

VERTERANS Our Hometown Heroes

November 2022

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

DO NOT SEND...District or Chairman's mail to this office. Send it directly to their address. Don't know it call them...they are in the Directory.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT VICKIE KOUTZ...Her official visit to Arizona will February 16-19, 2023, in the Valley of the Sun. Planning is being done now!!

DUES NOTICE...The National portion of the dues will be going up next year 2023-2024. That means starting dues for 2023-2024 will be \$18 for National and \$7 for Department...\$25 to Department for Seniors no increase for Juniors at this time.

FALL CONFERENCE...Did we see you at Fall Conference? Western Division National Vice President Eva Wallace made her official at Fall Conference. Did you meet her?

STATE VETERANS HOME...This is President Barbara's Special Project this year. You need to identify the state home because there will be 4 very soon...Phoenix...Tucson...Yuma...and Flagstaff coming soon.

FISHER HOUSE ...You need to identify your Fisher House donation for Tucson or Phoenix starting now.

POPPY...Did you get your Poppy Order in? Just a FYI...we have crew here at Department getting ready to bring to Fall Conference. or can come to Department and pick them up.

EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ... Did you get one?

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS ...

Unit 13...Meeting time now 5:30pm ✓

Unit 27...Membership Processor...Viki Jackson...541-979-6850...viki_jackson@outlook.com ✓

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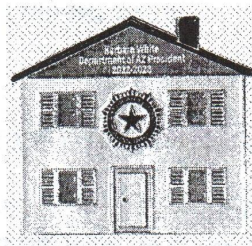
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MEMBERSHIP... "RACHING TO OUR GOALS". Membership is everyone's job. **Legion Act** has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. **The Department Goal this year is 14700 and we are at 26.97%.**

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

ALAMIS ACCFSS...Units MUST email department requesting to be put on the ALAMIS class sign up. NOW BE ADVISED: CLASSES ARE HELD THE 2ND WEEK OF EVERY MONTH ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY. SO BE PREPARED NOW SO YOU CAN TAKE THE CLASS.



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President's Message

November 2022

VETERANS Our Hometown Heros

Fall has arrived according to the calendar, hopefully by Thanksgiving the weather will, too.

I had the honor to attend a Eagle Scout Project, Flags of Gratitude, ceremony in Prescott Valley. The young man coordinated with several organizations and city government. Seven flags were hung the American Flag and six flags honoring the branches of the. As the flag were being hoisted on the flag poles, he read the history of each branch of the military.

It took two years for him to coordinate with everyone to complete his project.

My calendar is filling up fast. Please reach out to me, in writing, if you would like to schedule a visit. My current schedule is on the back.

The National President will be visiting Arizona February 16-19, 2023. Any member can attend events that take place while she is visiting.

I had the honor to attend a dinner at Post 35 to honor the Chandler past and present police officers. It was great to see them enjoying the evening.

Until next month

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving with friends and family.

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President's Schedule

2022-2023

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
November 3 - November 7	Fall Conference	Oro Valley
November 10, 2022	Unit 44 Official Visit	44 Post
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day	
November 15, 2022	Unit's 66 and 131 Official Visit	Post 131
November 19, 2022	PSP Fundraiser Dinner	Post 35
November 20, 2022	District 2 Official Visit	Post 66
December 3, 2022	Unit 107 Christmas Ball	Post 107
December 4, 2022	Phoenix Gift Shop Setup	TBD
December 7, 2022	Pearl Harbor Day	
December 13, 2022	Tucson Gift Shop	Tucson VA
December 14, 2022	Whipple Gift Shop	Prescott VA
December 28, 2022	MIAP Burial	National Cemetery
January 2, 2023	Unit 27 Official Visit	Post 27
January 7, 2023	Department Open House	
January 8, 2023	District 3 Official Visit	Post 45
January 21, 2023	District 8 Official Visit	Post 90
January 28, 2023	PPP Luncheon	Post 62
February 4, 2023	District 12 Rehab Dinner	Post 35
February 11, 2023	Unit 2 Official Visit	Post 2
February 16 - 19	National President's Visit	
February 26 - March 10, 2023	Sailing the Seven Seas	
March 11, 2023	District 12 Picnic	
March 25-27, 2023	Car Show	Post 81
April 20, 2023	Unit 35 Award Banquet and Official Visit	Post 35
May 13, 2023	Homecoming	
April 22, 2023	District 7 Official Visit	Post 14
May 21, 2023	District 4 Official Visit	Post 133

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)
November 2022

Thanksgiving Greetings!

With Fall Conference at the beginning of the month and Thanksgiving upon us later this month, it will be a busy month for us all.

In the busyness that goes with the holidays, I would just like to remind us to consider those that may be struggling to get through a personal crisis and reach out to them with a helping hand.

If you are aware of an Auxiliary family that may need an extra boost, please consider encouraging them to apply for Temporary Assistance through the AEF. A monetary award through the AEF could make the difference for them during the holiday season. The funds, as you know from my previous bulletins, can only be used for housing and utilities but can relieve the anxiety over a lack of heat, electricity, or water or maybe even a roof over their head. It may even buy them some time to look for other resources or tide them over until they receive that paycheck from their new job.

Applications, eligibility requirements, and instructions can be found at the National website: www.alaforveterans.org Once on the website use the drop-down menu from "How We Serve" to locate the AEF-Emergency Assistance Grants.



For God & Country,
Jonnie Maddox
Department AEF Chairman

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VETERANS Our Hometown Heroes

Cavalcade of Memories

December 2022

Members:

We are about to embark on a new year Members serving our VETERANS Our Home town Heroes. Welcome to the world of Cavalcade of Memories.

