

# **Serving Those Behind The Badge**

Deember 2020

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

*FALL CONFERENCE WILL NOT HAPPEN THIS YEAR. There will not be a virtual session either. As the chairman are the same and plans of action are the same there are no Fall Packets either. The trophies and awards that would have been in June are being collected now and they will be SPECIAL MAILING of all the results.*

**HAVE YOU DONE THIS...I HAVE NONE HERE AT DEPARTMENT**  
..If you have the History Book for judging mail it or get it to Rose Ficklin by November 7, 2020. She does not want any binders just the histories. **NO BINDERS...**Scrapbooks and Prayer Books for judging need to at Department office by November 7, 2020. They will be picked up here by the Chairmen.

**Repot forms...Mid-Year** if one does not come from Department we ask that you send an email to the Chairman with bullets on what you have done for that program.

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S OFFICAL VISIT...** President Patricia will be rescheduling her missed visits for this year. Check with her about rescheduling. If you want her to revisit go ahead and ask.

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

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Unit 105

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**EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET"** ...if you have received a red ticket since last Fall Conference please contact Department again so that we can mail out your prize asap.

**MEMBERSHIP... "MEMBERSHIP PATROL Part 2"**. Membership is everyone's job. **Legion Act** has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. Be a life saver and get a renewal and a rejoin.

**DONE...**The 10x10 membership award for 10 new senior members to National by November 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Congratulation to the winners.

**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 IDENTITY 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.
- NO NEW women veterans special offer for 2021.
- USE THE FORMS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING.
- DO NOT RECREATE THE FORMS.

**Women Veterans Trailblazer Award...**check out the information. Do you know one these extra ordinary women veterans? If so nominate her for this award.



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## 2021 Center for Women Veterans Trailblazer Initiative

**Trailblazers are Women Veterans who have served and separated from the service and makes an impact by enhancing the lives of other veterans, veteran families or veteran caregivers. Impact must be in one or more of the following areas:**

- Education
- Employment
- Entrepreneurship
- Homelessness
- Legal
- Mental Health and Wellness

**Impact may be a single event or action or may be demonstrated over a period of time in one or more of the stated areas. The one-page summary should address the specific impact(s) the Nominee has made in one or more of the stated areas.**



2021 CWV Women  
Veterans Trailblazer  
Initiative

**Nomination Form**

CWV is accepting nominations of women Veterans to highlight as Trailblazers.

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**Nomination Procedures**

Please submit all requested materials.

- ☐ Nomination form
- ☐ Nominee's recent professional (looking) photo
- ☐ A one-page summary of why the women Veteran meets the definition above of a Trailblazer and how she is continuing to serve others.

Deadline for the 2021 Center for Women Veterans Trailblazer Initiative is **Tuesday, January 12, 2021.** Nominations received after this deadline will not be considered.

The nominee must have been honorably discharged.

Previously selected Trailblazers will not be considered.

Email nominations and/or questions to: [00W@va.gov](mailto:00W@va.gov). For additional information about CWV, please visit our website at [www.va.com/womenveterans](http://www.va.com/womenveterans) or contact Ana Claudio at [ana.claudio@va.gov](mailto:ana.claudio@va.gov)

**NOMINEE INFORMATION:**

FIRST	MI.	LAST
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE	EMAIL	

**Demographic Information:**

RACE/	<input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	
ETHNICITY	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	
	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian	
AGE	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 40-49
	<input type="checkbox"/> 50-59	<input type="checkbox"/> 60-69	<input type="checkbox"/> 70 or older

**NOMINEE MILITARY INFORMATION:**

BRANCH OF SERVICE	YEARS OF SERVICE	ENLISTED / OFFICER (Circle one)
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Have you spoken with the nominee prior to this submission and have they agreed to be nominated? **Do not submit without speaking to the nominee first**

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Nominees will undergo a selection process to include an interview.

Final candidates will be required to attend a photo shoot and an official event to celebrate this initiative in the D.C. area. (Date to be determined)

Has the nominee agreed to travel to D.C. for these two important events? (Date to be determined. Travel expenses will be covered by the Center for Women Veterans)

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

**NOMINATOR:**

Last Name	First Name	Email	Phone Number	Organization
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**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE  
DECEMBER 2020**

As we come to end of this year my thoughts and prayers go out to anyone impacted by this virus. I want to thank all American Legion Auxiliary members that have remained dedicated to continued fulfillment of our mission of service not self to veterans, military, and their families.

We will not have a Fall Conference and there will not be a virtual session either. As the chairman are the same and the plans of action are the same there will be no Fall Packets.

Even though we cannot visit the veterans at the State Veterans homes we can still let them know we are thinking about them. Check with the State Veterans Home Representatives for ideas of what the residents may be needing. Juniors should also be included in this project by making Christmas cards or notes of encouragement that they are not alone.

