

PAWS IN SERVICE

MARCH 2017

National President Mary Davis came and went. Did you get to meet her?

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

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DISTRICTS... You are required to send a copy of the District meeting minutes to (1) Department Historian (2) Department. I can say that only 3 out of the 10 Districts do this. What's up?

MEMBERSHIP... "ONE IN A MILLION MAKING MEMBERSHIP MEANINGFUL". Membership is everyone's job. Our membership is still down. The National Reports show us down 653 from last year. BUT this time last year were down 1500 from the year before...so be are behind 2153 members. Our last all time high was 2007-2008, it has gone down every year since. Please do not hold membership. Please send it in some Units have not send membership for weeks and months. Why?

Incomplete applications... Most of you are not reading this bulletin. If you were this would not still be in here. Some of you are not looking at the application and doing as we asked. We have asked you to make sure the applications are filled out completely. Well guess what? We are no longer going to spend hours on the phone to get the missing information. These will be returned to you for completion and your membership transmittals will not be processed until it has been done and returned.

REPEAT...ALAMIS ACCESS... the information that you see on this system is confidential. You are not to share it with anyone not even your sister. If you do not abide by the rules set by National you will lose access to the system.

INPACT REPORTS... are due by May 15, 2017. Those of you who already sent them in will need to resend them with information for the entire year.

What's coming up on the calendar? Oratorical Contest see information in last packet, see information in this packet Junior Spring Conference, Girls State Car Show.

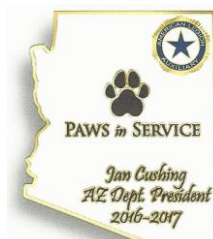
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION... will be held at the Carefree Resort June 22-25, 2017. Registration form is in the packet. Housing...contact Corey Pettijohn at Carefree Resort 520-579-9393. You must go thru Corey.

Everyone

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

"Paws in Service"

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RECORD RETENTION and DISPOSAL - MARCH 2017

Thanks to Dept. Secretary-Treas. Barbara Matteson who along with other Dept. Officers attended the recent National Workshop in Las Vegas , for the following information ALL Units & Districts need to retain. National's list is 5 pgs. long but I will attempt to provide some of the more important ones to you. Some are relevant to Actual or Potential litigation and Governmental Investigations and Proceedings... Including electronic data, e-mails & other documents relevant to the above named, among which are: **Accounts Payable:** Journals, Invoices, Vouchers, Cancelled Cks (for a period of Current Year + 7 years, **Accounts Receivable:** CY Journals, Invoices, Audit reports and Audited financial statements & work papers, Year-end Budget-actual reports (permanently), Bank statements & reconciliations, ck. Registers, Membership deposit edit reports, Petty Cash vouchers (CY +7 yrs.) and General Ledgers, (permanently).

CLAIMS: Accident reports/claims (settled: 7 yrs after settlement: **COMPUTER VOICE MAIL SYSTEM BACK-UP RECORDS** &, (not less than 30 days); **CORPORATE/ADMIN**-annual reports, Charter Documents, Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Executive Committee Minutes, Resolutions, Policy & Procedures, STRATEGIC PLANS, Inventory of records & Property (Permanently)

EMPLOYMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES – Payroll Reports includes w.h tax info (5 yrs), Personnel files (terminated) termination + 5 yrs.; Social Security reports 7 yrs., Staff-in service logs & employee training, 5 yrs. From training date; W-4's; W-2's, 5 yrs, applications & resumes of non-employees, 1 year, Employee benefit plans (the period that plan or system is in effect + 6 years; Employment eligibility verification (Form I-9) 3 years after hire/1 yr after termination or separation, whichever is later, Human Resources policies, handbooks, manuals & procedures, Life + 10 years; Job Description (after completion (6 years); Retirement & pension records (Permanently) Wage rate/wage change documentation, CY +3 years.

GRANTS - APPROVED GRANT APPLICATIONS (AEF, SCHOLARSHIPS, etc-5 years after project completion & after audit; Unapproved grant applications, 5 yrs.

INSURANCE – Insurance Policies (expired), 5 years.

(For your information: CY MEANS CURRENT YEAR (NOT Children & Youth).

PURPOSE: Both federal and state law require that the American Legion Auxiliary maintain many types of Records for specified periods. Failure to abide by these laws can subject the Auxiliary and in some cases individual members to fines & other penalties.

PLEASE, PLEASE keep yourselves updated on the filings and deadline dates that this committee keeps you informed about. It's easier to file on time rather than be notified at a later date your Unit is delinquent or NOT in compliance. Thank you in advance.

YOUR FINANCE TEAM

Helen Stout, Chairman, Jan Cushing, President, NEC Josephine Herrera, Penny Maklary, Helen Griffin, and Barbara Matteson, Dept. Secy-Treasurer

“PAWS IN SERVICE”
FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
PRESIDENT’S NOTES
MARCH 2017

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP WHAT’S GOING ON??? ARE YOU REACHING OUT TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO RENEW, ARE YOU STARTING A PHONE CALLING PLAN? REMEMBER TO SEND THAT MEMBERSHIP INTO DEPARTMENT ON A TIMELY MANNER. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK. CONGRATULATIONS TO UNIT 139 FOR REACHING 125.81%.

