

# VERTERANS Our Hometown Heroes

August 2022

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

**DUES NOTICE...Dues will be going up...**it was a topic at Mid-Year NEC meeting 3-5-2022. Don't be surprised at Convention. The National per capita dues **shall be eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per annum for Senior members beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, with a one dollar (\$1.00) increase in FY 2026 (\$19.00), FY 2028 (\$20.00) and FY2030 (\$21.00)** National Junior member dues remain at two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per annum with a \$.50 (fifty cent) increase in FY2026 to three dollars (\$3.00) per annum, FY2028 (\$3.50), and FY2030 (\$4.00)

**GIRLS STATE...**

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

**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.**

**POPPY...Order form in this packet you must order at least 100 poppies to be eligible for awards...this not new and will be enforced.**

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

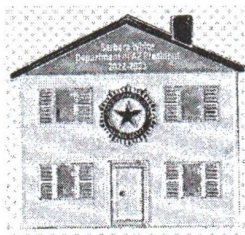
**DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...NONE...at this time.**

**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 14152.**

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

**2023 DUES RENEWALS SEND IN NOW...**You can send in new members for 2023 but they will not be processed until Sept 1.

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## **President's Message**

August 2022

It was awesome to see so many of you at Department Convention. Wasn't the venue BEAUTIFUL?!

I want to thank each and everyone of you for entrusting me as your Department President this year. I am excited to get the year started, I'm looking forward to my travels and meeting members.

If you would like to extend an invitation to me to an event/meeting, please do so in writing. Please do not contact Department to schedule my visit.

If you were not at convention, I announced my theme and Special Project. My Special Project are the State Veterans Homes, Margaret Ellis is the Chairman for my Special Project. If you would like information on my Special Project, please contact Margaret. Her information is in her bulletin.

My theme is:

**VETERANS  
Our Hometown Hero's**

Until next month . . . .

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**President's Schedule  
2022-2023**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 30, 2022	Officer and Chairman's Workshop	Post 35
August 6, 2022	Agent Orange Event	Post 58
August 25 - September 5	National Convention and Vacation	Milwaukee, WI
September 18, 2022	District 12 Official Visit	TBD
October 15	Dinner	Post 35
October 21-22	Post 32 Early Bird Dinner and District 5 Official Visit	Post 32
November 2, 2022	District 2 Official Visit	Post 66
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day	
December 7, 2022	Pearl Harbor Day	
February 26 - March 10, 2023	Sailing the Seven Seas	



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA HEADQUARTERS**

**SPECIAL MEMORANDUM**

**SERIES: 2022-2023**

**SUBJECT: DUES, MANDATES, FEES, DONATIONS, ETC.**

The following are program funds that need to go through the Department Books. **Checks are to be made payable and sent to American Legion Auxiliary, 4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix AZ 85015-3727.** Please write separate checks for MEMBERSHIP, and Mandates. All others may be included in one check with an explanation as to where the funds are being donated to.

**REMINDER: ALL MANDATES ARE DUE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION OR YOUR UNIT WILL FOREFIT IT'S RIGHT TO VOTE. DO NOT SEND DISTRICT MANDATES TO DEPARTMENT, SEND THEM TO YOUR DISTRICT.....**

**DUES:** Current and previous years dues are **\$19.00 per Senior** and **\$4.00 per Junior**. This includes Department and National dues. It also includes a subscription to the *National News* magazine for senior member.

**MANDATES:** 2022 Department Close of Books membership totals are used to determine the base for assessments – District AND Department. **Rehabilitation Per Capita (RPC)** is twenty cents per SENIOR member. (RPC is sent on to National for their use in veterans programs.) **Delegate Per Capita (DPC)** is twenty cents per member, JUNIOR AND SENIOR. (DPC is used by the Department to send delegates to National Convention.) **Junior Activities Per Capita (JAPC)** is twenty cents per member, JUNIOR AND SENIOR, **and is paid whether or not your Unit has any Juniors** and is used to send Junior Delegate and chaperone to National Convention. (JDPC) is used by the Department to support the Junior Activities Fund.) Fiduciary **BOND** covers all Units and is forwarded to National every three years. **Bond fee per Unit is \$5.50.**

**POPPIES:** Units are urged to order poppies. **Poppies are \$120.00 per thousand and can be ordered in increments of 100 (\$12.00 per hundred).** **Poppies must be ordered by September 30, 2022.** Please use the enclosed form to order poppies. Units must order at least 100 poppies to compete for Department Awards except membership. **After Poppy Distribution is completed, 10% of NET Poppy proceeds are to be sent to Department.** Poppy Funds are restricted funds, see the *Guide for Volunteers* for explanation.

**WELFARE PLEDGE:** This money stays in Department for use in the Welfare Budget for Veterans programs and direct aid.

**CHRISTMAS PLEDGE:** This money stays in Department for use in the Welfare Budget for each VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Arizona to place dollar bills in Christmas Cards for the hospitalized veterans. It's just a small gift, but is very much appreciated.

**HOSPITAL PARTIES & SOCIAL SERVICES:** This money is sent to the VAMC's as designated by Units for monthly Bingo Parties, comfort items, recreation & medical equipment, carnivals, etc.

**GIFT SHOP:** Money is used for purchasing gifts that enable hospitalized veterans to pick out gifts (free of charge) for themselves and their families to celebrate the Christmas Holiday.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S**

**PARLEY:** This money funds scholarships in nursing and health care occupations for students attending Arizona schools.

**SPIRIT OF YOUTH:** This money goes to National all National Scholarships and youth programs.

**AUXILIARY EMERGENCY**

**FUND:** This money is sent to National for assistance to Auxiliary members during a personal crisis or natural disaster. Certain Pre-req. are required.

**JUNIORS:** This money stays in Department and helps pay the way for our Junior representative and her chaperon to attend the National Junior Meeting. As well as, off-setting Department Junior Meeting Expenses.