Don't forget #GivingTuesday on Dec. 1. Contributions to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation help fund Auxiliary programs that support veterans, servicemembers, and military families. Contributing to the ALA Foundation is another great way to serve our mission! Read more about the ALA Foundation, at [ALAFoundation.org/givingtuesday](http://ALAFoundation.org/givingtuesday).

Special Project: If you would like to make a gift of a tee shirt. The Special Project Tee Shirts are on sale at the department office. Please call before coming down to the office. We are still collecting contributions for the **"One Hundred Club"** my Special Project.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. Stay safe and we will meet again in the new year. Stay safe and we will see you in the New Year.

Patricia Lugo, President  
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# AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

December 2020

**BE KNOWLEDGEABLE** – Familiarize yourself and your unit members with the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Knowing about this program will make the process easier should you need to help a member apply.

**BE AWARE** – Learn the application process and fund restrictions and help members in need contact other nonprofit agencies that might be able to assist them.

**BE GENEROUS** – When you donate to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, you're giving a fellow Auxiliary member not just help, but hope. Please give

**Now...Tell me what you have been doing to raise funds for AEF. With your permission I can put ideas on the National AEF Facebook site.**

## AWARDS

Individual contributors donating \$50 or more can receive a citation and lapel pin.

Unit awards for Department listed below...

Patricia M. Lee –Gloria Elliott Memorial Plaque

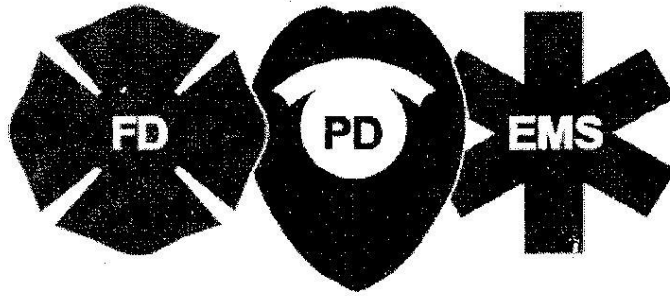
Paula Burgess "President's Plaque"

Paula Burgess "Per Capita Award"

Jessica Matteson – Chairman

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**"Serving Those Behind the Badge"**  
**Cavalcade of Memories**  
**December 2020**

Ladies: This Chairman is still looking for your pictures and Bios to put in the Past Department President Memory Book. Still MIA in the Book are Debbie Collins, Doris Theiss, Sharon Doran, Jane Shoemaker. You served; wouldn't you like to be honored? Once upon a time you wore a badge that said Department President. Be recognized in the Centennial Celebration of 100 yrs. 1920 -2020 thru 2021.

I will be adding to the books the Past National Presidents that you served with. The Past National President's picture will be added. Your Department Commander name will be added that you also served with. It will start with 1920 – 2020 and after. This Chairman has found some pictures of you that will be put in the book if you want a nicer picture send it to me. OR what you see is what you get.

This Chairman is trying to see about getting National Honorary Jr. Presidents Names and the years they served with our Honorary Department Jr. and I need you to have them to send me their picture and bio if you know the Jr. President that served with you as department president. We do have a book we are working on for the Jr.s and whatever we have will be displayed at Convention next year.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year\*\*\*\*\* these are snowflakes Ha Ha!!!!

Department Cavalcade of Memories Chairman

Paula Burgess



## Chaplain

December 2020

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary members,

I hope this bulletin finds you all healthy and safe. If you have prayers to send me for Madam President's Prayer Book I'd love to start receiving them. As always, if you would like me to send a card to someone, my contact information is listed below. Please send me an e-mail or text message and I'll get a card sent out right away. I'd be happy to send any kind of card – get well, condolences, thinking of you, motivational, encouragement, great job, etc.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take good care of yourselves and your loved ones. Please say an extra prayer for those service men and women out on the front lines for their good health and safety.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Today we celebrate the reality of Your presence in our lives. Don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration of You. Thank you for the simple but life-changing message of your love for us.

Amen.

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## **Serving Those Behind The Badge FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH DECEMBER, 2020**

Greetings,

Covid-19 cases seem to be on the rise so please take precautions, for yourself and your families. I will be a packet with information for each Units Children and Youth Chairman and a mid-year report form. Please send to me by 12/15/2019. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

I hope this bulletin finds you all ready for Christmas with all your decorating and shopping all done! The holidays are a very busy time for everyone. Hopefully you've all had some time to support our Military Children and Families. If your Unit has hosted a holiday event, visited a shelter or Community Center or helped a family or families with food and gifts, please send the information to me with your mid-year report which is due December 15th.

Pictures are also welcome. I'd like to include all your wonderful Children and Youth and military family support activities to our National and Western Division Children and Youth Chairman. Let's show these Chairman why we're the Best in the West!