Did you attend Mission Training in Las Vegas? The Department of Arizona had 13 Juniors (one guest from Belgium) and 24 Seniors attend, way to go Arizona!!! Everyone had a great time and hopefully learned something in the session.

Chairmen as a friendly reminder; during the President’s workshop each chairmen was asked to submit a bulletin each month no later than the 15th of the month. It is your responsibility to follow thru on this request, ask your committee members for their input they are there to help you. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Washington Conference is February 25 – March 1, 2017, a report will be in my next bulletin.

MY HOMECOMING WILL BE MAY 20, 2017 AT POST 1 IN PHOENIX; MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN MY NEXT BULLETIN.

My official Visit to District 12 was on January 15th and thank you for a great meeting you ladies are awesome!!! My Official Visit to Unit 8 was on January 17th these ladies are doing great things for our veterans. I had a great time at District 12 Rehab Dinner and Auction on February 11th.

American Legion Auxiliary National President Mary Davis made her official visit to our state on February 6-10 we had a great time getting to know her and having her see what amazing work we do in Arizona.

Send any invitations to visit your Unit or District to me not to Department as Barbara has other important matters to handle; she is the Dept. Secretary and not my personal secretary!!! My address is 20089 N. Pinewish Court, Surprise, AZ 85374-4625 or e-mail me at gcushing@cox.net and it will also be in directory.

GO TEAM ARIZONA

Jan Cushing
Department of Arizona President
2016-2017

President Jan's Schedule

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| February 13, 2017 | Strategic Plan Meeting | Dept. Headquarters |
| February 14, 2017 | Official Visit Unit 107 | Phoenix, AZ |
| February 18, 2017 | B-Day & Awards Post 2 | Tempe, AZ |
| February 25-Mar. 1 st | Washington Conference | Washington, DC |
| March 4, 2017 | Oratorical Finals Post 64 | Ahwatukee, AZ |
| March 11, 2017 | Girls State Car Show | Lake Havasu City, AZ |
| March 11, 2017 | Official Visit Unit 81 | Lake Havasu City, AZ |
| March 18, 2017 | Birthday Ball Post 19 | Yuma, AZ |
| March 19, 2017 | Official Visit District 1 Unit 19 | Yuma, AZ |
| March 21, 2017 | Official Visit Unit 1 | Phoenix, AZ |
| March 25, 2017 | Strategic Plan Meeting | Dept. Headquarters |
| March 30-April 2 nd | Northern Run | |
| April 7, 2017 | Finance Meeting | Dept. Headquarters |
| April 8, 2017 | Strategic Plan Meeting | Dept. Headquarters |
| April 15, 2017 | Dist. 11 PPP Fashion Show Post 1 | Phoenix, AZ |
| April 20, 2017 | Official Visit Unit 35 | Chandler, AZ |
| April 22, 2017 | Official Visit District 7 Unit 14 | Kingman, AZ |
| April 28-30, 2017 | SAL Camp Out | Kingman, AZ |
| May 7, 2017 | Official Visit District 11 Unit 61 | Avondale, AZ |
| May 16, 2017 | Official Visit Unit 62 | Peoria, AZ |
| May 19, 2017 | Dept. Commander Bugh Homecoming Post 41 | Phoenix, AZ |
| May 20, 2017 | Dept. President Jan's Homecoming Post 1 | Phoenix, AZ |
| June 2-10, 2017 | Girls State (U of A) | Tucson, AZ |
| June 22-25, 2017 | State Convention (Carefree Resort) | Care Free, AZ |

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

March 2017

Several Units had fund raisers for the AEF in February. It's truly appreciated and this chairman looks forward to reading about them when annual reports are sent in by May 1. As previously mentioned, photos are also requested listing the activity, the date, and the names of those shown.

Please remember, there are three awards that are open to ALL Units within the Department, provided they have paid the current year's mandates and turned in an annual report. **Patricia M. Lee – Gloria Elliott Memorial Plaque** / Monetary contributions shall have NO affect on the determination of this award. A narrative report shall be submitted detailing the way the AEF Program was promoted. The report shall be typewritten and is not to exceed 1,000 words. **Paula Burgess AEF "President's Plaque"** / The award will be presented to the Unit that raises the most funds donated during the membership year to Department for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. The highest total contribution will decide the winner of this award. Judging will be the total monetary amount donated to the Department AEF 30 days before Department Convention, May 23, 2017. **Paula Burgess AEF "Per Capita Award"** / The award will be presented to the Unit that raises the most funds donated per capita during the membership year to Department for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. The highest per capita monetary contribution will decide the winner of this award. Judging will be the total monetary amount donated per capita to the Department AEF 30 days before Department Convention, May 23, 2017.

National AEF Northwestern Division Chairman, Marie Goede, offers the next fund raising suggestion. Minnesota has had Auxiliary Emergency Fund Silent Auctions where "members bring new or slightly used items, holiday items, and homemade items" – even baked goods. "Recipe cards and pens are placed by each item. Bidders place their bid with their name on the card. By doing it this way, it can become a bidding war between individuals." At the end of the time limit, the person last listed on the card has won the auction for that item and pays the amount that was bid.

