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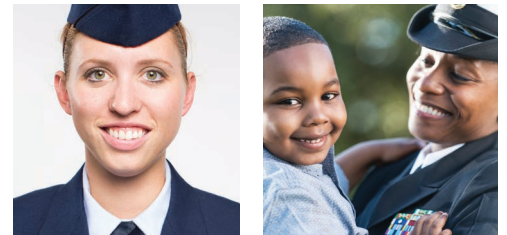
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families,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

# JOIN US FOR 2017-2018 ALA MISSION TRAINING

Do you want to be more effective in working the ALA mission in your community? Are you looking for fresh ideas on how to serve veterans, military, and their families? If you found yourself nodding “yes,” then we have just the event for you. Join us at a one-day ALA Mission Training event near you! You’ll be inspired while learning more about working the ALA’s core programs in an interactive and fun environment. The American Legion Auxiliary programs emphasized at ALA Mission Training will be Americanism, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Children & Youth, and Leadership. You will also gain an understanding of how the ALA’s 5-Year Centennial Strategic Plan is woven into everything we do.



Here’s what some of your fellow Auxiliary members said about ALA Mission Training:

*“It helped me learn more about our programs. We have a small unit and just don’t have time to delve into all of them. Mission Training helped with that. I took a lot of notes and plan to go back [to the unit] and give as much information to everyone as I can.” — Carol Griffin, Georgia*

*“This was a good Mission Training. If you didn’t make it, try to make another one. Get to one. Find out what it’s all about, because I learned a lot. What I thought the mission of the Auxiliary was to what I think now – totally different perspective.”  
— Kimberly “Sharky” Davis, Nevada*

Attend a 2017-2018 ALA Mission Training near you:

- ★ **Springfield, Illinois** — October 14
- ★ **Hartford, Connecticut** — October 21
- ★ **Minneapolis, Minnesota** — October 21
- ★ **Shreveport, Louisiana** — October 28
- ★ **Charlotte, North Carolina** — January 20
- ★ **Las Vegas, Nevada** — February 3

Go to [www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings) for more information. Registration opens July 18, 2017.

**Have ALA Juniors?**  
A national Junior meeting is also being held at the same time and location. If you have Juniors, please register them so they can learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary!

*Dates and locations are subject to change. Please check [www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/Meetings) for the most current dates and locations. Questions? Contact ALA National Headquarters’ Events Team at [meetings@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:meetings@ALAforVeterans.org) or (317) 569-4500.*

# HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE

December 2017

**FALL CONFERENCE done...**did you get 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 POSTERS...**Did you see them...they were made at the Junior Fall Retreat. Poppy Chairman Julie Ross will be in contact with the Units for more information about the posters.

**POPPY ORDERS...**Thank you to all who picked up poppies at Fall Conference...thank you to those of you who took kits to learn. 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.

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**MEMBERSHIP...** “WE CAN-CAN increase membership, YES WE CAN”. SO...thank you getting in membership so that we won and get the \$1,000 from National. AWESOME...

Membership is everyone’s job. 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.

**WOODEN NICKLES...**yes we have wooden nickels for sale here in the Department office. Did you see or get any at Fall Conference?

**CHRISTMAS...**heads up...those of you who took the Christmas ornament from Pat Stanaski when we were traveling for membership you need to send them back. They go on the Department Christmas Tree.

**DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE...1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in January....noon to 5pm**

**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**

**December 2017**

**Thank you Arizona for participating in Fall Conference! Also, if you have not taken the Fall Conference Survey please go to Ring Your Bell on Facebook and enter 2017 Department of Arizona ALA Fall Conference. We need your input to help improve our Fall Conference and Convention experience. Would you like to invite any of our Chairmen to your Unit or District meeting? Remember that they are just a phone call or email away and can assist you with information.**

**Did you participate in Pearl Harbor Day events? And did you contribute to Gift Shop at our VA facilities? Are you planning events in the Community? Remember that Ring Your Bell is a helpful tool for informing our Legion Family about upcoming events in your Post home.**

**Our National President Diane Duscheck has chosen "ALA Member Pride" as her theme and the ALA Foundation as her Special Project. President Diane will visit the Tucson area March 8 through 10 and has plans to tour Fisher House, the VA Home and the Blind Center. Look for further details in future newsletters and do make plans to attend the National President's Banquet in the Tucson area on March 9.**

**Take note that Department Open House is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2018 at noon. We can get together for camaraderie with Legion family and please bring a dish to share.**

**Thank you District 11, District 12, Units 39 and 65 for the hospitality extended during my official visits. 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,**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>
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, 2017	Veterans Hall of Fame Luncheon @ noon	Talkibng Stick Casino, Scottsdale, AZ
October 27 - 28, 2017	District 5 Official Visit	Safford, AZ, Post 32
November 3-5, 2017	Fall Conference	Doubletree Inn, Tucson, AZ
November 8, 2017	Creative Arts Planning Meeting @ 8 am	VA, Phoenix, AZ
November 10, 2017	Post 65 Veterans Day Commemoration	Phoenix, AZ, Post 65
November 11, 2017	Veterans Day Parade	Tucson, AZ
November 12, 2017	District 11 Official Visit`	Wickenburg, AZ. Post 12
November 18, 2017	Girls State Dinner	Tempe, AZ, Post 2
November 19, 2017	District 12 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
November 25, 2017	Post 26 Dedication Ceremony	Mesa, AZ, Post 26
December 4, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Phoenix, AZ
December 5, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Prescott, AZ
December 6, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Tucson, AZ
December 7, 2017	Pearl Harbor Day	Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix
December 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 Oopen House	Department Headquarters, Phoenix, AZ
January 14, 2018	District 3 Official Visit	Tombstone, AZ, Post 24
January 20, 2018	Southern Run Tour	Tucson Area
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 21, 2018	Akimel Patriotic Day	Awauatukee, AZ
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 17-18, 2018	District 1 Birthday Dinner & District 1 Official Visit	Yuma AZ, Post 19
March 28, 2018	Dinner for National Commander	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
March 28-April 1, 2018	National Commander Visit	Northern Run
April 14, 2018	Department Commander Dinner	Glendale, AZ, Post 29
April 19, 2018	Unit 35 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35

American Legion Auxiliary  
High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans

December 2017

Hope all had a good time at the Fall Conference and learned a lot about all the Programs.