The holiday season is a great time to keep an eye out for kids that have gone above and beyond to help in their communities. It would be great to submit multiple candidates for The Good Deed and Youth Hero Awards. I have included in this bulletin a copy of the mid-year report in case you didn't receive it at Fall Conference. Again, it is due to me by December 15th. I've included my email address and home address for you to send in your submissions. It's vitally important that I receive a mid-year report from each Unit so that my report to Western Division and National are as comprehensive as possible. I appreciate your efforts in getting this completed.

If you have any pictures of your youth Junior's or any children doing activities for the Community, Veterans please send them to me along with what event they are doing and I will put them on the National Facebook page.

**Merry Christmas to you and yours and have a safe and happy New Year!**



Mark your Calendar

Mid-Year: December 15, 2017

National Security / Children & Youth Workshop - To Be Determined

**Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!**

For God and Country,

Lynda Griffin – Chairman

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- Rebecca Gulley – Committee Member
- Shirley Cannon-Johnson – Committee Member

# Community Service

*December 2020*

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

*"This is not the year to get everything you want; this is the year to appreciate everything you have." -FB Unknown author*

As this year comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for their continued service to the community. It has been tough year for most, but I still see so much love and effort being show to those in need. Please remember, to log your Community Service hours. Including recycling!

What has your Unit and members been up to in your community?

Most members recycle household items in their blue cans, do you?? Please log those minutes/hours everyday and turn them in. Remember, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Unit 95 in Safford held an All Saints Expo with Solomon Catholic Church. They handed out hot dogs, candy, cookies and chips. Unit 91 partnered with Cigars for Warriors and sent over 1,100 signed holiday cards to deployed troops. Unit 27 logged 276 hours and 1,279 miles driven for Community Service.

Keep up the Great Work! Don't forget, Midyear report is due Dec. 15th

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## 2020-2021 DISTRICT MEETINGS

AS OF 9/15/2020

Dis.	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location
1	9/20/20 Post 56 / 1:00 pm	12/13/20 Post 46 / 1:00 pm	3/21/21 Post 19 / 1:00 pm	TBD Post 70 / 1:00 pm	
2	9/20/20 Post 109 / 1:00 pm	11/15/20 Post 131 / 1:00 pm	1/10/21 Post 36 / 1:00 pm	3/21/21 Post 68 / 1:00 pm	5/16/21 Post 66 / 1:00 pm
3	9/13/20 Post 11/ 1:00 pm	11/8/20 Post 16 / 1:00 pm	1/10/21 Post 24 / 1:00 pm	3/14/21 Post 52 / 1:00 pm	5/8/21 Post 45 / 11 am
4	9/20/20 Post 97/ 2 pm	@ Fall Conference (if needed)			
5	9/19/20 Post 32 / noon	10/17/20 Post 95 / noon	1/14/21 Post 4 / noon	3/13/21 Post 28 / noon	5/15/21 Post 49 / noon
6	8/8/20 Post 126	10/10/20 Post 86	12/12/20 Post 146	2/13/21 Post 76	4/10/21 Post 130 6/12/21 Post 31
7		11/21/20 Post 22 /	1/23/21 Post 87 /	4/24/21 Post 14 /	
8	10/24/20 Post 93 / 1:00 pm	1/16/21 Post 90 / 1:00 pm	5/7/21 Post 40 / 1:00 pm		
11		11/15/20 Zoom mtg.	1/10/21 Zoom mtg.	3/14/21 Zoom mtg.	5/16/21 Zoom mtg.
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4) Paul Johnson	(520) 705-9805	cbtenger77@yahoo.com	Dale Schoeneberger	(520) 709-8837
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## Education December, 2020



Welcome to the exciting world of education! Education is a lifelong process that starts at birth and continues to the last breath of life. This year you have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of students and educators. Brainstorm, be creative, and encourage your members to do the same. How many lives can we touch? We are limited only by the number of people living in our communities, states, and nation.

The following items are available on the Department and the National website:

1. Rules for National and Department awards in Education <https://www.aladeptaz.org/10.--department-awards---narratives--.html> .
2. The **Education Mid-Year report** form to be submitted to the Department Chair by **December 15, 2020** <https://www.aladeptaz.org/9.--mid-year-and-year-end-report-forms-for-department-chairmen.html> .
3. The **Education Year-end report** form to be submitted to the Department Chair by **May 1, 2021** <https://www.aladeptaz.org/9.--mid-year-and-year-end-report-forms-for-department-chairmen.html> .
4. The applications for the **Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, The Spirit of Youth Scholarship**, and new last year **The Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship** are available at <https://www.aladeptaz.org/6.--scholarships---educational-opportunities.html> .
5. A copy of the rules and application for the **Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship** is also available at <https://www.aladeptaz.org/6.--scholarships---educational-opportunities.html> .
6. Scholarship brochures are available from the Department office.