**GIRLS STATE:** **Fees are \$300.00 for the Unit and a \$100.00 registration fee from the girl.** Units are to deposit all monies received for your Girls State program and write one check to cover fee and registration for the girls. Fees must be sent to the Department Girls State Director with delegate and alternate cards, NOT to Department Headquarters. **Donations** to the Girls State fund may be sent to Department Headquarters.

**ARIZONA'S COURTESY &**

**CAMPAIGN FUND:** Courtesy This money stays in Department to help with expenses when Arizona has a candidate for National Office.

**DEPARTMENT OFFICE OVERHEAD EXPENSES FUND:** This money stays in Department to help keep the Department Headquarters Office open with proper furniture and equipment, and all expenses incurred.

**CAVALCADE OF**

**MEMORIES:** Funds are used to furnish the cavalcade room at Headquarters and for supplies and materials needed, such as scrapbooks, binders, framing, etc.

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S**

**SPECIAL PROJECT:** This money is used for the special project of the Department President. This year, the project is **"Arizona State Veteran's Homes"**. Look for more information from the Department Chairman.



## UNIT PER CAPITA ASSESSEMNTS AND BOND FEES

**2022-2023**

**MANDATES**

Rehabilitation Per Capita (RPC), Delegate Per Capita (DPC), and Junior Activities Per Capita (JAPC) are based on "Close of Books" figures.

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
1	4	110	\$22.00	\$44.00	\$0.80	\$22.80	\$5.50	\$95.10
2	0	98	\$19.60	\$39.20	\$0.00	\$19.60	\$5.50	\$83.90
3	4	87	\$17.40	\$34.80	\$0.80	\$18.20	\$5.50	\$76.70
4	3	44	\$8.80	\$17.60	\$0.60	\$9.40	\$5.50	\$41.90
5	0	70	\$14.00	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$5.50	\$61.50
6	4	224	\$44.80	\$89.60	\$0.80	\$45.60	\$5.50	\$186.30
7	7	63	\$12.60	\$25.20	\$1.40	\$14.00	\$5.50	\$58.70
8	1	39	\$7.80	\$15.60	\$0.20	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$37.10
9	2	86	\$17.20	\$34.40	\$0.40	\$17.60	\$5.50	\$75.10
10	0	24	\$4.80	\$9.60	\$0.00	\$4.80	\$5.50	\$24.70
11	17	157	\$31.40	\$62.80	\$3.40	\$34.80	\$5.50	\$137.90
12	3	204	\$40.80	\$81.60	\$0.60	\$41.40	\$5.50	\$169.90
13	0	41	\$8.20	\$16.40	\$0.00	\$8.20	\$5.50	\$38.30
14	8	114	\$22.80	\$45.60	\$1.60	\$24.40	\$5.50	\$99.90
16	0	72	\$14.40	\$28.80	\$0.00	\$14.40	\$5.50	\$63.10
19	3	194	\$38.80	\$77.60	\$0.60	\$39.40	\$5.50	\$161.90
22	0	108	\$21.60	\$43.20	\$0.00	\$21.60	\$5.50	\$91.90
24	5	408	\$81.60	\$163.20	\$1.00	\$82.60	\$5.50	\$333.90
25	3	261	\$52.20	\$104.40	\$0.60	\$52.80	\$5.50	\$215.50
26	6	235	\$47.00	\$94.00	\$1.20	\$48.20	\$5.50	\$195.90
27	2	1812	\$362.40	\$724.80	\$0.40	\$362.80	\$5.50	\$1,455.90
28	1	74	\$14.80	\$29.60	\$0.20	\$15.00	\$5.50	\$65.10
29	12	283	\$56.60	\$113.20	\$2.40	\$59.00	\$5.50	\$236.70
30	1	77	\$15.40	\$30.80	\$0.20	\$15.60	\$5.50	\$67.50
31	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.50	\$5.50
32	0	120	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$5.50	\$101.50
34	1	314	\$62.80	\$125.60	\$0.20	\$63.00	\$5.50	\$257.10
35	12	292	\$58.40	\$116.80	\$2.40	\$60.80	\$5.50	\$243.90
36	2	275	\$55.00	\$110.00	\$0.40	\$55.40	\$5.50	\$226.30
37	1	39	\$7.80	\$15.60	\$0.20	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$37.10
39	10	400	\$80.00	\$160.00	\$2.00	\$82.00	\$5.50	\$329.50
40	1	100	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$0.20	\$20.20	\$5.50	\$85.90
41	17	297	\$59.40	\$118.80	\$3.40	\$62.80	\$5.50	\$249.90
42	4	20	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$0.80	\$4.80	\$5.50	\$23.10
44	1	307	\$61.40	\$122.80	\$0.20	\$61.60	\$5.50	\$251.50
45	6	43	\$8.60	\$17.20	\$1.20	\$9.80	\$5.50	\$42.30
46	0	53	\$10.60	\$21.20	\$0.00	\$10.60	\$5.50	\$47.90