This month this Chairman would like to encourage all Units to create a local AEF fund. This would remain in your Unit bank account and would be available to help a member who needs immediate assistance. The local Unit could help her quickly while she applies and waits for approval from the national AEF. The Unit could have their own criteria to be met ie: length of time member, active or not what to be used for. If the check would be given to the member or the bill paid. Often the Unit knows the Member very well and knows help is needed even if she doesn't ask for it.

December is Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation month so why not combine a fundraiser for VA&R with a small donation to AEF? Examples would be handing out the Yellow Ribbons to support our troops have a donation jar with AEF on it so some of the donation could be placed in the AEF jar

Just a quick update on the mid-year report for AEF. This is the easiest a Unit will do. Just send this Chairman a quick paragraph or even couple of sentences with the information on what has been done since Convention in June until December. You could also list any future plans for fund raisers etc. Have them to the Chairman by December 4, 2017 so she can submit them to National on time. The end of the year report will be the same. Paragraph letting the Chairman know what the Unit has done for the year. Send them by e-mail, snail mail or carrier pigeon as long as on time! If you e-mail please put AEF in the subject line, if snail mail on the outside of the envelope.

Quick suggestion Unit can have a cookie party (bring some and take some home) maybe even at the regular meeting and for each dozen the member takes she will pay one or two dollars. Quick way to add cash to the fund!!

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Linda Ruyle AEF Chairman

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The American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona  
AMERICANISM  
*December 2017*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the processional at Fall Conference and we look forward to more units participating at Convention in June.

**PEARL HARBOR DAY** - Each year on December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Survivors, veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A further 1,178 people were injured in the attack, which permanently sank two U.S. Navy battleships (USS Arizona & USS Utah) and destroyed 188 aircraft.

On August 23, 1994, the United States Congress designated December 7<sup>th</sup> as *National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*. Every year, remembrance events are held at World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, culminating in a commemoration ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Celebrating *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day* is your opportunity to show your support for those veterans who are still alive from the Pearl Harbor bombing, and pay your respect to those who give themselves in service to our country and its security every day. All over the U.S. there are ceremonies to honor these men and women along with the rest of the surviving WWII veterans, of which there were 855,070 in 2016.

Each December on **National Wreaths Across America Day**, their mission to *Remember, Honor and Teach* is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. The national theme for 2017 is ***I'm an American. Yes, I am.*** Four cities in Arizona hold local events: Flagstaff, Marana, Phoenix, and Sierra Vista.

**Civil Air Patrol** ~ Since Civil Air Patrol's formation during the earliest days of World War II, this vigilant organization of citizen Airmen has been committed to service to America. Founded on December 1, 1941 as a way to protect the nation's shorelines from invading German U-boats, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that still carries out emergency service missions when needed — in the air and on the ground. As a Total Force partner and Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, Civil Air Patrol is there to search for and find the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster and work to keep the homeland safe.

Reminder of the National Americanism Chairman's, Martha Corriher, challenge to support the **Americanism Essay Contest** by submitting your own essay, following the same rules in the Plan of Action. Her deadline for senior members is January 1, 2018, so please be sure to send them to me no later than December 20, 2017. There will be one winner from every division and the winning essays may be published in ALA media.

**Oratorical contest** – students may submit the proper Entry Form to participate in the Program between June 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018. This form may be obtained from Department Headquarters. Students will compete multiple times. Contests are progressive, will be held during the months of January & February, and completed on or before February 24, 2018. Each Area sends two contestants to the Arizona Finals to be held March 3, 2018. The winner will compete in the National Finals April 13-15, 2018. Department First Prize is \$1,500 plus an additional \$1,500 scholarship upon participation in the First Round of the National Finals in Indianapolis.

**Upcoming Patriotic Days:**

12/1	Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) 76 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	12/13	National Guard 381 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
12/7	Pearl Harbor Day	12/16	National Wreaths Across America

**Reporting dates to remember:**

Mid-year reports due 12/15/2017	Americanism Essay Contest due 4/1/2018
Seniors Americanism Essay Contest due 12/20/2017	Year-end reports due 5/1/2018

High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans,

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High Heels & Spurs  
Cavalcades of Memories



December 2017

Hello Ladies:

Where did the year go it's almost 2018 already, did you get a chance to appoint one of your members to be a chairman for Cavalcades of Memories.

Now we have 2 awards for Cavalcades of memories which was approved at this fall conference and it will be awarded at 2019 Department Convention there is no report form for this award, it is strictly a monetary report. Look for further details coming; everybody has a chance to win these awards. So you have a chance to start working on these awards.

The awards are the Centennial Stewart – Helen Stout Cavalcade of Memories “President’s Plaque” and Centennial Stewart - Helen Stout Cavalcade of Memories “Per Capita Award”. It is attached to the back of this bulletin.