The entire plan of work from the National Education Chairman, Debra Albers, can be found on the American Legion Auxiliary website at <https://www.alaforveterans.org/members/programs-action-plan/>

Please feel free to contact me for further information or assistance. I look forward to seeing the creative ways that the Units promote the Education Program. Be sure to get the Education Mid-Year report to this chairman by December 15, so that your good work can be included in the report to the Division Education Chair.

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

*Julie Vietri*

Education Chairman  
Department of Arizona  
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# HISTORY

December 2020

Happy Holidays,

I hope this packet finds everyone well and ready for the bustling and baking of the holidays. It has been hard not seeing everyone for fall conference, but then again you never know when I might show up at your post home for a quick visit. Anyway, on to History.

**There is no mid-year report form; however, I ask that each Unit/District historian provide me a BULLET POINTS of activities/accomplishments the Unit/District has accomplished so far. It does not have to be a detailed list, just highlights.**

**The list can be emailed or sent snail mail to me. Deadline: December 15, 2020.**

My email is [auntwosie1990@yahoo.com](mailto:auntwosie1990@yahoo.com) or snail mail address

1740 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Mesa, AZ 85204 and phone number for any question 602-628-4088

It has been a tough year and I get that some units have little to report but let me know anything.

Have a wonderful holiday and we will see you all next year, hopefully.

Rose Ficklin

Dept. AZ Historian

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE  
JUNIORS  
DECEMBER 2020**

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 ALA Honorary Department of Arizona Junior President Jhie Acosta a member of Unit 11 in Douglas, Arizona and to the National Honorary Junior Vice President Western Division: Samantha Hook (Nevada).

We will not have a Fall Conference this year. We will not be distributing Fall Packets. The Plan of Action will be the same. If you turned In a Scrapebook, Prayer Book or a Junior History. They will be judged.

**FYI:**

**SCHOLARSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR FORMER JUNIOR MEMBERS**

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members are the future of our organization. To reward those who retain their membership into adulthood, the American Legion Auxiliary offers the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship to current college students. Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, have been awarded to current college students for 2020.

During this holiday season thank you for supporting the American Legion Auxiliary's longstanding mission of serving veterans, military, and their families.

Plan on sending a Christmas card or a handwritten Christmas message to our veterans at the State Veterans Home. They will be happy to hear from you.

Please stay safe during this holiday season. We want to see you again next year!

From Sara and I, we want to wish everyone a very Happy Happy Holiday!

Lexis Escudero, Chairman  
623-221-7132

## Legislative

December 2020

Greetings,

I hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits. This is a very trying time for all of us. Many may feel lost or not quite knowing how we all fit right now. Many are struggling with finances. I really don't know what to say.

We had the election in November. Many states have finished counting. At the time of this bulletin being written, Arizona still has ballots to be counted. Legal proceedings are still to be settled. Hopefully we will have everything finalized by December 14<sup>th</sup>, when the Electoral College convenes to vote. Martha McSally conceded to Mark Kelly on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

As many of you know the Governor and President, are still giving daily briefings on the COVID-19 pandemic. Arizona is spiking again. So I don't need to beat a dead horse there. Other than that, we are pretty much in a wait and see pattern that changes daily on a governmental and legislative level. There are talks of a vaccine, although not FDA approved yet.

Your Mid-Year Reports were due to me by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Department and National still need them. I am sure that you do have things worth reporting on that you did during the year, and even now with the pandemic and election.

In closing, please stay healthy and positive. Remember, we are all in this together. Please remember, to be kind and patient with one another. I miss you all and care deeply about you. I hope to see you soon. If there is anything you need to talk about, call or email me. I am but a few clicks away.

***"A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?" - George Washington***

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

Chairman

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DECEMBER 2020

MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

MEMBERSHIP PATROL IT IS GREAT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU. THESE PAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO SAY THE LEAST BUT THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRESERVERENCE IN CONTINUING TO BUILD OUR MEMBERSHIP. EVERYTIME I WRITE THIS BULLETIN I FEEL LIKE I AM PREACHING TO THE CHOIR. YOU HAVE ALL DONE OUTSTANDING WORK IN EFFORTS TO THE GROWTH OF OUR MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING!!

I KNOW SOME UNITS ARE MORE ACTIVE THAN OTHERS AND MORE ABLE TO TAKE PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO CONTINUE THE WORK. OTHERS ARE MORE CAUTIOUS. AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG WAY AS EACH OF US HAS TO DO WHAT WE THINK IS BEST. LET US NOT JUDGE BUT BE PART OF THE COMRADERY WE ALL SHARE.

ON THIS NOTE, WHAT A PERFECT TIME TO GIVE OUT CHRISMAS GIFTS. I AM TALKING ABOUT SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS BY PAYING FOR THEIR FIRST YEAR. WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS GOING THRUH SOME FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS. OFFER TO HELP PAY THEIR DUES OR AT LEAST PART OF IT.

