

# HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE

November 2017

**FALL CONFERENCE is here...**Are you going to meet the Western Division National Vice President?

**GIFT SHOPS....**Have you made your donation?...They are at the end of this month and many units have not sent in donations.

**JUNIOR...**Did your Juniors attend the Fall Retreat at Post 29? National Junior Meeting is February....see flyer in this packet...you must register online with National....see flyer in this packet.

**POPPY ORDERS...**Some have been delivered, some are to be picked up and some will be delivered at Fall Conference. No further orders will be accepted. The deadline was September 30<sup>th</sup>, same date every year.

**MISSION TRAINING...**National training is in Las Vegas see flyer in this packet...you must register online with National yourself...see flyer in this packet.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT...**her official visit is in March... watch for details.

**IMPACT REPORT...**These will be in your mail box at Fall Conference...look at them...learn what you need to do...track and report.

## **DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...**

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**MEMBERSHIP...** “WE CAN-CAN increase membership, YES WE CAN”. SO...did all of you get membership in so that we can get the \$1,000 from National? AWESOME...I think you earned the \$1,000!! Thank you thank you.

Membership is everyone’s job. You need to share any membership information you receive in the monthly packet, at Fall Conference and anytime during the year. It appears that some the membership processors are asleep at the wheel and continue to make the same mistakes.

**REPEAT...ALAMIS ACCESS...**the information that you see on this system is confidential. **Do not share your password with other members of your unit, department, or district/division. Notify your Department if you need a new ALA MIS account.** If you do not abide by the rules set by National you will lose access to the system Per National.

**Everyone...**

**We encourage you to work hard and watch deadlines...it takes both to be a winner and make membership meaningful.**

**“High Heels & Spurs**

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**American Legion Auxiliary  
High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans  
President's Message**

**November 2017**

**Fall is in the air! Hopefully, you are ready to kick your heels at Fall Conference in the next couple of days and absorb all the knowledge! And do share the information with members in your Unit!**

**Veterans Day is around the corner and hopefully you will acknowledge and celebrate their service. It is because of them that we enjoy our freedoms that we so cherish. Whether you live in rural Arizona or in the City, stop and remember why we dedicate ourselves to our Mission Statement:**

**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, monitor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.**

**As Auxiliary members with our High Heels we will Spur our Programs to promote our Mission, yesterday, today and tomorrow!**

**Thank you District 4, District 8, District 5, Unit 66 and Unit 131 for the hospitality extended during my official visits. You are near and dear to my heart as you continue your work! Wow! You are simply amazing!**

**And do remember to send invitations to your Unit or District by either MAIL at: 15606 South Gilbert Road, Lot 103, Chandler, AZ 85225 or EMAIL to [yodobo@msn.com](mailto:yodobo@msn.com)**

**High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,**

**Yolanda Bonilla  
ALA Department President  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>
July 2, 2017	Visit Goodwin Fire Location	Mayer, Arizona, Post 78
July 8, 2017	Chairman/Officer Workshop - 8 to noon	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
July 9, 2017	Visit District 11	Phoenix, AZ Post 1
July 11, 2017	Lunch - Honor Auxiliary Member at Birthday	Safford, AZ Post 32
July 8, 2017	District 3 Membership Meeting	Sierra Vista, AZ
July 21, 2017	Memorial Service for Pappy Patton	Grand Canyon, AZ
July 22-23, 2017	State American Legion Baseball Finals	Tucson & Casa Grande AZ
August 5 2017	Mission Training Instructor Class	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
August 12, 2017	Mission Training at Unit 41	Phoenix, AZ, Post 41
August 18-24, 2017	ALA National Convention	Reno, NV
September 16, 2017	Stratgeic Planning Meeting	Phoenix, AZ, Department Headquarters
Septembber 17, 2017	District 4 Official Visit	Coolidge, AZ Post 54
September 22-24, 2017	Stand Down - Frontier Village	Prescott, AZ
September 25, 2017	Meeting at VA	Prescott, AZ
September 30, 2017	District 8 Picnic	Goldwater Lake, Prescott, AZ
October 17, 2017	Unit 66 Official Visit	Green Valley, AZ Post 66
October 18, 2017	Unit 131 Official Visit	Green Valley, AZ Post 131
October 27 - 28, 2017	District 5 Official Visit	Safford, AZ, Post 32
November 3-5, 2017	Fall Conference	Doubletree Inn, Tucson, AZ
November 11, 2017	Veterans Day Parade	Tucson, AZ
November 18, 2017	Girls State Dinner	Tempe, AZ, Post 2
November 19, 2017	District 12 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
December 4. 2017	VA Gift Shop	Phoenix, AZ
December 6, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Tucson, AZ
December 7, 2017	Pearl Harbor Day	Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix
Decembre 9, 2017	District 6 Official Visit	Snowflake, AZ Post 126
Decmber 13, 2017	Unit 39 Official Visit	Gilbert, AZ, Post 39
January 6, 2018	Department Open House	Department Headquarters, Phoenix, AZ
January 14, 2018	District 3 Official Visit	Tombstone, AZ, Post 24
January 21, 2018	District 2 Official Visit	Tucson, AZ, Post 36
January 27, 2018	National Security/Children & Youth workshop	Phoenix, AZ, Post 1
February 2-3, 2018	Mission Training	Las Vegas, NV
February 5, 2018	Unit 27 Official Visit	Apache Junction, AZ, Post 27
February 24, 2018	Ira H. Hayes Parade	Sacaton, AZ, Post 84
February 25-28, 2018	Washington Conference	Washington DC
March 8-10, 2018	National President Visit	Tucson, AZ
March 17-15, 2018	District 1 Birthday Dinner & District 1 Official Visit	Yuma AZ, Post 19
April 19, 2018	Unit 35 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35

American Legion Auxiliary  
High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans  
Auxiliary Emergency Fund  
November 2017

Help ALA members impacted by hurricanes, fires

As the catastrophic damage from recent hurricanes and wildfires are assessed, many are facing a very long recovery effort. American Legion Auxiliary members affected by these natural disasters desperately need our help.

ALA members selflessly serve veterans and military families in need. But when the need strikes home, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is available to grant ALA members temporary emergency assistance. Members helping members is what the AEF is all about.

The above paragraphs were taken from the October 27 ALA eNews letter. If you haven't signed up to receive it you can at the National Website. Lots of info in this and is delivered to your inbox every month.

November is Membership month and the slogan is Arizona Can Can get members! Work with getting new members and renewing members while holding a fund raiser for your Unit and the AEF. Some suggestions are hold a membership drive at your Unit Post home or a public area such as a shopping mall or restaurant. Have grab bags on the table for sale for \$1 to \$2 with small prizes in them. Use half the cash earned for one of your Unit's Projects and half to AEF

Remember to send in the donations as you have them. The National fund needs the currency now.