# UNIT PER CAPITA ASSESSEMENTS AND BOND FEES

Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
51	11	51	\$10.20	\$20.40	\$2.20	\$12.40	\$5.50	\$50.70
52	3	170	\$34.00	\$68.00	\$0.60	\$34.60	\$5.50	\$142.70
53	0	18	\$3.60	\$7.20	\$0.00	\$3.60	\$5.50	\$19.90
54	6	100	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$1.20	\$21.20	\$5.50	\$87.90
56	2	62	\$12.40	\$24.80	\$0.40	\$12.80	\$5.50	\$55.90
57	4	65	\$13.00	\$26.00	\$0.80	\$13.80	\$5.50	\$59.10
58	8	286	\$57.20	\$114.40	\$1.60	\$58.80	\$5.50	\$237.50
59	4	152	\$30.40	\$60.80	\$0.80	\$31.20	\$5.50	\$128.70
61	2	182	\$36.40	\$72.80	\$0.40	\$36.80	\$5.50	\$151.90
62	27	759	\$151.80	\$303.60	\$5.40	\$157.20	\$5.50	\$623.50
65	25	260	\$52.00	\$104.00	\$5.00	\$57.00	\$5.50	\$223.50
66	1	927	\$185.40	\$370.80	\$0.20	\$185.60	\$5.50	\$747.50
68	0	59	\$11.80	\$23.60	\$0.00	\$11.80	\$5.50	\$52.70
69	0	141	\$28.20	\$56.40	\$0.00	\$28.20	\$5.50	\$118.30
73	2	26	\$5.20	\$10.40	\$0.40	\$5.60	\$5.50	\$27.10
76	6	23	\$4.60	\$9.20	\$1.20	\$5.80	\$5.50	\$26.30
78	4	147	\$29.40	\$58.80	\$0.80	\$30.20	\$5.50	\$124.70
79	0	151	\$30.20	\$60.40	\$0.00	\$30.20	\$5.50	\$126.30
81	6	552	\$110.40	\$220.80	\$1.20	\$111.60	\$5.50	\$449.50
84	9	52	\$10.40	\$20.80	\$1.80	\$12.20	\$5.50	\$50.70
86	2	298	\$59.60	\$119.20	\$0.40	\$60.00	\$5.50	\$244.70
87	1	142	\$28.40	\$56.80	\$0.20	\$28.60	\$5.50	\$119.50
88	0	15	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$17.50
90	1	42	\$8.40	\$16.80	\$0.20	\$8.60	\$5.50	\$39.50
91	16	183	\$36.60	\$73.20	\$3.20	\$39.80	\$5.50	\$158.30
93	2	94	\$18.80	\$37.60	\$0.40	\$19.20	\$5.50	\$81.50
95	8	65	\$13.00	\$26.00	\$1.60	\$14.60	\$5.50	\$60.70
97	2	22	\$4.40	\$8.80	\$0.40	\$4.80	\$5.50	\$23.90
103	0	56	\$11.20	\$22.40	\$0.00	\$11.20	\$5.50	\$50.30
105	13	195	\$39.00	\$78.00	\$2.60	\$41.60	\$5.50	\$166.70
107	7	205	\$41.00	\$82.00	\$1.40	\$42.40	\$5.50	\$172.30
108	7	33	\$6.60	\$13.20	\$1.40	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$34.70
109	15	327	\$65.40	\$130.80	\$3.00	\$68.40	\$5.50	\$273.10
114	5	49	\$9.80	\$19.60	\$1.00	\$10.80	\$5.50	\$46.70
117	4	183	\$36.60	\$73.20	\$0.80	\$37.40	\$5.50	\$153.50
124	2	14	\$2.80	\$5.60	\$0.40	\$3.20	\$5.50	\$17.50
125	1	14	\$2.80	\$5.60	\$0.20	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$17.10
129	2	14	\$2.80	\$5.60	\$0.40	\$3.20	\$5.50	\$17.50
130	0	6	\$1.20	\$2.40	\$0.00	\$1.20	\$5.50	\$10.30
131	1	532	\$106.40	\$212.80	\$0.20	\$106.60	\$5.50	\$431.50
132	4	77	\$15.40	\$30.80	\$0.80	\$16.20	\$5.50	\$68.70

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Unit No.	# JR's	# SR's	RPC	DPC	JDPC	JAPC	BOND	TOTAL
133	1	35	\$7.00	\$14.00	\$0.20	\$7.20	\$5.50	\$33.90
134	3	14	\$2.80	\$5.60	\$0.60	\$3.40	\$5.50	\$17.90
135	7	56	\$11.20	\$22.40	\$1.40	\$12.60	\$5.50	\$53.10
136	0	13	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$0.00	\$2.60	\$5.50	\$15.90
138	0	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$0.00	\$6.80	\$5.50	\$32.70
140	3	23	\$4.60	\$9.20	\$0.60	\$5.20	\$5.50	\$25.10
141	0	1	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.20	\$5.50	\$6.30

Please make check payable to American Legion Auxiliary and send to:

**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**Department of Arizona**  
**4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727**



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

POPPY ORDER FORM FOR 2023  
POPPIES

Order deadline is SEPT. 30, 2022

**NO EXCEPTIONS OR LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED**  
**THIS FORM MUST BE USED TO ORDER POPPIES**

Cost of Poppies is \$12.00 per hundred and must be ordered in increments of 100.

Date Poppies Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person to receive poppies \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poppies \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona and mail order form and  
check to: American Legion Auxiliary  
4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

OFFICE USE ONLY:

ORDER ASSIGNED TO:

Poppy Making Chairman:

**YOUR UNIT MUST ORDER AT LEAST 100 POPPIES BY THE DEADLINE TO BE IN**  
**COMPETITION FOR ANY DEPARTMENT AWARDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR**  
**OTHER THEN MEMBERSHIP AWARDS.**

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

Greetings!

What a wonderful year we have ahead of us. Congratulations to all the newly elected Department, District and Unit officers. Your service to the veterans and their family members as well as those in your community is very much appreciated.

As the Department Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chair for 2023, I look forward to being able to provide information on how the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) benefits members. I also hope to be able to share insights into how this great program has met the many needs that have arisen in the lives of Auxiliary members and their families.

**Key Program Statements About the AEF:**

- The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary up to \$2400 as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis
- Grant funds may be used only for shelter or utilities
- Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years)

I look forward to helping navigate the process for those who find they have a need for assistance and/or promote ways to invest in the program by Units and individual members to ensure funds are available when needed.

For God & Country,

Jonnie Maddox

Department AEF Chairman

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## VETERANS Our Hometown Heroes

### Cavalcade of Memories

August 2022

#### Members:

I am going to introduce myself I am a Past Department President 2004-2005 is the year I serve the Department.

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.

Learn more about Auxiliary members who made history within the Department or Unit you will be surprise when you see there accomplishment. 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.

Cavalcade of Memories has two awards one is the Centennial Stewart-Helen Stout, Cavalcade of Memories "Presidents' Plaque" and Centennial Stewart – Helen Stout Cavalcade of Memories "Per Capita Plaque. There is no narrative for it it's based on Monterey Donations.