Hope everybody has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Department Cavalcades of Memories Chairman

Paula Burgess

**A BRILLIANT SUGGESTION from the Constitution and Bylaws Chairman!**  
*(Even if she says so herself)*

**NAME OF THE GAME: WHEN IS IT DUE ?????**

**RULES OF THE GAME: READ ON . . .**

Is your Unit always asking, “What is a Corporation Filing? Do we have one? When is it due?” OR

“Do we really have to file a tax form with the IRS? When?”

If you are having trouble remembering the specifics for these two matters, then document the requirements in the form of a Standing Rule. Standing Rules are attached to your Unit Constitution and Bylaws. All of your officers should definitely have a copy of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules; and if you can provide one for every member, that is ideal.

**Corporation Filing Standing Rule (example)**

“Annually, the Secretary *(or whichever Officer you choose)* will submit the State of Arizona Corporation Filing before the due date of \_\_\_\_\_ *(every Unit has a different due date)*. The File No. for Unit \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. The proper fee will be included; Reference Amount: 2017 \$10.00.”

**Tax Filing (example)**

“Annually, the Treasurer *(or whichever Officer you choose)* will file the annual 990n at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) after \_\_\_\_\_ *(this date has been determined by the IRS)*. The EIN for Unit \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.”

Always be sure to make a copy of these “submissions” to keep on file. I suggest one 3-ring binder with only Corporation Filing Records, kept in the Unit office where everyone has access. Then have another 3-ring binder with only the record of your tax returns, also kept in the Unit office where everyone has access. **IF YOU DO THIS YOU WILL NEVER FORGET A FILING OR LOOSE THE RECORDS !**

And always send me a copy of those Standing Rules !

Debra Munchbach, Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

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## Chaplain

December 2017

Happy Holidays!

It was nice seeing many of you at Fall Conference. Hope you took back lots of information to the members of your Unit.

The Holiday Season is upon us. There are so many people who are less fortunate than we are. Consider having your Unit (or Post Family) adopting a family during the holiday season. Or, possibly holding a Post Family food drive.

### IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

**Mid Year Report Due Date is December 15, 2017**

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

The Holiday Season we seem to get overwhelmed. Think of those who are less fortunate than we are and think of those who have served and are currently serving our country.

I leave you with this prayer:

*Whenever you do not understand what's happening in your life, just close your eyes, take a deep breath and say . . . . "God I know it is your plan. Just help me through it." Amen*

*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.*

*Glenn and I wish each of you a very happy and safe Holiday Season!*

High Heels & Spurs In Service to Veterans

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Happy Holidays to everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and now are you ready for Christmas? I know from here on out everyone will be busy cooking, baking, shopping, going to Parties and visiting families and friends. While doing all that, in your spare time you can send me your mid-year reports by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. I know we're all busy with doing all the above, I'm guilty of that to, I know we can, can, can do it!

Thank you to all those units who have sent me Community Service reports.

How can we participate in Community Service for the month of December?

Pearl Harbor Day-Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Conduct a memorial service in your Post:

Adopt a family for Christmas:                      Help at a Food Bank:

Volunteer at your local shelters, senior citizen centers, visit your local VA centers and with all the baking you do take some to your veterans, local first responders, your Pastors and always wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel or pin while volunteering in your community: it reinforces our brand promise by telling people who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

The National Western Division Chairman for Community Service wants to know your ideas and what you're doing for Community Service. Enclosed is another form you can use to send me information.

For God and Country with "High Heels and Spurs for our Veterans"

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CHILDREN & YOUTH  
HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS

December, 2017

Thanks to all of the Unit Chairman's that turned in their mid-year report form, as well as, narratives and pictures. I am looking forward to all of the wonderful events and activities you have done this far, for Children and Youth in Arizona, so that I can report to our National C&Y Chairman Kathy Daudistel and Western Division Chairman Darlene Allen.

I Hope that you spent some time this holiday season to support our military children and their families. A visit to a shelter; hosting an Christmas event at your post or helping a family in need all are great ways to help not only our military kids by all children & youth in our community. Also keep a look out for kids that went over and above to help someone, so that we can award The Good Deed and /or the Youth Hero Awards. "This is the season."

Do not forget to get our local schools and Junior's members involved with the history of the United States from the aspect of Patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution. A great way to promote "Star Spangled Kids"

REMEMBER to Save the Date for The Children & Youth and The National Security Workshop: Flyer attached in the bulletin. See you there.

JANUARY 27, 2018  
LUKE GREENWAY POST 1  
364 N. 7TH AVENUE  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Shirley Cannon -Johnson - Chairman

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Stacy Mayberry

Linda Williams

**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
CHILDREN & YOUTH MID-YEAR REPORT- 2017-2018**

Activity	Yes/ No	Total \$ Spent	Total Hours	# Volunteers	# Military Kids	# Military Families	# Non- Military Kids	# Non-Military Families
Star Spangled Kids								
Hero Packs Assembled								
G.I. Josh program								
Operation Military Kids (OMK)								
Halloween Safety								
Youth Hero Awards								
Youth Good Deed Awards								
Citizenship Day (Sept. 17th (KDH2) program								
Children Welfare Foundation								
April C&Y Month								
Children's Miracle Network								
<b>TOTALS</b>								

UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURN BY DECEMBER 15, 2017**

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## **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



**EDUCATION IS  
WHAT REMAINS  
AFTER ONE HAS  
FORGOTTEN WHAT  
ONE HAS LEARNED  
IN SCHOOL.**  
-ALBERT EINSTEIN

# DECEMBER 2017

December is here and none of us are ready for it. Get those last-minute shopping days in quickly. Get educational items as well as fun items.