Look for the AEF packet at Fall Conference. It will contain information and requirements for reports.

Linda Ruyle AEF Chairman

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## Chaplain

**November 2017**

*It is not too early to start sending your prayers, inspiration poems/quotes, favorite scriptures or anything inspirational to me for President Yolanda's prayer book. You can email or snail mail them to me.*

If you attended Fall Conference I hope you enjoyed it and learned a lot!

November is upon us which brings the Holiday Season. Please keep in mind those in need during the holidays. Can your Unit or Post Family help them make it through the Holidays.

Continue to keep in your prayers those effected by the hurricanes and those affected by the shootings in Las Vegas.

***If you would like a card sent to someone, please email or call me. Thank you to those who have contacted me to send out a card. ☺***

### Upcoming Religious Holidays for November

- 1 All Saints Day - **Christian**  
Samhain - Beltane \* **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and Southern hemispheres
- 2 All Souls Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 4 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib - **Sikh**
- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah \* - **Baha'i**
- 15 Nativity Fast begins - ends Dec. 24 - **Orthodox Christian**
- 23 Thanksgiving- **Interfaith USA**
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur - **Sikh**
- 26 Christ the King - **Christian**  
Day of the Covenant \* - **Baha'i**
- 28 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha \* - **Baha'i**
- 30 St. Andrew's Day - **Christian**

Instead of making a quick decision, step back, take a deep breath, and talk to God.

Pastor Rick's Daily Hope

High Heels & Spurs In Service to Veterans

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## CREATIVE ARTS

NOVEMBER 2017

It is time to get your fundraisers planned and going if you want your donations to go to your V.A. local festivals in February. If you do not specify a facility, your donation will go to the National Creative Arts Festival. Of course you can always donate money anytime.

Now is a great time to hold a craft fair with Christmas goodies and handmade gifts. Hold a Post Creative Arts Festival and invite members to enter their creative talents. Hold a USO Show with music, dance, and comedy entertainment. If you don't get a lot of in-Post participation, have a No-Bake Sale. To do this, send out an invitation for members to donate what they would spend if they were baking an item for a bake sale. I know Units come up with some really neat fundraising ideas, let me hear from you what you are doing.

Encourage veterans in your community to participate through the Recreational Therapy Department of their VA facilities. Many times it's that veteran who says they don't have an artistic bone in their body who wins a blue ribbon! For Phoenix, veterans may contact the Recreation Therapy Staff at 602-277-5551, ext. 7250. Veterans must be enrolled in the V.A. Healthcare system to participate.

Your Department Creative Arts Team:

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS**

**November, 2017**

Fall conference is just around the corner. There will be a packet with information for each Units Children and Youth Chairman and a Mid -year report Form. Please send to me by 12/15/17. If you need a form, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Ideas for the Holidays:**

Remember National Family Week – November 19-25, 2017. This week is designed to build community connections and honor those who strengthen families through local events and activities. Perhaps you can take time just to be with children, giving them a smile and hug. Have a movie marathon; a sports carnival; a game night with your family or block party that would include community activities.

Adopt military families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Many families need assistance

Clothing drives to help families and children

Canned food drive for families with Juniors assisting with shopping, collection, sorting and delivery.

Plan activities at your post to benefit families

Bake holiday treats with Juniors to give to Veterans and their families

Sponsor a toy drive to provide toys for military families and our community families

MARK YOUR CALENDER:

MID-YEAR REPORT DUE: DECEMBER 15,2017

Children & Youth and National Security Workshop: JANUARY 27, 2018

Have A Wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving

Shirley Cannon -Johnson - Chairman  
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Committee Members  
Stacy Mayberry  
Linda Wheeler-Williams





## **SAVE THE DATE**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
CHILDREN & YOUTH  
NATIONAL SECURITY WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 2018**

LUKE GREENWAY POST 1

364 N. 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**JOIN US FOR INFORMATIVE AND SHARING OF IDEAS  
FOR YOUR PROGRAMS**

**RSVP by January 19, 2018 TO:**

Shirley Cannon-Johnson (C&Y Chairman) - 602-689-4925

Ms. Jan Cushing ( NEC) - 623-544-0797

Thank you



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Department of Arizona

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**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS” IN SERVICE TO VETERANS  
MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**November 2017**

*How did you do with our goal that by **October 1, 2017** every Unit needed to have submitted membership to Department so that we CAN receive our \$1,000.00 from National. **YOU DID IT LADIES!!! WE WILL BE RECEIVING OUR BONUS FROM NATIONAL.** Every Unit will receive their portion via voucher.*

*How did you do with our goal that by **October 11, 2017** your Unit make the target to reach 60%? **Congratulations to Unit 132 Oro Valley for reaching 66.67% and Unit 135 Cornville for reaching 60.66%.***

*Next goal is 85% by **January 11, 2018.** Sound far away? Not really, it will be here before you know it. So, ladies please keep up the “Can-Can” theme in submitting your membership to department?*

Fall Conference is only weeks away, **SO...District Vice Presidents**, have you created some sort of chart showing your Units progress? I am asking all ten Districts to bring your chart to Fall Conference so you can share with everyone how you are doing.

More exciting news to come, hope to see you on November 4<sup>th</sup> to share some more surprises!!

***Are we continuing to increase membership? Yes, we CAN-CAN!!!!***

**WHAT’S MOST IMPORTANT?**

**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY**

For more information about membership, please go to [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) and link on “members only” and click on Membership Program Action Plan.

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## Soaring to New Heights in Membership Trophy Rules of Award Process

### General:

Recruiting events submitted by the Post must reflect an all time high of acquired members for any one event in the community. The event **MUST** be held away from the Post home. If a Post shows interest in this contest - Thinking outside of the Box, means that the Post must work the program in their community and not in their Post home. The goal is to promote our Posts in our communities; membership will come.

The 2018 National Commander Denise Rohan stated, "We need to work as a Family." The easiest successes come by relying upon all of the Post Family Entities. If a Rider Chapter member is not present, please remember to notify the Post's Rider Officers of new prospects for their program.

### Eligibility:

Eligibility is open to all American Legion Family Entities to achieve the award for the Post Family.

A member of the Department Membership Committee should be in attendance at the event to verify the number of members gained were joined at the event. These officers are listed in the Department Directory; i.e., District Commander or others.

The latest event eligible is not later than 30 days prior to Department to allow time for reports to arrive to Department for New Member enrollment and event confirmations.

### Deadline:

Event closing is Not later than 30 days prior to Department Convention Opening day. The Post which has recruited the highest quantity of members in ONE event by even one member higher than all other Posts is awarded the Soaring to New Heights Trophy for one full year. A Post may conduct as many events as desired to achieve the highest submission.