This Chairman will be sending some history out from the Cavalcade of Memories. About things took place 1921-going forward. 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.

Cavalcade of Memories Chairman

Paula Burgess



**Chaplain Report  
August 2022**

We are starting a new year supporting our Veteran Hometown Heroes!

I offer the following prayer to get us started on solid footing:

Please pray in your own way.  
Mighty God of miracles,  
You are our Way Maker.  
You are the one who has gifted each of us with the skills  
and talents that we now each possess.

Help each of us to excel at this new undertaking of volunteerism in the Department of  
Arizona American Legion Auxiliary.

Help us work hard, have a positive attitude, and take initiative.

Help us put aside any distractions from our personal lives when we are engaged in the  
mission to support veterans, military and their families.

Focus us on offering solutions to problems and understanding  
our members and volunteers and always treating them with kindness and respect.  
Help us recognize others' contributions and not give in to impulses to be offended if  
they seem to help too much.

Help us go the extra mile in everything we do, especially for  
our veteran Hometown Heroes.

Guide us so our actions bring glory to Your name.  
We thank You that You are always with each of us, God.  
Please be our guide so that we may do well at this new endeavor.  
We ask this in your name.  
Amen

If you know of some one who could benefit from a card or phone call,  
please let me know:

Marge Christianson, Chaplain, [alaunit62az@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit62az@gmail.com), (763) 234-9852

## Children and Youth Committee

I am so honored that Madam President has asked me to be Chairman of the Children and Youth Committee. My name is Joanne Mangis. I am currently the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of Unit 35 and Chaplain of District 12 Auxiliary. I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 2014 and have chaired many of the events at our local unit.

I'm very excited to be involved with the Children and Youth activities and look forward to learning, educating and support the many programs that are available. Each month I will highlight a few of those programs and offer suggestions on how to get our members involved in recognizing and rewarding the positive actions of our children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.

Some of the resources that are available to support our events and programs are Good Deed awards and Certificates, Hero stickers and buttons, ALA coloring books, brochures, ceremony instructions and a Facebook page. More information on those items can be located at [ALAforVeterans.org](http://ALAforVeterans.org).

Please contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions of anything that will help to make our Children and Youth program successful for the coming year.

Joanne Mangis

Children and Youth Committee Chairman

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# Community Service

## August 2022

Greetings, Arizona ALA members –

As we enter a new administration year, this chairman hopes that Units have already, or soon will have, appointed your Community Service chairman.

From the National website, we learn that this is a Mission Outreach Committee. *“A major outreach program of the Auxiliary since 1926, Community Service also demonstrates our longstanding commitment to supporting the work of the American Legion posts and other organizations in providing assistance with blood drives, first aid and CPR training, child safety programs, support for women in shelters, and disaster and emergency preparedness programs.”* Service in your communities can also dovetail into President White's theme of ‘Honoring our Hometown Heroes’. Think of ways your Unit can serve our hometown/community heroes.

For those familiar with the Auxiliary Wheel, we learn that Community Service is particularly focused on service in March, but that certainly doesn't mean we have to wait until then to be of service to our communities. In fact, Units can start planning activities for September with the **9/11 Day of Service**. Again, from the National website, *“. . . a national day of service and remembrance to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 through charitable service and good deeds.”*

As always, be sure to keep a record of your hours, costs, and mileage as you work your community service activities.

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# Constitution & Bylaws

## August 2022



Some of you have already heard this, but it is always a good reminder:

Consider a unit without rules or guidelines. There would be chaos at your meetings. Everyone would be talking at once, no one would understand what anyone was stating, no agenda. Could you really see your unit being productive in that type of atmosphere? The Constitution & By laws allow governing of your Unit and states in black and white what the formal policies and procedures are. There are three different parts to most Constitution & Bylaws as stated below:

**CONSTITUTION:** The Constitution is the organization's foundational document. It is a legal document that states the reason the organization was created and is its core structure. It should rarely be amended.

**BYLAWS:** Bylaws describe how your organization governs itself. They are also a legal document. They are fundamental rules on governance and should not be frequently amended.

**STANDING RULES:** Standing Rules are more "process -focused" and more specific and administrative than Bylaws. Standing Rules provide details about provisions in the Bylaws. They have the flexibility to be amended more frequently as needed to maintain the effectiveness of the organization.

Your Unit's Constitution & By Laws should be reviewed each year and revised when needed. When changes are made, a current copy needs to be sent to the Department Constitution & By Laws chairman to review to ensure that any changes made do not violate any provisions of the Department or National organizations rules.

So, after stating that, I was able to obtain copies of the District and Unit C&B up to 2019. **If your District or Unit has made any changes since then, please send an updated copy via snail mail or email to me so I can update the file.** Contact information is below.

Feel free to contact me if you require assistance or have any questions.

## Vickey J. Zwall

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## Education August 2022



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

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship opportunities, and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

### What can you do?

- Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.
- Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the Department and Unit levels.
- Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education", American Education Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.
- Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

With your help, I hope to assist the National Chairman in achieving these objectives. More information on the activities, programs and awards for the Education Program will be forthcoming in future bulletins and at Fall Conference.

The Department President's Special Project this year, "State Veterans' Homes", also offers the opportunity to help educate students on the sacrifices made by our veterans and how they can be served. I thank you in advance for all your work in making this a successful year for the Education Program. I look forward to sharing ideas and working with all the Units in the Department of Arizona.

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

*Julie Vietri*

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## Finance

August 2022

Arizona, welcome to the 2022-2023 Year. Your Finance Team is here to serve, assist and answer questions and feel free to reach out to any member of this Committee.

As an introduction please refer to the Guidelines for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Revised 2019.

“Essential to the smooth function of the Unit is the Unit Treasurer. This officer makes all remittances to Department Headquarters as called for by the Department Secretary/Treasurer. You should be aware of what can and cannot be expended from your Rehabilitation and Child Welfare Fund and what must come from other funds. The Unit should adhere to the budget or proposed expenditures they have approved and ALL AUTHORIZED BILLS ARE TO BE PAID, RECEIPTED AND KEPT FOR AUDITING.