If you do not have a cavalcade of memories chairman appoint one National has added Cavalcade of Memories under History and they go hand and hand.

Can anybody tell me when was Arizona's 1st Department convention was held in what city and what year? The Area Caucuses (3) Women was Chosen Northern, Central, Southern area to represent units and serve on the Department Executive Committee what were they called back in 1921? Same division remained until 1946-47. Arizona expanded to (4) women. 1952 a resolution change the title to what? Redistricting presented 10 Districts was accomplished in what year? What year did they combine the Department Secretary and Treasure Office and to make her a paid employee? You have to answer all the Question and send them to me by December 31st 2022 will receive lottery scratch ticket.

This Chairman is still looking for juniors that have served as Honorary Department President. Working on a Department Book for the Past Honorary Junior Presidents. We would like to recognize you and fill it with your memories. I am in the directory and you can e-mail me.

Department Cavalcade of Memories Chairman

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Community Service

November 2022

“VETERANS Our Hometown Heroes”

From the 2017-2022 American Legion Auxiliary Programs Action Plan, the following information is given regarding ALA's Community Service program:

“Become visible within your community as a link to the veteran community. Get involved in community service projects to bring awareness of our mission to support veterans, servicemembers, their families and the community.”

The following are a few suggestions to accomplish the action plan.

While volunteering in the community, be sure to wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel or pin/name badge. And if your apparel is not ALA-branded, please be sure to dress appropriately.

Contact local religious leaders and first responders to let them know you are available to help veteran families in need. Know what veteran resources are in your area so you'll be ready.

Veterans Day is approaching so volunteer to assist with any community observances. Also, a recent suggestion relayed to this chairman is sending/giving thank you cards to veterans in your local centers/homes.

Participate in activities at nursing homes, senior citizen centers, libraries, and/or assisted living centers.

“It's great not only talking about community service in theory but actually doing it.” – Adam Gardner

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Education November 2022



The 1st quarter is already at an end! Each month I am focusing on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.**

There are a number of ways that Members and Units can promote scholarships:

- Assign a member to communicate with school guidance counselors/teachers regarding scholarship applications. Make copies of the applications (found at www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships) and provide them to the schools.
- Inform school-aged children in your community about National, Department and Unit scholarship opportunities.
- Volunteer to be on the scholarship selection committee in your District or Unit.
- Make a donation to American Legion Auxiliary education scholarship funds (Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, ALA Foundation at www.ALAFoundation.org or Department, District or Unit scholarships).
- Create a Unit scholarship fund to award scholarships to local students.
- Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media and your Post/Unit newsletter.
- Publicize the winners of Auxiliary scholarships at a school presentation and through the media.

National American Legion Auxiliary scholarships awarded in each Division include the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. The Department of Arizona also awards the Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship to a second-year or upper division student in Political Science, Public Programs or Special Education at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University or the University of Arizona.

Be sure to review all the material in the Education packet available on the Department website following the Fall Conference. It contains links to the rules and application forms for all of these scholarships, as well as the report forms for the year-end report. Don't forget *American Education Week*, November 16-20, 2020.

I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary scholarships.

In the Spirit of Service, not for self,

Julie Vietri

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Per ALA National Headquarters Record Retention Policy as follows:

Accounts Receivable/Payable	7 Years, Current Year
Budgets	7 Years, Current Year
Internal Audits	7 Years, Current Year
Check Registers	7 Years, Current Year
Bank Statements/Reconciliation	10 Years

And a reminder from IRS.gov dated August 15, 2022

Form 990-N filers will use a new sign-in process beginning this summer

Beginning August 2022, smaller charities that are eligible and choose to file Form 990-N, Electronic Notice for Tax-Exempt Organizations (e-Postcard), must sign into the IRS modernized authentication platform using either their active IRS username or create an account with ID.me, the current IRS credential service provider. When accessing the [Form 990-N submission page](#), Form 990-N filers have three options:

1. Sign in with their active IRS username: Users with an active IRS username have the option to access the Form 990-N submission page using their existing IRS credentials or they can choose to create a new account with ID.me.
2. Sign in with their existing ID.me account: Users that have an ID.me account to access other IRS online services or from a state or federal agency can sign in using their existing ID.me account.
3. Create a new ID.me account: Users that don't have an active IRS username credential must register and sign in with ID.me.

ID.me account creation requires an email address and multifactor authentication. Form 990-N filers who have an existing IRS username and register for an ID.me account must use the same email address.

For Form 990-N filing instructions, see [Publication 5248](#) [PDF](#), Form 990-N Electronic Filing System User Guide.

The filing process has not changed for organizations that file [Form 990](#), Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, or [Form 990-EZ](#), Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

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**Members by Virtue of Office: Barbara White, President, Jennie Molina, NEC
Barbara Matteson, Sec/Treas. (no vote)**



American Legion Auxiliary
Arizona
Girls State

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ARIZONA GIRLS STATE IS HAPPENING!

After returning from the Girls State Conference in Indianapolis and meeting with the University of Arizona, we are in the planning process for the 76th session of American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State.

It is hard to believe this will be the 76th Session. No small milestone. For 74 years, each summer, ALA Arizona Girls State has been on the campus of the University of Arizona. I am sure we are probably one of the oldest established programs.

At Fall Conference in Tucson, November 4-6, after the Auxiliary session on Saturday, we will hold the usual Girls State meeting. Unit packets for ALA Arizona Girls State will be available and must be signed for. School assignments, forms and information on the program will be discussed and questions answered. If you are the Unit Girls State Chairman please plan on attending that meeting or have someone attend in your place. Unit Presidents, that person might be you. Packets will also be available for Department Officers and Districts.