### Process:

1. Plan the event. Request the presence of Department Membership Committee. Conduct the event.  
*Suggestion: Assign one team to manage all the actual new member sign-ups and dues collection. This way, the other event volunteers can focus on making the event a great experience and if a visitor decides to inquire about membership, they can be directed to the sign-up team for closing the deal.*
2. Complete the Entry Form below. Make a copy of the entry form for future Post use. Submit the fully completed form to Department Headquarters through regular channels, confirming receipt as a practice.
3. When filling out the Entry Form have Department Membership Committee verify the event on the form. Invite him/her to participate at the event. Let him/her note the exact date of the event and which members of the Legion Family gave support.
4. Remember to use information on your Consolidated Post Report. (CPR)
5. This trophy will migrate to the next year's awarded Post. Any Post that wins the trophy for three consecutive years is invited to keep the Trophy. A new similar trophy will enter into its place, purchased by the "three-peat" awarded Post.

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### Soaring to New Heights in Membership Trophy Entry Form

*MUST WORK event OUTSIDE the Post Home. For best effect WORK with the Post's entire Legion family.*

*Notify your District Commander/President BEFORE hosting event:*

Verification of event name, location, date and time (Required). NLT 30 Prior to Department Convention

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Name of Commander/President \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Funds spent on Event \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hours working Event \_\_\_\_\_

Miles Traveled to Community Event \_\_\_\_\_ Total in attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
*(approximate)*

Total signed up THIS DATE: Legion \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Sons \_\_\_\_\_

*Dead line to submit: NOT LATER THAN 25 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.*





AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018

***Are we going to increase membership? Yes, we CAN-CAN!!!!***

**HOW?**

- Sign up at least one new Auxiliary Member
- Sign up at least one new Junior Member
- Sign up a Female Veteran

**WHEN?**

- 60% by October 11, 2017
- 85% by January 11, 2018
- 95% by May 11, 2018
- 100% (and more) by 2018 Department Convention

**WHY?**

- AWARDS (attached are the various awards available)

**WHERE?**

- Mid-year due by December 15, 2017 to me either emailed or send regular mail (this is just a short, written report by your Unit membership chairman letting me know what you have done this year).
- Year-end due by May 1, 2018 (again, just let me know in your own writing what your Unit has done to recruit, retain or rejoin your members).

**GOAL:** By Honoring our Veterans and military through meaningful service, the American Legion Auxiliary will grow to a million members by our Centennial  
**VISION:** By 2019, the American Legion Auxiliary's million members will be making a difference for Veterans and their families in every neighborhood.

**WHAT'S IMPORTANT?**

**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY**

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**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS”  
MUSIC REPORT  
NOVEMBER 2017**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

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

I'd like you to encourage your District/Unit members to participate in the choir, which sings two selections at the Memorial Service held the Sundays of Fall Conference and Department Convention

\*\*\*Please have your mid-year music reports to me no later than November 27, 2017, so that I will have time to submit them to Department by deadline. Provide your year-end reports no later than April 30, 2018.

Department Music Awards are as follows:

**MUSIC PLAQUES**

**Frances Aros Memorial Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 151 and over  
Millicent Kasun Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 150 and under**

I'm looking forward to meeting the various Unit and District Music Chairman at the Fall Conference in Tucson the first part of November. Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org) under Ruling Documents.

**Mid-year report forms are provided.**

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**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS”  
MID-YEAR MUSIC REPORT  
November 2017**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

Let’s make a vow to get out there and give thanks to the many service men and women we honor by providing music at Veteran functions in our area. In order to prepare for the mid-year music report, I am asking that each Music Chairman from all Units and Districts fill out this form telling me how you used music in your activities thus far this year.

1. If your unit/district had a special song selection using President Yolanda’s theme of “High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,” what song was it? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Did your unit/district sing/play a song at regular meetings? If so, which songs were sung/played?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Did members regularly participate in music programs in their individual churches and communities?  
Give some examples: \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Were regular visits made to VA Hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? \_\_\_\_\_.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Unit/District:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Total Membership;** \_\_\_\_\_

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

NATIONAL SECURITY

NOVEMBER 2017

The National Security Program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

While we cannot stop natural disasters from occurring, we can change the way America deals with them thru Project Impact, (FEMA) Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Crime prevention, neighborhood watch, and support for our police and fire departments help to strengthen our communities and contribute to the National Security.

The Children & Youth/National Security workshop will be held on January 27, 2018 at Luke Greenway Post 1 in Phoenix starting at 9 AM until 1 PM. There is always great information and speakers at this workshop and ideas to take back your units, posts and squadrons. We welcome all Legion Family members.

Upcoming dates for November:

November 7<sup>th</sup> Election Day  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving

\*If you plan to give the Western Division National Vice President Nancy Michalski a gift at Fall Conference she has asked that you please make a check for the cost of the gift and mail it in to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation, which is National President Diane's project this year in your Department's name. Thank you.

Do your members cut and collect coupons? There was a list in the October packet and one in your Fall Conference packet.

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2017-2018

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# PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

## November 2017

The PPP committee's salute to our past Department Presidents continues this month. I hope you are giving them a call or sending them a note to say, "Thank you" for your contribution to our organization and to let them know how much we appreciate them.

### **Carmelite Staker 1995**

National Theme: "75 years of Service Not Self"

Department Theme: Service is the Key

Special Project: "Hospice"

Member of Unit: 108

Served Department on various committees including Creative Arts

National Chaplain 1998-1999

### **Penny Maklary 1996**

Theme: "Red White and Blue Star-Spangled Year of Volunteering in Service for my country"

Membership Theme: Let the Good Times Roll

Special Project: Blind Center at The Tucson Veterans Hospital

Member of Unit 11,

Western Division National Vice President 2003-2004

Department: Serves the Department Girls State Director and Parliamentarian and Finance committee

National Level: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee member

### **Woman Veteran of the Month:**

Jeri Strande, is a Veteran of the United States Air Force. Jeri is a dual member. She is a charter member of Unit 135. Jeri has held several offices in The American Legion and the Auxiliary. She is a seven-year member of the Girls State staff. Thank you for your service to our country, The American Legion and Auxiliary Jeri!

### **Active Military Servicewoman**

Jacque Solis is serving in the United States Army. Jacque is an auxiliary member starting as a junior in unit 11 in Douglas. Thank you for your service Jacque!

### **Past Presidents Parley Award**

#### **JARVIS PLAQUE**

#### **Auxiliary Member of the Year**

To be presented annually to the Unit to which the selected Auxiliary Member of the Year is a member in good standing. This will be a traveling plaque. The receiving unit shall be responsible for engraving the recipient's name and year received on said plaque. This plaque will not become the permanent property of any one Unit. Upon the filling of said plaque will be returned to the Department Headquarters for safe keeping and displayed if possible. Method to replace will be determined at that time.