TAKE TIME TO CALL UP MEMBERS AND MAKE THEM FEEL THEY ARE PART OF YOUR UNIT. THIS MAY BE AS PART OF MEMBERSIP OR BETTER YET, TO LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE APRECIATED AND JUST TO WISH THEM WELL.

ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL NOT HAVING GET TOGEHERS, IT SEEMS THERE MIGHT BE A TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHERE WE WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY, HAVE OUR CONVENTION AND JUST ELIMINATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. SO LET US KEEP THE DOORS OPEN FOR WHEN THAT TIME COMES BY MAKING SURE WE MAINTAIN SOME TYPE OF COMMUNICATION WITH EACH OTHER.

I KNOW THIS SOUNDS SILLY BUT I TRULY BELIEVE IN KEEPING A POSITIVE VIEW OF THINGS AND NOT HARPING ON THE NEGATIVE.

I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS, CONTINUE SUPPORTING OUR FIRT RESPONDERS AND REMEMBER TO KEEP **STAYING ALIVE STAYING ALIVE STAAYING ALIIIIIIIIIVE.**

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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# **ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP**



## **SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE**

December is upon us with no relief in sight from virus restrictions. The numbers keep climbing and more and more people I know are getting sick. I am getting cabin fever, how about you? I wish all of you a happy holiday season despite the restrictions and hope the vaccine is here soon so we can go back to normal activities.

Once again I am asking if anyone has completed the survey which can be found at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) under member resources/leadership? There are several training sessions offered by National with new courses being developed. Get a certificate for each course completed, document the completion on the Arizona Mission Training Tracking Form. Once the courses are completed hand in the completed document to the Unit President to sign or send it directly to me at the address below. If the Tracking Form is not signed by a Unit Officer witnessing the certificates, send a copy along with the form.

These certified instructors located in different areas of the state are available and can serve as mentors or answer questions:

DEBRA	MUNCHBACH	BARBARA	WHITE	CARMEN	GOSWICK
GINGER	COX	AMY	HANKINS	SALLY	FINE
PAULA	BURGESS	STACY	MAYBERRY	KATHY	STICKLIN
DORIS	THEISS	ROSE	FICKLIN	PENNY	MAKLARY
SHIRLEY	CANNON-JOHNSON	CINDY	QUEEN	KAREN	SMITH
JANE	SHOEMAKER	BECKY	RUIZ	JENNIE	MOLINA
BARBARA	MATTESON	REBECCA	FARRIS	KATHY	SZAKONYI
JAN	CUSHING	MAXINE	REITH	NATALIE	KASIC
SANDY	CONKLIN	SHANNON	MEAD	MARGIE	GREENE
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For God and Country in Service to Veterans

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American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona

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**“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”  
MUSIC REPORT  
DECEMBER 2020**

Greetings:

This Chairman would like you to encourage your Unit members to participate in the choir, which sings two selections at the Memorial Service held the Sundays of Fall Conference and Department Convention, when we are able to hold these large gatherings once again. American Legion Chaplain, Trish Carlisle, has selected as her theme for the Memorial Service “Hands.” The Memorial Choir at Fall Conference will be singing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” and “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.”

Mid-year Reports are due to this Chairman by December 15. The form for submitting reports is included.

Information regarding the Music Awards can be found on the website at:

[www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org) Go to --Member Resources Tab then --10. Department Awards and Narratives Button then --Department Awards Rules Manual page 48

Department Music Awards will be handed out at Convention in June 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**

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NATIONAL SECURITY

DECEMBER 2020

Hello ladies of the great state of Arizona!!! ***Don't forget that your mid-year summary blurb is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month to me. No form to fill out, just send me your name, Unit number, and phone number in an email, and I will be able to add all your information to my report due to National.***

December can be a hard month for our active, reserve and those transitioning military service members and their families. With COVID still affecting so many people, this is just a reminder of how to support our Veterans. So what can we do??

- Wear red on Friday's to "Remember Everyone Deployed."
- Hand out "Yellow Ribbons" at your Post meetings; or give them out to those coming home at our airports. Hang some on the trees in your neighborhoods.
- Provide support to a spouse or family member who may just need for you to lend an ear. Refer to the ALA Military Family Readiness Action Guide for additional help.
- Become more informed about issues surrounding PTSD, TBI, domestic violence or those dealing with separation anxiety.
- Refer service members to your local VSO for local information they may need.

Don't forget dates for December

- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> Bill of Right Day
- ❖ 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

*Wishing each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Until next month with more news!!

*Cindy Queen*  
National Security Chairman  
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New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

DECEMBER 2020

CHARTER CANCELLATION
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THERE IS NO MID-YEAR OR YEAR-END REPORTS FOR NEW UNITS/ UD&R.

