## Hands to Help, Paws to Save

## December 2024

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

Lojray Alvarez from Unit 123 is the chairman. If you are interested in volunteering, please email her at <a href="mrs48csm@aol.com">mrs48csm@aol.com</a>

**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT**: President Stacey's project this year is P.A.W.S.S. (Pup's and Warriors Side by Side) Christine Rodriguez from Unit 117 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, <a href="mailto:Christodz25@gmail.com">Christodz25@gmail.com</a> if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

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