Josie Herrera

Past Presidents Parley Chairman

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Serving Those Who Served

## POPPY Nov. 2017

### ABSOLUTELY ASTONISHING!

The numbers are in for 2016/2017 statistics, posted on the National website. Poppy or poppy items distributed were 5,774,659 for a total of \$3,915,653. There were 4,692 veterans who made poppies and they were paid a total of \$ 316,201.

Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. It falls on Saturday so it's a great weekend to distribute poppies. All Legion Family members are encouraged to join in the distribution. Remind people the poppy is a symbol of our dedication to honor and provide services for our veterans and active duty military personal. If you're near a military Post or Base, let the soldiers know who we are and what we do. Most don't know their family has us to turn to in time of financial crisis. It provides peace of mind and a sense that others care. The donations are used for "a veteran's family" meaning immediate family and dependents who live with them. It doesn't include family not living with the veteran or the family of a deceased veteran. In some situations poppy funds can be used for scholarships. Please see the Poppy Guide pamphlet for more detailed information on this.

Educate! Public awareness is important. Emblem sales has helpful items, utilize them.

We no longer have to use only crepe paper poppies. We can now distribute the poppy symbol in non traditional ways such as T- shirts, cookies, Christmas decorations etc. The poppy image should always be red as it symbolizes the blood sacrificed for our freedom. Other than the 'In Memoriam" poppy image, ALA does not own other poppy images. If an item doesn't have a Legion family emblem on it, approval isn't needed. With any Legion emblem, it's considered "branded" and needs approval from the National secretary.

The 'In Memoriam" tag no longer has a date on it so any poppies left over from last year can still be used.

Poppy Posters. For your poster to be considered for the Western Division Judging, I must have it no later than April 19, 2018 in order for their chairman to have it on time.

Your mid year report form will be in your Conference packet. Please return your report to me no later than Nov. 27, 2017. I have a deadline for my report also.

Thank you for everything you do.

For God and Country,

Julie Ross, Poppy Chairman  
Committee

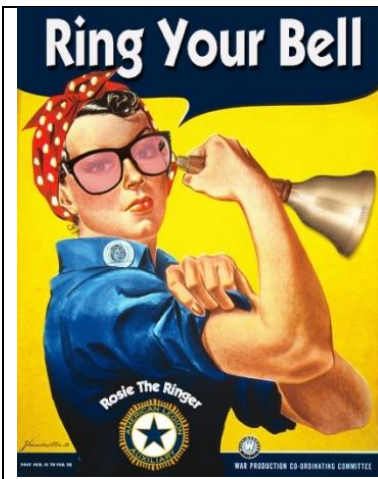
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Rebecca Gulley,

## Public Relations: November 2018



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Department webpage: [www.ALADeptAZ.org](http://www.ALADeptAZ.org)

Facebook Group: Search for "Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA"

- Units post activities of pride or interest to each other and department.
- Posts from this page "feed" the Department webpage—get your activities & photos on the Department website!
- Get help from other Units/Department
- Also "Ring Your Bell" central for the contest. Request membership today!

## 2017-18 Ring Your Bell Contest

- Instructions are listed in the September monthly department packet. View it on the Department website ([www.aladepz.org](http://www.aladepz.org)) under the "Member Resources" section.

### Recent PR Highlights

- The Ring Your Bell Facebook page has 335 members with 36 Units posting almost 70 times in September! Not a member of the group? Open up your Facebook app; where the "spy glass" search icon is, type in: ring your bell arizona ala; click on "request membership"—that's all there is to it!
- Unit 109 McCulloch-Wagner Corona de Tucson earned the maximum monthly "Ring Your Bell" points for September: 100!
- Make sure you are getting "notifications" of posts or checking the page—it is so fun to see all the efforts going on. We have a lot of which to be proud.
- Department webpage ([www.aladepz.org](http://www.aladepz.org)) has been updated:
  - Updated Arizona Training schedule
  - National Program Action Plans added
- Onita Davis was recognized by Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce as Community Leader to the Year!
- The American Legion Family from Post 35 held the 1st Annual Chandler Veterans Car and Bike show. It was great event which raised over \$3000 for Soldier's Best Friend.
- Chino Valley Unit's Fashion Show was in the local paper.
- Unit 36 members, in emblem wear, had a booth at the Women Warriors event.
- Check out "Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA" Facebook page for SO MUCH more!!!



## **President's Scrapbook**

**November 2017**

Greetings Ladies,

My Committee and I have been compiling pictures and mementos for President Yolanda's Scrapbook. Members have also been sending me pictures as well as posting them on Facebook.

It is important to also compile these photos for your Unit's Scrapbook as well. Also, include pictures of Yolanda's official visit to your unit. If you have access to Facebook, utilize it. It is a major help. Be sure to label pictures with names, event info and location.

Don't forget to please keep sending me your photos for President Yolanda's scrapbook. You can email or regular postage them to me anytime.

"The more organized you are, the more time you have to scrapbook."

-Lisa Bearnson

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

Chairman

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**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona  
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation  
November 2017**

**Don't forget to thank a Veteran for his service to our country on  
November 11, 2017  
"VETERANS DAY"**

**Are you ready to work the VA&R program and need Ideas? Well here they are!**

**Unit**

- Become the catalyst to find needs and encourage members to help veterans in their community.
- Provide hospitality for a job fair for veterans.
- Coordinate with local quilt shops to help your unit sponsor a quilting event in support of Quilts of Valor.
- Contact members, including those who never or only occasionally attend meetings and events and invite them to participate for specific limited duration projects that would help area veterans.
- Compile and record hours provided by your members.
- Coordinate with your PR chairman to tell the community what work your unit members are doing for veterans.

**Member**

- Read the *Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers*
- Sew quilts for the Quilts of Valor Foundation. For more information, please visit [www.qovf.org/](http://www.qovf.org/).
- Help a veteran use the Internet.
- Supply postage for local veterans in rest homes or assisted living facilities.
- Organize transportation for veterans to assist them with essential errands or medical appointments; many live far from a VA facility and shouldn't be driving if they don't feel well.
- Contact the Legion Service Officer at your post and offer to be on the list of people to call when a military family needs help.
- Buy school supplies, throw a baby shower, or send care packages to military kids who are headed to college.
- Report your Service to Veterans hours to your unit VA&R chairman.
- See Awards section of this plan for information on Hour Bar Recognition.

**All the information you will need to work the ideas were provided in the VA&R packet of information that was handed out at conference.**

**Patricia Lugo  
VA&R Chairman  
plugo1@cox.net  
602-475-0208**

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona**  
**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**  
**November 2017**

**ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME  
PHOENIX  
NOVEMBER 2017**

Hello and Good Morning,

I hope all of you are enjoying this fall weather we are having.

