

Making a Brighter World for Our Veterans

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December 2021

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

DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE...Did we see you there?

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EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ... Did you get one? If you get one send Department an email to let us know and the reward will be sent out asap.

NEW UNITS...Yes...let's get some...Guess what something is coming.

MEMBERSHIP... "REACHING FOR THE GOAL". Membership is everyone's job. Legion Act has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. The Department Goal this year 14,282 and we are at 43.60%.

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

Applications MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE

- The original application is sent to DEPARTMENT not copies of them.
- Be eligible & USE BLUE INK, SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION and COMPLETE INFO.
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1
- NEW “ANYTIME AFTER” Veteran Served...MUST IDENTIFY CONFLICT...CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
- DIRECT DESCENDANT... No longer on NEW application
- Only 1 relationship and do not add any
- Now you have spouse in place of wife, you have to identify female or male spouse
- Must be signed by a Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself
- Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies
- Do not pay for paid online and PUFL members on your transmittals...They are already paid for.
- USE THE FORMS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING.
- DO NOT RECREATE THE FORMS.

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT
DECEMBER 2021
MAKING A BRIGHTER WORLD FOR OUR VETERANS**

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND YOUR FAMILIES!!

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION AT FALL CONFERENCE. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY SMILING AND HAPPY FACES. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY AND ATTENTION YOU PAID TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER, ADAM BIGALOW. THROUGH HIS SHARING OF HIS PERSONAL LIFE AND EXPERIENCES HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHY THIS YEARS SPECIAL PROJECT OF PTSD AWARENESS AND EDUCATION IS SO IMPORTANT. A NUMBER OF PERSONS APPROACHED ME ON SATURDAY EVENING AND SPOKE OF THIS HELPING THEM UNDERSTAND SOME BEHAVIORS OF A LOVED ONE. AS THE YEAR CONTINUES WE HOPE TO EXPAND ON THIS INFORMATION AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR OUR VETERANS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO UNDERSTAND AND COPE.

WITH COVID WE HAVE HAD MANY RESTRICTIONS ON OUR INTERACTIONS BUT WITH PROTECTIVE INTERVENTIONS WE CAN AGAIN PURSUE THE WORK WE DO. BE SURE TO TAKE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT THINGS YOU CAN DONATE, ACTIVITIES YOU CAN SPONSOR AND TIME YOU CAN GIVE TO INDIVIDUAL VETERANS SO THEY ARE NOT SO ALONE.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE CHAIRMAN PACKETS FOR INFO TO LEARN MORE OF WHAT THEY WISH TO ACCOMPLISH THIS YEAR IN THEIR PROGRAM.

AS ALWAYS THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO,KEEP THE LIGHT SHINING AND BRIGHT. GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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PRESIDENT CALENDAR

JULY 11 DISTRICT 3 PIERCE
 18 TOMBSTONE

AUGUST 7 TUCSON OFFICER WORKSHOP
 26-31 PHOENIX NATIONAL CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 1-3 PHOENIX NATIONAL CONVENTION
 12 DISTRICT 3 TOMBSTONE

OCTOBER 2 POST 109 FIRST RESPONDER DAY
 7-12 CINCINNATI
 9 POST 61 I HAD TO CANCEL VISIT
 23 DISTRICT 5 POST 32

NOVEMBER 4-7 FALL CONFERENCE TUCSON
 21 DISTRICT 12 AT UNIT 138
 25-28 FAMILY

DECEMBER 10 POST 16 CHRISTMAS DINNER
 11 POST 45 BENSON VETERAN RECOGNITION
 24-26 FAMILY

JANUARY 8 AL FAMILY OPEN HOUSE PHOENIX
 11 DISTRICT 11 POST 62 PEORIA
 15 UNIT 11 SALE
 28-30 LAS VEGAS MISSION TRAINING

FEBRUARY 15 UNIT 131

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

Americanism December

This is the time of the year to remember those who have supported and helped each of us. I would love to do a BIG SHOUT to the FLAG carriers at conference. They were wonderful and shared their knowledge for the Opening and Closing of Conference. So appreciated. Kudos to you all and thank you. So very honored to really know each of you.