The cost of Girls State to \$400 a delegate. The Unit is responsible for \$300 and girls \$100 or some portion of that \$100 amount if possible. Due to the rising cost of everything, we have adjusted the number of delegates a school can have to help with the amount a Unit will pay and keep our relationship with schools in the program. School assignments were changed in some cases to accommodate new high schools. Many of the established things are still required but we also have new ways to promote the program that were learned from our virtual experiences and last year's program.

We look forward to seeing you at the Girls State meeting on Saturday November 5th. The who...what...where...and why of Girls State will be addressed through information you will receive and then through questions and answers.

We thank you for your continued participation and support of ***"a week that shapes a lifetime"***.

Penny Maklary...Director

HISTORY

Nov. 2022

“We are all members of the American Legion Auxiliary because of a veteran in our life. Everything we do is in honor of their service.” *National President Kris Nelson, 2011*

ALA Facts: Did you Know?

In 1972 was established the Cavalcade of Memories museum at ALA National Headquarters in Indianapolis as more than 80 years’ worth of historical items and memorabilia on display in the Cavalcade and in various parts of the headquarters building.

When writing your history, ensure it is written in third point of view.

**Include President Barbara’s theme when writing the history. “VETERANS
Our Hometown Hero’s’**

Please be sure to read instructions if your unit is submitting a History Book for convention in June of 2023. You can go to Department website and look at the book of awards.

I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving and be safe holiday.

**In the Spirit of Service, Not Self
For Our Hometown Hero’s,
God and Country**

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American Legion Auxiliary Juniors Fall Conference

When: Saturday, November 19-20, 2022

**Where: Post 45 Benson, 150 W 5th St
Benson, AZ 85602**

**Time: Registration 12p-1p
(meeting to start promptly)**



*Dinner and Breakfast will be
provided, along with snacks.*

What to bring:

**Something nice for Memorial Service on
Sunday. PJs, sleeping bag, air mattress,
pillow, and personal necessities.**

Jr. Auxiliary Pin



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Juniors 2022

Ladies of the great state of Arizona, We are looking forward to having a great year as we work on this year's plan of action. You will be receiving a complete outline details in your Fall Conference packets. Meanwhile here is a very brief look:

1. INCREASE JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP
2. ENGAGE JUNIORS IN ALL PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
3. ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN SERVICE PROJECTS FOR OUR LEGIONNAIRES AS WELL AS OTHER VETERANS, MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY
4. PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE JUNIOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATCH PROGRAM
5. INCREASE AWARENESS OF ALL AVAILABLE SCHOLORSHIPS FOR OUR JUNIORS

As you can see this this year we will promote Juniors as much as possible so eventually they will be the leaders that are well trained and knowledgeable of our organization.

We will be holding our Junior conference November 19-20th in our beautiful town of Benson, AZ. This is a great way to get Juniors to get to know each other and build comradery that strengths your group. Our Western Division Junior meeting will be held this year on February 4, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada, Flamingo Hotel. Registration is now open at <https://cvent.me/DzBQeA>

We look forward to serving you and having great success this year.

Dept. of Arizona Junior Chairman

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Honorary Junior President: The meeting will now come to order. (One rap of gavel)

Honorary Junior President: (three raps of the gavel) the colors are in place so will salute the colors by the numbers "One" (wait a couple of seconds, then) "Two"

Honorary Junior President: Our chaplain will offer prayer.

Honorary Junior Chaplain: Our Father, we thank Thee for this great country of ours and for the sacrifice and service of our loved ones who have preserved it for us. Help us as Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary to continue loving service to those who have served and their families. Amen.

Honorary Junior President: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of our National Anthem, The Star- Spangled Banner.

Let us recite the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary. (If many of your members are younger, you may consider

reciting the ALA mission statement here and work with the girls to learn and understand our Preamble

MISSION AND PURPOSES

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

In fulfillment of our mission, the American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

- H To support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families H To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion
- H To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship
- H To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy
- H To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and patriotism in government
- H To increase our capacity to deliver our mission by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities within our communities
- H To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through *Service Not Self*

The American Legion Auxiliary has one purpose — to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion. Our Preamble is nearly the same as The American Legion.

The American Legion Auxiliary does not establish any policy that conflicts with those of The American Legion. Its activities are designed to enhance The American Legion's programs. Although often working independently on projects of its own, the Auxiliary has no purposes which are apart from the aims of The American Legion. It is in every sense an "Auxiliary" to

The American Legion. Its members serve side-by-side with members of The American Legion in a spirit of unselfish devotion to the well-being of America.

Honorary Junior President: I now declare the meeting of the Junior group of Department of
_Arizona_____regularly convened. (one rap of gavel)

Honorary Junior President: Welcome to all of you. I am so excited to be a Junior in the ALA. Our meetings will be short, but will follow protocol so we all learn to hold our meeting in the proper way.

Honorary Junior President: Our secretary will now read the minutes of the last meeting.

Honorary Junior Secretary: (read minutes)

Our last meeting we met virtually as well on 20th for a brief meeting to elect officer as the year was coming to an end. Members in attendance were Jhie Acosta, Liliana Medina, and Isabella Ward. Along with Junior Chairman Lexie Escubedo and Madam President Patsy Lugo. Unit 11 Senior Members Iliana Solis and Jennie Molina. Department secretary Barbara Matteson. Elections were held and Jhie Acosta was elected Junior Honorary President and Isabella Ward was elected Honorary Vice Presiden

Honorary Junior President: You have heard the minutes of our last meeting. Are there any corrections or additions? If not, the minutes will stand approved as read.

Honorary Junior President: At this time, our secretary will call the roll. Please share with us at that time anything you have been doing for The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or for veterans, their families, or our community.