WITH PAWS IN SERVICE



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AMERICANISM

MARCH 2017

Here is a little history for The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country.

In its original form it read: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added.

At this time it read: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration. Today it reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Section 4 of the Flag Code states:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

The original Bellamy salute, first described in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who authored the original Pledge, began with a military salute, and after reciting the words "to the flag," the arm was extended toward the flag.

At a signal from the Principal the pupils, in ordered ranks, hands to the side, face the Flag. Another signal is given; every pupil gives the flag the military salute — right hand lifted, palm downward, to a line with the forehead and close to it. Standing thus, all repeat together, slowly, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." At the words, "to my Flag," the right hand is extended gracefully, palm upward, toward the Flag, and remains in this gesture till the end of the affirmation; whereupon all hands immediately drop to the side. *The Youth's Companion*, 1892

Shortly thereafter, the pledge was begun with the right hand over the heart, and after reciting "to the Flag," the arm was extended toward the Flag, palm-down.

In World War II, the salute too much resembled the Nazi salute, so it was changed to keep the right hand over the heart throughout.

I copied the above section, so I wouldn't leave anything out. Changes that were made to The Star Spangled Banner were necessary at the time. We don't need to change anything else. For a long time, people have been trying to remove the words "under God" without success. Let's keep it that way!

Report due dates are approaching fast. Make sure that you include hours and monies spent in your report. If you have any questions, you can call on Debbie Aguirre, 520-484-3164, or myself, Linda Hubbs, 602-841-4770, for help.

Linda Hubbs,
Americanism Chairman

Debbie Aguirre
Americanism Committee Member

"People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

CHAPLAIN BULLETIN--MARCH 2017

Greetings to all you wonderful ladies. Hope you had a great Valentines Day and enjoyed some loving time with your favorite person.

This month is a beautiful month to look at life as a new beginning. We have some awesome days to celebrate.

March 1st is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent – which is the period of self-restraint and abstinence for Christians prior to Easter. It marks the first day of fasting, repentance, prayer and self-control. Not all Christian churches observe Ash Wednesday or Lent. They are mostly observed by the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican denominations, and also by Roman Catholics. Eastern Orthodox churches observe Lent or Great Lent, during the 6 weeks or 40 days preceding Palm Sunday with fasting continuing during the Holy Week of Orthodox Easter. Lent for Eastern Orthodox churches begins on Monday (called Clean Monday) and Ash Wednesday is not observed.

March 17 is St Patricks Day. Bishop Patrick built many schools, churches and monasteries throughout Ireland which aided in the conversion of the Irish people to Christianity. It is told that Bishop Patrick used a three leaf shamrock to teach the Holy Trinity to those in Ireland. Each leaf on the shamrock was a representation of the Holy Trinity with one leaf as the Father, one leaf as the Son, and one leaf as the Holy Spirit. His use of the shamrock was to show how the Holy Trinity could exist separately but yet be as one.

March 25 The Annunciation is a day of celebration for Christians throughout the world. Many religions including the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the Greek Orthodox religion, and others hold the Annunciation as a very important day of religious life. This day reminds all Christians of the time when the Virgin Mary was asked by the Lord to bring into the world a Savior who would be named Jesus.

March 20 Is the first day of Spring which is one of the four temperate seasons, the transition period between winter and summer. Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and broadly to ideas of rebirth, renewal and regrowth. (My favorite season).

On this note I ask each one of you to think of your life as an opportunity for a new beginning. Read up on the above holidays. If you will recall, on my Oct Bulletin I posted a saying from Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Go back and review it and if you don't have, send me an email and I will gladly forward it to you.

God Bless you for all you do and God Bless America!!!!

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Community Service

March 2017

PAWS in SERVICE

Community Service month has arrived! ☺

Is your Unit and/or Post Family participating in the Department-wide Community Service project? Are you able to put a donation box in the Post? Any little bit that is collected for UMOM New Day Centers help the families they serve. See the February bulletin for the requested items.

You can read more about UMOM New Day Centers at their website: <https://www.umom.org>

Not located in the Phoenix area, you can still help in this State wide project. UMOM New Day Centers has a wishlist on Amazon. You can donate to them right in the comfort of your own home. To find their wishlist, follow these steps:

1. Go to this website: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/search.html>
2. Type *UMOM* in the search box
3. Select "UMOM New Day Centers". Their Wishlist will be displayed.

If you go the wishlist route on Amazon, select UMOM New Day Centers Gift Registry for shipping. In addition, include your Unit name and number on the 'card'.

Please let us know if you participate in the Department-wide Community Service project, I would like to recognize those who did in a future bulletin.

If not participating in the UMOM Community Service project, let us know if your Unit and/or Post Family did a community service project in March.

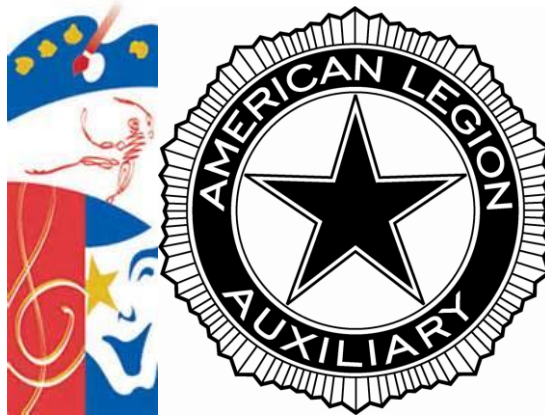
REMEMBER: When out in the community, wear your legion attire. We want the community to know who we are!