The following are Veteran days of importance:

December 1, 2021 - Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday

December 7, 2021 - Pearl Harbor Day. Called "A day which will live in infamy" by Franklin D. Roosevelt

December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

December 13, 2021 - National Guard Birthday

December 18, 2021 - National Wreaths Across America. (annual laying of wreaths at veterans cemeteries)

December 28, 2021 - Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant/Religious Affairs

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday. Remember our Veterans and their families, particularly if the family cannot be together at this time. Keep in mind those with Post Traumatic Stress who maybe suffering quietly. If you know a caregiver, they also need encouragement.

Wishing everyone the best for the season and a Happy New Year.

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“Making a Brighter World for Our Veterans”

Cavalcade of Memories

December 2021

Here are some memories from the past. Arizona's 1st Department Convention was held in Prescott, AZ., August 8-10, 1921. There Area Caucuses (3) Women was chosen Northern, Central, Southern area to represent units and to serve on the Department Executive Committee, then they were called Committee Women. Same Division remained until 1946-47 when Arizona expanded to (4) Committee women. In 1952 a resolution changed the title to District Presidents. Redistricting presented 10 Districts was accomplished in 1976. First Convention in 1921 they elected officers, President Mrs. H. H. Miller, Secretary Mrs. D. A. Little, Treasurer Mrs. F. J. Lunn.

In January 1923 the Auxiliary was invited to attend the Legion first Commanders & Adjutant meeting held in Phoenix, reports, bulletins, etc. Were sent in Auxiliary bulletins later called the South West Veteran. 1930 Department President Florence Smith to combine Secretary & Treasurer office and to make her a paid employee. Mrs. Wilma Hoyal was elected National President 1930-1931.

1961 book of Instructions for the units and chairmen. The wearing of the Auxiliary Cap was approved at the Department Convention 1962. Long time ago the Trophy and Awards Chairman once made all Awards for Chairman. This is a few of the Memories in the Cavalcade of Memories. Still looking for the Past Honorary Junior Department Presidents.

Department Cavalcade of Memories Chairman

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Community Service

December 2021

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

"Christmas, my child, is love in action." -Dale Evans

For the year 2021-2022, National President Kathy Daudistel will be focusing on the American Legion Auxiliary members in our community who care for others. We have many members who care for veterans, and they are recognized under the VA&R program. But we also have those Unit members who do outstanding work in the community, even though they are not caregivers for a veteran. There is always that one Unit member who stands out in your community as the "go to person" to get things done in the community. A candidate for this award must be a **volunteer** who is spearheading a community project, taking care of a non-veteran community member outside of their family, visiting the homebound residents to find out their needs, or just spending time with a community member at risk. They work for the good of the community and all residents, regardless of who needs the help, and they always represent the ALA. They have great organizational skills, are compassionate, kind, and humble people. Let's reward these Unit members by recognizing their efforts with a Certificate of Appreciation.

UNIT MEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE APPRECIATION AWARD

- Each Unit may nominate **one** Unit member by submitting a narrative to me by May 1st, 2022. **Candidate must be a Unit member in good standing.**
- Narrative must be less than 500 words
- Please try to include the Unit member's picture (doing a task in the community OPTIONAL)
- Make sure to include Winner's name and contact information
- Include Unit name, Department, and chairman information
- It is recommended that Units download the Certificate of Appreciation from the website **alaforveterans.org** Community Service page and present it to those members in your Unit that are considered for this award. Each Divisional Unit member winner will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from National President Kathy Daudistel. For more info, please go to **alaforveterans.org**

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Basic Parliamentary Procedure

Eight Steps in Processing a Main Motion

Step 1: Member rises and addresses the chair when nothing is pending. "Mr. President." Or "Madame President."

Step 2: Chair recognizes member by nodding at the member or stating his name. "Mr. Williams."

Step 3: Member states his/her motion. "I move that we have a canned food drive."

Step 4: Another member seconds the motion (without recognition). "Second."

Step 5: Chair states the motion and places it before the assembly for discussion. "It is moved and seconded that we have a canned food drive. Is there any discussion?"

Step 6: Members have the right to get recognition and debate the motion. During debate subsidiary motions (i.e. amendments) may be introduced to help the assembly make a final decision.

Step 7: When discussion is finished the Chair puts the question to a vote. "The question is on the adoption of the motion that we have a canned food drive. Those in favor, say AYE." (Pause.) "Those opposed, say NO." (Pause.)

Step 8: Chair announces the results of the vote. "The AYES (NOES) have it; the motion is adopted (lost); we will (not) have a canned food drive; the next business in order is ..."

