

HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE

April 2018

HOMCOMINGS...Watch for details for Department President and Department Commander's homing May 19, 2018, at Post 35. The theme is "Celebrating Family"

DUES INCREASE... 21 OUT OF 90 UNITS have NOT returned the dues increase paperwork. The increase will not come out of the Department portion of the dues.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION...It is true, it is at Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass **NOT THE CASINO**. Housing information is in the packet along with the registration form. Watch for PPP Luncheon coming soon.

IMPACT REPORT...in this packet...look at them...learn what you need to do...track and report.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

Children & Youth Chairman...Debbie Aguirre, 5754 W Desert Choir Dr. Tucson, AZ

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PSP...Rose Ficklin...1740 E 2nd Ave, Mesa, AZ 85204, 602-628-4088, auntwosie1990@yahoo.com

Unit 61...Membership...Catherine Stinson 10862 W Locust Ln, Avondale, AZ 85323,
623-936-8177, hubs76@hotmail.com

LOGO STICKERS & WOODEN NICKLES...yes, we have both for sale here in the Department office.

MEMBERSHIP... "WE CAN-CAN increase membership, YES WE CAN". Membership is everyone's job. Please double check the information on the applications...have someone else check...we spending too much time getting missing information and corrections.

Applications must...

- Be eligible
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1
- Only 1 time of service
- Only 1 relations – do not add any
- Must be signed by an Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself
- Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies
- Only list names that paid online, do not send any money for them.

Please let your members know that if they pay online they need to let you know. Members can now also pay by phone using a credit/debit card. Call National at 1-317-569-4500 and tell them you want to pay your dues by phone. Again, remember that National does not send out cards they have to let you know.

ALA valid membership cards specified in National Standing Rules

At its 2018 midwinter meeting, the ALA NEC adopted a resolution regarding valid ALA membership identification (PDF attached). The addition to the ALA National Standing Rules specifies what constitutes a valid ALA membership card, which includes either a pre-printed card distributed by departments and units, or an electronically self-printed membership card for those joining or renewing online. The added subsection is:

ALA National Standing Rule X - Units ...

- 4. A valid American Legion Auxiliary Membership Card shall reflect the member's current pertinent membership information and may either be:**
 - a. A preprinted Auxiliary membership card conveyed by a unit or department**
 - b. A preprinted Auxiliary membership card mailed via the United States Postal Service or couriered via a professional delivery service**
 - c. An Auxiliary membership card electronically or digitally printed from a new membership generated online or a renewed membership paid online or by phone via the American Legion Auxiliary website online membership system; an official American Legion Auxiliary membership card printed online must bear the electronic signature of the American Legion Auxiliary National Secretary and be hand-signed by the member.**

An American Legion Auxiliary membership card electronically printed online as described above in subsection 4. c carries all of the American Legion Auxiliary rights and privileges the same as does a pre-printed stock Auxiliary membership card as described above in subsections 4. a and b.

CONVENTION HOTEL IS NOT THE CASINO....

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

“High Heels & Spurs”

Barbara Matteson
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Pat Stanaski
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POST AND UNIT TOGETHER

The relationship of a Unit with their Post is one of common sense and courtesy. Any Unit that has been in existence for a few years has at one time or another, has a disagreement with their post. The relationship between a post and unit will have a large part, influence their success or failure in the years activates.

The key here is that a unit must always remember, they are guests of the Post. The Post home belongs to the American Legion. The Unit has absolutely no say in anything that happens in the Post nor do they have any business in voicing unsolicited opinions relative to operations or employees.

The other side is the coin is, the Legion has no say about what transpired in a Unit meeting or what they do with their money. No Unit or District must account to the Legion for anything including their finances.

Naturally, it will be much better for both of you if there is mutual respect and cooperation. Don't assume and don't demand; Request, Suggest, Discuss and Compromise, if necessary.

Make your relations with the Legion fun. Establish good communications. As in a marriage, communication is the key to success.

One area that comes under the gun constantly is concerning items the Unit may purchase or donate to the Post Home, for instance, dishes. When you put anything into a Post Home, even a dish, it becomes Post property. The other side of the coin is that remember the basic purpose of the Auxiliary and how and why we came into being.

The Legion Post has no authority or control over an Auxiliary Unit and vie versa. A Legion entity (Department, District or Post) cannot demand money or financial reporting of their counterpart Auxiliary entity and vie versa. A Legion entity cannot revoke an ALA Members membership. A Legion Post's social club many restrict an ALA member from the social club's premises but cannot restrict an ALA member from participating in an LA meeting in the post except by a court order. A Legion post has no authority over an ALA member's membership status once she has been accepted by ALA as a member. Only a Unit or Department can discipline, suspend, or removed an ALA Member from the American Legion Auxiliary.

This has been a great year for membership and it has happened due to good old teamwork from the entire Legion family and it started at Convention last June with an idea from our Department Commander Domingo Bonilla, who is also my husband. He asked all Membership Chairmen from the ALA and SAL to have a family approach to membership, to think outside of the box and educate our communities about the Legion. In keeping with this theme, he came up with an idea of a new trophy called Soaring High for Membership as per the attached criteria. The approach is to hold a membership drive outside of the post home and speak to the community about our Legion programs and has been successful. I actually participated in one at Reid Park In Tucson last October. If you are really curious, please go the FB and log onto my page, or his page for good pictures.

There have been others, ie, Post and Unit 91 hosted one at Bass Pro Shop in Mesa, and more recently the Post 91 Family held one at the Ostrich Festival in Chandler. There have been others and I'm happy to report of their success. We shall see which Legion Family Entity happens to be the recipient of the trophy at our Convention in June.

Of course we must give a big thank you to the entire Auxiliary Units for their good old teamwork concept in making the goal last October for the big \$1,000 prize. And this approach has continued throughout the year, Family helping each other to make our goals. It really takes a Village Ladies.

Yolanda Bonilla

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona

2017-2018 President

602-989-3321

American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
April 2018

Happy Easter and April Fools Day! Did your Unit celebrate by selling stuffed plastic eggs? This year an empty basket could have been set out and charge \$1.00 per egg. The April Fool would be Thank you for the donation to AEF and the stuffed egg is April Fool. Sounded pretty good to me! Seriously the eggs are a great one- day fund raiser!