Did you review all the information given out at Fall Conference? There sure is a lot of information from all programs! For those that are working on the Scholarships there is no change to the format. **Please review all the information and get the scholarships on line at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org).**

**Spirit of Youth Scholarship - \$5000 one in each Division**

**Non-Traditional Scholarship - \$2000 one in each Division**

**Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship - \$5000 – three in each Division – 15 total**

Last year we had a winner of the Children of Warriors in the Western Division, so it is possible to get students needed funds for college.

Here are some important December dates to remember our veterans and those that serve. Get out those cards and make up those boxes for our active military – it means so much to them – get the children involved.



**December 7, 2017 - Pearl Harbor Day**

December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

**December 9, 2017 – Army / Navy Game**

**December 13, 2017 - National Guard Birthday**

**December 17, 2017 - National Wreaths Across America**

An annual laying of wreaths at veteran's cemeteries across the nation

**December 28, 2017 - Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant**

Some of you will be working on Christmas Day providing meals to others. Have a happy day and take photos for your Unit Face Book page to share with the rest of us.

**REPORTING DEADLINE: MID-YEAR – DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**. Follow the format of the year end report if possible, or just send me a short narrative of what you have been doing. Don't forget to include the name of your chairperson and what Unit you are reporting for. Keep up the good work!

For God and Country in Service to our Veterans

***Kat Sticklin***

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## Department of Arizona

### History

#### Heels and Spurs

History being made

December 2017

Ladies from this wonderful state of Arizona, we are building a legacy for our future generations to come. We leave behind a guide to what we have done, what worked and what may be improved. The only way to do this is by making sure we keep recording all our efforts and our triumphs.

Did we not have the best time at Fall Conference? What did you learn? How many from your unit, district attended? Did you pick up your packets from your mailboxes? Better yet, did you take the time to read them? Your Department Chairmen take time to give you this info based on past program developments and Plans of Action. HISTORY THAT HAS BEEN TRIED AND RECORDED.

I know many of you have already been busy in providing for our veterans, their families and your community as preparation for the holidays. I know many more activities are being planned from here to the end of the year. I have seen many postings on Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA. These will disappear!!! When you post take time to write it out.

I have received minutes from some unit and district meetings. For these I thank all of you that have taken the time to send them. For the rest I ask for you to take the time to send them to me. If you have something really wonderful happening at your sites, our President Yolanda visiting, any dignitaries being part of your activities, BOAST, RING YOUR BELL, write it down and send.

*Now a little history question asked by one of our Juniors at Fall Conference. What is the name, year and age of our youngest Department President to have served. (Prize for the first correct response. For your information I also have to hunt down the answer)*

Together we CAN CAN do many things. We CAN CAN build our programs, we CAN CAN reach our membership goal of one million by our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we CAN CAN do anything we set our minds and heart to. So put on your heels and spurs, grab your skirts, kick up your legs and do the CAN CAN dance.

Ladies, wishing you all Happy and Blessed Holidays for you and your loved ones. Remember the true meaning of Christmas is not the gifts but the religious concept of whatever faith you have.

Thank you for all you do. God Bless you and God Bless America

Jennie Molina

(520) 220-8460

Historian Dept. of Arizona

[truelepa@gmail.com](mailto:truelepa@gmail.com)

# Juniors

The Juniors held their Fall Conference last month the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of Oct.

We had a great turn out and the girls who attended reported that they had an awesome time and they couldn't wait to attend another one.

It was sad to realize that most of the girls were not aware of the **Patch Program**. This program is geared at three different age groups to make it easier for the younger girls to earn these patches.

We need to do something about this on the Unit level.

A questionnaire was passed out to all Arizona Units at the Tucson Conference and as of this writing not one unit responded to the flier. If we want to keep the Junior Units up and running, we need to teach the girls the various programs. Communicating with the Chairman is also key as we can't brag about our Junior Units if you don't tell us what you are doing.

Did your Unit pick a Miss Poppy for this year and are they promoting our Poppy program? There are two age groups.

**Little Miss Poppy is for girls 6-12 and Miss Poppy 13-17.**

We are hoping that the Units will pick both age groups to represent the Poppy program as the older girls can be great mentors for the younger girls.

Mark you calendars now so the Juniors can attend the Mission Training Conference in Las Vegas on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018. The Juniors hold their own meeting while the Auxiliary is attending their sessions. This is the greatest experience for our Juniors and where lifetime friendships are made.

Please contact me if you have a questions or can share some of the great ideas that your Junior Units have done so far this year.

Thank You,

Karon Quigg Cell Phone Number: (623-332-1621)

Address: 1443 W. Rosemonte Drive

Phoenix, Az. 85027

**AZ MISSION TRAINING  
LEADERSHIP  
DECEMBER 2017 BULLETIN  
“High Heels And Spurs”**

Leadership raises awareness of the American Legion Auxiliary as well as all of the American Legion Family. Leadership is not presented to only officers and chairman but to every member. All members benefit from the AZ Mission Workshop.

Membership is every month but, November is “Membership “ month” on the wheel. This is a great opportunity to reach out and ask how you are doing with membership. The AZ Mission Instructors can help with questions or concerns for you to provide to these new members. Mission Training provides information needed to help Units achieve their goals.

Have you attended a Mission (Leadership) workshop this year? Do you have a workshop scheduled for the 2017-2018 year? Information and training means success for you.

Give us a call to schedule a workshop for your members. Don’t hold back because you may not have enough to attend, call other Units and plan one together. The Mission Training team is here for you and you must take responsibility to provide your members with the much needed training for SUCCESS!!