Honorary Junior Secretary: (Call each girl's name that is present. Each will give a short report of their activities since the last meeting).

Honorary Junior President: Is there any unfinished business?

Is there any new business?

Honorary Junior President: If there is no further business to come before this meeting, the chaplain will lead us in prayer. (three raps of the gavel)

Honorary Junior Chaplain: Our Father, we thank Thee for the good works we have accomplished in this meeting and ask your guidance as we continue our service to veterans, servicemembers, and their families. Amen.

Honorary Junior President: Until we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our country can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state, and nation always be our objective. Let us always be watchful of our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall steer us from the path of justice, freedom, and democracy.

Honorary Junior President: (Once colors are all the way to the back of the room) I now declare this meeting adjourned. (rap gavel one time)

Leadership/Arizona Mission Training

November 2022

Thank you to those members who have attended an Arizona Mission Training this year. Trainers have held two so far and we have two in process. The training give us important knowledge about our organization, and allows us to learn how to listen to each other and work together. A committee of one does not accomplish nearly as much as an extended committee. I am sure that your units have made plans for the upcoming holidays with one or more of your members taking the leadership role. In last month's bulletin I spoke about the importance of Being a Mentor and Having a Mentor. I hope that you have been able to seek one out when you have questions or simply for support. Please remember to send a short narrative to me by April 1, 2023 about your experience with a Mentor in the Auxiliary. **PRIZES AWARDED!** All of our information is forwarded to the Western Division Chairman, mid-year and end of year reports. This year our Chairman is Anita Biggs from the state of California. So, send information or activities that you do and your mentor information when you can.

In past bulletins there has been information about the American Legion Auxiliary courses available on the national web site **alaforveterans.org**. Please check this site out for so much information. These are self paced courses that are designed for you to take whenever you have time. Please let me know when you have taken a course. This will be included in the year end report. Until next month – **A Blessed Thanksgiving for you all!**

Karen Smith, Chairman

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Legislative

November 2022

Greetings Members,

I am going to make this short and sweet for this month; because I will be seeing you at Fall Conference.

Fall is upon us!! Are you ready for Fall Conference?? Well, Department Fall Conference is rapidly approaching. For those that have never attended a Fall Conference, this is like a mini Convention but packed full of fun and learning opportunities about our programs. This is also a chance for the Officers and Chairmen to introduce themselves and their programs.

On a state legislative note, as the writing of this bulletin, I will advise that although I am not in the field anymore with my job, I still hear and see a lot of things coming out of the Legislature. Some of you know that I recently got a promotion and I am now at the DPS Capitol District office instead of in uniform, but I still get a lot of news. Maybe even more so now; as I have access to the event calendar. With that being said, are you ready to or have you voted? This Mid-Term Election is very important. We are electing new state officials as well as Congressional representatives.

I also urge you to sign up for the Legion Digital Dispatch for important Legislative agenda items.

I really don't have much more to report other than that I will see all of you at Conference. Safe Travels to Oro Valley.

For God and Country,

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MEMBERSHIP

November 2022

I have had several calls and emails about taking the class to have access to ALAMIS for inputting Unit membership. I HAVE AN ANSWER!!!!!!

Units MUST email department requesting to be put on the ALAMIS class sign up.

NOW BE ADVISED: CLASSES ARE HELD THE 2ND WEEK OF EVERY MONTH ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY. SO BE PREPARED NOW SO YOU CAN TAKE THE CLASS.

For a Unit to have full access their membership chairman/processor must have at least two years' experience doing membership. We want new chairmen/processors to understand the process before we let them go out on their own.

If you have questions PLEASE email myself and/or Barbara at Department.

I want to congratulate the top three units in the state for RACING TO THE GOAL:

114 Bushmasters 101.82%

28 Lloyd C. Hill 100.00%

51 Haskell Osife Anonte 95.24%

If a Unit has 100% by Veterans Day they will receive a \$25.00 gift card from Emblem Sales.

Until next month

Rose

UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 2023

NaN and Infinity = no goals entered

10-12-22 YTD
Standing 75%
11-11-2022

		UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
01		0100	Phoenix	158	51	32.28%
		Total		158	51	32.28%
	Total			158	51	32.28%
01		0019	Yuma	198	51	25.76%
		0046	Bouse	54	6	11.11%
		0056	Yuma	63	17	26.98%
		Total		315	74	23.49%
02	Total			315	74	23.49%
		0007	Tucson	71	4	5.63%
		0010	Ajo	25	11	44.00%
02		0036	Tucson	278	40	14.39%
		0059	Tucson	157	29	18.47%
		0066	Green Valley	929	302	32.51%
		0068	Tucson	60	4	6.67%
		0073	Tucson	29	15	51.72%
		0109	Corona	341	89	26.10%
		0125	Tucson	16	0	0.00%
		0131	Green Valley	534	191	35.77%
		0132	Oro Valley	82	33	40.24%
		Total		2522	718	28.47%
	Total			2522	718	28.47%
03		0011	Douglas	175	27	15.43%
		0016	Bisbee	73	27	36.99%
		0024	Tombstone	414	74	17.87%
		0045	Benson	50	8	16.00%
		0052	Sierra Vista	174	67	38.51%
		0141	Pearce	10	1	10.00%
		Total		896	204	22.77%
04	Total			896	204	22.77%
		0008	Casa Grande	41	13	31.71%
		0009	Florence	89	8	8.99%
		0051	Coolidge	63	60	95.24%
		0054	Coolidge	107	22	20.56%
		0097	San Tan Valley	25	18	72.00%
		0129	Queen Creek	17	4	23.53%
		0133	Maricopa	37	7	18.92%
		Total		379	132	34.83%
05	Total			379	132	34.83%
05		0004	Globe	48	3	6.25%