A Unit voting to relinquish a charter for cancellation shall vote at a regular meeting of the Unit, with advance written notice to the membership. The Unit charter cancellation shall be voted on by the Department Executive Committee and then forwarded to National Headquarters for vote by the National Executive Committee.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.



Jan Cushing  
New units/UD&R Chairman  
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## **American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley**

**December 2020**

**It's Holiday Season Arizona!**

**Are you finding that the challenge of the pandemic is too much? There are many mentors out there involved in our future, helping the ALA to continue in spite of all the obstacles. Each and everyone can do a little to achieve our goals!**

**Zoom meetings can bring a new perspective to your Unit. You say you are not computer savy? Try telephone meetings? If there is a will to continue our work you will succeed. Reach out to younger members or Juniors who do have that technical skill. Mentors abound in Arizona and they can be members who have skills to share with your Unit.**

**A friendly reminder that mid-year reports are due to this Chairman on December 15, 2020.**

**THIS MONTH PPP HONORS PAST HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THEIR SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!**

**Past Department President Kathleen Medalen (2013) also served as Junior Honorary Department President.**

**Many Honorary Junior Department Presidents continue their service to the ALA:  
Jessica Matteson currently serves as Department AEF Chairman.  
Lexis Escudero currently serves as Department Junior Activities Chairman.**

**Can you name others? If so, please share with this Chairman.**

**If you have questions please feel free to contact me.**

**Yolanda Bonilla  
Past Presidents Parley Chairman  
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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT  
100 CLUB  
“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”**

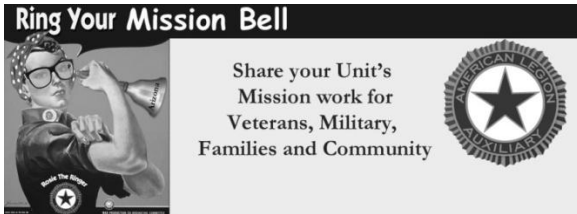
As we come to the end of the year, I would like to thank you for all you are doing for The President's Special Project.

First Responders Shirts are available. If you are interested, you may contact the department office 602-241-1080.

We hope to plan a fund raiser after the first of the year as soon as it is safe to do so.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!**

**Josephine Herrera, Chairman  
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**An effective public relations program** can bring in new members, new resources and new volunteers. To be its most effective, it needs certain attributes which I am calling the 7 C's (lol-- get that—like seven seas?), which we will explore over the coming months.

Last month we learned about Commitment. This month, let's look at:

**Consistency**- steady · stable · constant · regular · even · orderly · unswerving · unwavering · dependable · reliable · unfailing · predictable

- Make sure your message to your community *consistently* communicates the American Legion Auxiliary's mission declaration-- that we are "A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families".
- Make every effort to *consistently* be involved in as many community events as you can. You want business leaders, government officials and residents to see and think of you when it comes to impacting your community.
- *Consistently* follow-up on commitments!
- Develop a *consistent* brand presentation. For example, have volunteers always wear an "event uniform" such as a red shirt, preferably ALA branded if possible. Or have someone responsible for always bringing or getting your Unit's banner or flag to every event.
- Make a point of *consistently* recognizing other people and organizations. You are developing important-- and eventual reciprocal-- relationships with them. You want to be a go-to organization.... and nobody calls on friend that can't be relied upon!

In the coming months we will explore the other "C's":

**Creativity, Communication, Credibility, Cooperation, Collaboration**

I welcome your thoughts and questions!

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

December 2020

### NEWS ALERT: MID-YEAR REPORTS ARE DUE DECEMBER 15, 2020

I missed seeing all of you at Fall Conference and hearing what your Unit has been up to helping our veterans.

Are you checking in with your veterans? Were you able to provide them with a special Veterans Day? I would like to hear about what you did and send pictures!

Christmas is approaching way too fast! Do you know of any veteran(s) needing assistance this year? With the times we are in today, more veterans will need assistance this year. If you find more than one veteran, reach out to another Unit to see if they are able to assist them.

Construction of on both VA Homes is coming along. You can follow the progress on Facebook

**Facebook Pages:** Arizona State Veteran Home – Flagstaff  
Arizona State Veteran Home – Yuma

**Reminder:** PLEASE send me your accomplishments/what you are doing throughout the year. I would love to read what your Unit/Post Family is doing for our veterans.

Until next month . . . .

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## Creative Arts

December 2020

It's here, the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival at Home. One really nice thing about the COVID 19 pandemic is that anyone will be able to view parts of the festival on line! The Opening Ceremony is on Monday, November 30, at 6 PM Eastern. (Forgive me if I get confused about daylight savings time and Arizona time, but I believe that is 4 PM in Arizona. Last month I said 3, but I neglected to realize that daylight savings time was ending!) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there are sessions at 2 PM Eastern (noon in AZ?) that you may view and Friday at 2 PM Eastern is the closing ceremony. I don't really understand social media so I hope I can figure out how to view these sessions. For those of you who are savvy to tech stuff, you can follow on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @Sports4Vets, #NVCAFatHome. I believe the alaforveterans social media will also have these sessions.