Methods of Voting

- **Unanimous Consent** – no member objects to a proposal that meets with general approval; a vote of silent agreement.
- **Voice Vote** – regular method of voting on any motion that does not require more than a majority vote; most common form of voting.
- **Rising Vote** – method used when a two-thirds vote is required for adoption; is also used when a member calls for a division of the assembly.
- **Show of Hands or Voting Cards** – an alternative method for a rising vote.
- **Counted Vote** – can be ordered by the chair when it appears a voice vote is unclear and it can be ordered by a majority vote of the assembly.
- **Ballot or Roll Call Vote** – can be ordered by a majority vote of the assembly and is required if specified in bylaws.

The 13 Ranking Motions – motions lower on the list cannot be made if anything higher is pending.

1. **Fix the time to which to adjourn:** This motion is used to set the time for another meeting to continue business of the session. It does not adjourn the present meeting or set a time for its adjournment.
2. **Adjourn:** This is a motion to close the meeting.
3. **Recess:** A short interruption which does not close the meeting. After recess, business resumes at exactly the point where it was interrupted.
4. **Raise a question of privilege:** This device permits a request or a motion relating to the rights of either the assembly or an individual to interrupt business and, because of its urgency, be brought up for possible immediate consideration.
5. **Call for the order of the day:** By the use of this motion, a single member can require the assembly to follow the order of business or agenda, or to take up a special order that is now due to come up, unless two-thirds of the assembly wish to do otherwise.
6. **Lay on the table:** This motion is used to place the pending motion aside when something of an urgent nature arises and needs the immediate attention of the assembly.
7. **Previous question:** This is simply a motion to end debate, allow no further subsidiary motions on the pending motion, and take a vote. It must be seconded, no debate is allowed, and a 2/3 vote is needed to close debate.
8. **Limit or extend limits of debate:** This motion can reduce or increase the number and length of speeches permitted or limit the length of debate on a specific question.
9. **Postpone definitely:** Should be used if the body needs more time to make a decision or if there is a time for consideration of the question that would be more convenient. The postponement cannot be beyond the next session in a group that meets regularly.
10. **Commit or refer to a committee:** This motion sends the main motion to a committee for further examination and refinement before the body votes on it.
11. **Amend:** The intent of this motion is to modify the pending motion before it is voted on.
12. **Postpone indefinitely:** This motion, in effect, kills the main motion for the duration of the meeting without having to take a vote on it.
13. **Main motion:** a formal proposal for consideration and action.

The Three Ways to Amend

1. To insert or to add (a word, consecutive words, or a paragraph).
Phrasing:
"I move to amend the motion by inserting the word 'consecutive' before the word 'terms.'"
"I move to add the words 'at a cost not to exceed \$100.'"
"I move to amend by adding the following paragraph..."
2. To strike out (a word, consecutive words, or a paragraph).
Phrasing:
"I move to amend by striking out the word 'every.'"
"I move to amend by striking out the words 'during the second semester.'"
"I move to strike out the third paragraph."
3. To strike out and insert (words) or to substitute (paragraph or entire main motion).
Phrasing:
"I move to strike out the word 'monthly' and insert the word 'annually.'"
"I move to substitute for the pending main motion the following..."

The Order of Business

- Reading and approval of minutes – approves the record of actions taken at previous meeting.
- Reports of officers and standing committees – considers actions as recommended by an officer or committee. Any correspondence received should be read if not distributed prior to the meeting. A financial report is made at every meeting.
- Reports of special committees – considers actions as recommended by a group formed for a particular purpose.
- Special orders – considers items that were made special orders for this meeting or items required to be taken up at this meeting by provision in the bylaws.
- Unfinished business and general orders – considers items not reached when the last meeting adjourned or items postponed to this meeting.
- New business – considers actions proposed by members.

Debate

Decorum in Debate

- In order to debate a question, a member must rise and address the presiding officer by his/her title, and be assigned the floor.
- Always address remarks to the chair, never using a member's name where it is possible to describe him otherwise.
- The correctness of a statement of facts may be denied, but the motives of a member are not questioned.
- Discourteous language is never used.