Here are some helpful tips for Unit Treasurers:

- Take the time to set up a Budget. Work with your President and a budget committee, if possible. Make sure that you include program expenses, general expenses and proposed income. It is imperative that your Unit set up a line item for Welfare Expense and Welfare Income. Quick question just what qualifies as a Welfare Budget Item?
- An Annual Audit is recommended for all Auxiliary accounts.
- File the 990EZ or 990EZN with the IRS. Do not forget the Arizona Corporation Commission Report with the Arizona Department of Revenue.

Thank you Department President Barbara White for this appointment and there are not enough words to express my gratitude to Helen Stout for taking me under your wing. I pray that I will not disappoint you.

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Helen Stout, Member, 520-294-3593, [helenstout84@gmail.com](mailto:helenstout84@gmail.com)

Members by Virtue of Office: Barbara White, President, Jennie Molina, NEC

Barbara Matteson, Sec/Tres. (no vote)



# HISTORY

August

2022-2023

Thank you for electing me as your Dept. Historian, I will do the best I can for our great state and the members of the ALA. It was so good to see so many of ALA members at convention.

This year's history should begin with the June 2022 Convention and each Unit and District Historian (if you have one, if not then your secretary should be it.) The reason why, each secretary should be sending in the minutes of each meeting to the Dept. Historian, so that I can compile the history of each ALA activities throughout the state.

More information will be in the upcoming bulletins.

Here is a history question:

**Who was Susan B. Anthony and what did she do?**

Send me your answers, 1<sup>st</sup> person who contacts me with correct answer will have a prize for you at fall conference.

Dolores Chavez

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Department Historian

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## **Leadership/Arizona Mission Training**

**August 2022**

**Greeting to all of you in the new Auxiliary year! We had a wonderful convention and along with the business taken care of we were able to see our friends and socialize. The Arizona American Legion Auxiliary has proven once again that they are a mighty force to be reckoned with.**

# Legislative

## August 2022

Greetings Members,

Another Legion Year is amongst us. I am excited on continuing my appointment as Department Legislative Chairman for the 2022-2023 year. I would like to thank Madame President Barbara White for this appointment for another year.

For those that do not know me, I am from Unit #62 in Peoria, and this is my fifth year as the Department Legislative Chairman.

I would like to start things off by informing everyone that we have a lot coming down from Congress as well as the State level. Members of the National body and State body of the American Legion have been working diligently on negotiating with lawmakers and getting these bills passed.

On the State side of things, as of Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> while many of us attended Department Convention the State Legislature declared, "Sine Die". Which is the adjournment of the Legislative Session for the year. The budget was passed and various bills regarding education and the continuing education of our veterans, and healthcare. Also on a State level, we are gearing up for the Primary Gubernatorial Elections and then General in November. Many have already voted by mail for the Primary Election, which is by party only. Democrat and Republican voters can vote for their selected party by mail. Please note that Arizona has an open primary provision. Which means that Independent voters are still allowed to vote in the primaries. Per the Secretary of State's Office, if you are an Independent you may still vote in the Primary, but you must specify which ballot type (party) you would like to vote for. I will attach links below for candidates and polling place instructions.

On the National level nine bills that have passed through Congress and signed by President Biden mostly relate to toxic exposure, radiation exposure and improving veteran's lives. These bills were written by the Senate and passed to the House. They are designed to improve the healthcare for all eligible veterans, through cancer screenings and continued compensation for World War II veterans that were exposed to radiation. They are the following: S-1760, S1872, S-2102, S2514, S-2533, S-2687, S-3527, S-4089, and S-4119.

Voter Links:

[https://ballotpedia.org/Primary\\_elections\\_in\\_Arizona](https://ballotpedia.org/Primary_elections_in_Arizona)

<https://www.azcleaselections.gov/how-to-vote/primary-election>

<https://states.aarp.org/arizona/election-voting-guide>

<https://azsos.gov/elections/voting-election>

<https://www.vote.org/state/arizona/>

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

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# RACING TO OUR GOALS

AUGUST 2022

I hope you all enjoyed convention, I sure did. Receiving this bulletin means the new Auxiliary year has started.

This year's Department Membership theme is "RACING TO OUR GOALS." I know a lot of you took a picture of my racetrack, are you building your own to keep track on the Unit/District level? If so, please take pictures and email them to me, and I will forward them to the National Chairman.

## **We had 4-unit challenges,**

41 vs 65, 75% by Nov 11 \$25.00

11 vs 45, 100% by March 1<sup>st</sup> \$25.00 program of choice

91 vs 35, Highest %by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> \$25.00 to Girls State

24 vs 16, 50% by Nov 11<sup>th</sup> \$25.00 program of choice

**One District Challenge:** District 12 vs District 11 50% by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> \$25.00 to Girls State

And PDP Barbara Matteson challenged All **WUZZIES** in the room (there were 10 of you) to recruit 1 NEW SR member and 1 NEW JR member \$25.00 each to Girls State (Barb will pay up to \$250.00 if she loses)

The NEW and Improved ALAMIS **has not been** rolled out, we are waiting for National to tell us how many Guinea pigs in the department can be used to test. If interested let me know.

Who can reach 100% membership by October 11? There is a special prize for the Unit(s) who reach 100% by October 11.

National will be mailing the first renewal notices on September 15th. Members do not need to wait to receive their renewal notice to pay their dues, dues can be paid anytime at the Unit or online at [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

For God and Country

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## American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

### MUSIC REPORT

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July 2022

Greetings Melomanos (“music lovers”),

Welcome to another exciting year for your American Legion Auxiliary. I’m please to announce that I will be your Music Chairperson for another year. I’m Alma Mattingly from Unit 29 in Glendale. I’m a University of Kentucky alumni. I studied vocal music and of course, singing is my passion. However, I love the sweet sound of others singing and encourage them to do so. Once again, I’m looking forward to directing the Memorial Choir at Convention and Conference. I’m exploring some great possibilities for these venues. I do hope you will consider joining the choir and l sharing your talents.