**AZ Mission Training will provide:**

PROTOCOL	PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES
GOODWILL CULTURE	HOW TO CONDUCT A MEETING
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS & STANDING RULES	MEMBERSHIP
FINANCE (INCLUDES BUDGET/AUDIT)	ALL AUXILIARY PROGRAMS
REPORTING, IMPACT REPORT, WRITING NARRATIVES, DEPT. AWARDS	
TEAM WORK with BREAKOUTS	
DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN	OTHERS ITEMS AS NEEDED

**A low cost of \$8.00 to attend!!!!**

**Eight hours of priceless training!!!                      Eight hours of priceless information!!!**

Not all members profess to be leaders but every member of your unit has many talents and strengths that will enhance the Unit. With training there is no limit to every Units success.

**AZ MISSION TRAINING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED TO DATE:**

**SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>WORKSHOP PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
<u>12/2/17</u>	<u>8-4:30</u>	<u>Dist. 7</u>	<u>Post 22 Golden Valley</u>	Janice Williamson <a href="mailto:mariewilliamson69@yahoo.com">mariewilliamson69@yahoo.com</a> Nancy Stallings <a href="mailto:stallingsin@yahoo.com">stallingsin@yahoo.com</a>
<u>2/24/18</u>	<u>8-4:30</u>	<u>Dist. 1</u>	<u>Post 19 Yuma</u>	Marge Greene        t104greene@aol.com

MORE TO COME, STAY TUNED OR CALL US TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP !!!!

**Ginger Cox, Dept. Chairman                      Phone::                      602-616-2811**

Committee Members:

Helen Griffin	Rose Ficklin	Sherry Tucker
602-478-4909	602-628-4088	918-808-7540

# LEGISLATIVE 2017 – 2018 December

## We need to protect our veterans' rights!

I hope you were able to attend the Arizona American Legion Fall Conference. It was very informative and fun. Auxiliary Unit Program Chairmen were provided packets that contain an Action Plan to help them succeed with their program. As your Legislative Program Chairman, I provided you with a packet of information and the Action Plan. If you did not attend the conference, please contact your Unit President for your packet.

### **(Please provide this bulletin to your Unit Legislative Chairman)**

The Mid-Year Report is due to me by **December 15, 2017**. You can mail or email your report to me. If you email the report, please type **ALA Legislative – Unit** (type your unit number) in the subject line. I am required to submit a narrative report that incorporates all Arizona Auxiliary Units submissions to the division Legislative chairman, plus a copy to the national Legislative chairman by January 5, 2018.

In the Action Plan, on page 1 is “What Can You Do?” Key ideas are provided to educate your members on The American Legion’s legislative priorities. Subscribing to the Legion’s Legislative Action Alerts, Legislative Update, and attaining legislative sheets and point papers through the [www.legion.org/legislative](http://www.legion.org/legislative) website helps your members stay informed.

Page 2 of the Action Plan is the “Unit” section. The first bullet point references using the *ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide* to help you discuss the legislative priorities with your members; the guide was included in your packet.

Page 3-4 is “Legislative Reporting.” I provided a worksheet *2017-2018 Mid-Year Narrative Report*. Answer the questions and incorporate your answers into a narrative report.

You can plan ahead and start preparing for the Year-End Report, this report is due to me by April 15, 2018. For information on Department of Arizona Legislative Awards go to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona website. Click on “Member Resources” tab. Scroll down the page to “Reward, Reporting & Recognition” and click on “2017-2018 Department Awards Book.” Pages 1-4 provide narrative writing guidelines and pages 39-40 is information on Legislative Plaques.

Again, I encourage you to write a paragraph a month on this program stating how the unit has participated or on when you, the Chairman, provide information to your membership to keep them aware of legislative actions. The monthly reports will help you compile your mid-year and year-end reports.

**Yours in Service**

**Patricia Thomas, Legislative Chairman  
Arizona American Legion Auxiliary**

**For God and Country**

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Auxiliary Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Legislative Program

### 2017-2018 Mid-Year Program Narrative Report

This report covers the period of June 26 – November 30, 2017  
Due Date to the Department Chairman: **December 15, 2017**

The Legislative program provides information and assistance to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions. Questions are broken down in sections to assist with composing your narrative:

1. How did you educate members in the legislative issues promoted by The American Legion and how did your members employ those methods?
2. What legislative activities (town hall meetings, legislative receptions) did members attend in their communities and departments? What suggestions did members have to improve those activities? Please describe?
3. Number of contacts made personally by members of the Auxiliary to legislators or elected officials on veterans' issues:

Personal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mails: \_\_\_\_\_ Faxes: \_\_\_\_\_

Letters: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Calls: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(*Personal Contacts* may include visiting town, city, county council meetings, AZ State Legislature or National Congressional sessions or legislative/congressional field visits, etc. *Other Contacts* refer to watching anything televised (candidate debates, State of the Union address, etc.)

4. How did members develop relationships with their elected officials? Please describe.
5. How many Auxiliary members signed up (or are signed up) to the Legions Legislative Action Alerts? \_\_\_\_\_ The Legion Legislative Update? \_\_\_\_\_ Visited the Legion's legislative website, [www.lwgiion.org/legislative](http://www.lwgiion.org/legislative), to keep current on legislative priorities? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Please describe how members were able to connect with their local and state officials and what were their successes.

Should you e-mail your narrative to me, please type **ALA – Unit (your unit number) Narrative Report**, in the subject line. I belong to many Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) and this will help me keep order with ALA.



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona

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

**December 2017**

Kudos to the Units that made the 60% goal. Also, kudos go to the Districts who brought their charts showing where your District standings were by Fall Conference.

*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? Why? Units that make this goal will receive a special gift from this membership chairman. What is it you ask? Make that goal and you will find out!!!