Rules of Debate

- The maker of a debatable motion is always entitled to the floor first, as soon as the chair states the question on the motion. When a motion is made by order of a committee, the reporting member of the committee should be recognized first.
- As much as possible, debate should alternate between pro and con.
- Confine debate to the question under consideration.
- Ask permission of the assembly before reading any document.
- Do not waste time with frivolous arguments or repetitions.
- The member who introduces a question is allowed to close the debate, provided he/she has not already exhausted his time.
- Time cannot be yielded to another speaker or saved for later use.

Number and Length of Speeches

- Unless permission is given by the assembly, no member shall speak
 - ... longer than ten minutes at a time,
 - ... more than twice on the same question on the same day,
 - ... a second time until every one has spoken who desires to do so.
- At any meeting the limits of debate may be changed by a two-thirds vote.
- If a member who has the floor allows another member to make an explanation, the time is charged to the one who has the floor.
- Consider adopting a special rule of order limiting speakers to 2 to 3 minutes at a time.

EDUCATION

December 2021

I hope everyone who attended Fall Conference in Tucson had a good time and has had a chance to review the materials in their packet. As I informed Conference attendees, I will select a report each month and present the Unit Chair with a “gift” for reporting.

Although your year-end report is not due for a few months, begin writing down what your members are doing each month. These notes will make your report easier to complete when it is due and you won't leave any activities out.

Remember that some of your programs can be worked together. Example: A Unit Chair asked her Juniors to write Thank You cards for school bus drivers last month. The ALA Juniors and SAL Juniors created 30 cards thanking the bus drivers and the school crossing guards.

Give Ten to Education. It is not too late to provide school supplies to the class rooms. You can collect school supplies and deliver them after the New Year since most children may need to replenish their supplies of No. 2 pencils, color pencils, Pink Pearl erasers, Washable glue sticks, sanitizer/disinfecting wipes, etc.

Don't forget that you can involve the Legionnaires, SAL members, and Legion Riders in your efforts.

Now is a good time to contact your high schools and remind them of the scholarships that are available. Let them know they can get information about these scholarships and applications are available for download on the national website, www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships.

Application deadline is March 1, 2022, to a local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. The Unit must select the applicant which they wish to sponsor, and complete/mail the Sponsor Form and the application, to be received by March 15, 2022.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Legislative

December 2021

Greetings Members,

Wow what a quick month November was!!

Those that came to Fall Conference, I hope you had fun, learned a lot and can take something back to your Units. It was great seeing everyone once again. I missed you a lot.

Update on me: As those of you that went to Fall Conference, you may have noticed my little fashion statement I added to my ensembles on Saturday and Sunday. I am glad to let you all know my ankle is not broken. It was just a severe sprain. It is healing nicely, and hopefully by the time you receive this, I will be out of the walking boot. It appeared that Barbara White and I are twinning it up. I hope her injury is healing just as well as mine. Before you ask, no, I didn't do anything cool like chase after someone, or kick a door down. I simply stepped off a curb wrong at McDonald's. Was actually a handicapped ramp of all things.

At Fall Conference, I handed out my Legislative Packet to all the Units. This packet will included the report form for Mid-Year and Year End reporting, as well as my contact information, award criteria, and the American Legion Auxiliary Programs Action Plan for the Legislative Program for 2017-2022. It was mentioned by many chairmen at Fall Conference that Mid-Year Reports are not mandatory this year, but strongly recommended.

I would also suggest that Unit Chairs order a Legislative Advocacy Guide from the National Headquarters. This booklet contains some very useful information on the Legislative Program.

In conclusion, these are trying and challenging times for our nation. We are coming back together as a society, but it takes time and patience. I have learned so much as a person and ALA member in the last few months. Please be kind to one another. We are all here for the same thing, helping veterans. **ALSO, YEAR-END REPORTS ARE DUE MAY 1ST, 2021. PLEASE GET YOUR REPORTS INTO THE CHAIRMEN ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE. DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN MUST REPORT TO NATIONAL THE HARD WORK THE UNITS HAVE BEEN DOING WORKING THE PROGRAMS. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, JUST GIVE ME A CALL OR EMAIL ME.**

For God and Country,

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EMAIL ABOVE HAS CHANGED. PLEASE RECORD NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Reaching for the Goal!

December 2021

Happy Holiday!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Fall Conference!

Don't forget about the **10 New in 2022!** The form can be found on the National Website, click Forms.

Members who recruit 10 *new* Junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2022 membership year. Deadline to Department is May 20, 2022.