I would like to take this opportunity to brag a bit. At Convention, the choir had the unique opportunity to have two Junior members. Jocelynn Messer and Isabella Ward (the current Junior President). To say I was poud of them is an understatement. I was beyond proud...ecstatic is a better description. I would venture to say, I was as proud as a parent would be. I do hope they will share their talents again and encourage others. We had another unique experience of having three men this time. The male voices brings so much depth to the sound. Again, I’m looking forward to seeing more men and Juniors.

See you at Conference!

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.”

Plato

With a song in your heart.

For God and Country,

Alma Mattingly, Department Music Chairman

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

### NATIONAL SECURITY

AUGUST 2022

Hi all, Most of you know me or have heard of me sometime in the past. I am looking forward to being your NEC this year. We had a great year and I know we will continue to do so. National security covers so many areas and you members have shown to have the desire to make this a better world for our veterans, youth and communities.

How will we do this? Auxiliary members are always ready to reach out to assist military families during deployments in very easy and practical ways. This may include hosting send-off and welcome home events for our troops, providing pocket flag and providing military families with Blue Stan and Gold Star banners. A big part of nationalism is partnering with other organizations that serve the military such as local USO affiliates and ROTC/units. The benefits for this is that we let others know we exist, and give them a desire to join our organization.

As the year moves on, I hope to share ideas with you on how to expand your efforts to provide National Security. I would also like to get your reports on your successes so that I may share with other Units, and they may also accomplish what you have done. Let us share the wealth of knowledge.

God Bless you for all you do ad God Bless America.

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## New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

August 2022

I want to thank Madam President White for this appointment. My contact information is listed below and if you need assistance, please contact me.

REVITALIZATION is about identifying new and existing members with new ideas that breathe life into Units that are declining in membership and mission outreach. It is more than just organizing new Units and trying to help units keep their charters. Revitalization is also about providing mentors for struggling Units, providing training for new members, and finding leaders to replace long-time chairmen and officers. More importantly, revitalization is about finding, exploring and trying new ways for all members to become more engaged in meaningful opportunities for mission outreach. While revitalization is not focused on solving Unit disharmony and personality conflicts within the Units, conflicts resolution training can help members learn to solve many of the problems that damage the Auxiliary's reputation, discourage members and distract from our mission and purpose.

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August 2022

## POPPY

Hello everyone. I am Julie Ross, member of Unit 24 Tombstone. I am your Dept. Poppy Chairman for this year 2022-2023. I hope everyone is looking forward to a fun filled productive year of Poppy distribution. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have at email [juliedistrict3@gmail.com](mailto:juliedistrict3@gmail.com) I'll get back to you asap.

The Poppy Program is a fun filled program. In addition to fund raising we have five, yes 5 award plaques to be given out at the years end. For more information on them go to our Dept website [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org) Under Member Resources move down to #10 Dept. Awards and Narratives. Scroll down to pages 55 through 59 for explanations on each. I hope to see many entries for each.

We have the Poppy Poster Contest for school age participants from inside or outside the Legion Family. More about that later.

We also have Miss Poppy. Each Unit should make arrangements to select her asap. She rides in parades, assists you at fund raisers etc., and generally has a wonderful time. Take photos.

On the serious side. Money raised from Poppy distribution is used to assist Veterans/ Families for a qualified life circumstance. We must never lose sight of the end result- to help Veterans in need.

More discussion on that in a later bulletin.

Many of you may be fairly new to ALA. We as Dept Chairmen are here to help you.

For God and Country,  
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Poppy Chairman  
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**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT**  
**2022-2023**  
**ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOMES**

The Arizona Department of Veteran Services currently administrates two Skilled Nursing Homes for veterans, their spouses and Gold Star Families, one in Phoenix and one in Tucson. And two more are scheduled to open soon. The State Home in Yuma is scheduled to receive its first residents this September and the State Home in Flagstaff will open maybe in March or April. These facilities provide long term care, skilled nursing care, rehabilitation and memory care. Within those care levels, services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and recreational therapy are delivered. While basic needs are funded by the state, there are many things that are not provided without funds from other sources. The residents love to have outings to sporting events, restaurants, or movies. All kinds of games are appreciated like puzzles, Monopoly and Bingo. It's great for them to have birthday parties and other holiday observances.

The two new Homes are starting from scratch and can really use our help. First, they are still hiring nurses, therapists, and other positions. If you know of anyone in Yuma or Flagstaff, especially nurses, looking for an employment opportunity, let them know!

In this packet, I believe you should get a "Wish List" from the Phoenix Home. Any of these items are greatly appreciated by the veterans and the staff. An idea for your unit might be to have a "Pop Drive." The residents like Pepsi, Sprite, and Root Beer both diet and regular, and they can have non-alcoholic beer. Ask your Post Family to participate and bring in packs of pop. Or it could be a "snack drive," ask for items like pretzels, chips cookies, candy bars. The residents also really love ice cream, but that's a little harder to store and deliver.

For those units who are not close to any of the Homes, gift cards to Walmart are always welcome. And of course we would like checks. Madam President and I are have contacts in the two current homes and hopefully will get one for Yuma soon. We have asked for a list of "big ticket" items we might be able to purchase for them.

Let's all work to make this a great year for our Home Town Heroes who are residing in our Arizona State Veterans Homes!

For God and Country,

President's Special Project Committee

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*August 2022*

# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Hello ladies, my name is Shannon Mead and I am your Public Relations Chairman this year! Some of you already know me and others I look forward to meeting and assisting you this year in any and every way I can.

I intend to use these monthly bulletins to help you with your website, social media and press releases for events!! Also to let you know of any tips, tricks and ideas for PR. I will also have a great packet for you with all sorts of goodies this year for PR.