Below is a list of November Birthdays:

10 <sup>th</sup>	Commodore M.-D2	30 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah S.-C2	17 <sup>th</sup>	Gregory H. -C2	7 <sup>th</sup>	James B. -D2
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dewayne J. -D1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Fennis C.-D2	6 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth W. D2	18 <sup>th</sup>	Monroe D.-C2
14 <sup>th</sup>	Richard I. -D2	4 <sup>th</sup>	Steven M. -C1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Susan R. -C2	6 <sup>th</sup>	Walter O. -D2
23 <sup>th</sup>	William B. -D2						

Below is a list of November Birthdays:

16 <sup>th</sup>	Donald S. -D2 1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Harry R. C2	22 <sup>nd</sup>	John B.-C2	18 <sup>th</sup>	Michael S- C2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sonny L- D1	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tomas U. -D1	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy H.-C2	10 <sup>th</sup>	William M,- D1

Here is a list of the November activities for the State Home:

11/4/17- Arizona Veteran's Band  
11/6/17- Sun City Elks hosting a Spaghetti Dinner  
11/8/17- HOV Salute  
11/9/17- Outing to the Phoenix Boys Choir  
11/11/17-Veteran's Day Parade  
11/18/17- Cooties Pup Tent 14 BBQ  
11/20/17- American Legion Late Night Bingo  
11/23/17- Thanksgiving Festivities

Attached is a Christmas list for the Veterans in Ward C1. I will bring the remaining list to Conference and place them in each Unit's mailbox.

Thank you for sending birthday cards to our Veterans at the State Home, they really appreciate hearing from you and feel like they haven't been forgotten.

Below is the new 2017-2018 donation wish list for the home. I have underlined the most desired items needed but they will appreciate everything. Keep in mind that items might be added or deleted as the months go by, so keep checking the list. Thanks.

Donation Wish List

VISA GIFT CARDS

WALMART GIFT CARDS

AMAZON GIFT CARDS

DUNKIN DONUTS GIFT CARDS

PORTABLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

PLASTIC STORAGE CONTAINERS- A LOT! (ALL SIZES)

1 LARGE STURDY WIRE RACK

PAPERBACK BOOK SHELF (WOOD AND NICE LOOKING)



WESTERN BOOKS  
LARGE PRINT BIBLES  
PHOENIX ART MUSEUM GIFT CARD/VOUCHERS  
ODYSEA AQUARIUM TICKETS  
REMOTE CONTROL CARS- LARGE CARS WITH EASY TO USE REMOTES.  
LARGE NERF GUNS (10) AND EXTRA BULLETS  
SODA (REGULAR & DIET)  
GIANT CONNECT 4  
ADULT COLORING BOOKS AND COLORED PENCILS  
11 x 14 CANVAS'S FOR PAINTING  
PAINT BRUSHES  
INDIVIDUAL CRAFT KITS  
LATCH HOOT SETS  
UMBRELLAS (20)  
LARGE DUTY THERMAL ROLL LAMINATOR  
GIFT BAGS  
TISSUE PAPER  
CRAFT SUPPLIES  
BOARD GAMES (NEW)

As always, we are unable to use glass, toiletries, date expired food items, or medical supplies. All food items donated must be purchased at a store.

Please let me know if your Unit participates in monthly ASVH activities by emailing me at [lbubbles@cox.net](mailto:lbubbles@cox.net)  
If you have any questions, please call me or Joyce Livingston.

Both Joyce and I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs 602-312-9245  
VHVS Chairman

Joyce Livingston 623-846-9670  
VHVS Co-Chairman

Attachment:

*High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans*

### C1 Christmas List

Last Name	First Name	G	Room	Branch of Service	Shirt/Pant Size	Gift 1	Gift 2
Bundy	Tom	M	D160A	Army	2x	Nice Smoking Pipe	Frank Sinatra CD's
Burroughs	John	M	C169A	Air Force	XL Shirt, L Pants	Diabetic Socks	10.5 Velcro Athletic Sho
Campbell	Don	M	C134A	Navy	XL	Navy Hat	Navy Blanket
Crays	Dan	M	C166A	Navy	XL	12 pack NA Beer	XL Hoodie
Davis	Perry	M	C131A	Army	L	Army Hat	Hoodie
Doerr	Christian	M	C145B	Navy	XL	Cotton PJ's	Navy Hat
Gonzales	Johnny	M	C155A	Air Force	XL	Sweat Pants	Cotton Pajamas
Green	Orville	M	C145A	Army	Med	Twin Fluffy Blanket	Warm Jacket
Halverson	Wendell	M	C169B	Marines	L	Sweater	9.5 Shoes
Hancock	John	M	C158B	Army	XL Shirt, L Pants	Sweat Pants	Jacket
Hanford	Chuck	M	C171B	Army	L	Black Hat	Hoodie
Harrington	Spencer	M	C165B	Army & Marines	L	Size 10 Slippers	Sweat Pants
Hollins	Melvin	M	C155B	Army	XL, tall	Army Blanket	Hoodie
Jameson	Randy	M	C142A	Air Force	L	Air Force Blanket	Hoodie
Jewell	Alan	M	C131B	Army	Med	Army Blanket	Neck Pillow
Leighton	Bob	M	C163B	Marines	L	Marines Blanket	Hoodie
Leon	Rudy	M	C147A	Air Force/Army	XL	Air Force Blanket	Sweat Pants
Mack	Ron	M	C171A	Army	XL	Army Blanket	Sweat Pants
McKee	Steven	M	C168A	Air Force	L	34x32 jeans	Diabetic Socks
Michaels	Dustin	M	C156A	Marines	L	Hoodie	marines Hat
Mitchell	Mike	M	C144B	Army	2X	2x Sweat Pants	Army Suspenders
Moore	Abraham	M	C127	Army	XL	Knit Army Hat	XL Slippers
Moss	Phil	M	C165A	Army	L	12 pack NA Beer	Fluffy Twin Blanket
Murdock	Alex	M	C144A	Army	XL	Fluffy Twin Blanket	Jacket
Noufal	Syide	M	C132B	Air Force	L	Air Force Blanket	jacket
Owen	Walter	M	C135A	Air Force	Med	Hoodie	Sweat Pants
Peterson	Mildred	F	C159A	Spouse	XL	Ladies XL Slippers	CD Player
Randolph	Jack	M	C147B	Air Force	2X	Sweat Pants	Fluffy Twin Blanket
Reid	David	M	C141B	Army	2X	XXL Slippers	Army Blanket
Simmons	Richard	M	C153B	Marines	3X	Sweat Pants	Marines Blanket
Simonsen	Odd	M	C153A	Army	XL	Leather Wallet	12 pk Diet Dr. Pepper
Smith	Larry	M	C139B	Army	2X	Sweat Pants	12 pack NA Beer
Tueros	Manuel	M	C173	Army	L	Sweat Pants	Fluffy Twin Blanket
Wagner	Carol	F	C159B	Spouse	XL	Ladies Size 8 Slippers	Sweater
Weekly	Deane	M	C129A	Marines	XL	Boxer Briefs	Marines Hoodie



Tucson SAVAHCS Christmas Gift Shop  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

To American Legion Auxiliary Units of Southern Arizona:  
7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 19, 24, 28, 32, 36, 45, 46, 51, 52, 54, 56, 59,  
66, 68, 73, 95, 97, 109, 125, 129, 131, 132, 133

**The Tucson Christmas Gift Shop time to coming soon.  
Shopping has begun!**

Please mail your donation checks to the Department Office.