If the Department reaches 75% in membership by Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, the Department will receive \$250 to use to advance the ALA Mission. Reach out to your members, WE CAN DO THIS.

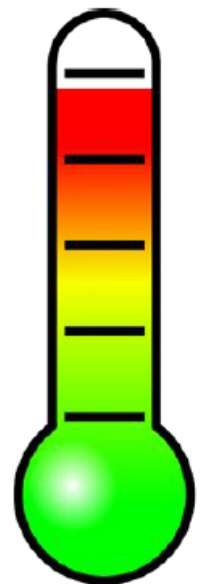
Reminder – Please submit membership on a weekly basis, even if it is only one.

Gift a membership to friends and family who are eligible to join the ALA would be a great gift for someone who has everything. Or you could pay a member's dues.

Hope you have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Until next month

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**Department of Arizona
Mission Training
2021 December**

We hope that everyone will have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and a wonderful Leadership year doing all that you can do to instill the basic concepts of our organization to all. Remember that each of us has a unique talent that can be shared with our unit, district or department.

What are the qualities of good leadership? The internet has an abundance of sources and we will need to choose what will suit our unit. Last month I chose COMMUNICATION as the first quality. The second:

INTEGRITY: You can't expect members to be honest if you lack integrity yourself. Honest leaders stick to their word, lead by example and follow through. Integrity is the cornerstone of all leadership qualities.

There are many things to look for that can be acknowledged by integrity, including:

- Apologizing for mistakes
- Highlighting others accomplishments and downplaying their own contributions
- Giving the benefit of a doubt when circumstances are unclear
- Being appreciative of people's time

A thank you to Yolanda Bonilla for giving my report at Fall Conference! Thanks to Units/Districts #19, #41, #78 and #27 for setting up trainings. That's leadership, my friends.

Please text or call if you need to set up a training or need information. I will be glad to hear from you. Once again, please text before calling as I do not answer unknown numbers.

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“Education and Awareness of Our Veterans With PTSD” MUSIC REPORT

December 2021

Greetings Melomanos (“ music lovers”),

I hope you are as excited as I am to support Madam President, Jenni Molina and her Special Project. It is something that has been over looked for sometime. If you missed the opportunity to lend your talents at Fall Conference you will have an opportunity at Convention in 2022. I’m looking forward to seeing your beaming faces singing your hearts out at Convention, as well as the Legion and Sons of the American Legion members at Convention. Please encourage the Legionaires and Juniors at your Post to participate as well. The choir at Fall Conference was amazing from a small group, they produced such an amazing and glorious sound. Imagine how wonderful a larger group would be!

The holiday season is approaching. This gives many opportunities to spread your enthusiasm about your Post through music. Please get your members involved and show your community your love of music. Caroling seems old fashion, but it’s a good way to involve your members and make your community aware your Post is close. Also, a great way to increase membership. There was a phrase used at Fall Conference titled, “recruit and retain”. Think of this while you are promoting your Music Program.

Now a little about the “American Legion Auxiliary Music Program, is a program to encourage and promote music within the Unit and Post. Thereby, incorporating some type of music in your meetings and other functions in the form of patriotic songs or hymns. Please let me know if you would like me assistance in any way. I am eager to assist you in any way. Also, please let me know if you would like for me to visit your Unit and admire what you’re doing. I can learn from you ways to make this program better for all.

With a song in your heart.

For God and Country,

Alma Matttingly, Department Music Chairman

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New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

December 2021

As I mentioned at Fall Conference, we are working on a NEW Baby Unit in District 11, looks like delivery might be at State Convention in June if all goes to plan!!

FORM A RENEWAL TEAM

Create a membership Renewal Team. The team should be made up of two or three highly motivated Unit members whose only job is to focus on membership renewals. They would be expected to track down those who have not yet renewed and make sure they remain members of the American Legion Auxiliary. These renewal team members should organize postcard campaigns, make phone calls, write letters, or knock-on doors to contact non-renewals.

The membership Renewal Team might also want to hold a Renewal Open House at the beginning of a new year to collect dues. It should be a special occasion, lasting one or two hours depending on the size of your Unit. It's not expensive to make copies of a computer-generated flyer or invitation to send to members. Flyers should also be posted in various locations, especially in the Post home and if you have a face book page there as well.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Safe & Healthy New Year!!



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY

DECEMBER 2021

Merry Christmas to everyone!! And may you have a very Happy New Year bringing in 2022.