Next bulletin report will be in the year of 2018...wow can you believe it? So, ladies can we keep the “CAN-CAN” theme active and keep those numbers dancing into the new year? YES -- WE CAN-CAN make those high heels and spurs work for our Units increasing our membership to an all new high.

*Don't forget, your mid-year one paragraph blurb is due to me by December 15<sup>th</sup> and all you need is just a few words sent to me by email (see below, **new email address**). 100% reporting helps us make our 100% goals.*

***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.

Cindy Queen, Department V.P., Membership Chairman  
4718 S. Adelle Circle, Mesa, AZ 85212  
[cynqueen53@cox.net](mailto:cynqueen53@cox.net)

602-316-7647 (cell) 480-358-6923 (home)

# MISSION TRAINING WORKSHOP

JANUARY 13, 2018

8 AM TO 4 PM

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30 AM

LUKE-GREENWAY POST 1

364 N. 7TH AVENUE, PHOENIX

ALL LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

DONUTS/DANISH/COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED

LUNCH IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASED

CONTACT:

JAN CUSHING AT 623-544-0797

[gcushing@cox.net](mailto:gcushing@cox.net)





American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona

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

Season Greetings!

What a wonderful Fall Conference we had in Tucson the beginning of November. I hope those in attendance came away with some good ideas to take back to the various Units and Districts. Rock and Roll songs were played during breaks to get the ladies revved up and dancing in the aisles, literally! Thanks to those units and districts who have submitted mid-year music reports. You ladies rock.

As the winter holidays approach, let's keep in mind our many service men and women who might not have a family celebration this year. If the Unit or District will be making and distributing food baskets to Veterans during this season, remember to include festive songs in your delivery. The gift of music can touch the heart and soul in ways no other gift can.

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**

Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org)  
under Ruling Documents.

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman  
11533 E. Kilaroa Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209  
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480.272.1255 cell

Salute our Veterans this Holiday Season!!!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

NATIONAL SECURITY

DECEMBER 2017

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

Some of the programs that fall under National Security are: Yellow Ribbon Events, Operation Homefront, Family Readiness Groups, Family to Family support, USO, Fisher House and other outside programs that support our military and their families.

Military and Family Support programs of the American Legion that we actively participate in are Family Support network, Operation Comfort Warriors, Heroes to Hometown, Gold Star and Blue Star Banner programs and POW/MIA Initiatives.

Another item under Homeland Security is providing recognition and support for ROTC and JROTC groups.

\*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 1PM. 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 December:

December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 15<sup>th</sup> Bill of Right Day

December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas

\*Please send or email me your report form that was in your National Security packet at Fall Conference by December 5th. REPORT, REPORT!!! My home address is on the form and my email address is below.

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

Jan Cushing  
National Security Chairman  
2017-2018

[gcushing@cox.net](mailto:gcushing@cox.net)

623-544-0797

# NATIONAL SECURITY

## REPORT FORM 2017-2018

Please send report to: Jan Cushing, 20089 N. Pinewish Ct., Surprise, AZ 85374

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

Did your unit participate in the following?

Did you participate in the CERT Program? \_\_\_\_\_ # of member's participating \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow Ribbon Project \_\_\_\_\_ # of Ribbons \_\_\_\_\_ # of Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_

Number of POW/MIA presentations: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome Home Activities:

# of events \_\_\_\_\_ # of members \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Offered Child Care:

# of events \_\_\_\_\_ # of members \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Social Calls:

# of events \_\_\_\_\_ # of members \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Cooking Meals:

# of events \_\_\_\_\_ # of members \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Yard Work:

# of events \_\_\_\_\_ # of members \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Support the USO:

# of Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ Total Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Star Banner:      Number Provided \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Star banner:      Number Provided \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Donor Program:

# of volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ Total Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

ROTC/JRROTC:

# of events participation \_\_\_\_\_ # of medals presented \_\_\_\_\_

# of certificates presented \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Members attending the Department National Security/ Children & Youth Seminar:

Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Legion \_\_\_\_\_ SAL \_\_\_\_\_ Legion Riders \_\_\_\_\_ Juniors \_\_\_\_\_

Please include additional details regarding National Security projects and activities on the back of this form or on a separate sheet of paper. For winning awards, see Department Rules guide for instructions. Please meet due date of December 5, 2017 and May1, 2018. Thank you.



## CREATIVE ARTS

DECEMBER 2017

National figures from the Veterans Administration report that twenty veterans commit suicide each day! This is frightening! Countless stories of veterans returning home and trying to adjust to civilian life are filled with homelessness, lack of self-esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, and social isolation as a mechanism to cope with depression and guilt. What can be done to reduce this?

The Creative Arts Program is one program that has changed lives. Veterans have reported that after focusing on some form of art, they were able to understand things about themselves, saw things they had been unable to process before. One veteran told me that learning to draw literally saved his life. Creative Arts participants say that art has helped them to regain a sense of self and a source of pride. Participating in the Art Therapy programs through the Veterans Administration also brought them together with other veterans suffering the same difficulties. Nobody else can quite understand but other veterans know.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the only other sponsor of the Creative Arts Festival beside the Veterans Administration. As an Auxiliary member, support the Creative Arts Program! It's one small way to show you care.

Your Department Creative Arts Team is here to help you:

Phoenix:	Margaret Ellis	<a href="mailto:maggylou@cox.net">maggylou@cox.net</a>	480-818-3166
Prescott:	Sally Fine	<a href="mailto:mightyfine123@gmail.com">mightyfine123@gmail.com</a>	928-713-5842
Tucson:	Kathy Szakonyi	<a href="mailto:N3SAD@aol.com">N3SAD@aol.com</a>	520-400-5839

# PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

## December 2017

The PPP committee's salute to our past department Presidents continues this month. A suggestion: as a unit project have the unit secretary and or members to send the PDP's a Christmas card, to let them know how much we appreciate them.