06		0028	Clifton	76	76	100.00%
		0032	Safford	121	55	45.45%
		0095	Solomon	74	43	58.11%
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		0030	Springerville	79	13	16.46%
		0031	Saint Johns	10	0	0.00%
		0037	Holbrook	41	2	4.88%
		0069	Payson	142	11	7.75%
		0076	Show Low	30	8	26.67%
07		0086	Overgaard	301	78	25.91%
		0130	Concho	10	1	10.00%
		Total		613	113	18.43%
	Total			613	113	18.43%
		0003	Flagstaff	92	4	4.35%
		0013	Williams	42	13	30.95%
		0014	Kingman	123	40	32.52%
		0022	Golden Valley	109	16	14.68%
		0042	Grand Canyon	25	6	24.00%
		0057	Ash Fork	70	7	10.00%
08		0081	Lake Havasu City	559	135	24.15%
		0087	Bullhead City	144	13	9.03%
		0088	Dolan Springs	16	10	62.50%
		0103	Meadview	57	30	52.63%
		0136	Yucca	14	0	0.00%
		Total		1251	274	21.90%
	Total			1251	274	21.90%
		0006	Prescott	229	90	39.30%
		0025	Cottonwood	265	73	27.55%
		0040	Chino Valley	102	2	1.96%
11		0078	Humboldt	152	23	15.13%
		0079	Yarnell	152	37	24.34%
		0090	Black Canyon City	44	9	20.45%
		0093	Camp Verde	97	11	11.34%
		0108	Prescott Valley	41	4	9.76%
		0135	Cornville	64	17	26.56%
		0140	Prescott Valley	27	10	37.04%
		Total		1173	276	23.53%
	Total			1173	276	23.53%
		0001	Phoenix	115	13	11.30%
		0005	Phoenix	71	4	5.63%
		0012	Wickenburg	208	32	15.38%
		0029	Glendale	296	70	23.65%

12		0053	Buckeye	19	7	36.84%
		0061	Avondale	185	39	21.08%
		0062	Peoria	787	108	13.72%
		0105	Phoenix	209	46	22.01%
		0134	Phoenix	18	3	16.67%
		Total		1908	322	16.88%
	Total			1908	322	16.88%
		0002	Tempe	100	29	29.00%
		0026	Mesa	242	85	35.12%
		0027	Apache Junction	1815	478	26.34%
		0034	Cave Creek	316	51	16.14%
		0035	Chandler	305	61	20.00%
		0039	Gilbert	411	124	30.17%
		0041	Phoenix	315	53	16.83%
		0044	Scottsdale	309	59	19.09%
		0058	Fountain Hills	295	74	25.08%
		0065	Phoenix	286	141	49.30%
		0084	Sacaton	62	53	85.48%
		0091	Chandler	200	67	33.50%
		0107	Phoenix	213	72	33.80%
		0114	Scottsdale	55	56	101.82%
		0117	Phoenix	188	75	39.89%
		0124	Guadalupe	17	3	17.65%
		0138	Tempe	35	10	28.57%
		Total		5164	1491	28.87%
	Total			5164	1491	28.87%
Total	Total			14698	3832	26.07%



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
MUSIC REPORT 2022

November 2022

Greetings Melomanos (“music lovers”),

I hope you’re finding ways to promote music within your Unit and Post. I promote music every month and everyday. Please continue to promote music within your Unit and Post. Let’s get the love of music out to everyone. Let’s do this together. Use your imagination and spread the love of music and our Country.

Fall Conference is approaching very fast. I’ve chosen some wonderful music choices for the Memorial Choir. Please join us in the Memorial Choir and please invite men and Juniors. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you as well as the men and Juniors. What an amazing sound having so many in the choir will produce!

Melinda Nay from Oro Valley has offered some songs and lyrics to Units interested. If you would like these, please let me know so I can relay your contact information to her. Please don’t hesitate to use her offer. I’m pleased she wants to share her love of music with you. What a wonderful way for her to share her love of music and love of our Country!

I’m looking forward to seeing all at Conference in Oro Valley! Sing like no one is listening.

“Music is a world within itself, with a language we all understand.”
Stevie Wonder

With a song in your heart.

For God and Country,

Alma Mattingly, Department Music Chairman

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New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

November 2022

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNIT AND POST

The relationship between the two organizations is one of cooperation rather than regulation. The American Legion Posts and American legion auxiliary Units are related but independent organizations each with separate EINs, financial records, Bylaws, etc.

The National Judge Advocate of The American Legion has issued the following ruling:

“It is crystal clear that The American Legion Post has no authority to control the Unit related to it.” The Post may not revoke nor threaten revocation of its Unit’s charter.

The Unit should regard its connection with the Post as a distinct honor. It should strive unceasingly to carry out the National Constitution’s pledge “to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.”

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PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Department of Arizona

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley (PPP) committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of Past Department Presidents, Past District and Unit Presidents for mentorship and encouragement of future ALA leaders at all levels of the organization.

This committee also honors and recognizes one outstanding member from each Unit who has never held an office higher than Unit President and recognizes one member to receive the Department the Member of the Year Award; the recipient of this award will be recognized at the National Convention. This award was moved to the Leadership Committee. For more information check the Leadership Committee information.

This committee is also charged with recognizing women veterans through the Salute to Servicewomen Awards as well as promoting a project that supports veterans.

This year's project focus is the Medical Scholarship, this scholarship is 100% donation funded. The Medical Scholarship is available only to children and grandchildren of Veterans, so in that way, and consistent with our organization's core mission, it supports Veterans and their families through assisting with education in the healthcare field.