Hi to all Units and Districts who host a PPP event? Do you want your Unit or District to be recognized? If so, I need your information!!!! Send me what you do and how you celebrate the Past President's Parley program.

Each month I will remind you of the awards available to your Unit.

The AAPP (Arizona's Active Past Presidents Plaque)

Cora Grigg Past Presidents Parley Plaque

Jarvis Plaque (Auxiliary Member of the Year)

I learned that National has moved both Unit member of the Year and the Service Member of the Year which will be under leadership, not the PPP program. However, you will still need to submit directly to department. I will have more information in next months' bulletin.

I look forward to hearing from your Unit and sharing your stories about your PPP program!!!!

Until next month with more news!!

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Special Project 2021-2022

December Bulletin

Fall Conference

Fall conference was held on November 6-7 in Tucson, Arizona. We had the honor of having the Chairperson for the Arizona Chapter of the PTSD Foundation of America, Adam Bigelow. He gave an amazing and powerful presentation about the PTSD Foundation of America. He started with his story and what led him to be involved with the Foundation, and the resources they have. As Adam explained, all of the programs and services are 100% free to veterans and their families. It was heartwarming to see all of you ladies collectively raise over \$2,000 the weekend of Fall conference. It was said that \$1,000 alone can send 4 Arizona veterans to Camp Hope at no cost to the veteran!

- POC for Arizona: Adam Bigelow adam.bigelow@ptsdUSA.org
- Phone number for PTSD Foundation of America:
 - Combat Trauma Help Line 877-717-PTSD(7873)
 - PTSDUSA Office 832-912-4429
- Link for PTSD Foundation of America: <https://ptsdusa.org/>

District Visits

To date, I have been able to visit two separate District meetings to give a quick presentation about the PTSD Foundation of America. I would like to thank District 3 and District 12 for all ability to give a quick presentation about this year's special project. I encourage Districts and Units to continue to let me know about meetings and events that I can attend to spread the word about the Special Project.

Wellbeing YOU hosted by American Red Cross – Military and Caregiver Network

What is Military and Caregiver Network? The mission of the MVCN is to provide our nation's military and veteran caregivers of all eras with peer support to reduce

isolation and increase connection, engagement, knowledge, skills and hope. The MCVN helps caregivers of all eras and at all stages of caregiving by providing access to three peer support programs:

Online Peer Support Community

Peer Mentor Support Program

Peer Support Groups (Online & Community-Based)

About is Wellbeing YOU? Join the MCVN every Wednesday at 10:00 AM Central for 15 minutes of focused wellbeing practice to enhance your whole health. This free event is open to military and veteran caregivers of all eras. This free event is open to military and veteran caregivers of all eras. Wellbeing YOU is hosted using Zoom video so caregivers are able to interact face to face using a computer or mobile device. The groups are flexible and informal so feel free to join when you are able, even if you can only attend part of the session.

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/american-red-cross-military-and-veteran-caregiver-network-mvcn-8587197535>
- Upcoming Wellbeing YOU events from MCVN
 1. Wed, December 01, 2021 @ 9:00 AM MST
 2. Wed, December 08, 2021 @ 9:00 AM MST
 3. Wed, December 15, 2021 @ 9:00 AM MST

“There is no timestamp on trauma. There isn’t a formula that you can insert yourself into to get from horror to healed. Be patient. Take up space. Let your journey be the balm.” - Dawn Serra

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VA&R

December 2021

Happy Holidays,

I hope everyone enjoys their holiday season. It was wonderful seeing everyone at Fall Conference, if you weren't there you missed a lot of good information. Please read all the material in the packet I gave every unit at the conference. If you have questions, PLEASE ASK. I am here to help.

For those who didn't attend fall conference, THERE ARE NO MID YEAR REPORTS this year. Instead please send me pictures and a brief synopsis of what your unit is doing for VA&R and I will forward them to the division and National Chairmen. Please remember NO Alcohol or alcohol signage in the pictures, it looks tacky and is a BIG NO NO from National.

Please remember to volunteer for the VA Gift Shops, however we are having them (every area is different so please check with your area chairmen).

I will see most of you at Open House in January, so until then Have a safe and happy holiday.