Also, send us pictures of what you are doing. I will pass them on to the Western Division Community Service Chairman.

Any questions, do not hesitate to contact myself or Onita.

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**CREATIVE ARTS
March 2017**

As your reading this bulletin Arizona's local Creative Arts has been judged and the winners will be planning their trip to the next competition.

The quality of this Art work is truly astounding. The Veterans have so much talent and everyone who entered this Art competition are winners.

Thank you to all the units who gave your supported by volunteering to assist with this important event or sent monetary donations so the Art show could be showcased to the public.

The rehabilitation that comes from this event is important to rebuild confidence in our Veterans.

I will get you numbers and winners information for the next newsletter. Again, thank you so much for your support.

KEEP THOSE PAWS IN SERVICE

**SALLY FINE
CREATIVE ARTS CHAIR.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH

PAWS IN SERVICE

MARCH, 2017

Greeting Ladies, The Auxiliary's Children & Youth Program emphasizes protecting, caring for, and supporting children and youth particularly those of veterans and military families. April is Military Child month, it's a good time to remember what we can do to serve our children of our military families.

Military children face the separation of a parent who is deployed multiple times and for extended periods of time, they also undergo the challenges of constantly moving which disrupt friendships, schools and the conveniences that come with being familiar with a community. It shows that 42 percent of these children are 5 years or younger. The GI Josh Dog is one example that can comfort both the child and parents and a way to connect while separated. For purchase information go to www.JoshandFriends.com. Also, there is additional information to assist you to identify ways to locate servicemembers and families needing assistance. See the ALA Military Family Readiness Action Guide, Members Only portal at www.ALAforVeterans.org

Enclosed see the Military Child's Table Setting Ceremony. I saw this ceremony at the Children & Youth Conference and wanted to share with all of you. What better way than showing our military children support during the month of April. Our job is to continue to increase community support and awareness of Veterans' Children and all Children.

Please do not forget to **Mail** your annual report and narrative by April 15, 2017 to me at the address below. Thank you.

For God and Country

Shirley Cannon -Johnson - Chairman

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Stacy Mayberry

Carla Solarez



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“PAWS IN SERVICE” MUSIC REPORT MARCH 2017

Fellow Music Chairs:

March is Community Service month and there are lots of opportunities to give service to Veterans. If you are living in an HOA-run community, work with the Activities Director to organize activities for the Veterans in your community. Work with the Vets on a clean-up or beautification project. Afterward, why not treat the Veterans to a potluck? Entertainment could include singing patriotic songs. Maybe someone would volunteer to bring a karaoke machine and everyone could sing along. Do you sing in the car while driving? Everyone does! So while you're driving a veteran to his or her doctor appointment, grocery store, etc., work out your vocal cords at the same time. Ash Wednesday is on March 1 and is the beginning of the Lenten season. Many houses of worship hold services leading up to the Easter celebration. March 20 is the first day of Spring and a great time for new beginnings. Opportunities are everywhere. Just open your eyes and your heart.

Remember to provide your year-end reports no later than April 17, 2017.

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 under Ruling Documents.

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“PAWS IN SERVICE” YEAR-END MUSIC REPORT NEEDED

Hello you wonderful ladies:

It's that time of year when our thoughts are on springtime and vacations. Before you get too far off-track, please send me a short narrative telling me how you used music in your activities throughout this year. Even if the Unit or District doesn't have a Music Chairman, send in a report anyway. I want to include as many responses as possible in the year-end report. Here are some questions that might help jog your memories:

1. If your unit/district had a special song selection for “Paws in Service,” what song was it?

_____.

2. Did your unit/district sing/play a song at regular meetings? If so, which songs were sung/played?

_____.

_____.

3. Did members regularly participate in music programs in their individual churches and communities?

Give some examples: _____.

_____.

4. Were regular visits made to VA Hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? _____.

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Each narrative should be 1,000 words or less. Provide your year-end reports no later than April 17, 2017. You may email them to me at the address below.

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EDUCATION

MARCH 2017

Year End Reporting is just a short time away and we are all attempting to accumulate our information in an orderly fashion. With so many reports to finish, there is always one or two left in the “wings” that we forget about. With that in mind I am reminding you about the Education Report which is based off of a lot of other reports.

Just a Reminder about the scholarships:

Check the national website (www.alaforveterans.org) to ensure your application is current. Review the application and keep a copy handy for reference. Some dates to remember:

Application due to Unit **on or before** March 1, 2017

Certified Unit Winner **due to** Department March 15, 2017

Certified Department Winner **due to** Divisional Chairperson April 1, 2017

Certified Divisional Entry due to National Chairperson by April 15, 2017

Certified National Entry is then sent to National Headquarters

Let's be innovative for March and include some educational topics in our other programs and document that we have done so. Did you judge your essays? Did you assist with the Legion Oratorical? Are there some good essays or a short story about the Oratorical that you would like to share? How about your contacts for Girls State? Did you have any of those write an essay to qualify?