This month we are addressing the AEF Pins as promised. These pins are issued by National ALA as reported to them by our Department ALA. They are issued at the National Convention which is held in August to the Department. The Department will in turn issue them at the Fall Conference. All the AEF donations are sent through Department to National. Any individual donating at least \$50.00 on their own should be issued one. The other pins are issued by the Unit to members who have (per the Unit determination) earned one. Each Unit will distribute the Pins they receive at Fall Conference. Hope this clears any questions. The Unit EF Chairman and the Unit President along with the Executive Committee would probably be very capable of deciding how to distribute.

Would like to ask any and all Unit Presidents or AEF chairman to send me quick e-mail or text giving me input on the AEF page of the Bulletin. Did your Unit find any of the ideas or information helpful? Does anyone have any ideas for future bulletins? Would like to be able to have some input to pass on to the AEF Chairman for next year.

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**The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
AMERICANISM
April 2018**

We are fast approaching the ALA year-end reporting time. Review the Americanism Programs Action Plan one more time and reflect on what your unit has done to promote Americanism within your unit and communities in your area. As you think back over this administrative year, put your thoughts on paper, get input from other members, and review minutes from unit meetings.

Review articles from newspapers that might have published your Americanism activities. Talk to your post commander and Legion members to help refresh your memory of unit activities that supported them. Talk to members of your community to get their input of the success or failure of Americanism programs that affected the community. Americanism Essay Contest winners could tell of their enthusiasm for Americanism and how they felt about winning an essay contest.

As you reflect on your activities, think about the following six questions:

1. How did your unit promote the Americanism Essay Contest?
2. How did the unit promote the flag program? – Pocket flags, flag disposal ceremonies
3. How did you promote patriotic holidays?
4. How did your unit encourage support of the flag amendment?
5. Did your unit support The American Legion's Americanism programs? How? – Oratorical contest, Junior Shooting Sports, Baseball
6. How did your unit promote Americanism in your community?

Upcoming Patriotic Days:

April – Month of the Military Child

4/4 Gold Star Spouses Day
4/14 Air Force Reserve 70th Birthday
4/23 Army Reserve 110th Birthday

May – National Military Appreciation Month

5/1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
5/8 VE Day (victory in Europe)
5/19 Armed Forces Day
5/28 Memorial Day

REPORT DEADLINES:

**National Award ~ Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program
due 5/1/18 to Department of Arizona Americanism Committee**

**Department ~ Americanism Essay Contest due NOW
Year-end reports due 5/1/2018**

High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans,

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Creative Arts

April 2018

The local Creative Arts Festivals are over for this year, so we wait to see who the national judges pick to go to the National Creative Arts Festival in November. I keep saying, and I will say it again, if you have not attended a Creative Arts Festival, you are missing a really wonderful experience.

A group entry titled “Warrior Façade” was a 3 dimensional assemblage of masks. The inside of the mask represented the things the veteran hides from the world. The outside face represented the artist’s conception of how the world sees them. A painting of a helmetted soldier dripping wet in “Monsoon Memories” spoke volumes to the sacrifices made by the military. A nurses uniform pieced together from many different fabrics titled “Heart Work”, depicted the veteran’s survival through multiple surgeries. One artist explained how he took a dead tree trunk and made a beautiful metallic looking sculpture. A black and white photograph of a wooden walk bridge with sun streaming and shadows portrayed a “Road to Nowhere”.

Talking with these veterans and seeing their pride, knowing they are sharing some of their deepest feelings with you, is an encounter you will never forget.

Your Department Creative Arts Team:

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Prescott:	Sally Fine	mightyfine123@gmail.com	928-713-5842
Tucson:	Kathy Szakonyi	N3SAD@aol.com	520-400-5839

Chaplain

April 2018

May 1 is right around the corner, your reports can be emailed or mailed to me.

Unit and District President's, please make sure the Chaplains are keeping track of how many cards are being sent out. Also, have them keep track of the number of visits they make. I will be reporting both numbers on the year-end report to the National Chaplain.

Thank you to those who have emailed me to send cards. let me know if you would like a card sent to a Legion Family member. Email or call me, email preferred.

IMPORTANT – *Thank you for sending in prayers for President Yolanda's prayer book. Please send your prayers, inspiration poems/quotes, favorite scriptures or anything inspirational to me for her prayer book. You can email or snail mail them to me.*

Keep in your prayers the families of the seven military personnel who died in the helicopter crash near the Iraq border on March 16.

Heavenly Father we thank You for the men and women who have served our country in one or other of our armed forces and we particularly bring before You today those who have fallen sick, been injured or have suffered some long-term health or emotional problem, through the traumas that they have had to experience while serving abroad. Amen

High Heels & Spurs In Service to Veterans

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**American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans
Children & Youth
April 2018**

Let me take the time to introduce myself as your Children and Youth Chairman for the remainder of the year. Unfortunately, Shirley Cannon-Johnson resigned due to personal reasons and I will continue the work that she started this year. My name is Debbie Aguirre and my contact information is listed below. Please feel free to call me with your questions.

April is Children and Youth Month and here are some ideas to help plan some activities:

1. Host a 5K and 1 mile fun run.
2. Host a Children's bike parade. Legion family can walk and wear patriotic colors.
3. Host an art show
4. Host a tournament using board games, bean bags, video games
5. Set up craft booths with different crafts, such as finger painting, face painting.
6. Host Relay Games and partner with your Legion Family with potato sack races, limbo.
7. Host a Legion Carnival with a fishing pond, bingo, musical chairs,
8. Host a safety fair and invite your local fire, police and EMTs to participate.

Please remember to file your annual report by May 1, 2018.

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,

Debbie Aguirre, Chairman

drodnaz28@gmail.com

520-484-3164

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EDUCATION

APRIL 2018

Thanks to those Units who promoted and collected scholarships from the schools and forwarded. Although I don't walk in your shoes, I do "spur" you on by monthly requests and updates about the program. When you read this, the scholarships will have been read, judged and a winner forwarded to Division.

April is the last month we need to work on Education for this year. That does not mean we just drop everything and forget about what we need to do. Our programs are continued all year long, so working for next year begins in May for reporting purposes.

Education is an ongoing part of our programs. It is part of what we do; and is frequently reported as part of other programs. We educate about the flag under Americanism, about the Poppy under the Poppy Program, about citizenship under the Girls State and so forth. We even educate about veterans under VA&R. Yet we frequently do not even report it under Education. It is truly hard sometimes to separate out one from the other.

There are two different Arizona plaques that can be awarded: JEAN BATLEY PLAQUE - Units with membership of 150 and under.; and the CHRYSTEEN FRITZINGER PLAQUE - Units with membership of 151 and over. Please follow all directions for the narratives.