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SERVICE TO VETERANS

The Service to Veterans volunteer hours report form was emailed to all Unit Presidents in early November. I will continue to email the form each month hoping that either the President or a chairman will complete the form and send to me. If the President did not receive the form it is because your email address is incorrect or missing in the Directory. Please contact Department Secretary Barbara to make the corrections. It is the Unit President responsibility to share the monthly Bulletin with their Unit.

Keep in mind that you may use any form you like to report your hours. You can also contact me by text or phone and leave a message. It is very important to report regularly!

As of this date I have had reports from three units! We are nearing the midyear point so time to get rolling boys and girls!

I appreciate all of you that post on Facebook. Lots of functions and activities. I know you all work very hard helping our veterans and the community. Please report your hours!

Would you like to earn a Service to Veterans pin? You only need to volunteer 300 hours to receive the pin. When you reach 500, 1000 hours and up you will receive bars to attach to the pin.

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ALA Creative Arts Dept.AZ- December 2021

Greetings, I am Dawn Davidson and I am Honored for the appointment of the Creative Arts Chair for the ALA Dept. of AZ. Thank you President Jennie for giving me this opportunity to serve Arizona Veterans in this way. It is my mission, through the American Legion Auxiliary, to promote healing and wellness to our veteran community through therapeutic arts. This year you can expect to hear more about, and learn more about how these creative arts lead to healing, comfort, and added joy to the lives of our veterans suffering from PTSD and other combat related disabilities. I hope you'll see my passion, in all my efforts, with the Creative Arts Festivals both in Arizona, National in Florida, and in the therapeutic recreation departments in our VAMC's.

I have been in the ALA for several years and have been in 4 different units around the country. I am in my final landing place in Unit 24, Tombstone. We made our retirement home move to Vail, AZ in July of this year. I have been my unit's officer as chaplain and 2nd Vice and in executive committees. I have found the ALA sisterhood, both supportive and caring as we have made our moves. I always know I can make new friends easily with like minded people of the American Legion Family. Arizona has proved this once again.

I am a retired Lisc.Social Worker, and spent most of my career in County Social Services serving the 65 and olders and disabled Vets. I am also an Artist, primarily working in the fiber arts, but have been studying watercolor painting and currently working on my certification in Therapeutic Neurographic Art. I intend to bring both Weaving and Neuro Art ideas to Our VAMC veterans as I did in my last Creative Arts Festival volunteership in Minnesota. I saw first hand, working with this program, how helpful it is to our veterans.

In looking at an overview of our ALA work in Arizona in the Creative Arts, I am proud of what has been done even in our Covid times. I look forward to getting more involvement in our National Program and helping more volunteers work in the Therapeutic Arts programs in our VAMC's and clinics. I hope to educate more community veterans who use art in their healing, to know about their VAMC Creative Arts Festival, but also get more community veterans involved in the Arts Program to assist in their healing. If your Unit wants to know more about what they can do to help me on this mission, please send me an email or give me a call. I would be happy to attend your meetings to tell you more about how your donations and volunteer hours can be put towards reaching our goals with Creative Arts.

Thank you in advance for your Support!

For God & Country-

Sincerely,

Dawn Davidson, Creative Arts Chair 2021

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
10-31-21

All events are suspended until further notice. There is communication that some volunteer activities will be restarting. No specifics as of this date. Thank you volunteers for your help!

Moderna vaccine has arrived and all staff who desired vaccination have been vaccinated. All Veterans and caregivers have been offered the two dose vaccine. Current numbers are encouraging according to Director. Booster shots are also now available.

Southwest Blind Rehabilitation Center is now opening back up. There is limited visitation at SAVAHCS. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time.

There is a new program in start-up process to assist Veterans patients with food insecurities. Once implemented, a separate food pantry will fill this need. The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona donated gift cards valued at \$1,150 towards this program.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 is \$8,249.47.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 is \$8,936.70. Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 66, Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Four registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 is 1,071. **S AVAHCS is in the process of bringing back volunteers. Volunteers will be phased in as needed and the process will be closely monitored by the Director. Volunteers will be contacted by the Voluntary Service office as their services are needed. One more Auxiliary volunteer has been called back.**

This chairman has volunteered 105 hours and logged 1,200 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of October 31, 2021. 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 working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. Annual Joint Review is scheduled for November 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