Department President Yolanda Bonilla and Department Commander Domingo Bonilla will be invited to attend and participate in the Ribbon Cutting to open this year's event.

Dates:           Setup Tuesday, December 5, 2017, starting at 10:00 a.m.  
                  Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m.  
                  Gift Shop continues to be open through Wednesday, Thursday,  
                  and Friday, December 2, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Checks must be made payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, designated for the **Tucson VA Christmas Gift Shop**. Mail checks to **ALA Department of Arizona, 4701 North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727**.

If you have gift boxes of any size and in good condition, please save them. Of course, we will need volunteers each day, especially Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is the pack-up day.

Karen Alff  
Dept. Gift Shop Chair for Tucson  
[pugloveraz@yahoo.com](mailto:pugloveraz@yahoo.com)  
520-419-7120

Committee Members,  
Gail Piggett and Becky Ruiz  
(Shoppers Extraordinaire!)

# ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

## NOVEMBER, 2017

Ladies,

Upcoming schedule for Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials hosted by Auxiliary Units are as follows:

**November      Unit 59                      December      Open**

We are in dire need of units to host the monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials for January and on through next year. **Please contact Fran Johnston at 520-599-4786 to host a social.**

Still in the development stage, a sport lounge to open for the residents, and their families, to enjoy visits, refreshments, games, or watch sports/movies on TV. The lounge will be sort of a neighborhood place where the residents can visit and mingle; and have a place of their own besides their room. You see, other than their room and family visits not all of the residents can move around and leave often. Therefore, the idea is to keep them active and enjoy themselves with plenty of activities to do throughout the home. Eventually this lounge will continue with card games and refreshments daily. If you can donate please call Anna Marie at 520-404-7646. The goal is for the residents to continue their life with compassion, keep the residents active, and increase the enjoyment of life through recreational therapy. Remember, four walls should never be what a resident sees all day. Recreation is mental/physical therapy but it is also soulful therapy.

### **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

The following schedule is upcoming events at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson). Please remember we always need donations to have these monthly events and really need volunteers especially in transporting the residents from their rooms to the events at the home. The events are held mostly in the Chapel room or outside in front of Bldg. #1 at ASVH-Tucson.

We are so sorry that we can't share pictures of the events and show the smiling faces we get from the residents due to a privacy law. However, I will offer you this solution – come on down and see for yourself, I guarantee you will be so happy for them and at the same time feel good for volunteering; and visiting a veteran and his/her family.

#### **November Events**

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| November 9  | Veterans Day celebration hosted by the home. Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will perform (bugle).  |
| November 11 | Tentative schedule for POWWOW to start at 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Need volunteers. Hoping to schedule for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.  |
| November 21 | Auxiliary Unit 59 will host the monthly Birthday and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m.  |
| November 24 | ELKS to decorate for the holidays in Bldg. #3. The Auxiliary to decorate for the holidays in Bldgs. 1, 2, 4, and 5. <b><u>Need volunteers</u></b> as there are many areas in these buildings that need decorations. Last year there were only 3 volunteers. Come on units host a deco day here! |

#### **December Events**

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| December 15 | American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Party – Will have a variety of deserts and gifts to pass out at 1:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa Claus. Need donations of desserts and gifts from auxiliary families. Also, volunteers to assist in serving the residents, and setting up the gift bags. Volunteers needed by 9:00 a.m. Bring pies, donuts, bagels and variety of cream cheese flavors, sweet rolls, cookies, cakes, etc. This is the largest event hosted by the auxiliary. |
| December 19 | <b><u>Need ALA to sponsor Birthday and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m.</u></b>  |

Reminder:	Second Monday monthly	Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
	Third Tuesday monthly	Auxiliary hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m. <b><u>Any questions or requests for changes shall be discussed prior to this event through Fran Johnston (520-599-4786)</u></b>

**ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON) ITEMS NEEDED – WISH LIST**

1. Need candy bars, chips, and soda beverages for the bingo activities. Candy bars used to give to bingo winners.
2. Sam Nanez, recreation manager, also advised the committee on additional needs, for example:

Cribbage boards	Velvet art painting
Water colors	Art paper
Batteries needed i.e., AA, AAA, C, and D sizes	CD players
Puzzle Books	Word Search Books
Arts and crafts – supplies	Crossword Puzzles
Audible Books	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ASVH-TUCSON RESIDENTS – BEST WISHES ALWAYS TO YOU**

A toast for your blessed life!!! Salute!!!! (Sorry update of birthdays available after October 17, 2017.)

And, God bless the residents of ASVH-Tucson who have passed away recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Happy Thanksgiving to all and your family!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT DONATIONS**

Units 7, 59, 109, 132	Always thankful for your continued participation, donations for beverages, food, snacks, and volunteers
SAL 68	Always thankful for your continued donations for DJ, food, and volunteers.

This month would like to thank District 2, and Units 11 and 102 (former) for your donations. Ladies from 102 you will be missed but we know that your transfers to other units will be a blessing with all your experience, knowledge, and support. To you we say thank you and see you soon.

Please remember if you have any ideas, want to donate, host an event, or volunteer call Nancy or me. Thank you.

For God and country,

Anna Marie Arenas  
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Nancy Morrow  
ASVH-Tucson Co-Chairman  
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520-867-1725

VAVS Phoenix VA

My name is Mary Roney, and I have recently taken over the position of VAVS Rep.

Suicide Prevention -

If you would like more information on Suicide Prevention and ways you can help, please contact Debbie Dominic, Chief of Social Work for the Phoenix VA Health Care System. [deborah.dominic@va.gov](mailto:deborah.dominic@va.gov).

A Special Thank You to the Following Units for your donations to the VA in Phoenix.

Unit 1	Unit 39
Unit 2	Unit 44
Unit 26	Unit 65
Unit 27	Unit 91

Everyone's contribution makes a difference in the lives of our veterans. We appreciate everyone's hard work this year. Your donation can help with programs, such as Bingo, Canteen Books, Women's Veterans Assistance, Standown, Recreation and so much more. Funds donated go directly to these programs. Please make sure you designate where you would like your Unit donation to go. You can also designate General Fund and the VA will make the determination as to where the greatest need is.

Mail you donation to:  
The American Legion Auxiliary  
ATTN: VAVS – Phoenix  
Department Of Arizona  
4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Are you interested in Volunteering at The VA,  
please contact Michael Herbert At [Michael.Herbert2@va.gov](mailto:Michael.Herbert2@va.gov).

If you are traveling over the upcoming holidays, please remember to save your extra trial size shampoos, and soaps. Ask the hotel manager if they would like donating a few extra bottles and soaps for the VA Hospital.

For God and Country

Mary Roney  
VAVS Rep  
[momroney@cox.net](mailto:momroney@cox.net)

VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
9-30-17

American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bingo parties which are held on the third Saturday of each month at 1:30PM in Building 60 at the VA hospital. Volunteers are needed to assist with this activity, which is much appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans. Please consider sponsoring the Bingo program. Thank you to the past & current District presidents who volunteered at the June Bingo. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos.

The American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday. We sponsored refreshments on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We will be sponsoring refreshments on October 17<sup>th</sup> & October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 & 132 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. Previously these Veterans were bussed to and from residential shelters. This facility will allow for additional supervision of Veteran patients and it is felt that this will contribute to their success in the program. This facility is requesting clear backpacks (25 per month) and water bottles (25 per month). The staff requesting these donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need. Units 102, 131, 132, 109 and District 2 have responded to this need and we ordered 250 backpacks and water bottles in July.

Veterans Creative Arts meeting was held at SAVAHCS on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. This chairman attended the meeting with SAVAHCS personnel and members from the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance who will be collaborating with the committee in an effort to expand this program in Tucson. SAACA attended the quarterly VAVS meeting on July 26, 2017 to discuss their participation in this program and to encourage all service organizations to participate in this program. This representative will be meeting with the committee again within the next thirty days.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 is \$6,338.13. Thank you Unit 66 for your generous donation.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 is \$19,973.00. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Ann Reatherford, Unit 24, Unit 131, Unit 132, Unit 73 and Unit 109 members and unaffiliated volunteers for their constant support of VA programs through their donations. The Legion family is the largest supporter of the Arizona Fisher House. Currently, Arizona Fisher House is funded for the foreseeable future. Other programs are in dire need of donations (ie. Homeless, Building 95, Social Services, Bingo, etc.).

Fifteen registered hospital volunteers and ten summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 is 2,699; occasional volunteer hours are 56 donated by fourteen occasional volunteers. We are now down to fourteen registered volunteers at SAVAHCS. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have one new American Legion Auxiliary registered volunteer.

This chairman has volunteered 141 hours and logged 1,740 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of September 30, 2017. This chairman has completed her second term on the Executive Committee as vice president for the VAVS Committee at SAVAHCS. Deputy Ann Reatherford was elected to the Executive Committee at the quarterly meeting on July 26, 2017. Her term will begin in October, 2017 and she will be serving for two years.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative



**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona**

**Carl T. Hayden Medical Center Gift Shop**

**November 2017**

**The Gift Shop Committee members are feeling the excitement already. We will be setting up on December 3rd. The gift shop will be open to Veterans on Monday December 4, 2017 thru Wednesday December 6 from 9:00am until 3:00 pm. The gift shop is only open for three days. On Monday December the 4th at 9:00 am will be the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with our Department President, Department Commander and other dignitaries. If your unit is making a monetary donation, make checks out to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona on the memo line put Phoenix Gift Shop and send them to 4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100, Phoenix AZ 85015-3727. We would like to receive all monetary donations by November 1, 2017 so the committee may purchase the items in time to have the Gift Shop ready to open on December 4th. Thank you in advance for your donation. Like years past all items must be new and they can be homemade. Please remove all price tags and make sure clothing items are clearly marked with the sizes. Food, Razors and any glass items cannot be accepted. We are in need of Sweat suits, small appliances, socks and watches. Also items for teens and younger children.**

**Hope everyone has a Blessed Thanksgiving. Sometimes we have doubts, but we really do have a lot to be thankful for. God Bless**

**Unit Assignments Monday 2-27-29-35-53-84-91-117-41**

**Tuesday 1-5-34-44-58-75-105-107**

**Wednesday 26-39-65-114-13-137**

**For God and Country, " High Heels and Spurs in Service to our Veterans"**

**Joyce Livingston, Chairman**

**Valerie Kelly, Co Chairman      Dottie French, Member**



AND LOOKS GOOD DOING IT.

# YOU ARE INVITED TO THE Women Veteran Beauty Bash

A Day of Relaxation and Fun

**October 28, 2017 • 10 AM to 2 PM**

**LOCATION: LDS CHURCH**

**1835 E Missouri Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016**

NO SMOKING ON PROPERTY TO INCLUDE PARKING LOT.

Services Available: Paul Mitchell Haircuts, (Hair must be clean for haircuts) Mary Kay, Camelback Medical Massage Techs, VA Women's Clinic, MST/PTSD Clinic and Vet Center, IServe Mortgage, WAC, MWAN, WMA, Raffle Prizes and much more.

**MUST REGISTER by OCTOBER 20, 2017**

**SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR OUR WOMEN VETERANS ONLY  
NO MALE ATTENDEES OVER AGE OF 16**

**CHILDCARE: Contact Dana Oviatt to register your children**

**Pre-Registration Required**

**Please RSVP at Eventbrite link below**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-veteran-beauty-bash-2017-tickets-37811703824>

**Or Contact: Dana Oviatt**

**[doviatt@veteransfirstltd.org](mailto:doviatt@veteransfirstltd.org) P 602.900.4578**

**EVENT SPONSORED BY**



## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

- Pearl Harbor Survivors  
Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society  
Unified Arizona Veterans  
State of Arizona  
Air Force Assn – Frank Luke Chapter  
The American Legion Department of Arizona  
The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona  
The American Legion, District 11  
American Legion Post 29  
The American Legion Tony F Soza-Ray Martinez Post 41  
The American Legion Ahwatukee Post 64  
The American Legion Dwight Eisenhower Post 72  
The American Legion Mary Ellen Piotroski Post 94  
The American Legion Christopher J Lapka Post 105  
The American Legion Women's Honor Society 20 & 4  
Echelon 35  
Arizona Submarine Veteran's –Perch Base (Sub. Veterans of WWII)  
Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base/USSVI  
AMVETS, Dept. of Arizona  
AMVETS Dept. of AZ, Ladies Auxiliary  
AZ Territorial Chapter, Association of the United State Army  
Association of the US Army (AUSA)  
Association of US Navy, Phoenix Saguaro Chapter  
Arizona Wing Civil Air Patrol  
Disabled American Veterans Department of Arizona  
Disabled American Veterans Department of Arizona Auxiliary  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Unit 1  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Glendale Chapter 20  
The Enlisted Association/TREA Chapter 34  
Ens. John C. Butler AZ Ch. DE & DD Sailors Association  
Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 163, Phoenix, AZ  
Chapter XXV "Thunderbird" 173D Airborne Brigade Assn  
Grand Canyon Chapter 187<sup>th</sup> Airborne R.C.T.  
Honoring Arizona Veterans  
Jewish War Veterans Department of Southwest  
Jewish War Veterans – Post 210  
Jewish War Veterans – Copper State Post 619  
Arizona Korean War Veterans Arden Rowley Chapter 122  
Arizona Korean War Veterans – General Brad Smith Chapter  
Korean War Veterans Ray Harvey Chapter 3  
Arizona Korean War Veterans, Pima Chapter  
Korean War Veterans West Valley Chapter  
AZ Chapter Third Marine Division Association  
Marine Corp League, Old Breed Detachment #767  
Arizona Semper Fi Vets  
Military Officer's Association of America (MOAA), AZ  
Chapter  
MOAA Superstition Mountain Chapter  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Honoring WWII POW's
- Military Order of the World Wars, Apache Trail Chapter  
Phoenix Chapter, the Military Order of the World Wars  
Military Order of the World Wars Apache Trail Chapter  
Scottish American Military Society Post 48  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dept. of Arizona  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3715  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9400  
Vietnam Veterans of America State Council  
Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, State Council  
WACVA Saguaro Chapter #68  
Women's Army Corps Roadrunner Chapter 119  
Women's Overseas Service League, Phoenix-Cholla Chapter  
Gold Star Wives of America  
Phoenix VA Health Care System  
American Rosie the Riveter Assoc. Sun City Chapter  
Luke AFB Retiree Activity Office  
Arizona State Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Daughters of the American Revolution, Governor. George  
Hunt Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Arizona Democratic Veterans & Military Families Caucus  
Mana House  
Family & Friends of the USS Arizona  
Veterans Heritage Project  
Honor Flight Arizona  
Salt River Unit 155 of Military Women Across the Nation  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Margaret  
Warner Wood Detached Tent #1  
Thunderbird Chapter 2102, United Daughters of the  
Confederacy  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dept. of the  
Southwest, Pechao Peak Auxiliary  
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lew Wallace  
Circle

**NOTE: Groups listed in red have not confirmed their participation**

## UAV Unofficial Minutes

7 October 2017

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Reggie Yates. The open ceremony was conducted and guests introduced.

DAV Commander John Burden gave a report on what the DAV has been doing and what his goals are for his organization. He is requesting copies of other organizational newsletters so he can make sure all information dealing with the veterans community is given its widest dissemination. He is also reestablishing the DAV Ritual Team.

Honor Flight Board of Director Diane Franzese and Mel Brody, participant of an Honor Flight gave a report on their program. This program was initiated by Susan Hough. They take 10 flights a year, five in the spring and five in the fall. They are looking for Veterans from WWII, Korean War and Vietnam for the upcoming flights. To obtain an application go to [honorflight.org](http://honorflight.org) and return it to their organization for consideration. They also need guardians. The cost to the guardians is \$900 and covers all expenses. Mel Brody gave a report on his Honor Flight trip.

Humana Inc. Health Care, Donna Bell gave a presentation on the efforts they are making to help make veterans healthier. So far they have helped 20% each year. They also have a program for veterans desiring to start their own business. They volunteer to help grow Veterans Organizations. Humana Inc. has replaced United Health Care.

Carol Culbertson took the roll, the minutes were presented and a motion was made to accept the minutes as written, second and approved.

Bob Hysko gave the financial report.

Danielle, a representative from Ruben Gallego's office was introduced.

Shawn from the VA Medical Center thanked everyone for their input to help improve the VA medical facilities. He gave an update on Ms. Nelson's recent travels to Washington D.C. Last physical year the VA medical facilities spent \$744 million on improvements. Their policy is "Vets First" and will continue to be their goal. The new dental clinic is due to open later this month. They are 17 doctors short in the Primary Care area for treatment. There is a shortage also nationwide. They are looking for 30 doctors to fill 17 positions. The hope is to have doctors available to fill vacancies as they come so that they do not encounter a shortage in this area. If they run out of money they will go back to DC and ask for more. They do not want to jeopardize treatment because of financial issues.

To keep up their transparency policy, they will be inviting the media in to answer any questions they may have.

Wanda Wright, Director ADVS advised the membership that the State Legislature has provided \$4 million more for Veterans Care at the State Homes and they can now fill the vacant beds. In the State of Arizona 50% of veterans are over 60 years of age. The northern region veterans counselors have seen 100 veterans through skype. They have put together kits to help veterans gain employment. These kits can include up to \$750 for purchase of proper attire, transportation, etc. to help them. They also provide a training program to assist corporations in how to hire veterans. The Phoenix home has reduced the falls by 20%. The Tucson home was given a 5 star rating and is one of the top 5 veterans homes in the country. There will be a week long seminar starting November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, free to veterans seeking employment. For more information go to [heovona.com](http://heovona.com).

"Be Connected" is a new program in the state to combat suicide. Arizona stats are three times higher than the National Stats. The hot line is 866-4AZ VETS (866-429-8387) and is manned 24/7. The crisis line is state wide. Encourage veterans to call for help. [Resourcecomand.org](http://Resourcecomand.org) has helped over 400 veterans on this line.

Reggie Yates gave a report from the Board of Directors. They are looking for a larger space for the monthly meetings. He further advised that the VA & AZDVS website has loads of information dealing with veteran's issues and programs.

Reggie also advised the membership that the selections have been made for the Spring Gala awards but the names have not officially be released.

Elections are coming up and Reggie stated that anyone desiring to serve in leadership rolls for the UAV please contact Rob Welsh.

Judy Hatch gave an update on Pearl Harbor Day. It appears that the Governor will be with us this day since Hawaii will not be having a program at their memorial. She encouraged everyone to plan on attending and requested those able to walk a short distance park on the west side of the Capitol building and walk across since parking is limited at Wesley Bolin Plaza. She provide a list of those organization that have and have not responded for the wreath ceremony.

Terry Araman gave the legislative report. Remarked about the MFRF and stated plans are being made to readdress this issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for the Class of 20118 AVHOF will open on Saturday, October 28, 2017. After the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting a seminar will be held on how to wright a nomination for the AVHOF. Another on will be conducted on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition workshops will be conducted in major cities throughout the State. Point of contact: Director Andy Jaime, ajaime43@outlook.com

Volunteers are still needed for workers at the State Fair to reduce the cost of Standdown. If you are able please contact Roy McClymonds at (480) 380-8933 or email at ramnpt@cox.net. Or you can go to [www.arizonastanddown.org/events](http://www.arizonastanddown.org/events).

Sue Wudy still has a few opening for volunteers at the Veterans Booth in the State Fair, if you can give 5 hours up to help with the booth please contact her at 602-585-6209. The fair runs through October 29<sup>th</sup>.

October 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a "Women Veteran Beauty Bash". See attached flyer.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Hatch".