On the NVCAF VA blog, you can see a gallery of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. I found 2 entries from Northern Arizona VA!! You can also view stories of some of the veteran participants. Stories such as *Blind Army Veteran Overcomes Trauma through Creative Writing*, *Navy Veteran Finds Profound Healing through Music Therapy*, and *Vietnam Veteran Finds Solace Singing the Blues*. This really is a life changing experience for many veterans, partially made possible through your donations! This is a chance for you to actually view some of the events you so generously contribute to.

## PHOENIX GIFT SHOP

Unit President,

I will start out by saying I am sorry that this is so late getting to you and your members.

I am Joyce Livingston, chairman for the VA Giftshop and this letter is to give your members an update. We were not sure if we were going to be able to have the gift shop this year because of the Coronavirus that has changed our lives completely. I hope all of you are following the rules and are staying healthy.

Just this week Michael Ackey Chairman of the Volunteer Service at the VA contacted me with a plan, to make the giftshop a success. We discussed what we could do. He knows the Veterans really appreciate the gifts they get from us. The Post and Unit members who help with this are always so happy to be able to help those who served our country.

Mike came up with holding the giftshop at a different location, since we will not be able to use the VA . He also came up with three possible places. After checking them out we find that the one that can do what we need is Luke-Greenway Post 1. They have a room that can be set up with social distancing. Face masks will be provided and we will do the best we can to get the Veterans in and out quickly. One of the things that seem to hold things up is the wrapping of the gifts. The wrappers do a wonderful job every year but when the Veteran has a large family they get tired of the wait. So to take care of that , I might say this is the first time ever, we will not wrap the gifts. We do, however, have enough wrapping paper and tape and bows to offer to the Veterans. They then can play Santa and sneak in the house and wrap their own gifts. Doing this shall speed things up. So, we will need lots of volunteers this year. Those of you who wrapped before will be asked to help the veterans shop this year. Some units have brought Juniors and they helped wrap. We welcome them back and we will find something they can do. Remember our Juniors are our senior members of the future and the more involved they are the more

they learn. This chairman is so happy<sup>2</sup> to see them there we bring each of them a little something to show our appreciation. The volunteers always were given a gift card for lunch in the VA Hospital lunch room. Lunch this year will be at Frank' Kitchen at Post 1.

We have received some donations from some Unit. We thank you . Some units like to do their own shopping and remember, to get a receipt for your donations, you must turn in the original receipts for the items you bought.

We will set up the giftshop on Sunday, November 30, starting at 10am until we are finished. The gift shop will be open December 1,2 and 3 from 9AM to 3PM.

Again I am sorry this is the first report you have gotten from me all this year. I delt with a very ill husband. He was called home in September. My life will never be the same but I will survive. We have been married 61 years so you can imagine what I am going through. I am grateful to have the friends I have at the American Legion, My Church and the VA Volunteers and I want to thank the units who got the word about my husbands passing and sent me sympathy cards.

If you need any more information from me about the gift shop I can be reached at 623-846-9670. If I am not home, leave a message, I will call you back.

In Service to our Veterans, Joyce Livingston

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Livingston". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
10-31-20

**All events are suspended until further notice. Thank you volunteers for your help!**

**Southwest Bind Rehabilitation Center is now accepting a limited number of new patients. They have requested that service organizations provide delivery of in house meals. There will be no volunteers at these meals. There is NO visitation at SAVAHCS. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time. American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop will have to be done differently this year. The hospital is asking for lists from nursing staff of items needed by Veteran patients. They have requested that all service organizations work together to fill these needs with no duplication. VAVS Committee meeting will be held virtually on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion on holiday events will be on the agenda.**

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 is \$600.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for February 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 is \$30,762.27. This amount includes the Christmas Gift Shop donation for 2019 Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 66, Unit 68 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Three registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 is 129. **S A VAHCS 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 56 hours and logged 960 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of October 31, 2020. This chairman has now logged over 3,750 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 8, 2020. The audit of the books was completed. 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 was completed November 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Voluntary Service

## VAVS SUMMARY OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW

Name of Facility / Station Number / Address  
TUCSON-SOUTH HERN AZ VA HCS / 678 /  
3601 South 8th Ave, Tucson AZ 85723-0001