Carl T. Hayden Medical Center

Christmas Gift Shop 2021

The plan for the giftshop are in the works. We will NOT be able to meet at the hospital again this year because of the Virus. We will be meeting at Luke-Greenway Post 1, lioke we did last year. We will be needing volunteers as usual. Also like last year we will be checking temperture's before they enter the building. To get the Veterans in and out as soon as we can we will not be wrapping the gifts this year. However, we will be offering the Veterans wrapping paper, tape and bows to take home. They will do their on wrapping. I'm sure they will Veterans in and out as soon as we can, we will not wrap their gifts this year, but we will give them wrapping paper, tape and bows so they can wrap their gifts when they get home. I want to thank the Units that have sent money for the Gift shop. Remember all money has to go through the Department and Barbara will forward the checks. We have been shopping early as prices seem to get higher every day. Also, those who wish to do their own shopping and I might say they do a great job. Be sure to turn in your orginal receipts and I will give you a receipt for your records. The gift shop will set up on Sunday December 5th at 9AM until we finish. The Gift shop will be open for Veterans December 6,7,8 from 9am to 3pm. Opening Ceremony will be at 9am Dec. 6th. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, stay healthy and I hope to see you at the gift shop.

Joyce Livingston, Chairman

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME

Well it's that time again for our newsletter. I would like to know if any of you Units have done anything for our Veterans that I can put in my report come January. Also for the newsletter. I would really like to tell everyone what we are doing for our Shut in's. Unit One is helping me find some items for their Christmas . I thought it would be nice to give them a wrapped gift to open on Christmas Day. I posted the want list last month along with their birthday list. Please use it. Help our Auxiliary look outstanding for all the other states to see.

I'm still looking for some entertainment. Some kind of music for Christmas. And maybe we can think of a cookie and hot chocolate party. Just come up with something and we'll see if we can do it.

Pat Stanaski

ASVA

2021-2022 DISTRICT MEETINGS

Dis.	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location
1	9/19/21 Yuma Post 19/1:00pm	12/12/21 Bouse Post 46/1:00pm	3/20/21 Yuma Post 19/1:00pm	5/15/21 Fountain Hilla Post 56/1:00pm	
2	9/19/21 Tucson Post 36/1:00pm	11/21/21 Wagner Post 109/1:00pm	1/16/22 Tucson Post 36/1:00pm	3/20/22 Tucson Post 7/1:00pm	5/15/22 Green Valley Post 66/1:00pm
3	9/12/21 Bisbee Post 16/ 1:00 pm	11/14/21 Tomstone Post 24/1:00pm	1/9/22 Sierra Vista Post 52/1:00pm	3/13/22 Benson Post 45/1:00pm	5/7/22 Douglas Post 11/1:00pm
4	8/15/21 Coolidge Post 54/1:00pm	11/21/21 Florence Post 97/1:00pm	2/20/22 San Tan Valley Post 9/1:00pm	5/15/22 Casa Grande Post 8/1:00pm	
5	11/18/21 Clifton Post 28/12:00pm	9/16/21 Safford Post 32/12:00pm	1/15/22 Globe Post 4/12:00pm	3/12/22 Duncan Post 49/12:00pm	5/14/22 Solomon Post 95/12:00pm
6	10/9/21 Overgaard Post 86/1:00pm	12/11/21 Snowflake Post 126/1:00pm	2/12/22 Cornfields Post 2019/1:00pm	4/9/22 Conco Post 130/1:00pm	6/11/22 St. Johns Post 31/1:00pm
7	9/25/21 Lake Havasu Post 81/ 11:00 am	11/20/21 Kingman Post 14/ 11:00 am	1/22/22 Bullhead Post 87/11:00 am	4/23/22 Ash Fork Post 57 /11:00 am	
8	10/9/21 Campe Verde Post 93/ 1:00 pm	1/15/22 Black Canton Post 90/ 1:00 pm	5/14/22 Humbolt Post 78/ 1:00 pm		
11	9/19/21 Glendale Post 29/2:00pm	11/14/21 Sun City Post 145/2:00pm	1/9/22 Peoria Post 62/2:00pm	3/13/22 Avondale Post 61/2:00pm	5/15/22 Buckeye Post 53/2:00pm
12	9/12/21 Apache Junction Post 27/2:00pm	11/21/21 Tempe Post 138/2:00pm	1/16/22 Chandler Post 35/2:00pm	3/20/22 Scottsdale Post 44/2:00pm	5/15/22 Ch andler Post 91/2:00pm

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