Here's what you can do:

- Collect donations for the PPP Medical Scholarship.
- Promote application for the Past Presidents Parley Medical Scholarship. Applications are due by April 15, 2023
- **Nominate an outstanding Unit member who meets the above criteria for the Department's Unit Member of the Year. Nominations due June 1, 2023. See above**
- Seek out potential nominees for the Salute to Servicewomen Awards who meet the criteria set forth by the National organization including their concurrent contribution to service to their community. Nominations due April 15, 2023.
- Collaborate with your Unit's Leadership committee to identify and mentor upcoming leaders in your unit.

Year-end reports are due April 15. 2023.

Patricia Lugo, Chairman
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Some history on Miss Poppy.

Several years ago I was Dept. Poppy Chairmen. The answer to the most interesting question I received is worth repeating. The person(s) that responded to my inquiry held the position(s) mentioned in 2018.

The question was: How did Miss Poppy originate? What a great question it was. I researched it, found nothing. I sent the question to the Western Division Poppy Chairman at that time. It was forwarded until it reached Cathi M. Taylor /Archivist and Data Projects Coordinator / ALA Nat'l headquarters.

The following is what Cathi M. Taylor wrote in response:

It seems that the first Miss Poppy contest, at the national level, was held in 1959. In the annual report made by the chairman of the Poppy Committee for 1958-1959, Alberta Mackey, she states "It was generally agreed that the best publicity received was contributable to the "Miss Poppy" on television, and to the new "Miss Poppy" contest! The newness and simple appeal generated an enthusiasm not seen before in many Units. This Committee is deeply indebted to Mrs. Ruth Critz, her Committee, Mr. Layton Hurst, Radio-TV Director, and Miss Mildred Collins, National Public Relations Counsel for originating this marvelous idea, and for the remarkable accomplishments in the field of Poppy publicity this year." I have not found a resolution for this contest so I am not sure how this was started.

Also, Mrs. Paul F. Critz stated at the 1959 national convention: "To stimulate interest in Poppy Day and provide new ideas for publicity, a contest was initiated for "Miss Junior Poppy of 1959" in cooperation with the National Poppy Committee. Entries were received from thirty Departments. Statements and clippings sent with the entries indicated that very effective use was made of the "Miss Poppies" and that the resulting radio, television and newspaper publicity aided Poppy Days. "Miss Poppies" presented the first poppy to the mayor in many cities.

That being said, Past National President Leta Zeller (1956-1957) had her granddaughter provide then US President Eisenhower with a poppy. I have found reference to Miss Poppy contests being held in New Jersey in the 1950's prior to 1959, as well as in Colorado. However, these appear to be joint ventures with the VFW.

It could be that the Legion and Auxiliary determined to hold their own contest instead of it being a joint effort with the VFW. This is conjecture on my part. (end)

Hope you enjoyed this as I thought it was fascinating.

I strongly encourage each Unit to have a Miss Poppy if possible. These girls have so much fun, they feel important to be an active part of something that you, the adults, are involved in.

For information on rules for Miss Poppy and her scrapbook contest go to: <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Awards/Little-Miss-Poppy-Contest>

REMINDER: Veteran's Day Nov. 11th. With all the parades, craft fairs, etc., a great donation week-end.

For God and Country,

Julie Ross

Az. Dept. Poppy Chairman

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MISS POPPY HELPS THE AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY TELL PEOPLE ABOUT
THE POPPY!



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

NOVEMBER 2022

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOMES

Thank you for all the donations that have already come in! Because of your generosity, the Yuma State Veterans Home now has a popcorn machine, a bingo machine, and a barbeque grill. The first residents are already enjoying these gifts you have provided. They still need a lot of items which are not supplied by the State. This is a beautiful facility, but it needs a few things to make it a home.

The Flagstaff State Home will be opening approximately April and they will need similar items to get them ready.

Phoenix desperately needs some new patio furniture for the residents to enjoy the outdoors, and Tucson wants theater seats so the residents can be comfortable watching movies. Also Tucson needs seat belts for the golf carts that transport the residents to their appointments.

When you make your donations to PSP, you can specify which State Home your contributions go to. And you can still contribute to the individual State Homes through those programs. They all still like snacks, games, gift cards, craft supplies, etc. Imagine yourself residing there day in and day out. What would you enjoy doing? For some of us, that isn't much stretch of imagination!

These are our Home Town Heroes!

For God and Country,

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

November 2022

TIPS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICES

It's important to efficiently utilize social media to share the ALA's message of who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Here are a few general best practices for social media when posting about the American Legion Auxiliary on pages the public sees, such as your unit/district/ department pages:

Think before you post

Use common sense. Think twice before posting something that may hurt the image of the American Legion Auxiliary or compromise your privacy, and never post confidential or proprietary information. Be aware that courts may judge certain material as proprietary, copyrighted, defamatory, libelous, or obscene.

Start talking ... er, posting

Social media is meant to be social — think of it as an ongoing conversation. Engage with others by including a call to action such as sharing, retweeting, liking, or commenting on your posts to encourage social sharing. Comment where appropriate to keep the conversation going.

Know the etiquette

Ever get an email written in uppercase letters and find yourself taken aback? In social media, there are also cultural norms, expectations, and conventions that govern user interactions. Failure to observe them may compromise your credibility or make you come across as a negative person when that never may have been your intention.

Get the ALA out there

Talk about the American Legion Auxiliary, our programs, volunteers projects, and mission. Share examples of activities going on in your unit or department, keep your content fresh, and update it often.

Graphics help get you noticed

Your followers see a lot of text when they sign in to Facebook or Twitter — you want to stand out! Research has shown that using visuals such as photos and videos with social media posts greatly increases engagement. See what software is available online — apps like Canva offer free, attractive templates to design, collaborate, and share on social media.