Thank you all for working the programs each year as I know it takes a lot of time and expense just to stay on top of one program. Keep up the good work. I look forward to the reports and narratives about what you have been doing. These are not only interesting, but informative as to what our Unit can do to be more diverse. Judy has her committee ready, and is looking forward to her role as “Judge Judy”. Until next month...

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HISTORIAN

MARCH 2017

“Dedicated Historians Leave Paw Prints behind for Tomorrow”

HOW TO CELEBRATE WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Objective: Celebrate the special women of our organization

The month of March is dedicated to the celebration of women’s history. It corresponds with International Women’s Day on March 8th. What could be better for a women’s organization to do than celebrate their own history? Our Auxiliary members have accomplished a great deal all around the world. Now it’s time to celebrate what makes them so special!

Step-by-Step Instructions What can we do?

- Learn more about Auxiliary members who made history within your department or unit. This could include girls sponsored to ALA Girls State who have gone on to do great things or those members who have improved their communities, state or country.
- Celebrate the women in your life – mom, grandma, even your sister.
- Donate money to the ALA Cavalcade of Memories budget at the unit, department, or national level in honor of a special woman.
- Set up a display in honor of those members who have gone above and beyond the ALA’s mission.
- Write an article for your unit/department newsletter about Women’s History Month or about the woman you are honoring.

Check out how women’s fashion has changed over time in the Auxiliary, as well as women’s hair fashion. There has been a great deal of change from 1919 to today!

- Research and write about how the former and present members make a difference in the community and share with others.
- Put up a display at your local library, historical society, or storefront, celebrating the work that the women of the ALA have done and still do every day. Remember – these activities can be shared with the Junior members. Honoring our members provides them with a role model. Sharing our history with our Junior members allows them to know that they, too, are valuable members of this great organization. Hopefully, they will begin to own this history and remain members throughout their lifetimes.

Patricia Lugo, Historian

Phone #602-475-0208

AZ MISSION TRAINING LEADERSHP WORKSHOP

MARCH 2017

“To promote the development of leaders, share membership growth and retention ideals, and enhance mentoring and open communication with members of all ages”

Hello Arizona Auxiliary Members:

Mission Training (Leadership) is here for YOU, an Auxiliary member. It is time to elevate your knowledge. Each Unit is in preparation for nominations and elections of new officers. Chairman will be appointed.

Now is the time to schedule an AZ Mission (Leadership) workshop to be prepared to take an office or to chair a program. Know your American Legion Auxiliary programs’.

Please try to attend one of the following scheduled workshops. We all need up-to-date information. This chairman and her team look forward to spreading information across the state of Arizona. Join in for a day filled with fun and knowledge.

• AZ Mission Training Workshop Unit 109 Vail, AZ

Date: March 4, 2017
Place: Post 109 Vail, AZ
Contact: Kathy Szakonyi 520-400-5839
 n3sad@aol.com

Time: Class begins at 8am Cost: \$8.00

• AZ Mission Training Workshop Unit 2 Tempe, AZ

Date: March 11, 2017
Place: Post 2 Tempe, AZ
Contact: Sherrie Grey 480-334-6892
 sherrieannet@yahoo.com

Time: Class begins at 8am Cost: \$8.00

Need training in your area, give me a call. See you all soon.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUIRED

Ladies:

First of all I would like to thank you for your mid-year reports and the efforts you have put into this program. Second, I would like to apologize for not being in contact with you on a monthly basis. The year is coming to a close and there is so much left to do.

We are asking that each Unit send a letter to Senator Jeff Flake who is still in opposition to the Flag Amendment, as he is under the impression that burning or desecrating the flag is under the protection of the First Amendment as a freedom of speech. Please encourage as many unit members as you can to write a letter to him and send me a copy. I would appreciate a copy of any letter sent to our government officials in regards to military and veteran issues.

Please send your year-end report to me by April 17th, by e-mail or snail mail and any Department of National Awards you are submitting. Each unit received a packet at Fall Conference with the rules for each award. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Our representatives from the Department will be descending on Capitol Hill during the month of February and we wish them luck in getting our government officials to listen to our pleas.

Look forward to seeing you at Department Convention. Keep those letters, e-mails and phone calls flooding our elected representatives.

Sincerely,

**Sharon L. Doran
Legislative Chairman**

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona Membership 2016-2017**

March 2017

Rockers, congratulations are in order for new members of the 85% milestone club: Crown King – 125.81%, Cornville – 86.27% and Fountain Hills – 88.32%. **STANDINGS ARE PER THE 2/10/17 Report. Good work Arizona!**

Membership Awards from National are:

Member Award – Rejoin 1 – Rejoin one Former Auxiliary Junior or Senior member (Must not have paid dues after 2014). Submit Rejoin 1 form to National Headquarters by 5/1/2017 to receive Rejoin 1 pin. All verified entries will be eligible for \$100 cash drawing.

Member Award – Recruit 1 – Recruit 1 NEW Auxiliary Junior or Senior Member. Submit Recruit 1 form to National Headquarters by 5/1/2017 to receive Recruit 1 pin. All verified entries will be eligible for \$100 cash drawing.