REMINDER: All narratives and reports must be received by **MAY 1st, 2018** to the address on the form. The narratives will then be reviewed by the Education Committee with final submission to Department and Division. I will be reviewing them also for reporting purposes. Good luck with your reports.

Thank you all for all the hard work you put in each year, month, day and hour for our veterans, children and youth, and the community. Without your dedication and volunteerism, our communities would not be able to succeed as they do. Again, thank you.

For God and Country, in service to veterans.

Kat

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Education Committee

LaDonna Nieman
Barbara Ballard
Teri Thiessen
Lydia Rodela-Cress

FINANCE REMINDERS

APRIL 2018

1- The Unit and District Finance Report forms are due to this Chairman no later than MAY 15, 2018.

HAVE YOU FILED YOUR NECESSARY FORMS?

a. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-some form of the 990 EIN

b. Are you incorporated with the AZ CORPORATION COMMISSION and have you filed your yearly report

c. HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE AZ. SECRETARY OF STATE as a non-profit Veterans Organization. If you haven't you are in jeopardy of having a Class 3 Misdemeanor filed against you. Every Unit and District was provided with a copy of the form at the Fall Conference with instructions that you must file. There is no fee involved with this form – just make it out (follow instructions on the form), have it signed, notarized and MAIL IT.

(THE Finance committee has informed everyone about this 3 times we will NOT be responsible for your not filing)

We know you all have done a fantastic job with your finances this past year so just remember to file all your reports. There are a few Units in the Dept. who have never filed for and not received an EIN number from IRS – National indicates you must do this and those who have lost their Non-profit status with the IRS must immediately take action to refile.

Your Finance Team

Helen Stout, Chairman

Yolanda Bonilla, Dept. President

Jan Cushing, NEC

Helen Griffin

Penny Maklary

Barbara Matteson, Dept. Secretary-Treasurer (without vote)



American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State

2018 Girls State Orientations

District Schedule

- District 1** **April 21, 2018**
9:00am HH Donkersley Post 19
2575 S Virginia Dr, Yuma, AZ All delegates in the District
are welcome. Breakfast will be served.
Questions...Call Margie Greene 928-342-1107
- District 2** **April 30, 2018 NOT SET YET**
2:00pm John P Burns Post 36
5845 E 22nd St, Tucson, AZ All are welcome
Questions... Call Helen Stout 520-294-3593
- District 3** **May 12, 2018**
9:00am Roy Fourr Post 24
225 E Allen St, Tombstone, AZ All are welcome.
Questions...Call Sherrie Tucker 918-808-7540 cell
- District 4** **April 22, 2018**
3:00pm William David Hood Post 54
408 N. Main St. Coolidge.
Light refreshments will be served. All are welcomed.
Questions...Call Gail Piggott, 520-518-0061
- District 5** **April 22, 2018 NOT SET YET**
2:00pm Henry Berry Post 4
645 S Broad St, Globe
Questions...Call LaDonna Nieman 928-200-2957

Contact Kat Sticklin 928-428-7431 for information of others
in District 5.
- District 6** Please contact Director Penny Maklary 520-364-5038.
You can attend any orientation.

District 7	May 6, 2018 1:00pm	Mohave Valley Post 87 2249 Clearwater Dr Suite B, Bullhead City 928-763-0305 Questions...Call Rebecca Faris 928-715-4926
District 8	April 28, 2018 11:00am	Ernest A Love Post 6 202 S Pleasant, Prescott 928-778-6628 Lunch will be served and all Units in District 8 invited. Questions...Call Lois Cyr 928-541-0119
District 11	May 5, 2018 9:00am	Luke Greenway – Post 1 364 N 7 th Ave, Phoenix 602-253-5155 Light snack will be served. Questions...Call Linda Hubbs 602-312-9245
	4:00pm	John J Morris Post 62 – Bingo Hall 9847 W Desert Cove, Peoria 623-972-8372 Light refreshments will be served. All are welcomed. Questions...Call Doris Theiss 623-606-8211
District 12 10:00 a.m.	May 6, 2018	<u>Mathew B. Juan Post 35</u> 2240 W. Chandler Blvd. Chandler, AZ. 85224 Post phone number: 480-821-0002 President Stacy Riebold 412-352-0110
	1:30pm	<u>Sipe-Peterson Post 44</u> 7145 E. 2 nd Street Scottsdale, AZ 85251 Post phone number: 480-941-0130 President June L. Moyer 602-689-8937 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Each Unit in District 12 (not the delegates) is responsible for three dozen cookies to be brought to the orientation that your delegates attend. Please have at least one representative from your unit present at the orientation that your delegates attend. I would like each Unit representative to introduce their delegates so please try to get to know your delegates. Unit Chairmen please call the hosting unit prior to the orientation and let them know how many delegates and members will be attending from your unit. Sandy Conklin, District 12 Girls State Chairman, 480-837-8623

Junior End of the Year Spring Conference and Campout 2018

Saturday April 28th to Sunday April 29th

Arrive Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and Depart Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

As of this mailing, the Campout will be held at the home of the Dept. of Arizona Junior Chairman,, Karon Quigg . We are still looking for a Post that could host us but for now, we have nothing arranged. No excuse but due to health issues this Chairman is behind in her duties and for this I am really sorry.

Karon's house is in North Phoenix so hope this will be centrally located for the Units coming from North and South. The address is:

1443 W. Rosemonte Dr.

Phoenix, Arizona 85027

Cross Streets are Union Hills and 15th Ave.

At this Campout is where all the Junior Units need to turn in their end of the year reports so we have time to do the Judging for the Awards that will be handed out at the Dept. Conference on June 21st to 24th. Please check the Department Website for those various reports: www.aladeptaz.org. There are at least 10 awards your Juniors can win so please follow the guide lines for those reports so that your Juniors can get recognized for the great work they did over this past year.

Remember that at this campout we will be electing the new Junior officers for the 2018-2019 year. Start thinking if you want to run for an office or have someone else you would like to nominate.

Please return the enclosed registration paper and permission slip to Karon Quigg by April 15th so we can plan enough food and activities for this event.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:

Karon Quigg Cell phone: 623-332-1621

E-mail: grannyqbear@cox.net



ALA JUNIOR SPRING CONFERENCE PERMISSION SLIP

As a parent or legal guardian of _____ Date of birth _____

I give my permission for her to attend the ALA Junior Spring Conference and participate in all activities.

