

## TEAM UP

# American Legion Auxiliary, Chick-fil-A team up for local veterans

For its third consecutive year, Chick-fil-A Arrowhead, at 16657 N. 83rd Ave. in Peoria, honored veterans by donating 11 percent of sales on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, to the Peoria American Legion Auxiliary. This year's contribution totaled a record-breaking \$2,675.

Recognizing the special needs of women in the military, the Auxiliary and Chick-fil-A Arrowhead have selected female veterans as the recipients of the funds raised. In previous years, the efforts have provided funds for the Auxiliary's annual "Special Project," including the Tucson Fisher House and Peoria's Soldier's Best Friend.

"We are honored to do what we can to support the men and women who have and still serve our country," Alison Bosen, marketing representative from Chick-fil-A Arrowhead, said in a news release. "We know the

women of Peoria's American Legion Auxiliary and we know they will use the donated funds wisely. When it comes to supporting veterans and military, the American Legion Auxiliary is our go to partner."

Veterans Day commemorates the end of WWI. On the morning of Nov. 11, 1918, after four years of war, Allied and German powers met to sign an armistice that halted the hostilities of World War I. The agreement was signed shortly after 5 a.m. and went into effect at the 11th hour of the eleventh day of the 11th month of 1918, finally bringing to an end the carnage of the Great War—the war thought by many to be the war that would end all wars.

American Legion Auxiliary members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military, and their fam-



Peoria American Legion Auxiliary Unit 62 of Peoria accepts Chick-fil-A Arrowhead's recent donation. [Submitted photo]

ilies both here and abroad. They volunteer millions of hours yearly, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. As part of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, ALA volunteers across the country also step up to honor veterans and military through annual scholarships and with ALA Girls State programs, teaching high school juniors to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism.

The John J Morris American Legion Auxiliary Unit in Peoria has been awarded the top national Auxiliary award for its efforts in meeting the needs of active military, veterans, families and youth. To learn more about the Auxiliary's mission or to volunteer donate, join or partner with the Auxiliary, visit [AZPost62.com/ALA](http://AZPost62.com/ALA) or email them at [ALAAunit62AZ@gmail.com](mailto:ALAAunit62AZ@gmail.com).