Member Award – Recruit 10 – Recruit 10 or more NEW Auxiliary Junior or Senior Members. Submit Recruit 10 form to National Headquarters by 5/1/2017 to receive an ALA microfiber cleaning cloth for your cellphone. All verified entries will be eligible for \$250 cash drawing.

Member Awards – Silver Brigade – Recruit 25 or more NEW SENIOR Auxiliary members to receive a special gift from the National President. Entry forms must be received at National Headquarters by 5/1/2017 in order to qualify. All verified entries will be eligible for a \$500 cash drawing.

UNIT AWARD: BEST MEMBER EXPERIENCE – Units that demonstrate most effective ways to improvement the member experience must complete the Best Member Experience Award form. Units that submit the form are eligible to receive a letter from National President Mary Davis, recognition in the Auxiliary magazine and at National Convention; and \$100 for use in membership outreach. Submit the Best Member Experience form no later than April 20, 2017 to Department Chairman Yolanda Bonilla, at yodobo@msn.com or mail to 15606 S, Gilbert Rd., Lot 103, Chandler, AZ 85225. One winner will be selected in the Western Division.

Any questions on the AWARDS FROM NATIONAL please ask!!! Remember that your next milestone is 95% by May 11, 2017.

Let's Make Membership Meaningful!

Rock Arizona and Raise the Roof in 2016-2017,

**Yolanda Bonilla
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NATIONAL SECURITY MARCH 2017

In as much as I received so few Mid-Term reports in December, I thought I might outline ideas that **members** can do to support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve and transitioning military service members and their families.

Ideas Member:

- Let your unit know of any military families or businesses that should receive a Blue Star or Gold Star Banner in recognition of a service member's service.
 - Wear red on Fridays to "Remember Everyone Deployed."
 - As a gesture of appreciation for local service members' military service, decorate your community with yellow ribbons. Encourage others to do the same.
 - Provide support on a spouse-to-spouse or family-to-family basis, such as to a family member, neighbor or another military family. Refer to the ALA Military Family Readiness Action Guide for specific suggestions of the type of support military families may value.
 - Provide assistance to service members and their families directly affected by current conflicts.
 - Become more informed about issues affecting a military family's home life, such as PTSD, TBI, domestic violence, financial literacy and other issues.
 - Refer service members with financial assistance needs to the American Red Cross Armed Forces Call Center at 1-877-272-7337.
- ❖ Unit Presidents, please copy and share this page with your members. I thank you for your efforts on behalf of the National Security Program of the Department of Arizona.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

ATTENTION: IF YOU OR YOUR UNIT RECEIVED A PLAQUE AT THE
STATE CONVENTION LAST JUNE PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING
IT BACK TO THE CONVENTION THIS YEAR SO THE WINNER WILL
RECEIVE IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

JAN CUSHING, DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT



POPPIES

Here I am again ladies. Another month and we still have a lot to do before convention in June. Hope everyone had a nice valentine day. I am still receiving reports from some of you and it is really interesting to see what you are all doing with the Poppies. One unit has a Girl Scout Troup that handed Poppies out to people and displayed them around the post. Other units said they made posters and hung them around the post and a few other places. Ladies as long as we get them out and around it should help our fund raising.

I hope you are all coming to convention in CAREFREE again this year. Make sure and bring Poppy displays so you will have a chance for awards. Please Email me copies of your posters so I can decide on awards. Also you need to do a narrative. If any of you want to know the rules you can call or Email and let me know.

In service for God and Country,

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MOINA MICHAEL

Poppy Lady

What does the poppy mean and who started it all?

The poignant symbol is due in large part to an amazing woman who exemplified the Auxiliary motto of Service Not Self.

BY DIANA LAZZELL

Well-mannered and well-off, Moina Michael was the tender age of 15 when she started her career as a teacher in her hometown of Good Hope, Ga., a town that could otherwise not afford a schoolteacher. Moina continued her successful career as a teacher in Georgia when she was caught overseas as World War I broke out in Europe. Although her vacation was interrupted, Moina helped thousands of stranded Americans book safe passage back to their homeland.

After America entered the war in 1917, Moina applied to volunteer with the YMCA Overseas War Workers, the only war effort that was open to a 48-year-old woman eager to contribute. She also gave a keepsake to each student who was deployed—her own private war effort. Moina traveled to New York City the following year to work at the YMCA Overseas Secretaries training headquarters, with the hope of eventually being stationed overseas. She took a leave of absence from the University of Georgia in order to serve.



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Public Relations: March 2017



Email (questions, comments): Marge Christianson; ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com

Facebook Page: "Jan Cushing, AZ ALA Dept President"

- Department generated posts about Jan's travels and mission activities

Facebook Page: "ALA Department of Arizona Public Relations"

- Department generated posts about community engagement of interest to units, districts

Facebook Group: Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA

- Units, Districts generated posts about community engagement stories of interest to each other and department. Entries should focus on how the public was engaged in what you did, what you learned, etc. Also "Ring Your Bell" central for the contest. Request membership today!

"Rosie the Ringer" Ring Your Bell Contest

Each month a different community engagement activity will be highlighted. Units must submit entries during that month, as outlined in the Department's Monthly Packet instructions, in order to be counted for that month's winning citation. Late entries will count toward the full year total. Check out previous Monthly Packets for more info—they are available under "useful links" on the Department website (www.aladeptaz.org) if you can't find a hardcopy! Monthly winners get a citation and overall contest winner gets an engraved Bell!

Thank You for Reporting!!!

25% of Arizona units reported their community relations activity at mid-year. Those units ranged in size from under 25 to over 1000 members. Every single unit who reported was proudly included in the Public Relations narrative that went to the Division and National Public Relations Chairs.

March Contest Activity

50 points (maximum 150 points per unit): Send us an email at ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com and ask for a copy of the Public Relations Mid-Year narrative. Be sure to include your unit number in the email. Learn about what department PR is up to and what ideas are occurring at the unit level. And get some Rosie Ringer points in the process (see last month's report to see where your unit stands)!

If you are interested in National President Davis' visit, be sure to follow us on the Facebook pages above. We have lots of pictures with lots of members.

Please email us with questions... we are here to help. And have some fun!

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President's Special Project – Soldier's Best Friend

<https://soldiersbestfriend.org/>

Hello ladies!!!

Hope your 2017 is going well so far!

We are coming into the home stretch, let's finish the Auxiliary year strong.

A few reminders:

- Keep the donations coming from the Districts – remember there is a District challenge from this chairman. Make a 'district XX con jar' note on the memo line of the check
- Units, make sure your donations are going through Department in order to get credit for the donation
- For every unit that has made donations, this chairman should see a narrative from you for the PSP awards.
 - Ginger Cox President's Special Project Award
 - Unit Membership 200 and Under
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 - Cathy Jarvis President's Special Project Award
 - Unit Membership 201 and Over

Remember to involve your local veterans, bring in veterans from the VA home. Maybe have an education event about service animals and the important jobs they do.

The paver fundraiser is still going on as well. Remember dollars donated to SBF count towards the unit and district only when they flow through Department. See more information on the paver fundraiser at soldiersbestfriend.org/paver-fundraiser.

Go out and check-out the SBF website and subscribe to their newsletter via email.

Keep up the good work Arizona!

For God and Country,
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

“PAWS IN SERVICE”

FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SCRAPBOOK

MARCH 2017

Thank you to Unit 32 for sending pictures of the Department President's visit.

If your Unit is going to submit a scrapbook at Convention please follow the rules that were handed out at Fall Conference.

Luella Price District Scrapbook Plaque

H.H. Donkersley Unit 19 Scrapbook Plaque with membership of 151 and over

Martha Waters Scrapbook Plaque with membership of 150 and under

Moulton Junior Auxiliary Scrapbook Plaque

For the rules they are on the department website aladeptaz.org under useful links and you will see ALA Dept. AZ Awards it is so easy. If this is your first time on the department website WELCOME and visit it often for information and old bulletins.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“PAWS IN SERVICE”
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION REPORT**

March 2017

Ladies, please be sure you share this bulletin with your VA&R Chairman.

Can you believe this is March already? Are you getting prepared to fill out your report? June is just around the corner so hopefully you are continuing to gather all your hours, mileage, cost, etc.

I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT YOUR YEAR-END REPORTS THAT ARE DUE TO ME BY MAY 1, 2017. This ensures that all the hard work your Unit has been doing all year for Veterans gets recorded. This Chairman in turn, sends a report to National and I would also like to brag that Arizona received 100% reporting. **HOW...BY LETTING ME KNOW WHAT YOUR UNIT HAS DONE.** And, don't forget to include your narrative if you are going to submit your Unit for a Department Award.

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions: •

*How did your unit participate in the caregiver support program?

*Describe how members earned their Service to Veterans hours.

*What assistance did your unit give at a stand down?

How many of your Unit members are aware of any homeless in your area? It seems the number is increasing so how can you help? You can contact your community food banks, are there VA community centers nearby where they can get every day needs? Help by calling the Hotline: 1-800-4AID-VET or 1-877-424-3838 where counselors are available.

Don't forget to visit the website, www.alaforveterans.org for more vital information.

Until next month, thank you for all you do for our Veterans!!!

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

2016-2017 REPORT

Ladies,

Thank you Unit 109, the residents at the home sure enjoyed their Super Bowl Tailgate Party. On Valentine's Day we provided an additional 20 boxes (heart shape) of chocolate to ensure each veteran enjoyed his/her Valentine. We also provided 10 bouquets of three roses to our lady veterans. And, they enjoyed a candy and cheesecake social.