Location: 1443 W Rosemonte Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027 Phone: 623-332-1621

Parent/guardian signature _____ Phone # _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____ Relationship _____

Authorized to Treat Minor: *In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby permit to call 911 and/or to contact a medical facility or physician selected by chaperones to provide proper treatment to _____] and that I will be responsible for all expenses arising in association with such treatment..*

I agree to hold ALA officers, agents, employees and volunteer chaperones harmless from any and all liability or claims, which may arise out of, or in connection with, my child's participation during Junior Convention and assume all liability for the conduct of my child and agree to indemnify the American Legion Family for any claims arising against it resulting from my child's conduct

RETURN THIS TOP PORTION BY April 15, 2018 with \$10 to

Karon Quigg, 1443 W Rosemonte Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Or call 623-582-5399 for other arrangements. Easier to plan if we have a head count.

NO JUNIOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PERMISSION SLIP

LOCATION: 1443 W Rosemonte Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027

PHONE (623) 332-1621

Date: April 28-29, 2018

Check in 12:30PM April 28, 2018

Meeting begins at 2:00pm

Check out time BY 11:00AM April 29, 2018

For any questions or suggestions please call Karon Quigg 623-332-1621
623-582-5399 Or DeeDee Vaupel 623-742-5025



REGISTRATION FORM FOR JR SPRING CONFERENCE

Fee \$10.00 per Jr. in advance and \$12.00 at the door. This will cover entertainment and food.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____

9 _____

10 _____

Names and address of Chaperones: \$10.00 donation in advance and \$12.00 at the door.

1 _____

2 _____

Please fill out and return by the 15th, April 2018. We need to know so we have plenty of food!!!
Please contact your girls and let's get a large number to attend.

Karon Quigg
623-332-1621

&

DeeDee Vaupel
623-742-5025



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS” IN SERVICE TO VETERANS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April 2018

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION: With only a couple months (and a few weeks) away from Convention, where does your Unit stand? Are you increasing your membership each week? **Awesome!!!** Are you struggling? **Reach out ladies to your District Presidents and V.P.s., that’s their job to help you out, and I’m only a phone call or email away.** All in all, we as a Department are doing a great job. Once again, Kudos to all Units who are working so hard doing the can-can and kicking those heels high in the air!!!

Who is next to reach at least the 95% by May 11th? OR can you get there before then? I’ll bet you “CAN-CAN”, as there are several Units so close.

As a reminder, be sure to share with your members that if they pay online, they need to print out the paid receipt and bring it to your unit membership chairman, so they can (1) get their card; and (2) be counted in your Unit’s membership number which is turned into Department. Be sure you are checking weekly for any members who have done so.

The comparison report again this week showed Arizona in the black, so let’s keep that momentum going. Where do you think we will be sitting at National Convention?

WHAT’S MOST IMPORTANT? **SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY**

For more information about membership, please go to www.alaforveterans.org and link on “members only” and click on Membership Program Action Plan.

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602-316-7647 (cell) 480-358-6923 (home)

Soaring to New Heights in Membership Trophy

To comprehend the rules please read the following:

This will be a traveling trophy. If a Post shows interest in this contest – Thinking outside of the Box, means that you must work the program in your community and not in your Post home and promote your Post in our community and reach out for membership. Our National Commander Denise Rohan states, “We need to work as a Family.” In other words, use your all your Family Entities.

- A. When filling out the Entry Form have your District Commander verify your event by signing off. Invite him/her to the program. Let him/her give the exact date of the event and which members of the Legion Family gave support. This is information can go on your CPR Report.
- B. This Trophy does not care about the size of your Post, how many participated, or how many members participated. It is meant to test your Creativity.
- C. Deadline of this contest is May 21, 2018. Whoever has the highest number by even one member recruited keeps the Trophy for one full year, win it for three consecutive years and that Post keeps the Trophy; and the Contest is over. And if by chance, not the Trophy will continue to travel.

- Eligibility open to all American Legion Family Entities
- MUST WORK event OUTSIDE your Post Home. WORK with your Legion family.
- Notify your District Commander/President when hosting event:
Name of Commander/President _____
Signature _____
- Verification of event name, location, time and date is a must.

- Total Funds spent on Event \$ _____
- Hours working Event _____
- Miles Traveled to Community Event _____
- Total in attendance _____
- Total signed up: _____ Legion _____ Auxiliary _____ Sons
- Deadline to submit: May 21, 2018 NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Presentation of Trophy: June 21, 2018 at Opening Ceremonies.



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS”
MUSIC REPORT
APRIL 2018**

Welcome to Spring!

Here's hoping that you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Easter holiday or Passover celebration. On the Auxiliary Wheel, April is dedicated to Children & Youth and Junior Activities. If your Unit or District has special programs planned for this month, be sure to include any Junior members. April is a great opportunity to go out in the community and schools with music programs. Coordinate with school administrators to present an assembly honoring our veterans where patriotic songs will be sung. Invite local veterans and their families to attend.

Remember to include a song in your meeting program. Whether you start the meeting with a song or end it with a song, it's important to remember to include one. Weren't the Olympics great? There was a great display of our own flag at the Games in Pyeong Chang, South Korea. What a warm feeling it gave our country to have young medal winners wrapping themselves in the red, white and blue. Whether we realize it or not, music is everywhere. Let's spread the joy!

Remember to provide your year-end reports no later than May 1, 2018.

Department Music Awards are as follows:

MUSIC PLAQUES

**Frances Aros Memorial Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 151 and over
Millicent Kasun Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 150 and under**

Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS”
YEAR-END MUSIC REPORT
May 2018**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

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

1. If your unit/district had a special song selection using President Yolanda's theme of "High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans," what song was it? _____.
2. Did your unit/district sing/play a song at regular meetings? If so, which songs were sung/played?
_____.
3. Did members regularly participate in music programs in their individual churches and communities?
Give some examples: _____.
4. Were regular visits made to VA Hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? _____.

Submitted by: _____; **Unit/District:** _____; **Total Membership;** _____

Please email or mail this form to me no later than May 1, 2018 so that I will have time to submit them to Department by deadline.

Department Music Awards are as follows:

MUSIC PLAQUES

Frances Aros Memorial Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 151 and over

Millicent Kasun Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 150 and under

Visit the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents for more information

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

NATIONAL SECURITY

APRIL 2018

The National Security Program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

President Yolanda and I attended the NEC meeting in Indianapolis on February 24, 2018 a report will be given at the June Convention. National had the meeting this year in Indianapolis instead of going to Washington, D.C. for the Washington Conference to save some money.

May is reporting time and this chairman would love to have 100% reporting.

National Security Plaques available are listed below and rules are listed in the Department of Arizona Awards Book on the Department website www.aladeptaz.org pages 49 and 50. Check them out; they were also in the packet you received at Fall Conference.