### **Betty Smith 2000-2001**

National Theme: "Celebrate America"

Department Theme: "Light Up Your Life in Service"

Special Project: "Children's Miracle Network"

Member of Unit: 35

Served Department on various committees including Leadership, Past Presidents Parley

### **Joyce Arent 2001-2002**

Theme: "Stick Your Neck Out"

Special Project: Breast Cancer Awareness

Member of Unit: Information not available

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

#### **Elizabeth "Beth Nehring**

Military Service 1970-1972 United States Navy Boot Camp US Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland. Stationed Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Division, Naval Air Station, Coronado, California. Yeoman "Secretary" for the Division. Beth belongs to TAL Christopher J. Lapka Post and Unit 105. She is currently Serving as Post Commander and District 11 Adjutant. Thank you for your Service!

#### **Active Military Servicewoman**

**None submitted**

#### **Past President's Parley Nurses Scholarship**

The Past Presidents' Parley Nurses Scholarship Assistance in health care occupations was established by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona. The scholarship is for students in Arizona seeking a career in health care occupations. The student must be a U.S. citizen and an Arizona resident for at least one year.

**SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS: AMOUNT \$500, DEADLINE 1<sup>o</sup> 15th May 2018, DEADLINE TYPE: Single, REQUIREMENTS: RESIDES IN AZ state**

Josie Herrera  
Past Presidents Parley Chairman  
jherrera268@aol.com

Serving Those Who Served

Poppy Program  
Dec. 2017

Can't believe the year is so near the end. Hope you all had a great Veterans Day. Thanksgiving Day has past also- hope you all had fun with family and friends.

If you have your Poppy Posters ready and can deliver them to ALA Department by Jan. 6, 2018 our Awesome Department President will deliver them for you the following weekend at her official visit to District 3. That's the date of the Dept. Open house. They're due by April 19, 2018 - early birds can save shipping. For rules instruction go to [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). Click on: members only, member resources, poppy committee, look for poppy poster rules.

If either of us can be of any assistance our contact info is below.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season.

For God and Country,

Julie Ross  
Poppy Chairman  
[juliedistrict3@gmail.com](mailto:juliedistrict3@gmail.com)

Rebecca Gulley  
Poppy Committee  
beccaP1020@gmail.com

## Public Relations: December 2017



### CONTACT STUFF:

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Social Media support specialist: Cynthia Millard; [azmillard@gmail.com](mailto:azmillard@gmail.com)

Ring Your Bell Event publications: Amaris Jones: [ala.laveen134@gmail.com](mailto:ala.laveen134@gmail.com)

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

- Beginning December 1:
  - 25 Points for Facebook Postings that show the American Legion Auxiliary emblem during any event or activity where the public (non-Legion Family members) is present. Parades, poppies distribution, holiday events, etc. Maximum 25 points per event. 50 point maximum per month.
  - Keep all the other postings coming. WE ARE LOVING IT!

### Recent Highlights

- The Ring Your Bell Facebook page now has over 400 members!!! 3500 engaged comments, likes, posts last month. 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!
- Amaris Jones from Unit 134, Laveen, has volunteered to take events posted on the Ring Your Bell page and create a “Facebook event” for it. Wonder what’s coming up? Go to the Ring Your Bell AZ ALA page and click on “Events” – you’ll get a chronological view of events!
- TAKE THE FALL CONFERENCE SURVEY!!! Go to the Members Resource section of the Department webpage ([www.aladep taz.org](http://www.aladep taz.org)) and look under announcements.
- Check out the updated Arizona Training schedule at [www.aladep taz.org](http://www.aladep taz.org) or on Ring Your Bell!
- Avondale Unit 61 and Peoria Unit 62 had ALA Arizona Girls State delegates featured in local newspapers!
- Veterans Day events and activities were AWESOME! You all are the BEST!





## **PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT**

I hope everyone who was attended Fall Conference enjoyed themselves. If you missed out, look on Ring Your Bell and enjoy the pictures.

With the money raised at fall conference, we have around \$9000.00 turned in. Please remember to put PSP or President special project on your check.

REMEMBER, there is NO REPORT FORM for PSP. However, if you want to be eligible for the awards, you must write a narrative. Rules are in the Department awards book.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Rose Ficklin, Chairman

Committee Members: Barb Shields, Sherry Grey and  
Pam Wojtkun

**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.*



Tucson SAVAHCS Christmas Gift Shop  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

**PLEASE NOTE CORRECTIONS BELOW**

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 10:00 a.m.**

Gift Shop continues to be open through Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 8, starting at 9:00 a.m. (Sorry, some corrections!)

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!)

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

**Don't forget to thank a Veteran for his service to our country on  
EVERYDAY IS  
"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  
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602-475-0208**

VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
10-31-17

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 November 21st, 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 Festival is scheduled for February 7, 2018. Volunteers are needed to assist VA personnel with conducting this event.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017 is \$6,358.13. 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 October 31, 2017 is \$23,320.50. 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 October 31, 2017 is 3,018; 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. Please consider sponsoring a summer youth volunteer at SAVAHCS. The cost is \$40 per youth. All hours logged by each sponsored youth will be credited to the American Legion Auxiliary.

This chairman has volunteered 161 hours and logged 1,980 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of October 31, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

**ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME  
PHOENIX  
DECEMBER 2017**

Hello and Good Morning,

I am sorry to report that I did not receive the list of January Birthdays nor the list of activities for December before the cut-off date for the bulletin. The information will be included in the January bulletin.