August is a non holiday month but that does not mean we are not busy. So many of you have already got websites, social media and are using it wonderfully. I know we have a Department Ring your bell FB page as well. Please remember that you can post all your events and working here for all to see. HOWEVER, please do not put any monetary amounts on this FB page. You can however place them on your website and YOUR social media accounts.

Yes I realize it means two flyers but in all honesty it is just replacing the money area with a see our website, social media or call for more details. At department we really do appreciate your effort on this and still encourage you to share all of your wonderful events, projects and gatherings so we can all celebrate the Legion Family!!

I also will be keeping an eye out for all print and web media through out the year for our Presidents Press Book. I would love to see units have them as well and will have some tips and tricks for those in the Fall conference packet as well.

I look forward to an amazing year in Public Relations and please remember I am always just an email or phone call away. Email is usually the best way to get a hold of me and I do check it regularly.

See you at Fall Conference if not sooner. Have a wonderful August!!

**Shannon Mead, PR Chairman**  
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## VA & R

August 2022

Hello fellow members!

It was so awesome to see everyone at our recent Convention in Oro Valley, AZ. What a beautiful resort for all of the beautiful people! But now it's time to get to work...

There are many programs that fall under the VA & R umbrella which is why there is a chairman assigned to those particular programs. If you have questions about where the VA & R activities your Unit is participating should be reported, you can reach out to me and I can direct you to the appropriate chairman. My contact information is below.

If your Unit has already had activities that fall under VA & R I'd love to hear about them! It helps with reporting also. I know that there are a TON of members out there that work with and assist our Veterans on a daily/weekly/monthly basis so share that! I'd love to share stories in the bulletins throughout the year.

**Please don't forget** – In order to be eligible for **any award** at Convention your Unit **MUST** order and pay for a minimum of 100 poppies no later than September 30, 2022. The order forms are available on the Department website at [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org) and will be in the packet. It's an early reminder but keep in mind, your Unit will need to submit your 10% net income from poppies to Department 30 days before our next Convention in June 2023 to be eligible for poppy awards.

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry

Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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## **Creative Arts August 2022 news.....**

I hope this first newsletter finds you all enjoying a warm summer. I sure am! I had a wonderful experience supporting and attending the Creative Arts Festival In Phoenix. It was a very positive and colorful “walk through” event and they doubled the entries from last year’s virtual event. What a great time to see the proud veterans be recognized for their talents. I unfortunately have no news to add regarding a Prescott or a Tucson Creative Arts festival at this time. Still hoping we can pull something together. But staffing issues and covid continues to hold us back.

It was so nice to meet so many auxiliary members at Convention and such support for the creative arts in healing. I am happy to continue as your Creative Arts Chairman for the program year 22-23. If your unit is interested in learning more about the creative arts and healing for our veterans and caregivers, please let me now. I’d enjoy attending a Unit meeting and doing something creative with you and tell you more about where your ALA creative arts dollars are spent, how much it helps our veterans to do creative projects, and see first hand how creativity can be relaxing and stress reducing. I love to spread the word. As a caregiver of my veteran, I use color and creative projects to help reduce stress and relieve worry. I see the veterans in my life using creative arts to do the same. It’s very amazing to see them light up and feel the encouragement. Worth every minute of volunteering and every dollar donated.

I am attending the National Convention and hoping to see or hear more on our National Creative Arts festival in St.Louis, MO in April 2023. I’ll tell you all about it in the next news letter in September.

Take Care, Stay cool and Creative!

For God and Country, in Service Not Self,

Dawn Davidson

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**AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX**  
**AUGUST 2022**

Hello Ladies & Gentlemen,

My name is Cat Ludwick and I am both honored and humbled to have been asked by President Barbara White to be her Chair to the AZ State Veterans Home in Phoenix this year. I will do my best to serve her, our Auxiliary and our Veterans well.

I am reachable by phone or text at 480-226-3967 or email at [cat4vets@gmail.com](mailto:cat4vets@gmail.com)  
I will do my best to respond within a couple of hours if I do not answer my phone immediately, however will always respond within 24-48 hours to texts, emails and messages left on my voice mail. Please do not use Facebook messenger as I do not use that as a communication tool with any regularity and forget it even exists.

For those of you who would like to send birthday cards to our Veterans, we will try to keep that list as current as possible and at least two months out at a time. This month, I am doing three months so we can try to always be 2 months ahead instead of a month behind. Please have your members contact me directly if they'd like to participate in this program so I can ensure I have proper contact info and can email them directly with updated information each month.

**August:**

8<sup>th</sup> - George B. 9<sup>th</sup> - Charles W. 25<sup>th</sup> - Dennis S. 25<sup>th</sup> - Lyle B.

**September:**

6<sup>th</sup> - Tony H. 7<sup>th</sup> - William "Mike" Sm. 7<sup>th</sup> - JW K 9<sup>th</sup> - Darrel H. 14<sup>th</sup> - Mike M.  
15<sup>th</sup> - Robert N. 21<sup>st</sup> - Tom K. 21<sup>st</sup> - Encarnacion "Shon" T. 21<sup>st</sup> - Guy C.  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Ron M.

**October:**

4<sup>th</sup> - Pat H. 4<sup>th</sup> - Roman C. 4<sup>th</sup> - William M. 13<sup>th</sup> - Henry H. 19<sup>th</sup> - Peter S.  
21<sup>st</sup> - Rico D. 24<sup>th</sup> - Clifford S. 29<sup>th</sup> - John Bl.