National Security Plaques:

Steffen Memorial Plaque for Units with membership of 150 and under

Speth Plaque for Units with membership of 151 and over

Helen Johnson Bone Civil Preparedness (CERT) Plaque

Upcoming dates for April 2018:

April 6th U.S. Entry into WW I 1917

April 10th American Legion Auxiliary Birthday 1919

April 16th Patriot's Day

April 17th Tax Day

Jan Cushing
National Security Chairman
2017-2018

gcushing@cox.net

623-544-0797

NEC MEETING

INDIANAPOLIS FEBRUARY 24, 2018

Membership

Dues paid for 2017 membership year: (12 months)

- Joined Online – 432
- Paid Online – 15, 687
- Paid by Phone – 1, 760

Dues paid so far for 2018 membership year: (only 3 ½ months)

- Joined Online – 214 (already half of the number for the entire previous year)
- Paid Online- 17, 560 (already over 10% more than all of last year – paying online is secure and only takes a couple of minutes)
- Paid by Phone – 4,320 (120% more than all of last year – members can pay multiple members' dues payments with one phone call to ALA NHQ)

ALAMIS

National has 1900 Units that use ALAMIS

The Strategic Plan

Phase 2 is available.

24 Departments completed phase 1.

There is information on the National website under toolbox.

ALA Academy

ALA 101 there has been 1000 members who have taken the course.

ALA 201 Communication ALA 201 Leadership there have been 250 members take the course.

Coming in March is the 4th course.

National wants members to join the National ALA Centennial Group

www.facebook.com/groups/alacentennial

ALA National Headquarters AGAIN received a clean audit. This A+ track record of management's efficiency is outstanding and members deserve to know how well the National organization is run.

38 Departments had an external audit done.

ALA Girls State not Girls State, must use or say ALA Girls State.

24 Department Secretary/Treasurer is a separate office/position.

8 Departments Headquarters are in a private home residence.

8 Department Secretaries are not paid.

Girls State program, Board of Directors should report monthly on income.

990 Form Departments should stay on top of this.

National will be moving into the new ALA National Headquarters building after National Convention 2018.

Active Units as of August 2017 is **8364**

New Charters granted since the NEC meeting in August 2017 were **20**

Charters reinstated since the NEC meeting in August 2017 were **11**

Sub Total 8395

Charters cancelled at the NEC meeting on February 24, 2018 were **69**

Total active Units is 8326

Jan Cushing
Department of Arizona
National Executive Committeewoman

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

April 2018

The PPP committee's salute to our Past Department Presidents continues this month. I want to thank the Units that are working the Past Presidents Parley Program. As part of our history we need to document our leaders' themes and special projects so we can look back and reminisce what took place.

End of the Year report due May 15, 2018 to this chairman @jherrera268@aol.com

Doris Theiss 2011-2012

Department Theme: "All For One and One For All In Service To Veterans"

Special Project: Behavioral Health Issues for Veterans

National President: Carlene Ashworth from the Department of Texas

National Theme: "Power of One"

Member of Unit 62

Currently serving as: President-Unit 62

Served Department on various committees including Past Presidents Parley

Sharon Doran 2012-2013

Department Theme: "Women of Quality Serving Veterans and Their Families "

Special Project: Diabetes (Children & Veterans)

National President: Kris Nelson

Membership Theme: " TRAIN – Trust, Reward, Aim High, Inform, New"

Member of Unit: 93

Served as: National Historian 2014-2015

Woman Veteran of the Month:

Roberta (Robbie) Rieke

Roberta joined the United States Air Force 2 weeks after her high school graduation in 1982. She did basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. She served as an Inventory Management Specialist. She retired in 2002. During her service in the Air Force she was stationed in England, Australia and Korea only to name a few. Her last assignment was at Grand Forks, ND.

She retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service to our country. She joined Earl E. Mitchell Post in 2012. She is a dual member and has served as Junior Vice Commander at TAL Post 29. Thank you for your service Roberta!

Past Presidents Parley

Dates to Remember

CORRECTION

Member award: Unit Member of the Year

- **Deadline May 15, 2018.**
- **Send to: Josephine Herrera, @ jherrera268@aol.com**

National Award: Salute to Servicewoman

- **Deadline: June 1, 2018**
- **Must Submit on the PPP cover page that can be found in the packet that was handed out at Conference or on the national website.**
- **Send to National Past Presidents Parley Chairman Mary Davis postmarked or emailed by 6 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.**

POPPY

Little Mister Poppy ??? Yes ladies, you read it right. I have been informed we can have a Little Mister Poppy to work with our Little Miss Poppy. There will not be any awards for him. He'll have fun doing it and feel good about helping others along with feeling special.

Awards Rules, I don't want to disqualify anyone's hard work. Whenever you submit an entry for an award please follow the rules located at www.aladeptaz.org click on member resources, left side of page in red, is the Dept. Awards Book

Miss Poppy Plaque - page 55

Marie Townshend Plaque - page 56

Marie Cooney Memorial Plaque - page 57

Poppy Poster Contest Rules found at www.alaforveterans.org click on member resources. These Posters need to be sent to me by April 19, 2018 deadline.

If your Unit does not have an entry in the poster contest and you would like / are able to be a judge please let me know. At this time I anticipate it will be done in eastside of Tucson, exact date unknown. Between April 21st & May 20th. I'll pick 3 members.

End Year Reports due to me by May 1, 2018. I have a deadline also, so please be prompt in sending them to me. The questionnaire was in your box at the Fall Conference. Either email or snail mail is fine.

For God and Country,

Julie Ross

Rebecca Gulley

Az. Dept. Poppy Chairman

Committee

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CONVENTION JUNE 21 - 24, 2018
RESOLUTION**

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SUBJECT: _____

DATE: _____

Resolution No. _____
(Assigned by Resolutions Committee)

Routing: _____

Submitted by: Name and Signature _____

Submitted by: Name and Signature _____

Submitted by: Name and Signature _____

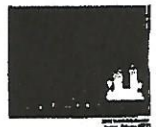
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Convention Action: **Approved** _____ **Rejected** _____ **Date** _____

One “hard” copy, signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates, and an unsigned “soft or electronic” copy of all resolutions are to be forwarded to the Department Secretary before Convention if possible. Resolutions originating at Convention need to be written as a “hard” copy with two delegate signatures, and a “soft or electronic” copy forwarded to the Department Secretary as soon as possible so that discussion and vote may take place. (2013) Resolutions presented by the vote of a unit need to be signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates from the Unit and forwarded to the Department Secretary thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention for registration and classification and issuing to respective committees. A resolution which has not been presented through the proper channels will not be considered.