Celebrate!

Share good news, celebrate milestones, congratulate members, and post other happy occasions. Audiences want to celebrate your victories with you, no matter how small.

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VA & R

November 2022

Hello fellow members and happy November!

As you all are reading this, we will be packing our bags and getting ready to meet at the El Conquistador in Tucson, AZ for Fall Conference and I'm very excited to see everyone.

I hope to see at least ONE member from each Unit attend the Conference. There is so much going on in the ALA and we want you all to be in the know. This way you can communicate all new endeavors to your Unit members.

The new state Veterans home in Yuma is just getting going and there will be information about how we as ALA members can assist.

VA&R Key Program Statements:

- Support rehabilitation and healing of Veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies.
- Support Veteran caregivers, family members and survivors.
- Recruit Auxiliary members as VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) volunteers at VA health care facilities.
- Help The American Legion, State Department of Veterans Affairs and Chamber of Commerce promote job fairs for veterans and their families.
- There isn't a VA hospital close to your community? Find opportunities for Auxiliary members to serve Veterans in your area such as serving the homeless.

Please visit www.ALAforVeterans.org and sign up with your membership number. There are SO many resources on our National ALA site for your Unit to use to support your VA&R programs at your Unit and District levels. Additionally, most of the ALA programs have Facebook pages and the information to access those pages are on our National website. The VA & R page can be searched on Facebook by searching American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R). All program groups on FB are for members only and they will ask you a few questions to make sure you are a member. Please answer the questions and they will accept you very quickly.

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry

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Service to Veterans

November 2022

Hello fellow Auxiliary members,

"On this Veterans Day let us remember the service of our veterans and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free." ~ Dan Lipinski

Veterans Day is upon us. It is Friday, November 11th. What will you and your unit be doing this year to honor our Veterans?

Did you know that Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day? It was changed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954, to honor all who had served.

Question: is it appropriate to say, "Happy Veterans Day?"

Answer: Yes! As apposed to Memorial Day, a solemn occasion, saying "Happy Veterans Day" can be used as a greeting like saying Happy Thanksgiving. Don't forget to thank a Veteran!

Please continue to share your events with me so I can share them with all of you. Keep up the important work you are all doing!

For God and Country, Sara C. Decker
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November 2022 Creative Arts Chairman Report

Looking so forward to Fall Conference.....an opportunity to gather together and share our successes! I'm getting lots of questions about the National Veteran's Creative Arts Festival, and if Arizona will have representation at that festival. We do not hear that news until early in the new year. The National Festival takes place in April and I do know the 2023 event will be held in St. Louis, MO. No further info has come forward yet. As soon as I know I will get the info out and will also convey any needs for our Veterans and the Festival.

Can your Unit do something to encourage creativity? Most units have some creative souls that could come up with ideas that might benefit Veterans at your Post and Unit. My Unit, Tombstone 24, has started a Creativity Club. We meet once a month to create items to benefit our Post. Last month we created 48 cute fabric pumpkins for our Thanksgiving Dinner tables. It's a fun social event that encourages anyone to be "makers" and create items that will bring smiles and positive, caring feelings, around the community. Unit members are encouraged to bring friends. Maybe a future new member?

So look your unit over for your "makers". You just might have someone who's interested in leading a Creativity Club for your unit. Your unit might be able to create some items for fundraising at a local arts and crafts sale, or make items for your Unit or Post events. This month Our Unit 24 is creating "Kindness Rocks" painted to Thank our community Veterans for their service....to be given to post members on Veterans Day and delivered to Veterans in assisted living homes. A little something to give, that conveys our gratitude ongoing.

If you'd like ideas, support, or more information on starting a Creativity Club or ideas on what to create at your gatherings contact me or see me at Fall Conference, I'll have a flyer to share with ideas and encouragement. Remember....doing any kind of creative activities is great for relaxation and reducing stress. Most of our unit members are caregivers to Veterans and if we, as caregivers, can encourage our Veterans to participate, it's a Win/Win situation. Taking care of ourselves and our Vets by doing creative activities is so beneficial in healing and stress reduction. Give it a try!

For God and Country, In Service not Self-

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR VETERANS

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona

Carl T. Hayden Medical Center Gift Shop

October 2022

We have not forgotten all that you have done to make the gift shop a success over the years. Each unit contributes in their own way. If your Unit sends a check to the Department of Arizona or if your Unit decides to shop for yourself, both are greatly appreciated. if you do shop for yourself, please bring your receipts in to me and I will give you receipts. I need the original receipts for the auditor. Thanks in advance.

The set up date for this year is Sunday December 4th. from 10 am until we are done. Opening ceremony will be December 5th at 9am. Everyone is welcome. The Veterans will shop on December 5th, 6th and 7th from 9am until 3pm. The place we will meet is LUKE GREENWAY POST #1. We cannot meet at the hospital again as they are still on lockdown. If there is any change we will meet there. We serve lots more veterans at the hospital because we have no transportation from the hospital to the post and back. We are trying to work that out this year.

Volunteers are needed every day we are open. If you have never helped out at the giftshop, you don't know what you are missing. Come check it out. You will be glad you did. It is a wonderful way to thank the veterans for service to our country. It also makes your Christmas seem brighter.

Thank you all in advance. I can't wait to work with all of you again this year. Your unit may advertise about the giftshop. All veterans are welcome to shop for their immediate family for free. Be sure to tell the veteran, To enter the building they must show their VA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CARD. We need volunteers every day. Hope to see you there.

Once again please feel free to call me. Leave me a message, I will return your call,

My number is 520-525-2261

We are working hard to get transportation for the Veterans so we can serve more this year.