The following schedule is upcoming events at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson):

February 23 **Rodeo Parade – Residents get to view the parade since the parade passes by the home. Need volunteers to move the residents in their wheelchairs to the parade (just the other side of the fence). The home will provide a BBQ and live country music. Our dream is to someday have them participate in the parade since the parade route passes by the home.**

February 21 **Monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream social - need auxiliaries to host and provide cakes and ice cream at these socials. Your unit can solely host the social or have two units share the social. Please remember this event is held year around.**
the third Tuesday
(monthly)

March 11 **POWWOW 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (produce donations)**

March 17 **Saint Patrick's Day – thanks to Unit 109 the residents will enjoy their green beverages. Will have snacks and appetizers at 2:00 p.m. with some Irish melodies. Ladies please donate a dish of snacks or appetizers to celebrate with our veterans. Volunteers to visit are always welcome especially during these holidays.**

March 21 **ALA Units 68 and 132 to provide cakes and ice cream to celebrate the monthly birthdays at the home. Thank you ladies!!!!!!**

ALA UNITS - SCHEDULED

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| April | ALA Unit 131 |
| May | ALA Unit 59 |
| June | Open |
| July | AMVETS Auxiliary 770 |

March 24 **Tentative schedule for a memorial service to honor our loving residents who have passed on. We need a color guard to volunteer to participate in the memorial. Please contact Anna Marie at 520-404-7646 if you can participate. Thank you.**

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

A toast for your blessed life!!! Salute!!!!

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| 3 | Ed | 4 | Lester | 10 | John | 19 | Frank | 19 | Frank |
| 22 | Wallace | 30 | Johnnie | 30 | Alice | 31 | John | | |

Hope you were able to visit Tucson and attend La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Parade and the Tucson Rodeo. There were a lot of cowboys and cowgirls in this town during February.

Happy Trails to You, Until We Meet Again!!!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

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**ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON
(ASVH-TUCSON)
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

Meeting Called to Order 11:15 a.m.

Next ASVH-TUCSON Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at ASVH-Tucson

Present:

Dennis Gardner, AL 97
Fran Johnston, ALA 102
Sam Nanez, ASVH-Tucson
Deena Ream-Robinson, ALA 132
Mary Shaffer, ELKS
Terry Soto, ALA 59
Anna Marie Arenas, ALA 59

Please note above the abbreviations for the following:

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| AL | American Legion |
| ALA | American Legion Auxiliary |
| SAL | Sons of the American Legion |
| ASVH-Tucson | Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson |
| VFW | Veterans of Foreign Wars |
| AMVETS | American Veterans |

MINUTES:

1. Introduction

- A. Sam reviewed January's meeting minutes with the steering committee. Revisions were made. to January meeting minutes and accepted with the revisions. Revisions included Mary Shaffer's last name by removing "c"; added "Filipino group" to January 27 event; and in Letter E, second sentence, separated typo to "The team's".

Reviewed January and February events to date.

2. Reports by Steering Committee – Planned and Future Events/Activities

- A. February's events were discussed

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| February 14 | Candy and cheesecake for dessert. Sam stated that he had only 80 hearts (small candy boxes) donated and needed 20 more for each resident (veteran). ALA to provide an additional 20 hearts with candy for residents (veterans) and 10 roses for females (veteran residents). Anna Marie and Terry to find the items. |
| February 21 | Monthly Birthday cake and ice cream event will be hosted by ALA Unit 36 |
| February 22 | Bingo hosted by the ELKS. |
| February 23 | Rodeo – BBQ and will have live country music. Sam shared that the BBQ will be inside by chapel in Bldg. #1. Still need volunteers to meet at 8:00 a.m. to help move the residents to Rodeo Parade area since the parade path passes the home. Will have a water station and will have the residents viewing the parade from the Ajo entry to ASVH-Tucson. ALA Unit 132 providing two volunteers, Sam asking for more volunteers. |

As a reminder, volunteers should come very early as Ajo will close (usually by 6:30 a.m.), however you can enter through South 6th Avenue VA entry to ASVH-Tucson.

B. March events were discussed

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| March 11 | POWWOW – 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (produce sales). Need volunteers ELKS BBQ at 11:00 a.m. |
| March 17 | Saint Patrick's Day – ALA Unit 109 provided beverages. Will have a snack/appetizer cheer at 2:00 p.m. with Irish melodies. Volunteers needed to spend time with the residents (veterans) and donations of snacks/appetizers gladly accepted, i.e., chips, dips, hors d'oeuvres, relish trays, sweets, etc. |
| March 21 | Monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream hosted by ALA Units 132 and 68 |
| March 24 | Tentative date and time. 10:00 a.m. memorial services for ASHV-Home residents. Also, need a color guard. Anna Marie will check with ALA Unit 66. Terry to check with PUEBLO High School. Sam to check with Cholla High School |
| March 29 | Bingo |

3. Sam also advised steering committee that we must be very careful and use strict discretion when mentioning sensitive information regarding the residents at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson on Facebook, i.e., identifying full names, photos of residents, or their diagnoses (per HIPAA privacy rules).
4. Monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream event for **June still open**. Please contact Fran Johnston if anyone would like to host in June. These events are scheduled for every third Tuesday of the month, all year around.
5. Wish List for the Residents – Need 15-20 CD players. ELKS will donate four CD players. Also the home is in great need of audio books. **Please help and donate these items to the home.**
6. Sam requested sports memorabilia for the sports lounge at the home. Anna Marie to donate a couple of signs.
7. ALA Unit 97 to coordinate with Sam to schedule some card games at ASVH-Tucson.
8. ELKS will provide Easter baskets for the residents
9. Sam shared with the steering committee that between March and April Naval uniforms will be displayed.

Meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Anna Marie Arenas, ALA Unit 59

Dated: February 13, 2017