MAKING A DONATION

Below is a sample of how, through your generous donation, you can help a SAVAHCS Veteran patient. For a complete list of donation needs and to assure the need still exists, **please contact Voluntary Service (VAVS) at 629-1822, prior to making a donation.**

Please refer to customized needs list for the following programs; Substance Disorder Treatment, HUD/VASH Household Starter Kits and Fisher House. All available in the Volunteer Office.

HOW TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION

Please contact the Voluntary Service Office Staff to discuss your donation. SAVAHCS can accept monetary donations on-line, or in the form of a check, money order or cash.

E-Donate will allow you to make your donation to the VA on-line through the following secure link; <http://www.tucson.va.gov/>. Just click on the link and then on the **E-Donate** logo,



This will take you to the Department of The Treasury website. You can make a secure online donation by credit card or electronic transfer. Checks and money orders should be made out to SAVAHCS VAVS Patient Programs. Please indicate if your donated funds apply to a specific patient program listed on the following pages or if you would like the VAVS staff to decide which patient program your donation should support.

HOW TO MAKE A MATERIAL DONATION

Before **donating clothing** please contact the Building 90 Clothing Room staff at 629-1839. All clothing donations can be delivered to the Building 90 Clothing Room. Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For **"all other" material donations** please contact the VAVS Office to discuss your donation. All other material donations can be delivered to the Volunteer Office, in Building 58, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All donations will be acknowledged with a thank you letter to the donor if a **Donation Acknowledgement Form** is completed and returned to the VAVS Office, Building 58 or the Clothing Room in Building 90. Additional donation forms can be obtained in each location.

Clothing

SAVAHCS will only accept new and unworn undergarments and socks. All clothing, shoes and hats **must be clean and in good condition**. Clothing donations are distributed to our homeless Veterans, and any other patient that comes into the hospital and requires clothing during their stay or before leaving the hospital (e.g. Emergency Department, Wards, and Outpatient Surgery).

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL PROGRAM NEEDS (sample – for more information refer to complete list)

LAP BLANKETS – We are heading into cooler weather and are very low on lap blankets for our patients. **The blanket size should be a minimum of 3 ft. by 5ft.** Smaller blankets do not provide enough coverage.

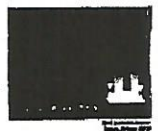
FOLEY BAG COVERS*** – Covers for catheter bags. **Contact Voluntary Service office for a pattern**

SIDE WHEEL CHAIR BAGS*** – Needed for side arms. Must have one short side so bags do not get caught in wheel. **Please contact Voluntary Service Office for a pattern.**

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) Voluntary Service

"Putting Veterans First."

Fiscal Year 2018



CHILDREN'S HAND PUPPETS*** - Many parents and grandparents are bringing children with them to SAVAHCS. We try to help by providing items to keep the children occupied. The most popular items are hand puppets (homemade & store bought) and coloring books and crayons.

VETERAN MEMORIAL PROGRAM – To honor and respect our patients that pass while receiving care in our hospital wards, SAVAHCS is collecting patriotic quilts and blankets (quilted or knitted) for the Veteran Memorial Program. The size of the quilts and blankets must be a minimum of 4' x 6'. The patriotic blankets will be draped over the deceased Veteran during transport within the hospital. The blanket will then be presented to the family.

Comfort Items

Non-skid Slipper Socks
Emery Boards
Lap Robes (4x5 or 5x7)
Backpacks
Denture Cleaner
Tote Bags
Lip Balm
Denture Grip
Coffee supplies
Reading glasses

Shower Shoes
Shawls
Knitted Caps
Socks (white)
Children's Books
Stamps
Children's hand puppets***
Children's Activity Kits
Cardiac Heart pillows***
Phone chargers (android & iPhone)

Pocket Size Needle & Thread Kit
Activity Aprons for inpatient companion program***
Twin Size quilts for the Community Living Center, B-60
Non-perishable Healthy Snacks for Hemodialysis, Emergency Department
Combs of women Veterans

Recreation

Puzzle Books
Audio Book CDs
Tickets for entertainment & sporting events
Pencils
Playing cards

Sports equipment (basketball, tennis rackets & balls, badminton set, Frisbees, footballs)
Marble notebooks
Writing Paper and Envelopes
Audio Books with built in headsets

Magazine subscriptions (SAVAHCS does not accept used magazines)
Adult Coloring Books
Colored pencils
Portable CD player and CDs

Holiday Gifts – Will begin accepting in November

Baseball Hats
Gloves
Back Scratchers
Watches
Disposable Cameras

Knitted Caps
Audio Books on CD
CD Players with Headsets
T-Shirts (Arizona or sports oriented)

Book Lights
Calendars
Note Pads
Gift Cards
Stationary

***Pattern on file in VAVS office

Thank you for your support of our Nation's Veterans.

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. This announcement reflects the tax law provision which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States."

SOUTHERN ARIZONA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PATIENT PROGRAM NEEDS - Fiscal Year 2018