Name of Organization  
American Legion Auxiliary

Date of Review  
November 10, 2020

I. STATISTICS (From Representative)		THIS YEAR 11/1/19 - 10/31/20	LAST YEAR 11/1/18 - 10/31/19	GROWTH RATE (+ / -)
A. 1. Number of R.S. Volunteers		18	28	-10
2. Number of R.S. Volunteer Hours		1,537.00	6,302.25	-4,855.25
3. Number of Occasional Volunteer Hours		875.75	1,102.50	-460.75
4. Number of All Volunteer Hours		2,212.75	7,554.75	-5,342.00
5. Number of Youth Volunteers		3	8	-5
6. Number of Transitional Volunteers		0	1	-1
7. Number of Adult Volunteers		13	17	-4
8. Number of New R.S. Volunteer Assignments				
9. Total Monetary Donations		\$70.00	23,520.00	-22,850.00
10. Total Estimated Value of Non-Monetary Donations		40,047.88	56,325.66	-16,277.88
B. 1. Number of Units Volunteering		7	12	-5
2. Estimated Number of Local Organizational Units Within VAMC	28			
3. Estimated Total Membership	3,200			
4. Number of Units Contacted	28			
II. ANNUAL REVIEW (From Representative)	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
A. Quality of VA Staff Supervision (Not VAVS)	x			
B. Quality of Voluntary Service Support	x			
C. Quality of Organization Support	x			

### III. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (Evaluate last year's progress; Set next year's goals) (From Representative and Chief)

Continues to provide support for Mental Health, SUDPT, PTSD program and the Veterans Homeless Program. Despite COVID 19 remained engaged and provided activities for hospitalized Veterans and donated to the Veterans Memorial Blanket Program. Strong supporter of our SAVATICS Fisher House and Blind Rehabilitation Programs. Gift shop was a hit last year.

#### New Goals:

Contribute to holiday stocking program.  
Adapt the Holiday Gift Shop program to meet current restrictions of the hospital.  
Work with Chief, Voluntary Service on VAVS Committee Fundraising

### IV. COMMENTS: Concerns/Extra Efforts/Retention/Fundraising Activities/Special Events/Media Use/ Volunteer Assignments/Recruitment (From Representative and Chief)

VAVS Representative is very engaged in the committee and will continue to be our Chairperson on the Executive Board. Anticipate volunteer hours and donation to increase as we bring back more volunteers to campus.

VAVS Representative

*Kathleen Szakonyi*

Chief, Voluntary Service

*Mandy Martell*

(Attach additional pages if needed)

## TO: THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Attached is a summary of an Annual Joint Review which was completed between Your local VAVS representative(s) and me. The review covers your organization's Voluntary Service participation during the past year and its plans for the coming year at this medical facility.

I am forwarding the summary to you, according to the instructions of the VAVS National Advisory Committee, for your information and appropriate action.

Please complete and sign the acknowledgement on the bottom side of this form as soon as possible and return it to the VAVS Medical Facility Representative indicated.

Mandy Mantel

Chief, Voluntary Service

Southern AZ VA Health Care System

Medical Facility

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

TO:

VAVS MEDICAL CENTER REPRESENTATIVE


I Received the summary of your Annual Joint Review on: \_\_\_\_\_

Your participation in this review is important and is greatly appreciated. My comments appear below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of National VAVS Representative

## STATE VETERANS HOME - PHOENIX

It all started way back in February when our lives changed. We can no longer go to see the Veteran shut ins and enjoy their stories and such. Unfortunately, we must be at a distance from them. So not much has happened with us in this Pandemic but we will get through it.

I want to thank the Units for their donations. They will come in handy at Christmas time. Because of the situation we are in at this time I will be making a very nice donation from our units to them for whatever they can use it for. Hopefully, Hot Chocolate and Cookies. And some very cosy socks.

That is all I have currently. Keep up all the good work you do. It is so important for our Veterans and their families.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Pat Stanaski  
AVSH-Phoenix Chairman

## PHOENIX VETERANS STATE HOME

### Donation Wish List

- Visa Gift Cards
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Wendy's Gift Cards
- Olive Garden Gift Cards
- Outback/Red Lobster Gift Cards
- Dominoe's Pizza Gift Cards
- Harkin's Gift Cards
- Starbucks Gift Cards
- Home Depot Gift Cards
- Phoenix Zoo Tickets
- Desert Botanical Garden Tickets
- OdySea Aquarium Tickets
- SeaLife Tickets
- Chips (Individually Packaged)
- Snacks (Individually Packaged) (soft cookies, Cheez-its, crackers)
- Soda (Diet & Regular, individual cans)
- Model Car Kits
- Postage Stamps
- Magnifying Glasses
- Men's Belts
- Men's Suspenders
- Plain White Men's T-Shirts in Sizes 2XL-4XL
- Mylar Balloons (Christmas, Halloween, Birthdays, and branches of military)
- Nice Set of Serving Bowls and Platters (Plastic)
- DVD Players with Remotes
- Universal Programmable Remotes
- Keurig K-cup Coffee Maker

### We DO NOT Need

- Blankets
- Toiletries
- Clothes
- Socks
- Shoes
- Underwear
- DVD's/CD's
- Books/Magazines
- Medical Equipment/Supplies
- Puzzles