For God and Country, Joyce Livingston, Chairman

Thanks once again Madam President Barbara White for this assignment.

VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
9-30-22

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

Second booster shots (fourth shot) are also now available for those over 50.

Southwest Blind Rehabilitation Center is now open and is resuming outings. Visitation at SAVAHCs is still limited. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time.

There is a new program to assist Veterans patients with food insecurities. A separate food pantry is filling this need. Thank you to Unit 132 for their generous donation to this program. Thank you to Auxiliary Unit 131 who donated \$1,000 to benefit this program. We had a lot of fun purchasing and delivering the food items.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 is \$6,595.00. Thank you to Units 66 & 131 for their generous donations. Through their help, we were able to support the Wheelchair Games, the Community Gardens program and the Gathering of American Indian Veterans program.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 is \$4,563.27. Thank you Unit 7, Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Five registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 is 442.5. We have onboarded two new volunteers whose hours will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary. The new Deputy Representative for the American Legion Auxiliary on the VAVS Committee has received National certification. Thank you Dawn Davidson for volunteering to fill this position. Thank you Onita Davis for your years of service.

This chairman has volunteered 81.5 hours and logged 840 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of September 30, 2022. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCs. This chairman was re-elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 12, 2021. This chairman has been elected to fill a three year term on the VAVS Executive Committee. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. This chairman worked with all Units to provide beverages and snacks for staff, patients and volunteers who were manning the COVID-19 vaccination sites. This chairman is working with the Homeless Program to ensure that our Homeless Veterans and those in Transitional Housing have the food and beverages that they need during this time of enormous stress on all community resources. This chairman is actively supporting the Patriot Pantry at SAVAHCs. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. National Veterans Creative Arts Festival was held September 14 & 15, 2022 and this chairman participated both days. Annual Joint Review is scheduled for November 8, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX
November 2022

Happy Fall Everyone,

It's been a busy season at the AZ State Veterans Homes. With weather cooling down, our residents are spending more time outside enjoying it. They would love to have new items on their patios to be able to enjoy that outdoor time. However, Madam President will be addressing some of the big ticket wish list items in her newsletters, so I will just list the most popular and favorite gift cards wished for. These gift cards allow residents to participate in outings they otherwise wouldn't be able to attend due to lack of funds and allows the staff to help them purchase personal items some don't have family to help provide for.

The most popular outing is to Harkins Theaters. The most requested restaurant and fast food gift cards are Applebee's, Texas Roadhouse, the Olive Garden, Starbucks, Wendy's and McDonalds. For their everyday needs they love Amazon, Walmart, Target, and Visa or Mastercard that don't have a usage fee attached. Any of these are greatly appreciated.

November 11th is Veterans Day. If any of you are so inclined, any Thank you for your service or Veterans Day cards received will be distributed to every Veteran in residence. If you'd like to visit with the Veterans, please let me know asap so we can get it arranged with the Recreation Therapy Dept and staff on hand. Visitors who do not enter the building do not need to have covid shots or get tested – only those who go inside. Visiting our Veterans outdoors on the patios, during the work week when staff is available would be fabulous. The Veterans love visitors!!!

The birthday card program is an overwhelming success. So many of you are participating and our Veterans could not be more thrilled. They look forward to their birthdays to see how many cards they get! Again, I thank you all for making this program so fabulous for our Veterans. Cards can be sent once per month in a group package directly to the State Home. Mailing address is below. November and December birthdays are:

November:

8th Rudy B. 17th Gregory H. 22nd Mary S. 25th Don A. 27th Bob L. 30th Debbie S.

December:

12th Jim Sa. 17th John "Ken" J. 18th Michael St. 23rd Andrew S. 26th John D.

Mailing address

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AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON

NOVEMBER 2022

I will start out with the fact that to volunteer at the AZ State Veteran Home in Tucson you **MUST be vaccinated against COVID-19!** This is a requirement that cannot be overlooked. I had some volunteers lined up but did not ask them about their vaccination history, so Sam has turned them down on coming into the residence. I am sorry that I did not mention that in my October newsletter.

So, please, those of you that have been vaccinated we are still in desperate need of someone to assist in the library with organization and then hopefully be there 2 or 3 times a week for residents to check out books and movies. Please contact me.

There is also a need for volunteers to assist in the **Gift Shop**. They can pick the days to work but we'd like to have someone that can be there at least once a week. So, with that being said I need several volunteers to step up so the Gift Shop can be open more than 2 days a week. The time to open should remain at 10 a.m. but closing time can be negotiated. Please contact me if you are interested.

Birthdays for October are as follows: Mr.Valdez 10/5/49, Mr.Lewis 10/11/53, Mr.Elkins 10/14/31, Mr.Stout 10/14/22 and Mrs.Nelson 10/26/41. I realize some have passed but it would be nice if each unit sent a birthday card.

Remember if you send your donation into Department to mark which State Veteran Home you wish your donation to be sent – Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma and soon Flagstaff. These donations help these Veterans with so much. Start thinking about donating toward them having a Christmas party or at least a nice gift. Donation of money or gift cards would be appreciated so I can purchase items for each resident to receive a gift bag would be helpful. There are over 90 residents today and they are starting to take applications to get back to full capacity (which is 120 residents). Don't forget this is separate from the President's Special Project.

Still need units to sign up for a monthly contribution of cupcakes and ice cream cups for the monthly birthday party. I had someone step-up to cover October but **need November through September** of next year to be covered. PLEASE contact me as which month your Unit is willing to cover.

Bingo helpers are also needed. Also, some ideas for easy craft projects would be helpful. Please contact me!

Our Hometown Hero's
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