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Southern Arizona VA Health Care System - Voluntary Service (9-135) 3601 S. 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85723, 520-629-1822, Fax 520-629-1753 http://www.tucson.va.gov/giving/ or E-					
2	"To care for him who shall have borne the battle ..." Abraham Lincoln, March 4, 1865					
3	The following needs have been identified to enhance Veteran patient care. Please contact the Volunteer Office 520-629-1822 prior to making a donation, to discuss specific details and assure					
4						
	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL COST	PLEGDED	AMOUNT RAISED	NEED
5	NEW/ Rehabilitation Transitional Care Line - Hospice	Hospice Memorial Service - Flag cases for families of patients who pass in the Hospice Unit	\$6,500.00		\$3,800.00	\$2,700.00
6	NEW/ Homeless - HUD/VASH Program	MENTAL HEALTH HOMELESS HUD/VASH PROGRAM - Assisting Veteran with moving furniture and household items into housing	\$10,000.00		\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00
7	Homeless Program	General Needs - Hygiene products, Stand down items, underwear, socks, phone cards	\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
8	Women's Health Clinic	Bottled Water for clinic patients	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
9	Women's Health Education Materials	Women's Health program distributes education materials to Women Veterans.	\$3,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
10	Inpatient Wards	Restful Night Kits - Kits contain sleep mas, ear plugs and nose strip. Given to patients as needed to aid in creating a quieter more restful environment on the wards. Cost = \$5.60 per kit)	\$3,000.00		\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00
11	Vet Center	Coffee supplies - Vet Center offers coffee to veterans and family members visiting Vet Center	\$540.00		\$0.00	\$540.00
12	Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center (SWBRC)	Welcome Kits - items presented to Veterans create a welcoming, comforting environment.	\$4,000.00		\$2,333.00	\$1,667.00
13	Rehabilitation Therapy Care Line (RTCL)	Community Living Center and Polytrauma - "Bike Night" - 10 - 15 Veterans ride tandem & side by side bikes to maintain an active life style. Keeping bikes in working order is essential for patient safety.	\$300.00		\$600.00	-\$300.00
14	Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Patient Recreation and Community Reintegration	Recreation - Provide inpatient trips to local area attractions (Desert Museum, Zoo, bowling alley). Also includes parties, entertainment, refreshments, gardening, etc. to enhance their quality of life	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$0.00
15	Bus passes	Bus passes for patients in Substance Disorder, Homeless, and Social Services programs	\$5,000.00		\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
16	Hospice - General needs	Hospice - coffee, education materials, candles	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00	\$0.00
17	Patient Craft Program	Crafts provide therapeutic recreation and occupational therapy for hospital patients.	\$10,000.00		\$3,468.00	\$6,532.00
18	Concierge Cart Patient Amenities	Daily delivery of comfort cart items e.g. reading materials, puzzle books, back scratchers, pencils, stationary, children's activity items, etc.	\$10,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

SOUTHERN ARIZONA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PATIENT PROGRAM NEEDS - Fiscal Year 2018

A	B	C	D	E	F
PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL COST	PLEDGED	AMOUNT RAISED	NEED
5					
20	Reader Glasses	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
	RTCL (Geripsych Unit) and Mental Health (Inpatient psychiatry Unit) - Music Therapy				
21	Holiday Decorations	\$10,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
22	Veteran Creative Art program	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
23		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$0.00
24	Social Work Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00		\$750.00	\$250.00
25	2018 Summer Youth Volunteer Program	\$2,000.00		\$1,400.00	\$600.00
26	2018 Gathering of American Indian Veterans (GAIV) - Patient outreach activity				
27	Veteran Sports Competitions	\$5,000.00		\$1,517.00	\$3,483.00
28	GRAND TOTAL	\$5,000.00		\$300.00	\$4,700.00
29	SUBTOTAL - Annual program needs	\$92,840.00		\$51,868.00	\$40,972.00

Monetary donations will be accepted in the form of E-Donate on-line at <http://www.tucson.va.gov/>, check or money order, which can be made out to SAVAHCS Patient Programs. When making a monetary donation please supply the following information; Donor and/or organization name, address, phone number, and which program you wish to support. Thank you.



SERVICE TO VETERANS APRIL 2018

It is nearing time for the annual reports to be prepared and turned in. I received many records for the mid-year mark and really appreciate all the units that sent theirs. Below are a few examples of activities that can be used for Service to Veterans hours.

Desert was made monthly for group of veterans from a program at the VA hospital and their chaperones. Legion members cook a free lunch and Auxiliary and Legion members are available to visit with these veterans as well as feeding them.

Stand-down meetings for homeless veterans were attended.

Veterans and/or their spouses were taken to appointments. Also veterans and/or spouses were visited including providing housekeeping and meal preparation.

Monthly bingo was held at a post and the proceeds donated to veterans.

Beanies, sweater, and scarfs were made for veterans and donations of playing cards made to VA Hospital and Arizona State Veteran's Home.

A large wood bookshelf was purchased and delivered to the Arizona State Veteran's Home.

Donations were collected for the annual Christmas Shop at the 3 VA hospitals as well as many volunteer hour spent setting up and also working the shop.

Volunteers participated in activities serving veterans for Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, and Christmas. This included preparing food, serving and delivery of food to veterans.

Transported veterans to appointments, haircuts to visit the post. Members regularly visited the State Vets Home and Fisher House in Tucson providing food, sponsoring monthly birthday day parties and providing personal items.

Knit and crochet lap robes, bibs and sweaters for local veterans in nursing homes.

DEADLINE FOR REPORTS FOR END OF YEAR TO SERVICE TO VETERANS CHAIRMAN: MAY 1,2018.

Thank you for your service.

Colleen Heck, Service to Veterans Chairman, iheck@ionet.net, phone 602-290-5568

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

April 2018

Attention VA&R Chairman!

It that time of the year again. The end of the year report is due to me by May 15, 2018. Please send them to email: plugo1@cox.net.

VA&R Reporting*

Year End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department, and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department VA&R chairman is required to submit a narrative report to the division VA&R chairman, plus copy the national VA&R chairman. Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines.

**For deadlines and contact information, please consult the Annual Supplement to the 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan or visit the VA&R Committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org.*

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

- How did the units participate in the caregiver support program?
- Describe any exceptional efforts members made in earning their Service to Veterans hours.
- What assistance did units give at a stand down in your department? What did units learn about hosting a stand down? What went well; what would they do differently?

VA&R Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section.
- 3) Submit as indicated in the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and VA&R committee contact information may be found on the VA&R committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Patricia Lugo
VA&R Chairman

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON) APRIL, 2018

Ladies,

Happy Easter!!!! So sorry we didn't report in March. Listed events so that you know what events occurred.

We are in dire need of units to host the monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials for May through the next year. We are also requesting that no sugar ice cream and desserts be included for those who have diabetes. **Please contact Fran Johnston at 520-599-4786 to host a social and for additional information regarding no sugar desserts/ice cream to be included at the event.**

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON) ITEMS NEEDED – WISH LIST

Wish List for April includes adult coloring books, coloring pencils, colored markers, and new DVD movies.

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

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

March Birthdays

Lester	4	Francisco	9	John	10
Frank	19	Johnny	30	John	31

April Birthdays

Awaiting updated list will include in May. However, Happy Birthday residents who have birthdays in April, 2018.

<u>REMINDER:</u>	Second Monday monthly	Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson
		Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
	Third Tuesday monthly	Auxiliary hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice
		Cream Social at 1:30 p.m. Set up is at 1:00 p.m.
		in the Chapel Room in Bldg. #1

And, God bless the residents of ASVH-Tucson who have passed away recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. You will truly be missed.