The Recreation Therapy Staff like to take the Veterans on a variety of field trips or outings and they prefer not to have the Veterans pay for these themselves. Unfortunately, some Veterans do not participate because they simply cannot afford to, therefore they miss out on these excursions. If you'd like to donate gift cards or event tickets, museum vouchers etc, these are the ones that are most frequently needed:

**OUTTINGS**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| ▪ Harkins Theaters | ▪ Cardinals Games     | ▪ Mercury Games           | ▪ Sea Life Tickets           |
|                    | ▪ Diamond Backs Games | ▪ OdySea Aquarium Tickets | ▪ Phoenix Art Museum Tickets |

**RESTAURANTS &**

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| ▪ Texas | • Olive | • Wendy's |
|---------|---------|-----------|

**SUCH**

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|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ▪ Applebee's | ▪ Roadhouse Chili's | • Garden McDonald's | • Starbucks |
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**EVERYDAY STUFF**

- |          |           |          |              |
|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| • Amazon | • Walmart | • Costco | • Mastercard |
|          | • Target  | • Visa   |              |

The most updated **WISH LIST** developed by the Recreation Therapy Department includes:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Amazon Alexa Echo Dots | • Sweatpants (M-5SL)         | • Drinks and Snacks such as |
| • Wallets                | • Sweatshirts (M-5XL)        | • Candy, Soda, NA Beer      |
| • Perfume/Cologne        | • Military Apparel (M-5XL)   | • Gatorade, Powerade,       |
| • Mouthwash              | • Baseball Hats              | • Starbucks Coffees         |
| • Nail Polish/ Remover   | • Paintbrushes / Paint       | • Ice Cream                 |
| • Body Lotions/Soaps     | • Artist Pencils & Charcoals | • Chips, Pretzels           |
| • Electric Razors        | • Canvas & Sketch books      |                             |

If your Unit is looking to assist with some of their larger projects this coming year, please let me know because they have various patio improvement projects they'd like to accomplish this year. I'll share more about that in next month's packet.

Please remember, although the AZ State Veterans Home is Madam President's special project this year, these donations are separate from that. I look forward to working with all of your Units this year to do as much as we can for our Veterans who never hesitated to answer the call when we needed them.

Sincerely,  
Cat Ludwick

# Service to Veterans

*August 2022*

Hello fellow Auxiliary members,

*"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever." ~Kofi Annan*

Hello ALA members,

I want to start by saying, thank you Madame President for this appointment. It is an honor.

Service to Veterans is volunteers that are American Legion Auxiliary members who provide service to veterans outside a VAMC.

Whether organizing a stand down, assembling care packages/tray favors/greeting cards, assisting with a veteran's burial or gravesite upkeep, sewing, cooking, or shopping for active-duty military/veterans and/or their families, member volunteers are at the heart of Service to Veterans.

I look forward to sharing more in the coming bulletins.

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PRESCOTT ALA WHIPPLE CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP  
BOB STUMP NORTHERN ARIZONA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2021

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic precautions, we were not able to host a traditional gift shop in 2021. With the help of Recreation Therapy staff, Veterans receiving treatment through the Domiciliary were given the opportunity to choose a gift for themselves and designate a family member to receive a gift of candy. They had the choice of winter gloves, wallet, watch, or \$15 in Canteen Gift Cards. Volunteers from Unit 108 filled gift bags with their gift choice, a knit hat, quilt, socks and a holiday card with a \$5.00 gift card to the Canteen. Recreation staff delivered the gift bags to Veterans.

Veterans in the Community Living Center received full jogging suits in addition to the gift bag of extra items; there were only 7 Veterans residing there and so we were able to provide this generous gift thanks to the units that support the Whipple gift shop. In addition, each Veteran received a box of candy for a family member. Again, Recreation staff facilitated the selection and distribution.

I would like to thank the following units for their support, you certainly helped to make the 2021 holiday much better for the 83 Veterans we served and will help us get a start on the 2022 celebration. Those units include #4, 6, 14, 22, 25, 57, 62, 78, 81, 86, 87, 93, 108 and 135. Donations to the Whipple Gift Shop totaled \$7,576; we served 83 Veterans; sent 25 boxes of candy to family members; and seven volunteers gave more than 40 hours of service to sign and stuff holiday cards, wrap gifts, and fill gift bags.

I am excited to think of the possibilities for 2022, despite the current surge in COVID variants. My hope is that we will be able host a holiday party for both the CLC and Domiciliary. As soon as we can arrange a date and activity, I will be sending out more information and invitations. Thanks to everyone's continued support, I am sure we will be able to find an acceptable way to share the holiday spirit of giving with the Veterans who receive their care through the Prescott VA.

Patricia (Trish) Aljets

Chairman, Whipple Christmas Gift Shop



## **Tucson SAVAHCS Christmas Gift Shop**

**Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System**

**American Legion Auxiliary Units of Southern Arizona**

**7, 8, 10, 11, 16, 19, 24, 28, 32,36, 45, 46, 51, 52,54, 56,59,66, 68, 73, 95, 97, 109, 125, 129, 131,132,133**

There is no place like home for the holidays....and no one knows this better than our veterans. When these men and women joined the armed forces they knew that they would be missing family events, like Christmas, the birth of their children, special anniversaries, and so much more.

Now they will miss being home with their families once more, not because they are deployed, but because they are hospitalized, in a shelter, or on the street. Some have no family to visit, others have no home.

The wonderful women of this organization have never forgotten the sacrifices they made for us. We can't let them have another holiday thinking no one remembers them.

Our gift shop is one way that we can bring a little cheer back into their lives. Your donations enable us to purchase gifts for them and remind them they are not forgotten.

Please send whatever you can to help make this a happy holiday. Your check should be made payable to ALA Department of AZ, with the notation "Tucson VA Gift Shop."

We are still unable to deliver the gifts to them but just think of how happy they will be when they receive it.

Right now, the date is set for December 13<sup>th</sup>. As I receive more information, I will forward it to all Unit Presidents.

Again, thank you for your support it is so very much appreciated.

Kathleen Roche

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**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.**

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 is \$400.00.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 is \$1,966.99. Thank you Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Four registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 is 200.5. **S AVAHCS is in the process of bringing back volunteers. Volunteers will be phased in as needed and the process will be closely monitored by the Director. Volunteers will be contacted by the Voluntary Service office as their services are needed.**

This chairman has volunteered 30.5 hours and logged 300 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of June 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 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 is tentatively planned for September, 2022.** Annual Joint Review was completed November 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative