions and Greetings		
	Isabella Ward – Honorary Junior Department President	
	Jennie Molina – ALA National Executive Committeeman	
Introduction of Convention Appointees		Barbara White, Dept Pres
	Registration – ALA Unit 132	
	Chairman of Pages – Anita Ritter	
	Personal Pages – Itzcel Owen and Rebecca Rocha	



Sgt-at-Arms – Anita Ritter and Sara Decker  
 Color Bearers – Unit 29 Color Guard  
 Credentials Committee – Iliana Solis & Tanya Agay  
 Resolution Committee Chairman – Debra Munchbach  
 Rules Committee Chairman– Debra Munchbach  
 Courtesy Resolutions Committee – Melissa Englert

Rules of Convention	Debra Munchbach
Partial Credentials Report	Iliana Solis
Constitution & Bylaws 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Debra Munchbach

Nominations of Officers & National Convention Delegates  
 SAMPLE BALLOTS

Instructions for Elections of Department Officers, Delegates and Alternates to National Convention	Debra Munchbach
Sample Ballots by Roll Call of Units with number of votes announced: Nominations for Department Officers 2023-2024 Nominations for Delegates and Alternates for National Convention August 2023	Barbara Matteson

9:00 a.m.	Program	Chairman
	Legislative	Stephanie McMullen
	National Security	Jennie Molina
	Poppy	Julie Ross
	Creative Arts	Dawn Davidson
	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Stacey Mayberry
	Fisher House	Matt Griffis
	POW/MIA Video	Stacey Mayberry
	Service to Veterans	Sara Decker
	Prescott VAMC	Juanita Moffitt
	Phoenix VAMC	Gloria Torres
	Tucson VAMC	Kathy Szakonyi
	State Veterans Home Phoenix	Cat Ludwick
	State Veterans Home Tucson	Bonni Distler
	State Veterans Home Yuma	Winnie Moir
	Phoenix Gift Shop	Joyce Livingston
	Whipple Gift Shop	Patricia Aljets
	Tucson Gift Shop	Kathleen Roche
	Poppy Making	All Units

BREAK

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m.	Reconvene	Turquoise III
	Call to Order	Barbara White
	Roll Call of Units	Barbara Matteson
	Credential Report	Iliana Solis
	Program	Chairman
	Americanism	Jacqueline Solis
	Education	Julie Vietri
	Cavalcade of Memories	Paula Burgess

Community Service  
 Auxiliary Emergency Fund  
 Children & Youth  
 Junior Activities  
 Girls State

Rebecca Faris  
 Jonnie Maddox  
 JoAnne Mangis  
 Iliana Solis  
 Penny Maklary

## Introduction of 2022-2023 District and Unit Presidents by 2022-2023 District Presidents

### RECESS

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

Registration: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Turquoise III

8:00 a.m. Reconvene Turquoise III

Call to Order	Barbara White
Invocation	Marge Christenson
Roll Call of Units	Barbara Matteson
Credentials Report for Elections	Iliana Solis
Head Teller	Debra Munchbach
Introduction of Tellers	Debra Munchbach

Each Candidate is given the opportunity to have a witness present during the ballot counting.

Distribution of Ballots by Roll Call	Barbara Matteson
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## Election of 2023-2024 Department Officers 2023-2024 Delegates & Alternates to National Convention

<u>Program</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Public Relations	Shannon Mead
Membership	Rose Ficklin
Constitution & Bylaws	Vickey Zwall
Finance	Yolanda Bonilla
Past President Parley	Patricia Lugo
Chaplain	Marge Christenson
Historian	Dolores Chavez
Scrapbook	
Music	Alma Mattingly

### RECESS

11:30 a.m. Past President's Parley Luncheon TBA

1:00 p.m. Reconvene Turquoise III

Call to Order	Barbara White
Roll Call of Units	Barbara Matteson
President's Special Project	Margaret Ellis
Leadership	Karen Smith
New Units	Jan Cushing
Final Credentials Report	Iliana Solis
President's Report	Barbara White
Membership Training 101	Barbara Matteson

Announcements Barbara Matteson

## RECESS

3:00 p.m.	Installation Practice	Penny Maklary	Turquoise III
4:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Alma Mattingly	Turquoise III
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. President Elect Reception			TBA

## Sunday, June 25, 2023

8:00 a.m.	Joint Memorial Service The American Legion American Legion Auxiliary American Legion Family Choir	Turquoise I Stephen Larance, Dept Chaplain Marge Christenson, Dept Chaplain Alma Mattingly
9:15 a.m.	Reconvene Installation of 2023-2024 Officers	Turquoise III

Break 15 minutes.

	Call To Order Membership Challenges for 2023-2024 Courtesy Resolutions	Barbara White Stacey Mayberry Melissa Englert and Ann Willeford
Introduction of 2023-2024 Department Commander and presentation of the Beri Award		
	Final Comments	Barbara White, Dept Pres
	Announcements	Barbara Matteson Sec/Tre
	Benediction	Marge Christenson, Chaplain
	Retirement of District and Unit Colors	Jacqueline Solis
	Retirement of 2022-2023 District Presidents	
	Retirement of Department Officers	
	Retirement of Department Colors	
11:00 a.m.	Adjournment	Barbara White, Dept Pres

## HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

Immediately following adjournment of this convention there will be a meeting of the Department Executive Committee. All Department Officers which include the new and seated District Presidents and Past Department Presidents are required to attend.

The meeting will be in Turquoise III

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Call to Order	Newly Elected Department President
2023-2024 Department Executive Committee Meeting	Rose Ficklin



## CONVENTION RULES

1. All meetings of this Convention shall be called to order at the designated time, or as soon thereafter as a quorum is present.
2. The Chair may deviate from the printed program when necessary or expedient.
3. The Credentials Committee shall report at such times as directed by the Chair.
4. The audience shall remain seated during the business of the Convention. Doors will remain open unless noise interferes with the conducting of business. Delegates will be allowed to leave or enter the auditorium except when balloting or elections are being held, or when a speaker is speaking. There shall be no rhythmic applause when guests are presented to the platform, but spontaneous applause is encouraged.
5. No smoking is allowed on the floor of Convention at any time.
6. Admission to the business sessions at the Department Convention shall be restricted to those persons displaying the official Convention badge, or other acceptable official credentials.
7. A member wishing to address the Convention shall rise and address the Chair as "Madam or Mr. President", give their name and Unit number, and wait to be recognized by the Chair.
8. Debate on any question shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. No person shall speak on the same question more than twice without the consent of the Convention.
9. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from that Unit, each Unit voting its full voting strength. No delegate shall represent more than one Unit.
10. Voting shall be by voice except when the Chair deems it necessary to use some other method or when a roll call is requested by the Chairman of three Unit delegations or except in the election of Department Officers, paid delegates, and unpaid delegates.
11. In the event of a voice vote the Unit delegation chairman, or in their absence, the leader of each delegation, will announce all votes.
12. Reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, with the exception of Finance, Membership, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, shall be limited to five minutes.
13. Any committee recommending an appropriation of money for any purpose shall confer with the Finance Committee before presenting recommendation to the Convention.

## ELECTION RULES

14. Nomination of Department officers, paid delegates, unpaid delegates, and alternates to the National Convention shall be made from the floor at least six hours before the election is held. Paid delegates shall be listed separately on the ballot from other delegates and alternates. All delegates must reside in Arizona.
15. Should an endorsed candidate be absent due to unavoidable circumstances, the endorsing Unit may submit the nomination as if they were present.
16. Nominating speeches shall be LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES and no seconding speeches shall be permitted.
17. Units not having their current District, Department, and National mandates paid thirty days prior to Convention shall not be entitled to vote.
18. Each member of the Department Executive Committee shall be an ex-officio delegate to the Department Convention with one vote. The Department Secretary/Treasurer is a paid employee and not an officer and has no individual vote.
19. All Past Department Presidents in good standing in their local Units shall be life delegates to the Department Convention with one vote, provided they are in attendance.
20. A blank sample election ballot shall be given to members of the Department Executive Committee, all Past Department Presidents, and the Chairman of each Unit delegation at the time of nominations.

21. Doors shall be secured from the time official ballots are distributed until the Election Committee has retired from the meeting room.
22. When there is but one candidate for office, roll call may be dispensed with and the nominee declared elected. In the event there is more than one candidate for office, the ballots shall be deposited in the Ballot Box by members of the Department Executive Committee, Past Department Presidents, and the Chairman of each Unit delegation on roll call.

#### **ELECTION BY BALLOT**

23. A. The Department President shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of one election judge; two tellers/clerks. Each Candidate shall be allowed to have a representative in the counting room for observation only.
- B. The Department Secretary shall call the roll and give the number of votes certified by the Credentials Committee Chairman for each Unit as official ballots are distributed.
- C. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. NO VOTE MAY BE DIVIDED INTO PARTS. The vote of any absentee delegate shall be cast with the majority of the Unit delegation.
- D. When all ballots have been returned to the ballot box by roll call, the Department President shall declare the election closed.
- E. A majority of votes cast shall elect. IF no majority is received the candidate receiving the least number of votes will not be considered in the next round of voting.
- F. The Election Judge will give a written ballot report to the Department President. The Department President will declare the number of votes cast for each candidate and declare as elected the candidate who received the majority of votes cast. If no majority is received the voting process will begin again.
- G. Voted Ballots will be stored in the Department Office for a period of 30 days following an election and then destroyed by the Department Secretary.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

24. All resolutions shall be presented as one "hard" copy signed by two qualified delegates and one unsigned "soft or electronic" copy. Resolutions presented by the vote of the Unit must be presented thirty days prior to the Convention. Courtesy Resolutions are exempt from these requirements.
25. The three-member Resolutions Committee appointed by the Department President shall receive all resolutions, study, number them in logical sequence, eliminate duplication by combining, if necessary, making certain they are in correct form and refer them to the proper committee for action.
26. Resolutions in conflict with the policy of The American Legion shall not be considered. Resolutions which are not properly executed will not be considered.
27. As per the Department Policies and Procedures, all properly executed resolutions are presented, with the respective chairman's and/or committee's comments, to the Department body for action.
28. Any resolution rejected by committee or by the Resolutions Committee as being in conflict with American Legion policy or as being improperly executed will be stated as such and may be brought before the Convention by two-thirds vote of the Convention body.
29. These rules may be amended during the Convention session by a two-thirds vote.
30. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by these Convention rules, or the Department Constitution and Bylaws.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Member

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
FINANCE RULES**

The members of the department finance committee respectfully submit the following report and proposed budgets for consideration and action of this department convention in Oro Valley, AZ, June 22-25, 2023.

**RULES**

1. The Department Finance Committee shall oversee the general finance policy of the Department as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.
2. Special expenditures voted on by Convention action or as authorized by the Department Executive Committee shall be taken from revenue in the General Fund.
3. The Department Treasurer shall not overdraw any items budgeted, except on written permission of the Department Finance Committee.
4. The Department Finance Chairman shall sign checks only in the case of the inability of the Treasurer to do so.
5. NO SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE BY ANY OFFICER, CHAIRMAN, and OR MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY without written permission of the Department President and Department Finance Committee.
6. The Department Treasurer shall forward all National Dues to the National Treasurer within two (2) weeks of receipt.
7. NO SOLICITATION SHALL BE PERMITTED BY VETERANS MEDICAL CENTERS DIRECTLY TO THE UNITS.
8. All persons receiving money from this Department for whole or partial expenses to Department or National Convention, Conference, or other meetings, MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS and will represent no other organization.
9. Any Committee or person thereof who is handling monies to accomplish their programs shall have their books audited annually during-or-after Department Convention and on-or-before the date of the Officers and Chairmen meeting, i.e. VAVS Representative from each VA Hospital, the Representative from each AZ Veterans Home, all Gift Shop Chairmen, and any others as requested by the Finance Chairman. All checkbooks, bank statements, receipts, and ledgers of transactions will be presented for review.  
Audits will be conducted by no less than 3 members of the Department Finance Committee. If the persons involved do not comply with this audit or make alternative arrangements with the Finance Chairman, then they will receive a letter requesting that all items be produced within 10 days of the Officers and Chairmen meeting. If they still do not respond, and the person is a current Department Chairman, the Department President will go through the process of having the Chairman replaced for improper handling of funds.  
Audit and oversight of the Girls State accounts are addressed separately.  
Chairmen handling funds through individual bank accounts may not close, change, or open a bank account for their Committee without action and approval by the Department Finance Committee. Accounts in effect on June 21, 2008, are the only accounts which may be used by the Chairmen unless the Finance Committee implements a change of any kind.
10. Upon adoption of this budget, the funds will be expended as needed.
11. Reimbursement for ground transportation may not exceed the lowest air fare available. Statement of air fare must accompany the mileage claim. Rate reimbursed per mile is determined by the Department Finance Committee on a yearly basis.



## **NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES FUND RULES**

1. We recommend that the National Convention Delegates fund for 2023 be divided equally among three (3) "Paid Delegates". There shall be (8) "Unpaid Delegates", and (4) Delegates by virtue of office, those being: The Retiring Department President, Barbara White; The Department President Elect, Rose Ficklin; Department Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Matteson; and the National Executive Committeeman, Jennie Molina.
2. Paid Delegates to the National Convention must attend all sessions and all meetings of the Convention Committee as assigned by the Delegation Chairman and report on only assigned meeting in writing to the Delegation Chairman within thirty (30) days after the National Convention. Copies of the report will be sent to the Department President and the Department Secretary for the files.
3. All persons (paid, unpaid delegates and alternates) receiving money from the Department for whole or partial expenses to National Convention must attend all sessions, representing the American Legion Auxiliary only. Any Delegate absent without permission of the Chairman will be asked to return the money given them by the Department.
4. No person shall serve twice as a paid delegate to National Convention.
5. The Department Junior Delegate to the National Junior Meeting, their chaperon, any candidate for National Office, and the Auxiliary Member of the Year representing the Department of Arizona will adhere to the same guidelines as Delegates to National Convention. Funding for the Junior Delegate and their chaperon will be taken from Junior Funds, per the Department Policy and Procedure Manual. Funding for the Auxiliary Member of the Year will be taken from the General Fund.
6. A refund of money paid by Department will be required of any Delegate/person who does not adhere to these rules.

## **REMINDER TO UNITS/DISTRICTS**

We ask Units to refer to and review Unit Financial responsibilities and duties as stated in the Department Policy and Procedures Book.

**MEMBERSHIP REMITTANCES MUST BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY.**

**ALL POPPY ORDERS MUST BE TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY SEPT. 30.**

Each Unit holding a Poppy Distribution Function is **REQUIRED** to remit to Department **10% of NET POPPY PROCEEDS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FUNCTION. POPPY FUNDS MUST BE USED ONLY IN DIRECT AID TO THE VETERAN AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES. THEY MAY ALSO BE USED FOR CREATIVE ARTS.**

Department and District Per Capita and Bonding Fees **MUST BE PAID THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AS PRESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

Districts are permitted to issue Membership Challenges with payoffs to any Auxiliary Program. All Units when issuing Membership Challenges to other Units may designate any Auxiliary Program as the payoff recipient.

MONETARY CHALLENGES SHALL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE WINNING UNIT/DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGNATED PROGRAM AND NOTIFICATION OF THE SAME SHALL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY			
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA			
PROPOSED 2023-2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET			
		Acct. #	
		from QB	
<b>ESTIMATED INCOME:</b>		<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES:</b>	
Proposed Membership 2024		501.00 Proposed Membership 2023	
Dues from 14698 Senior members @ \$25.00	367,450.00	501.10 National Sr. Dues 14698 @ \$18	264,564.00
Dues from PUFL	5,700.00	501.20 .	1,700.00
Dues from 600 Junior members @ \$4.00	2,400.00	501.30 National Jr. Dues 600 @ \$2.50	1,500.00
Dues from 2023 year:		Dues from 2022 year:	
80 Sr. members @ \$19.00	1,520.00	501.40 National Sr. Dues 80 @ \$12	960.00
15 Jr. members @ \$4.00	60.00	501.50 National Jr. Dues 15 @ \$2.50	37.50
Total Proposed Membership Income		Total Proposed Membership Expense	\$268,761.50
	\$377,130.00		
Proposed Conference and Convention Budget		Proposed Conference and Convention Budget	
Fall Conference Registration 300 @ \$10.00	3,000.00	628.00 Fall Conference courtesies, decorations, microphones, Pres, NEC & Sec/Tre Room	3,000.00
Department Convention Registration 350 @ \$10.00	3,500.00	629.00 Dept Conv courtesies, decorations, microphones, Pres, NEC & Sec/Tre , Members	3,500.00
Total Proposed Conference and Convention Income		Total Proposed Conference and Convention Expense	\$6,500.00
	\$6,500.00		
Proposed National Programs		550.00 Proposed National Programs	
National Solicitation Programs	300.00	550.27 National Solicitation Programs	40.00
Legion Insurance Program	0.00	Legion Insurance Program	0.00
Total Proposed National Programs Income		Total Proposed National Programs	\$40.00
	\$300.00		
Mandate Programs		500.00 Mandate Programs	
Delegates Per Capita Seniors (DPC) 14158 @ \$.40	5,663.20	500.10 Sr. DPC to National Travel (3 National Convention Delegates)	5,879.20
Delegates Per Capita Juniors (JDPC) 600 @ \$.20	120.00	500.40 Jr. DPC to National Travel	120.00
Unit Bond Fees (86 Units @ \$5.50)	473.00	500.50 Unit Bond Fees (86 Units @ \$5.50)	473.00
District Bond Fees 10 for \$234.00	234.00	500.60 District Bond Fees	234.00
Total Mandate Programs Income		Total Mandate Programs Expense	\$6,706.20
	\$6,490.20		
Scholarship Donations		642.00 Scholarships	
Past President's Parley Scholarship Donations	\$3,000.00	642.01 Past President's Parley Scholarship Expense	\$1,000.00
Hoyle-Chilton Memorial Scholarship	\$3,000.00	642.02 Hoyle-Chilton Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Auxiliary Programs (excluding Junior Activities,		550.00 Auxiliary Programs (excluding Junior Activities,	
Girls State Not Delegate Fees, National Candidates Fund and		Girls State Not Delegate Fees, National Candidates Fund and	
Department President's Special Project)	\$9,000.00	Department President's Special Project)	\$9,000.00
Scholarships - National		642.00 Scholarships - National	
Non-Traditional	0.00	642.06 Non-Traditional Scholarship	25.00
National President's Scholarship	0.00	642.04 National President's Scholarship	25.00
Spirit of Youth	0.00	642.05 Spirit of Youth	25.00
Americanism Essay 7 @ \$10.00	0.00	642.07 Americanism Essay 7 @ \$10.00	70.00
Poppy Poster 7 @ \$10.00	0.00	642.08 Poppy Poster 7 @ \$10.00	70.00
Total Department Incentive Income		Total Department Incentive Expense	\$215.00
	\$0.00		
Leadership - Mission Training	\$600.00	643.00 Leadership - Mission Training	\$600.00
New Units - Charters	\$20.00	640.00 New Units Committee expences	\$300.00
National Leadership Fund	\$10.00	550.10 National Leadership Fund	\$0.00
Resale	\$1,500.00	602.00 Resale Expense	\$1,500.00
Department Office Basic Overhead		600.00 Department Office Basic Overhead	
Headquarters Office Overhead	1,000.00	Headquarters Office Overhead	
Rent @ \$400.00 per month to the Legion	0.00	600.01 Rent @ \$400.00 per month to the Legion	4,800.00
Directors & Officers Insurance	0.00	600.03 Directors & Officers Insurance	3,000.00
Business Liability Insurance from Hartford Ins. Co.	0.00	600.02 Business Liability Insurance from Hartford Ins. Co.	1,000.00
Repairs all items except those leased	0.00	600.04 Repairs all items except those leased	500.00
Telephone, e-mail, fax (Windstream, AT&T)	0.00	600.08 Telephone, e-mail, fax (Cox, AT&T)	4,000.00
Postage (25% to come from Welfare Budget)	0.00	600.07 Postage (25% to come from Welfare Budget)	1,000.00
Printing and supplies	0.00	600.05 Printing and supplies	5,000.00



Copier Lease	0.00		600.06	Copier maintenance	2,000.00	
Postage Meter and Scale Lease	0.00		600.10	Postage Meter and Scale Lease	2,100.00	
Computer Preventive Maintenance and software	0.00		600.09	Computer Preventive Maintenance and software	6,000.00	
Bank Service Charges and Fees	0.00		612.00	Bank Service Charges and Fees	500.00	
Bulletin Income from Subscriptions 25 @ \$25.00	625.00		600.13	Equipment	1,000.00	
Total Department Office Basic Overhead Income		\$1,625.00		Total Department Office Basic Overhead Income		\$30,900.00
Officer Expenses			620.00	Officer Expenses		
Department President's Reimbursement (to be paid \$ \$300.00 per quarter)	0.00		620.01	Department President's Reimbursement (to be paid \$ \$300.00 per quarter)	1,200.00	
Department Christmas Cards & Postage	0.00		620.02	Department Christmas Cards & Postage	50.00	
Past Department President's Pin and N.E.C. Sash	0.00		620.03	Past Department President's Pin and N.E.C. Sash	800.00	
Postage (to be paid half in Aug & half in Dec annually)				Postage (to be paid half in Aug & half in Dec annually) upon presentation of receipts		
Department President	0.00		620.04	Department President	100.00	
Department Vice President	0.00		620.05	Department Membership Chairman	100.00	
Department Chaplain	0.00		620.06	Department Chaplain supplies & postage	200.00	
Department Historian supplies & postage	0.00		620.12	Department Historian supplies & postage	75.00	
Department Scrapbook supplies & postage			620.13	Department Scrapbook supplies & postage	75.00	
Honorary Dept. Jr. Pres. mileage to the Jr. Convention in April annually	0.00		620.07	Honorary Dept. Jr. President Jr. Convention in April annually	25.00	
Unit Membership Incentives	0.00		620.08	Unit Membership Incentives (receipts required)	400.00	
Fall Conference round trip mileage only for all Dept. officers, Parliamentarian,			620.09	Fall Conference round trip mileage only for all Dept. officers, Parliamentarian,		
District Presidents, Jr Hon Pres from their Post Home to conf \$.40 per mile	0.00			District Presidents, Jr Hon Pres from their Post Home to conf \$.40 per mile	2,500.00	
Department Convention round trip mileage for all Dept. Officers, Parliamentarian,			620.10	Department Convention round trip mileage for all Dept. Officers, Parliamentarian,		
District Presidents and Jr Hon Pres from their Post Home to Convention \$.40	0.00			District Presidents and Jr Hon Pres from their Post Home to Convention \$.40	2,500.00	
Past President's Luncheon for 2023 June Convention (to pay for			620.11	Past President's Luncheon for 2023 June Convention (to pay for		
20 active Past Department Presidents @ \$28.00 per person)	0.00			18 active Past Department Presidents @ \$28.00 per person)	500.00	
			620.14	Department Finance Committee mileage @ \$.40. per mile	2,500.00	
Total Officer Expenses		\$0.00		Total Officer Expense		\$11,025.00
National Guest Entertainment Package			667.00	National Guest Entertainment Package		
Western Division National Vice President (includes gift, room,			667.01	Western Division National Vice President (includes gift, room,		
luncheon @ fall conference, meals, postage to mail gifts, corsage)	0.00			luncheon @ fall conference, meals, postage to mail gifts, corsage)	400.00	
National President (includes gift, room, meals, postage to mail gifts, corsage	0.00		667.02	National President (includes gift, room, meals, postage to mail gifts, corsage	800.00	
N.E.C. or Disting. Guest Chairman expenses (\$300.00 per guest)			667.03	N.E.C. or Disting. Guest Chairman expenses (\$300.00 per guest)		
(includes room if needed, meals, mileage, airport parking)	0.00			(includes room if needed, meals, mileage, airport parking)	600.00	
NP Dinner (Comp Dinners)	0.00		667.04	NP Dinner (Comp Dinners)	150.00	
Total National Guest Entertainment Package		\$0.00		Total National Guest Entertainment Package		\$1,950.00
National Convention Travel Fund				National Convention Travel Fund		
National Convention 2024 New Orleans, LA			625.02	National Convention 2024 New Orleans, LA		
Registration - 16 @ \$25.00 Alternates	400.00		625.03	Registration - 32 @ \$25.00 Delegates & Alternates	800.00	
Department President's room	0.00		625.04	Department President's room	1,120.00	
Incoming President's Per Diem (6 days @ \$110.00 per day)	0.00		625.05	Incoming President's Per Diem (6 days @ \$120.00 per day)	720.00	
Secretaries room (8 days)	0.00		625.06	Secretaries room (8 days)	1,500.00	
Auxiliary Sr. member of the Year Per Diem (2 days @ \$110.00 per day)	0.00		625.08	Auxiliary Sr. member of the Year Per Diem 2 days@ \$130	260.00	
Transportation:				Transportation:		
Air Fare for 4 & bag fee (Pres, Sec, In. Pres, Member of the Year)	0.00		625.09	Air Fare for 4 & bag fee (Pres, Sec, In. Pres, Member of the Year)	2,200.00	
Ground for 4 (Pres, Sec, In. Pres, Member of the Year)	0.00		625.10	Ground for 4 (Pres, Sec, In. Pres., Member of the Year)	100.00	
Other National Convention 2023 Related expenses (flowers, supplies, etc.)	750.00		625.25	Other National Convention 2023		
Total National Convention	1,150.00			Related expenses (flowers, supplies, PPP Lunch, States Dinner )	\$1,350.00	
					\$8,050.00	
Juniors Fund (JAPC & Jr. Donations)	3,050.00		661.00	Juniors Fund (JAPC & Jr. Donations)		
National Jr. Meeting Las Vegas, NV			657.00	National Jr. Meeting Las Vegas, NV		
Delegate & Chaperon Air & bag fee or mileage which is lowest	0.00		657.10	Delegate & Jr. Chairman Air & bag fee or mileage which is lowest	410.00	
Delegate & Chaperon Ground	0.00		657.20	Delegate & Jr. Chairman Ground	0.00	
Delegate & Chaperon Per Diem (3 days @ \$110.00 each)	0.00		657.30	Delegate & Jr. Chairman Per Diem (2 days @ \$110.00 each)	440.00	
Delegates Registration (9 @ \$50.00) online	450.00		657.40	Delegates Registration Jrs Reimbursement	400.00	
Reimbursement JR registration to Units for the JRs that attended Nat Meeting				Reimbursement JR registration to Units for the JRs that attended Nat Meeting		
Honorary National Officer (except National President)	0.00			Honorary National Officer (except National President)	250.00	
Total National Jr. Meeting Income	0.00					
Total Proposed Junior Fund	\$3,500.00			Total National Jr. Meeting 2023-2024 Expense	1,500.00	
Total National Convention		\$4,650.00		Total National Convention		\$9,550.00

National Travel Fund			National Travel Fund		
National Children & Youth Conference Indianapolis, IN			National Children & Youth Conference Indianapolis, IN		
Air Fare for Chairman & bag fee	0.00		625.31 Air Fare for Chairman & bag fee	550.00	
Ground for Chairman	0.00		625.32 Ground for Chairman	25.00	
Per Diem for Chairman	0.00		625.33 Per Diem for Chairman 3 days + registration	360.00	
Total Children & Youth Conference	0.00			\$935.00	
Department Leadership National Conference Indianapolis, IN			Department Leadership National Conference Indianapolis, IN		
Air Fare & bag fee for President, Secretary & Membeship Chairman	0.00		625.11 Air Fare & bag fee for President, Secretary & Membeship Chairman	0.00	
Ground for President, Secretary & Membership Chairman	0.00		625.12 Ground for President, Secretary & Membership Chairman	0.00	
Hotel for President, Secretary & Membership Chairman	0.00				
Per Diem for President, Secretary & Membership Chairman for 4 days	0.00		625.13 Per Diem for President, Secretary & Membership Chairman for 4 days	1,320.00	
Total National President's and Secretaries Conference	0.00		Total National President's and Secretaries Conference	\$1,320.00	
National Girls State Directors Meeting (1/2 to come from Girls State Acct): Indianapolis, IN			National Girls State Directors Meeting (1/2 to come from Girls State Acct): Indianapolis, IN		
Half Air Fare for Department Girls State Director	0.00		625.14 Half Air Fare for Department Girls State Director	500.00	
Half Ground Fare for Department Girls State Director	0.00		625.15 Half Ground Fare for Department Girls State Director + mileage to airport	60.00	
4 day Per Diem for Department Girls State Director	0.00		625.16 4 day Per Diem for Department Girls State Director + half registration	220.00	
Total Girls State Meeting	0.00		Total National Girls State Directors Meeting	\$780.00	
National Mission Training Las Vegas, NV			626.00 National Mission Training Las Vegas, NV		
Registration Pres & Dept Sec	0.00		Registration Pres, VP & Dept Sec	150.00	
Per Diem Pres & Dept Sec 2 days	0.00		Per Diem Pres, VP & Dept Sec 3@ \$150.00	450.00	
	0.00				
	0.00			600.00	
National Chaplains Conference Indianapolis, IN			National Chaplains Conference Indianapolis, IN		
Air Fare for Chaplain & bag fee	0.00		625.34 Air Fare for Chaplain & bag fee	\$550.00	
Ground for Chaplain	0.00		625.35 Ground for Chaplain	\$150.00	
Per Diem for Chaplain	0.00		625.36 Per Diem for Chaplain + registration	\$360.00	
Total Chaplain Conference			Total National Chaplains Conference	\$1,060.00	
NEC Indianaoplis, IN NEC & President			NEC Indianaoplis, IN NEC & President		
N.E.C & President. Per Diem 3 days @ \$110 per day	0.00		625.17 N.E.C & President. Per Diem 3 days @ \$110 per day	660.00	
N.E.C. & President Registration and Luncheon	0.00		625.18 N.E.C. & President Registration and Luncheon	150.00	
President & Secretary Air Fare, bag fee & ground	0.00		625.19 President & NEC Air Fare, bag fee & ground	600.00	
Total NEC Meeting	0.00		Total NEC Meeting	\$1,410.00	
Total National Travel Fund Excluding National Convention			Total National Travel Fund Excluding National Convention		
		\$0.00			\$6,105.00
Special Project			636.00 Special Project Expense		
Donations for Department President's Special Project 2023-2024 "Girls State"			Donations for Department President's Special Project 2023-2024 "Girls State"		
Unit donations	1,000.00		Unit donations	\$1,000.00	
Department Donation	500.00		Department Donation	\$500.00	
Total Special Project		\$1,500.00	Total Special Project		\$1,500.00
Department Payroll			601.01 Department Payroll		
		\$0.00	75 % from General Fund	\$58,880.00	
					\$44,160.00
Employer Share Taxes			603.00 Employer Share Taxes		
		\$0.00			\$3,600.00

			606.00	Workman's Compensation		\$325.00
Sec./Treas. Car Reimbursement (figured on \$100.00 monthly)		\$0.00	609.00	Sec./Treas. Car Disbursemt (figured on \$100.00 monthly)		\$1,200.00
			679.00	MIR		\$1,680.00
National Travel Insurance		\$0.00	631.00	National Travel Insurance		\$2,000.00
Outside Accounting Moore & Giese, Cutting Edge		\$0.00	614.02	Outside accounting check (Moore & Giese) ; Annual tax return & Fin Sta		\$6,000.00
				Monthly review fee \$350.00 (Winning Edge) X 13		\$4,550.00
Outside payroll service (Paychex)		\$0.00	614.03	Outside payroll service (Paychex)		\$1,700.00
Corporation Commission annual fee		\$0.00	613.00	Corporation Commission annual fee		
Department			613.10	Department	10.00	
10 Districts @ \$10.00		\$100.00	613.30	10 Districts @ \$10.00	100.00	
						\$120.00
Dept Strategic Planning			680.00	Dept Strategic Planning		
Estimated Investment Income (25% to Welfare)		\$0.00		Estimated Investment Income (25% to Welfare)		\$0.00
Return to Investment Account			607.00	Return to Investment Account		\$0.00
Department Fund Raisers		\$2,000.00	677.00	Department Fund Raisers		\$0.00
						\$421,987.70
Funds to cover deficit		\$4,562.50		Reserve Fund		
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME</b>		<b>\$421,987.70</b>		<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$421,987.70</b>

**PROPOSED GENERAL BUDGET PAGE 4**

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
2023-2024 Welfare Budget**

Acct. # from QB				Acct. # from QB			
	<b>ESTIMATED INCOME:</b>				<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES:</b>		
403.00	Income - Mandates from Units			500.00	Mandates Expenses		
430.04	Rehab Per Capita	2939.60		500.01	Rehab Mandates remain in Dept		
	Total - Income - Mandates from Units		\$3,020.00		Total Mandates		
430.00	Welfare Fund - From All Sources						
430.01	Pledges from Units	18000.00		801.02	Disbursements - Phoenix VAMC	6,000.00	
				802.02	Disbursements -Tucson VAMC	6,000.00	
				803.02	Disbursements - Prescott VAMC	6,000.00	
430.05	Arizona State Veterans Homes Phoenix-Tucson- Yuma - Flagstaff	2000.00		804.02	Arizona State Veterans Homes Phoenix, Tucson, Yuma, Flagstaff	2,000.00	
430.02	Welfare Donations	2250.00		805.02	Welfare Donations Expense	2,250.00	
430.03	Gift Shop Donations	12000.00		806.02	Gift Shop Expense	12,000.00	
430.04	V.A. & State Facility Christmas Pledges	2000.00		807.02	V.A. & State Facility Christmas Pledges	2,000.00	
430.06	10% Poppy Unit Donations	3000.00		809.02	Creative Arts National Program Expense	3,000.00	
430.07	Creative Arts National Program	4000.00		835.02	Disbursements to Creative Arts (Local)	1,000.00	
	Total Welfare Fund from All Sources Other		\$43,250.00	880	Other Welfare Expenses	7,000.00	
440.20	Income - Unit Poppy Orders \$12.00 per hundred	3800.00		815.02	Purchase Poppy Materials	0.00	
	Total Poppy Orders		\$3,800.00	808.02	Postage & Pay to Veterans	3,000.00	
450.02	Investment Income - Welfare	0.00		842.02	Department Payroll 25% from Welfare	14,720.00	
	Total Investment Income		\$0.00		Total Program Expense		\$64,970.00
430.08	From Reserve Fund		\$13,887.00		To Reserve Fund		
	TOTAL INCOME		\$63,957.00		TOTAL EXPENSE		\$63,957.00

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CONVENTION  
JUNE 22-25, 2023  
RESOLUTION**

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SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Assigned by Resolutions Committee)

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**Routing:** \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Convention Action:      Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

One "hard" copy, signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates, and an unsigned "soft or electronic" copy of all resolutions are to be forwarded to the Department Secretary before Convention if possible. Resolutions originating at Convention need to be written as a "hard" copy with two delegate signatures, and a "soft or electronic" copy forwarded to the Department Secretary as soon as possible so that discussion and vote may take place. (2013) Resolutions presented by the vote of a unit need to be signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates from the Unit and forwarded to the Department Secretary thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention for registration and classification and issuing to respective committees. A resolution which has not been presented through the proper channels will not be considered.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**Department of Arizona**

**DELEGATE / VOTING STRENGTH**

30 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION

5/23/23 paid into Department

Unit Name	Unit Number	Membership 2023	# Votes 2023	Additional Votes
LUKE - GREENWAY	1	118	9	
WILLIAM BLOYS	2	102	8	
MARK A. MOORE	3	58	6	
HENRY BERRY	4	49	6	
SOUTHERN MEADOWS	5	56	6	
ERNEST A. LOVE	6	236	NO VOTE	
MORGAN McDERMOTT	7	35	5	
FRED A. HUMPHREYS	8	38	6	
McCLELLAN-PARSONS	9	82	7	
ORGAN PIPE CACTUS	10	TURNED IN CHARTER		
FRED A. HILBURN	11	165	11	
KELLIS-DRAPER	12	185	11	
CORDOVA	13	49	6	
SWASKEGAME	14	129	9	
L.A.ENGLE, JR	16	72	7	
H.H. DONKERSLEY	19	211	12	
GOLDEN VALLEY	22	118	9	
ROY FOURR	24	418	21	
VERDE VALLEY	25	273	15	
PABLO J. CORTEZ	26	244	14	
APACHE	27	1708	72	
LLOYD C. HILL	28	103	8	
EARL E. MITCHELL	29	279	15	
JOHN H. SLAUGHTER	30	78	7	
GREER-DeWITT	31	TURNED IN CHARTER		
SWIFT - MURPHY	32	145	10	
FRANK W. WRIGHT	34	305	16	
MATHEW B. JUAN	35	299	16	
JOHN P. BURNS	36	253	14	
NAVAJO	37	50	NO VOTE	
MERRILL - MITCHELL	39	466	23	
BOBBY BISJAK	40	87	7	
TONY F SOZA - RAY MARTINEZ	41	305	16	
JOHN IVENS	42	23	5	
SIPE - PETERSON	44	321	17	

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**DELEGATE / VOTING STRENGTH**

<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Membership 2023</b>	<b># Votes 2023</b>	<b>Additional Votes</b>
VICENTE MANZO	45	51	6	
CHIC CHISOM	46	56	6	
HASKEL OSIFE ANTONE	51	63	7	
BILL CARMICHAEL	52	153	10	
HAZELTON - BUTLER	53	24	5	
WILLIAM DAVID HOOD	54	96	8	
FLOYD G. JEFFERSON	56	82	7	
ROBERT FULTON	57	33	NO VOTE	
FOUNTAIN HILLS	58	348	18	
COCIO - ESTRADA	59	152	NO VOTE	
CRANDALL - PALMER	61	192	12	
JOHN J. MORRIS	62	858	38	
AHWATUKEE	64	18	NEW UNIT -	NO VOTE
TRAVIS L WILLIAMS	65	332	17	
GREEN VALLEY	66	883	39	
WILLIAM D. AVILES SAHUARO	68	57	6	
TONTO RIM	69	120	9	
CASAS ADOBES	73	30	5	
WHITE MOUNTAIN WILLIAM HOUSE	76	26	5	
FRED "YAM" CAVALIERE	78	153	10	
TAYLOR - KEEHNER	79	127	9	
ROBERT A. ECKERT	81	622	29	
IRA H. HAYS	84	54	6	
JOHN D. WIBBY	86	306	16	
MOHAVE VALLEY	87	133	NO VOTE	
DOLAN SPRINGS	88	38	6	
BLACK CANYON CITY	90	51	6	
WAYNE V MCMARTIN	91	214	13	
DAVID C. JOHNSON	93	104	NO VOTE	
LOPEZ-HERNANDES	95	79	7	
JOE FOSS	97	29	5	
MEADVIEW	103	33	NO VOTE	
CHRISTOPHER J LAPKA	105	193	12	
IRVING B. SELMER	107	208	12	
GARY STREETER	108	37	5	

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**DELEGATE / VOTING STRENGTH**

Unit Name	Unit Number	Membership 2023	# Votes 2023	Additional Votes
McCULLOCH - WAGNER	109	349	18	
BUSHMASTERS	114	56	6	
DANIEL GUAJARDO FERNANDEZ	115	17	NEW UNIT -	NO VOTE
PAT TILLMAN	117	231	13	
CONRADO FRANCISCO BILDUCIA	124	23	5	
YOEM	125	14	5	
DUANE ELLSWORTH	129	20	5	
CPL. JOE McCARTHY	130	3	4	
MADERA	131	546	26	
ORO VALLEY	132	84	7	
BERNIE G. CROUSE	133	38	6	
LAVEEN	134	20	5	
DONALD C. THOMPSON	135	51	6	
YUCCA	136	15	NO VOTE	
JAMES WITKOWSKI	138	51	6	
PRESCOTT VALLEY	140	19	5	
COCHISE STRONGHOLD	141	17	5	

**TOTALS**

**83 ESTABLISHED UNITS + 2 NEW UNITS**

**Dept. officers, Dist. Pres., PDP's  
Units**

**Total Possible Votes: 37  
Total Possible Votes: 850**

From the call to Convention: "Each Unit shall be entitled to four (4) delegates and four (4) alternates and one (1) additional delegate and (1) alternate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, whose current Department and National dues have been paid and received by Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention.....

**UNITS NOT HAVING** their current District, Department, and National mandates paid (30) days prior to Department Convention shall not be entitled to vote. Delegates per capita, rehabilitation per capita, junior activities and bond fee must be received by close of business **MAY 23, 2023**.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Department of Arizona

**SUBJECT: Names and addresses of elected 2023-2024 UNIT OFFICERS**

**NOTE:** Since this mailing will be sent to the OUT-GOING OFFICERS, it is THEIR responsibility to send the requested information to the Headquarters Office. Even if you are REPEATING an office or if you have recently sent a list of officers, *it is necessary to complete and send in this form for the Department Directory.*

Please TYPE or PRINT

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting day/s \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Publish YES NO

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Publish YES NO

SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Publish YES NO

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Publish YES NO

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Publish YES NO

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Publish YES NO

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING CHAIRMAN (if different than Membership Chairman):

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSOR: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Publish YES NO

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Publish YES NO

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Department of Arizona  
4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

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DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

District Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting day/s \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT:	_____	ID#	_____		
Phone/Cell	_____	Work Phone	_____	Publish	YES NO
e-mail address	_____			Publish	YES NO

SECRETARY:	_____	ID#	_____		
Phone/Cell	_____	Work Phone	_____	Publish	YES NO
e-mail address	_____			Publish	YES NO

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:	_____	ID#	_____		
Phone/Cell	_____	Work Phone	_____	Publish	YES NO
e-mail address	_____			Publish	YES NO

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# **VETERANS Our Hometown Heroes**

**June 2023**

Greetings!

**MANDATES . . .** Several Units have not paid their Department mandates. Mandates must be paid 30 days before Convention. If your mandates are not paid, no Unit vote at Convention.

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION...**The registration form for Department Convention is on the Department website and Ring Your Bell. Refer to [azlegion.org](http://azlegion.org) for hotel information.

The Past Presidents Parley Luncheon flyer is also on the Department website. Hope to see many of you at the Luncheon.

**STATE VETERAN HOMES...**This is President Barbara's Special Project this year. Please identify the state home you would like your donation to go to. Phoenix, Tucson, Yuma, and Flagstaff. The Flagstaff home does not have an open date.

**FISHER HOUSE** There will be an update at Convention on where to send your donations for the Tucson Fisher House.

**POPPY...**Believe it or not, it's time to order poppies again. The deadline is September 30.

**MEMBERSHIP...** "REACHING TO OUR GOALS". Membership is everyone's job. The Legion Act has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru today. Thank you to EVERYONE who renewed, recruited or rejoined members. Vice President Rose has done an awesome job as your Membership Chairman this year.

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

## ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

**Standings Rule 7:** Any Unit or District not returning a trophy or plaque by the close of the Convention at which they are expected to return it, will be fined \$55. The fine will be payable at the time that the Unit or District pays any mandates for the new year and be reflected on the mandate list distributed in the August monthly mailing. This fine is still payable and nonrefundable even if the trophy or plaque is returned to Department at a later date or time. If the fine is not paid at least 30 days before the next ensuing Department Convention, the Unit or District will lose its vote at the next ensuing Department Convention. This will take effect at commencement of Convention 2022. (2021)

DIRECTORY UPDATES . . . None

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

If your unit wants to full access to ALAMIS, Units MUST email department requesting to be put on the ALAMIS class sign up. Be advised: classes are held the 2nd week of every month on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Be prepared now so you can take the class if your unit wants to.



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# VETERANS Our Hometown Heroes

**May 2023**

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District Presidents – Please follow-up with the Units in your District.

5, 6, 9, 16, 19, 30, 31, 37, 46, 57, 58, 59, 79, 87, 93, 97, 103, 105, 114, 130, 134, 136, 138, 140

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Past Presidents Parley...Information is forthcoming. Watch Ring Your Bell and the Department's website for

STATE VETERAN HOMES...This is President Barbara's Special Project this year. You need to identify the state home because there will be 4 very soon...Phoenix...Tucson...Yuma...and Flagstaff coming soon.

FISHER HOUSE ...You need to identify your Fisher House donation for Tucson or Phoenix starting now.

POPPY...Did you get your Poppy Order in? Just a FYI...We took them to FC and passed out. Those that were not picked up...are here in the office...you can come to Department and pick them up...we will ship some.

MEMBERSHIP... "REACHING TO OUR GOALS". Membership is everyone's job. Legion Act has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. The Department Goal this year is 14,700.

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DIRECTORY UPDATES . . . None

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# President's Message

June 2023

## VETERANS Our Hometown Heros

Where has the year gone?! My term will be ending ( 😞 ) in a few weeks. I have made so many memories over the last year.

Glenn (Sergeant Honey), Hero and I have traveled to both ends of Arizona. I have seen places I have never been to since moving to Arizona in 1981. We live in a BEAUTIFUL state.

A big thank you to Margaret Ellis, President's Special Project Chair, for traveling with me. She presented the PSP program and goals at the meetings we attended.

I have met many members of the American Legion Family and caught up with those I have met.

THANK YOU to everyone working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Without YOU, we cannot serve our veterans, military, our children and our communities.

It has been an honor serving the Department of Arizona as YOUR ALA president!

Hope to see many of you at Department Convention.

Have a safe summer, hope you can spend quality time with family and friends.



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President's Schedule		
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
January 2, 2023	Unit 27 Official Visit	Post 27
January 7, 2023	Department Open House	
January 8, 2023	District 3 Official Visit	Post 45
January 15, 2023	District 4 Official Visit	Post 54
January 17, 2023	Unit's 66 and 131 Official Visit	Post 131
January 21, 2023	District 8 Official Visit	Post 90
January 28, 2023	District 11 PPP	Post 62
February 3-5, 2023	Mission Training	Las Vegas
February 11, 2023	District 6 Official Visit	Post 86
February 16 - 19	National President's Visit	
February 26 - March 10, 2023	Sailing the Seven Seas	
March 11, 2023	District 12 Picnic	Desert Breeze Park
March 18, 2023	Birthday Ball and District 1 Meeting	Post 19
March 25-27, 2023	Car Show	Post 81
March 30 - April 2	SAL Campout	Patagonia State Park
April 8, 2023	Unit 2 Official Visit	Post 2
April 20, 2023	Unit 35 Award Banquet and Official Visit	Post 35
April 21 - 25, 2023	Personal	
April 27 - 30, 2023	Northern Run	
May 12 - 13, 2023	Personal	
June 2 - June 10	ALA AZ Girls State	UofA
<b>June 17, 2023</b>	<b>Homecoming (ALA President, TAL Commander, SAL Commander)</b>	<b>Founding Father's Chandler</b>
June 22-25	State Convention	Oro Valley
August 26-30	National Convention	Charlotte, NC

# **President's Message**

May 2023

## **VETERANS Our Hometown Heros**

THANK YOU to everyone who submitted year-end reports and narratives.! I can't wait to hear who won awards for submitting narratives.

I recently returned from the Northern Run. We visited Posts 6, 78, 40, 13, 42, 90, 3, 25, 93. I met veterans, heard about their time in the service, AND recruited new ALA members.

Everyone will be busy getting ready for Convention. I can't wait to see old friends and make new friends. If you have not met me, PLEASE come up and introduce yourself.

Everyone has worked extremely hard on fundraisers, membership, and the ALA programs. Without YOU we wouldn't be able to work the Mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Until next month . . . .

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## Cavalcade of Memories

June 2023

### “VETERANS Our Hometown Heroes”

Cavalcade has no narrative “President’s Plaque” unit that donates the highest during membership year to the cavalcade fund. The highest donation decides the winner.

Cavalcade has no narrative for “Per Capita Award” unit who raises the most funds donated per capita during the membership year monetary contribution will decide the winner of this award. All mandates must be paid for these two awards.

Any unit winning these awards 3 years shell retain the plaque will place similar plaque in circulation, retaining the award name and rules as stated. My report is in the book of report.

Paula Burgess

Cavalcade of Memories Chairman

## **Chaplain Report**

### **June 2023**

**Thank you** for the many year-end Chaplain reports submitted. They represent such hard work and kindness!

I was struck by the number of American Legion Family Memorial Services and Auxiliary Charter Drappings performed. Such sadness...and yet the promise of life everlasting. This prayer is an adaptation of a Lakota Prayer that I found comforting. I hope that you do as well.

It is dedicated to those we lost this past year and those who love and miss them.

Heavenly Father,

From You comes the sun which brings life to us all; we ask that You have the sun shine on our friends who have gone before us and bring new life to them, a life without the pain and sadness of the world; and to their families, bring Your sunshine for they also need Your light for their lives.

Lord, You bring us the storms from the south which brings the rain to nourish us. Be gentle when You fall on the souls of our dearly departed- and as the rain touches them, let it wash away any pain and sadness they carried with them.

Father, You take the sun from us and cradle it in Your arms and You bring darkness onto us so that we may sleep. When You bring eternal darkness to our loved ones, do so without the nightmares they may have endured. Let Your stars and moon shine on them and their families in a gentle manner; and as their families look at the stars, help them to see those stars as the spirits of their loved ones shining down upon them and know that they are at peace.

Supreme Commander, You have ridden alongside our warriors into battle, You have felt their love and caring; ride alongside them now, for now they may be in their hardest battle, the battle for inner eternal peace.

May Your songs of the winds and clouds sweep the pain and sadness out of their family's hearts; and as they hear those songs, let them know that the spirits--that are with those songs, are at peace.

From You all life has sprung. When our family members come to You, cradle them gently in Your arms and allow them to join their friends in everlasting peace. If they want to hurry themselves to You, tell them they are not yet ready; that they must wait and pass peace onto others.

We ask this in Your name. Amen.

**Please bring prayers for President Barbara's Prayer Book to Convention!!!**

If you know if anyone who would benefit from a card or phone call from the Department of Arizona, please let me know: Marge Christianson, Chaplain, [alaunit62az@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit62az@gmail.com),  
(763) 234-9852 (call or text)





American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona  
Children and Youth Program  
June 2023

What a great year we have had. There have been so many new and innovative ideas put into action in support of our Children and Youth Program. From parties and celebrations, educational classes, donation drives, awards banquets and community service events, our units have been very busy. From the 28 units who reported so far, we have served over 20,000 children and youth.

With the new year approaching, please continue to take advantage of the available resources to educate and honor our children and youth that can be located at [ALAforVeterans.org](http://ALAforVeterans.org). Information, ideas, nomination forms and instructions are available for The Youth Hero and Good Deed awards, the Youth Caregiver Certificate of Appreciation, Hero stickers, coloring books, Star Spangled Kids, Josh Dogs and ceremony instructions.

Some of our unit program chairmen will be changing starting in July. Please pass on any information and ideas to our new members to make the transition as smooth as possible. Also, remember to keep track of all hours and dollars spent. 2023/2024 totals will be due before you know it. 😊

Please continue to publish your Children and Youth events and fund raisers on Ring your Bell. This is a great way to show our support for our future Auxiliary members but also share ideas with all units.

Two of my favorite quotes regarding children:

- "Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear."
- "If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children."

# Community Service

## June 2023

### **“VETERANS -- Our Hometown Heroes”**

This chairman received 33 reports from the 85 Arizona units for 38.3% reporting. Also received were 12 narratives for the four Department awards.

As mentioned last month, if you haven't already started in May, begin working on your community service projects for the 2023-2024 year.

Best wishes to all, and good luck to those who turned in narratives. For those Units that were awarded plaques at the 2022 convention, **please be sure to return them** so that this year's winners can receive their award.

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## Education June, 2023



I wish to express my thanks to all the Units who participated in the Education Program this year, especially those who took the time to turn in a report and/or narrative. I look forward to recognizing some of your Units for their hard work at the Department Convention in June.

As the Auxiliary year comes to a close, please continue to keep the Education Program in mind. The future success of our schools and children depends on you.

Hopefully, we have all helped National achieve their goals for this year:

1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.
2. Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships, and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.
3. Build a relationship with your local schools — focus attention on “Give 10 to Education,” American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.
4. Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.
5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

Thank you all for everything you have done to make my year as Chairman of the Education Program a success.

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

*Julie Vietri*

Julie Vietri, Chairman

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## **Finance**

**June 2023**

**Thank you for all that you do to stay in compliance with your Financial Requirements.**

**Do take time to organize your Finances:**

- **Review your program expenses, general expenses, expected income to set up a workable budget for 2023-2024.**
- **Make time to set up a Budget Committee to finalize your Budget for next year.**
- **Set up an Audit Committee and complete that all important budget.**

**Look forward to seeing all of you at Department Convention and remember to visit the Raffle Table located at the back of the Meeting Room.**

**Do you have questions or comments; if so, please reach out to this Chairman for help.**

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**Jennie Molina, NEC**

**Barbara Matteson, Sec/Treas. (no vote)**

# HISTORY

June 2023

“The past actually happened; history is only what someone wrote down.”

-A. Whitney Brown, humorist

“Change is the Law of Life and those who look only to the Past or Present, are certain to miss the future!” - John F. Kennedy

“The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress.”

-Charles Kettering, American Inventor

History is always in motion and is made daily, sometimes it is within reach and oftentimes very distanced from us.

Reflect on the American Legion Auxiliary, where we began, where we have been going, and where we are today, what has transpired in 103 years? From different choices of clothes, vehicles, music, candy bars, sodas, the world and the changes in TAL and ALA.

The traditional emblem has remained a fixture during our 103 years of service, there is now new brand marks, new logos, technology that helps with resources for ALA programs, social media is being used starting at the National level down to the unit level, we need to climb on board, or we will miss the future progress.

Our history will be made again at the Department with new leaders being installed at the June Convention and new chairmanships. So let us all remember why we joined this great organization of the American Legion Auxiliary. “FOR SERVICE, NOT SELF”

Every member is a “Hometown Hero” because each of you gives of your time in your communities, for children, for the elderly and especially for our Veterans.

Thank you to all the Units and Districts that took the time to send me your minutes from your meetings.

For God and Country

Dolores Chavez, Historian-Dept. of Arizona 2022-2023

# Legislative

## June 2023

Greetings Members,

Your Year-End reports were due to the Department Chairmen on or before May 1st, 2023. As of the writing of this bulletin, I have received 23 reports. Thank you to those Units that have sent in reports. I sent in my report to National and Department on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as well as my Book of Reports narrative that will be included in the Book of Reports at Convention.

Currently there are seven bills that affect veterans and their dependents in both the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate that have a 50% or better prognosis of being enacted. The following are the seven bills.

1) H.R. 1529: Veterans' Compensation Cost-of Living Adjustment Act of 2023

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2023, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes. Introduced on Mar 10, 2023, and Order Reported on Apr 28, 2023.

2) S. 777: Veterans' COLA Act of 2023

A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2023, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes. Introduced on Mar 14, 2023 and Passed Senate on Mar 30, 2023.

3) S. 10: VA Clinician Appreciation, Recruitment, Education, Expansion, and Retention Support (CAREERS)

A bill to improve the workforce of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Introduced on Jan 23, 2023, and Order Reported on Feb 16, 2023.

4) H.R. 1639: VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2023

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Zero Suicide Initiative pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on March 17, 2023. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.

Other activity may have occurred on another bill with identical or similar provisions.

5) H.R. 608: To terminate the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This bill is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on January 27, 2023. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.

Other activity may have occurred on another bill with identical or similar provisions.

6) H.R. 1609: Survivor Benefits Fairness Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust the effective date of certain reductions and discontinuances of compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, and pension under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. This bill is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on March 14, 2023. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.

Other activity may have occurred on another bill with identical or similar provisions.

7) H.R. 678: Restoring Military Focus Act

To eliminate the position of the Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes. This bill is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on January 31, 2023. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.

Other activity may have occurred on another bill with identical or similar provisions.

Thank you all for a great year and see you at Convention!!

For God and Country,

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# MEMBERSHIP

## JUNE 2023

WOO HOO!!!!!!!!!!

As I am writing this we are at 103.60% and have 14.668 current members in the Dept. of Arizona. WAY TO WORK MEMBERSHIP!!!

47 units are at 100% or more. I am so happy about this. Now we can't let off the gas yet, we have until 30 days before National Convention to beat New Mexico and Florida. WE CAN DO IT.

Please send me your continuous members names and years of service. PLEASE make it a 40,45,50,55 etc. no odd years, I can't make certificates for those.

See you all at Convention in Oro Valley

For God and Country

Rose



2023 Membership Year  
May 17, 2023  
**Numeric Goal Report**

Central Division			
Department of	Total Membership	2023 Num. Goal	% of Num. Goal
Michigan	26,978	26,514	101.75%
Ohio	33,352	34,732	96.03%
Indiana	38,571	40,422	95.42%
West Virginia	4,489	4,935	90.96%
Wisconsin	16,124	18,242	88.39%
Iowa	17,575	19,940	88.14%
Illinois	19,238	22,065	87.19%
Kansas	8,636	10,155	85.04%
Missouri	7,813	9,280	84.19%
	172,776	186,285	92.75%

Western Division			
Department of	Total Membership	2023 Num. Goal	% of Num. Goal
New Mexico	3,267	3,046	107.26%
Arizona	14,668	14,158	103.60%
Alaska	2,502	2,423	103.26%
California	17,650	18,177	97.10%
Idaho	1,548	1,679	92.20%
Oregon	3,839	4,167	92.13%
Washington	5,080	5,555	91.45%
Hawaii	100	113	88.50%
Nevada	502	590	85.08%
Utah	1,097	1,348	81.38%
	50,253	51,256	98.04%

Eastern Division			
Department of	Total Membership	2023 Num. Goal	% of Num. Goal
Dist of Columbia	176	173	101.73%
Maryland	18,466	18,370	100.52%
Delaware	3,596	3,581	100.42%
New Hampshire	7,101	7,117	99.78%
Pennsylvania	56,712	57,270	99.03%
Vermont	5,502	5,672	97.00%
New Jersey	8,383	8,753	95.77%
New York	34,843	36,948	94.30%
Maine	5,843	6,345	92.09%
Rhode Island	666	740	90.00%
Massachusetts	4,819	5,384	89.51%
Connecticut	3,057	3,494	87.49%
	149,164	153,847	96.96%

Southern Division			
Department of	Total Membership	2023 Num. Goal	% of Num. Goal
Florida	41,891	38,936	107.59%
Virginia	6,073	6,127	99.12%
North Carolina	5,859	5,981	97.96%
Texas	13,383	14,051	95.25%
South Carolina	3,730	3,929	94.94%
Georgia	5,683	6,221	91.35%
Tennessee	3,410	3,758	90.74%
Alabama	3,559	3,977	89.49%
Puerto Rico	568	646	87.93%
Kentucky	3,998	4,566	87.56%
Arkansas	1,768	2,036	86.84%
Louisiana	3,729	4,322	86.28%
Mississippi	1,930	2,296	84.06%
Oklahoma	2,712	3,258	83.24%
	98,293	100,104	98.19%

Northwestern Division			
Department of	Total Membership	2023 Num. Goal	% of Num. Goal
Colorado	4,262	4,390	97.08%
Wyoming	2,434	2,724	89.35%
South Dakota	9,005	10,092	89.23%
Nebraska	15,048	17,091	88.05%
Minnesota	25,348	28,957	87.54%
Montana	2,622	2,997	87.49%
North Dakota	7,089	8,241	86.02%
	65,808	74,492	88.34%



**June 2023**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**Department of Arizona**  
**MUSIC REPORT 2023**

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Greetings Melomanos ("music lovers"),

I hope you're finding ways to promote music within your Unit and Post. I promote music every month and everyday. Please continue to promote music within your Unit and Post. Let's get the love of music out to everyone. Let's do this together. Use your imagination and spread the love of music and our Country. Together, we've got the music in us!. Turn other people on to music.

State Convention is approaching the end of June. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. I believe the choir will enjoy singing the music choices I've choose for the Memorial Service and the attendees will enjoy their enthusiasm. There will be a few surprises in store. Please encourage your members to participate singing in the choir. With so many voices we can really spread the love of music.

Year-end reports were due by May 1, 2023. I received some encouraging reports and some that are worthy of awards. I'm looking forward to presenting those award at Convention the end of June.

See you at Convention!!!

"It's almost charity work, what people have done, turning other people on to my music."  
John Mayer

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

Alma Mattingly, Department Music Chairman

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New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

June 2023

See you at Convention!!!!

New Charter & Baby Time!!!

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## POPPY June 2023

Thank you everyone for all the work you have done this past year. Never under estimate the value of the time and effort you put into the Poppy program. Regardless if a veteran's family needs a little or a lot, what ever you do for them matters. Whatever they are experiencing, you give relief and hope that it will get better. So, poppy on.

I thought I'd give you a few highlights of the reports you sent. Of our 87 Units, 35 reported. A special shout out to Roger Munchbachs of Post 124 (TAL) for making 15,000 Poppies over the year. Unit 45 had 2 members that made total of 1200. The 3 most unusual items are Unit # 65 did Poppy donation collection at the same time as her Girl Scouts Troop cookie sales. Unit # 14 gave a few hair cuts. Unit # 86 made 100 hygiene bags for homeless veterans that live in the forests in their area. The 2 Units with the highest dollar amount donations collected are Unit # 132 at \$10,750.00 and Unit # 62 at \$9,566.00. Congratulations to all, well done.

ALA National sends Dept.Chairman a bulletin with a variety of information. Hope this is useful to you. It was submitted by Northwestern Division Poppy Chairman, Sandy Fredrickson.

The other day I heard the song by Johnny Cash—"Ragged Old Flag". It made me think of our POPPIES and how we should be using them to promote the program along with Americanism and Patriotism! How else will our children and youth ever be aware of what our country stands for? America is free because of our brave!!

Here are the lyrics of the song:

I walked through a county courthouse square  
On a park bench, an old man was sitting there  
I said "Your old court house is kind of run down"  
He said "Naw, it'll do for our little town"  
I said "Your old flag pole is leaned a little bit"  
And that's a ragged old flag you got hanging on it  
He said "Have a seat", and I sat down  
Is this the first time you've been to our little town?"  
I said "I think it is"  
He said "I don't like to brag, but we kind of proud of  
That Ragged Old Flag  
You see, we got a little hole in that flag there  
When Washington took it across the Delaware  
And It got powder burned the night Francis Scott Key sat watching it  
Writing Say Can You See  
It got a rip in New Orleans, with Packingham & Jackson  
Tugging at its seams  
And It almost fell at the Alamo  
Beside the Texas flag  
But she waved on though  
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville  
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill

There was Robert E. Lee and Beauregard and Bragg  
And the south wind blew hard on  
That Ragged Old Flag  
She got a big hole from a Bertha Gun  
She turned blood red in World War II  
She hung limp, and low, a time or two  
She was in Korea, Vietnam, She went where she was sent  
By her Uncle Sam  
She waved from our ships upon the briny foam  
And now they've about quit waving back here at home  
In her own good land here She's been abused  
She's been burned, dishonored, denied an' refused  
And the government for which she stands  
Has been scandalized throughout out the land  
And she's getting thread bare, and she's wearing thin  
But she's in good shape, for the shape she's in  
Because she's been through the fire before  
And I believe she can take a whole lot more"  
[Outro]  
So we raise her up every morning  
And we bring her down slow every night  
We don't let her touch the ground  
And we fold her up right  
On second thought  
I do like to brag  
Because I'm mighty proud of  
That Ragged Old Flag

This is an oldie but goody song. I always liked Johnny Cash

Awards will handed out at Conference. Hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful summer and be careful of the monsoon storms !

For God and Country,

Julie Ross

Az. Dept.Chairman 2022-2023

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VA & R

June 2023

Greetings fellow members,

This is the last bulletin for this VA&R Chairman and I would like to thank each and every member for their hard work and dedication. Always remember our mission:

**"In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."**

I will say that the Units of the Department of Arizona worked very hard this year to work the VA&R program. Here are some highlights:

<b><u># of Veterans Served</u></b>	<b><u># of Volunteer Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Donations</u></b>
24,058	100,203	\$251,167.38

That is A LOT of hard work on the part the members. I can only imagine if all Units had reported; this chairman received only 31 reports (of 86 Units). We all get busy and distracted but your report makes a big impact. The numbers reported by the American Legion Auxiliary are included in the reports the American Legion takes to Congress each year to fight for Veteran causes. Your work is important so take pride in what you do.

Thank you again for all that you do! I look forward to seeing you all at Convention. Take care and be safe!

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry

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# Service to Veterans

***June 2023***

*"Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul." ~Michel De Montaigne*

Hello ALA members,

**I need your HELP!!!!**

We are currently getting the Service To Veterans program reorganized. I currently do not have a list of members that have received their first 50 hour pin. This first pin needs to be purchased by the unit and given to said member for me to give out the other hour bars. If you need to purchase the starter pin, it is \$26.00 and can be ordered thru Dept. Please send recipients name and membership number along with the check.

From Department Policy and procedures:

*The Department Chairman is responsible for adding the number of hours served in the current year to any previously earned hours so the permanent record of each person shows the rewarding of pins and bars or the hours necessary for a pin or bar. The Unit or individual is responsible for the cost of the pin, but they are ordered through Department Headquarters, consequently the money should be sent to Department Headquarters. The individual report forms must be turned in to the Department Chairman with any request for Service to Veterans pins or bars. Volunteers are recognized with bars when specific hour milestones are reached: 50, 100, 300, 500, and 1,000.*

Please send me names of those that have their 50hr starter pin so I can continue to update files and give out hour bars for 100, 300, 500, 1000, etc.

I really want to make sure everyone gets credit for their hours served! Thank you so much for your help and support!!

Upcoming dates to remember; June 6th, D-Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day and the Army birthday.

I look forward to seeing you at Convention next month!

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## Service to Veterans Member Monthly Log Form

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## Service to Veterans Unit Monthly Log Form

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_

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American Legion Auxiliary VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
3-31-23

The American Legion Auxiliary has been asked to do two events in April. We're very excited about this. The ALA will be hosting events on April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> for Polytrauma and the Director's office. Thank you Dawn Davidson for your help with these activities..

Ward W2 (Dementia Ward) in Building 60 is currently seeking twin size blankets for their patients. They request that the blankets be different colors/patterns so each patient will recognize their personal blanket. Thank you Unit 8 & Unit 66 for your generous donation. They are also requesting clothing donations (sweatshirts and sweatpants all sizes especially size small in "girly" colors for the two female Veterans, socks and shoes men's sizes 9 and above). Many of the Veterans they serve come in with no clothing. Got to actually visit Ward W2 to see a Veteran that I know personally and deliver a robotic cat for his comfort during March.

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

Patriot Pantry is up and running at is currently supporting 40 to 50 Veterans with food insecurities. The current monthly cost for this program is estimated at \$1,000. VA funds can now be used to purchase the food and different donors are shopping and delivering the items to SAVAHCS. Our new Deputy Representative Dawn Davidson and I had a wonderful time shopping for and delivering the second donation from the American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you to Units 66, 109, 131 and 132 for their generous contributions to this program.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 is \$8,450.94. Thank you to Units 66 & 131 for their generous donations. Through their help, we were able to support the Wheelchair Games, the Community Gardens program, the Patriot Pantry and the Gathering of American Indian Veterans program.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 is \$16,944.23. Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Eight registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 is 873. We have on-boarded two new volunteers whose hours will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary.

This chairman has volunteered 1563 hours and logged 1,680 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of March 31, 2023. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was re-elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 12, 2021. This chairman has been elected to fill a three year term on the VAVS Executive Committee. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. This chairman worked with all Units to provide beverages and snacks for staff, patients and volunteers who were manning the COVID-19 vaccination sites. 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 actively supporting the Patriot Pantry at SAVAHCS. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. National Veterans Creative Arts Festival was held September 14 & 15, 2022 and this chairman participated both days. Annual Joint Review was completed December 8, 2022. VAVS Committee voted to fully fund transportation for the gold medal winners from NVCA at SAVAHCS on February 1, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative



## VAVS

### BOB STUMP NORTHERN ARIZONA VETERANS HEALTH CARE CENTER

Greeting from up North! As of last week there were no reported covid cases at the VA! Masks are still required when visiting patients but otherwise we are mask free.

We continue with bingo but all volunteers have to be tested for covid prior to entering and if one tests positive the game is off! Not a problem this last time.

Our great volunteers are the heart and soul of the VA. They really appreciate all our time and efforts.

A big thank you to Trish Alljets for all her amazing assistance this past year.

The following list of hours is for 2022/23:

Total of all RS hours	236.75
Total occasional hours	0
Total All Hours	236.75
Total Monetary donation	\$2,495.00

May you all have a joyful and productive convention.

God bless all,

Juanita Moffitt

VAVS Representative

# **AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX**

## **June 2023**

Hello Everyone,

WOW, can you all believe it is already June? Where did this last year go? Convention is a few weeks away. Madam President Barbara White will be closing this chapter of her life and moving on to the next one – and in the blink of an eye – our next Department President will be stepping into the office.

I would like to take this moment in time to say Thank You Madam President. It has truly been an honor to serve our Veterans at the AZ State Veterans Home in Phoenix during your administration. I cannot express the gratitude I have for your confidence in me to represent you in this capacity. VA&R / Service to Veterans has always been “my thing” and you allowed me the privilege to do so on such another level in the position of Chair of this program.

Before this year ends, I still need to send out June and July birthdays so that no one is forgotten in the midst of year end changes. I also want to remind everyone that even though convention and year end are rapidly approaching, so is Independence Day, so please don't forget to send out cards to our beloved resident Veterans thanking them for serving and helping to keep this nation free. They love hearing from all of you.

As usual, June and July birthdays are listed below. Please mail them in one large envelope to the AZ State Veterans Home c/o Brittany Tashner, Rec Therapy Director at 4141 S. Herrera Way, Phoenix AZ 85012.

June:

3- Dan C. 9- Alan Z. 15- Tom Bur. 19- Herald P. 24- Colleen C.

July:

4- Ken S. 16- William H. 20- Dustin M. 31- Jerry D. 31- Raymond J.

THANK YOU ALL. Your dedication to our Veterans is greatly appreciated.  
For God and Country,

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