I wish to thank the Units who have sent in donations for the Phoenix State Home. I am hoping to purchase a Christmas gift for each Veteran. As most of you know, year money is tight so we will do the best we can.

Below is a list of December 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

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. Keep up your kindness.

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

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 HOOK 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 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs 602-312-9245  
VHVS Chairman

Joyce Livingston 623-846-9670  
VHVS Co-Chairman

*High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans*



UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
4 NOVEMBER 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Reggie Yates, the opening ceremony was conducted and guests were introduced.

Barbara Sesate from Maricopa StandDown briefed the membership on the upcoming StandDown January 25-27, 2018. They are expecting to service approximately 2200 veterans this coming year. In 2017 they had 2107 veterans. Their goal is to make sure the veterans do not return to homelessness. For more information go to [arizonastanddown.org](http://arizonastanddown.org).

Shasta Vargas gave a presentation on the “ins and outs” of Medicare for veterans. Her organization helps walk you through the medicare vantage plans, many of which are at no cost for the veterans. The cost is based on income.

Eric Snelz from “Help Hands for Freedom” briefed on his organization. They not only help veterans, but their families. They can help pay bills when the veteran is unable and also will buy food for the families. They fund events for veterans and their families in financial straits.

Ted Murphee gave an update on “Operation Freedom Bird”. They hope that their program will help to prevent suicides. They take 50 combat veterans to Washing D.C. on a healing journey. In order for a veterans to participate, they must agree to stay in counseling upon return. Their next trip will be in January 2018 where they will take another 50 veterans and their escorts to Washington D.C. Their program is for any era combat veteran. They are a 501(c) 3 organization and are in need of financial donations. The cost for each participant is \$570. The escorts are asked to pay their own way, but for the combat veteran, the trip is free.

Elizabeth Singleton gave a report on a program called “Small homes for Vets”. These are affordable home and are on a concrete foundation. They are not pre-fabs or trailers, they are actual homes between 400 and 600 square feet. These homes are considered micro homes. Their first community is located at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Buckeye. For more information go to [www.buildushop.org](http://www.buildushop.org). The cost is 30% of the individuals income and if they do not have an income there is a program for them to get a grant.

Roll call was taken, a motion to accept the minutes as written made, second and approved.

Treasurer Bob Hysko was not there, Chairman Yates gave the financial report.

Danielle from Ruben Gallego’s office was introduced. She had no updates but advised the membership she would be around after the meeting to address any questions.

VA Medical Director Nelson and Chief of Staff McCarthy reported that they had two town halls in Show Low. Currently there are over 900 veterans a week signing up with the VA for medical treatment. They were able to send a number of their medical personnel to Houston and Puerto Rico to assist with the needs after the hurricanes in those areas.

Their Emergency Department had over 40,000 visits last year. The hospital has just been approved to perform angioplasty in the cardiac department. Their recent medical rating is not at 5 stars. They will not be cutting opioids for cancer patients but will for less sever medical conditions. The Mobile

Medical Unit is being use more in areas where it is difficult for veterans to get to medical appointments and to make sure their shots are readily available.

The VA has over 20 active research projects ongoing at this time. Last year they had 2500 trainees from various medical schools. More and more medical schools are reaching out to the VA to partnership with them in helping students pursuing a medical career. Currently the Phoenix VA has over 90,000 veterans registered for medical assistance. This is greater than Los Angeles.

Reggie Yates gave a report from the Board of Directors. There were 520 people at the AVHOF Luncheon. For more information on the UAV go to [www.azuav.org](http://www.azuav.org).

Terry Araman gave a legislative update. The next opening session for the State Legislators is January 10, 2018. They are still working on the MFRF fund. They are trying to eliminate the Post 9-11 restrictions. They will be proposing two bills next year. One to extend the expiration date of the MFRF fund from 2018 to 2026 and the second one to continue to accept donation but for all other generations of veterans. Last year the MFRF fund spent \$900,000. This year they expect to spend \$1 million, but this will still leave over \$5 million in the fund with more money coming in every year.

It is very unlikely that any bills that will require the spending of money will be approved this year as the State Treasury is currently \$100 million in the red.

Judy Hatch gave a report on the upcoming Pearl Harbor Day and also mentioned the Memorial Day Program which will be May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Rob Welsh introduced the people that will be running for offices for the upcoming year at the UAV. Elections will be next month.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully.



Judith Hatch



# Students Volunteering for Veterans

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
3601 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Tucson, AZ, 85723

**Please Consider Sponsoring a Youth Volunteer!**  
**MINIMUM DONATION FOR STUDENT SPONSORSHIP IS \$40.00.**

Your Organization will:

- Help Tucson youth learn the value of serving Veterans
- Receive credit for the hours your youth volunteer works
- Contribute toward a once in a lifetime learning experience for a local youth

The youth volunteer will:

- Gain an understanding about service to our Nation’s Veterans
- Gain a valuable life experience
- Receive a SAVAHCS Youth Volunteer T-shirt
- Be recognized for the hours they contribute
- Develop skills to benefit future employment
- Learn the value of volunteering at the SAVAHCS
- Become eligible to apply for educational scholarships
- Explore future opportunities in health care occupations

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**PLEASE DETACH HERE AND RETURN TO VOLUNTARY SERVICES**  
**OR CALL 520-629-1822 OR FAX TO 520-629-1753.**  
**CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO**  
**SAVAHCS – SERVE YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 (PLEASE PRINT)

Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I WILL SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT(S) X \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**(# OF STUDENTS SPONSORING)**

**TOTAL**