The veteran response throughout the Rodeo Parade on February 22, in Tucson, Arizona was an honor seeing veterans stand up and/or take their caps off saluting and/or hands over their heart. Our entry received standing ovations and cheering throughout the parade. Also, we were on television, woo hoo!!! Thank you, Units 59 and 68; and SAL 68. The walk was long but our ladies and gentleman survived the walk. Way to go Mary Lou, Rosemary, and Tommy from Unit and Squadron 68 respectively. ALA provided music for the Rodeo BBQ at ASVH-Tucson after the parade.

Recently, the Auxiliary National President and Department of Arizona Officers' visited ASVH-Tucson on Thursday, March 8, 2018. Guests were honored and enjoyed a luncheon with residents and staff hosted by Auxiliary. The tour was enjoyed by the guests and some residents also joined the tour. ASVH-Tucson received several compliments. Sam Nanez, Recreational Therapy Manager, also shared the sports lounge and continued plans to have active activities in the lounge. National president and department officers were given ASVH-Tucson shirts as a gift for their continued support. Steering committee was so content with the compliments. It was truly an honor to meet with the Auxiliary National President Diane Duscheck.

Guests at the ASVH-Tucson Luncheon on March 9th included:

American Legion Commander Domingo Bonillas
American Legion Past Commander George Cushing
American Legion National SAL Past Commander Roland Matteson
American Legion Auxiliary National President Diane Duscheck
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona President Yolanda Bonillas
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Vice President, Cindy Queen
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona 2nd Vice President, Patricia Lugo
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona 2017 Past President Jan Cushing
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona 2016 Past President Josie Herrera
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Matteson

Thank you Units 59, 68, 109, 131, and 132 for your donated pot luck dishes and/or help at the luncheon. You were awesome.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

March

March 12	ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel Room, Bldg. #1.
March 13	Monthly Pizza Party will be hosted by the ALA.
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Breakfast Brunch 10:00-11:30 am
March 29	ASVH-Tucson Vietnam Veterans will be honored and recognized for their military active duty in the U.S. armed forces during the Vietnam Conflict, a continental breakfast will be at 10:00 am. The veterans dates of service include November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

April

April 1	ELKS to provide Easter Baskets for the residents
April 12	ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 am in the Chapel Room.

May

TBD in April – Luncheon for Nurses and Employees
TBD in April – Mother's Day and Father's Day

Future Events

TBD Car (possibly April or May) and bike show (tentatively in September)

Please remember if you have any ideas, want to donate, host an event, or volunteer call Nancy or me. Thank you.

For God and country,

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
2-28-18

Upcoming Events (Volunteers & Monetary Donations Needed):

Bingo parties which are held on the **third Saturday of each month at 1:30PM in Building 60** at the VA hospital. Volunteers are needed to assist with this activity, which is much appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans. Please consider sponsoring the Bingo program. Thank you to the past & current District presidents who volunteered at the June Bingo. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos.

Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the **third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday**. We sponsored refreshments on February 20th, 2018. We will be sponsoring refreshments on March 13, 2018 (sponsored by Unit 131) and March 20th, 2018. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 & 132 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

11th Annual Gathering of American Indian Veterans; April 15, 2018. The event will be held at the Casino del Sol Conference Center, 5655 W. Valencia Rd., Tucson, AZ, between 10AM and 3PM. Organizations can assist by volunteering, monetary donations, donations of goods and door prizes. Contact Cathi Starr at (520) 629-1822 for more information.

New items for Wish Lists

Golf clubs, Gloves, Gift Cards and Meals for PGA Hope Golf Program POC Scott Strzyzewski (520) 792-1450 X6367

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. The staff requesting donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need. Units 102, 131, 132, 109 and District 2 have responded to this need and we ordered 250 backpacks and water bottles in July, we ordered athletic equipment, adult coloring books, crayons, colored pencils and yoga mats during December with the final delivery on January 2nd, 2018. The Building 95 donation was made possible largely by a very generous donation from Unit 102.

Veterans Creative Arts Festival was held February 7, 2018. Margaret Ellis attended for the setup and judging on February 6, 2018. No volunteers (other than this chairman) assisted VA personnel with conducting this event.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon was held on March 7th, 2018. There were many volunteers and generous donations of salads and desserts. Thank you to all Department officers and the National President for volunteering to assist with this event. A total of 632 staff were served between 11AM and 1PM.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018 is \$11,703.13. Ten youth volunteers were sponsored by Units 36 & 132. Thank you Unit 66 & Unit 39 for your generous donations.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018 is \$49,034.39. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Ann Reatherford, Unit 24, Unit 131, Unit 132, Unit 73 and Unit 109 members and unaffiliated volunteers for their constant support of VA programs through their donations. The Legion family is the largest supporter of the Arizona Fisher House. Currently, Arizona Fisher House is funded for the foreseeable future. Other programs are in dire need of donations (ie. Homeless, Building 95, Social Services, Bingo, etc.). The donation figure does not include Christmas Gift Shop at this time.

Fifteen registered hospital volunteers and ten summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. We have 61 occasional volunteers (includes Christmas Gift Shop volunteers). We are now down to 10 registered adult volunteers at SAVAHCS. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have one new American Legion Auxiliary registered volunteer this year.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME

PHOENIX

APRIL 2018

Good Morning.

I begin this article with sad news. The State Home lost a female Veteran named Betty Spanovich this month. May her soul rest in peace in the heavens above.

I will be bringing the female Vets an Easter Basket filled with goodies and a small Easter Bunny on behalf of all the Arizona Auxiliary members. This is made possible by the Units donating money to the State Home. Also, I have received \$250.00 from Unit 35 this month. Thank you all very much.

Below is the list of April Birthdays:

2 nd David O.	4 th Ernest H.	8 th Gordon W.	10 th Thomas R. Jr.	15 th Lawrence S.
15 th Reginald W.	16 th Ignacio C.	16 th Donald O.	17 th Gerald B.	21 st Robert C.
25 th Dan P.	26 th Terrence O'H.	27 th Odd S.	27 th Alexander M.	30 th Donna T.

Below is the list of May Birthdays:

1 st Larry O.	3 rd Richard De H.	4 th Daniel C.	6 th Steve D.	7 th Rudolph L.	9 th Ronald B.
15 th Johnny G.	16 th James W.	16 th Randolph J.	21 st Larry C.	25 th Charles K.	

I just learned this month that Unit 41 Juniors are sending birthday cards each month and have been doing so for a long time. A BIG SHOUT OUT GOES TO THOSE YOUNG LADIES who have been taking time out of their busy schedule to remember our Veterans. You have to realize that most of these Veterans do not have visitors on a daily basis and get pretty lonely. Receiving a Birthday card just might make their day.

I visited the State home on March 1st and was informed by Kayli Uptin that they are short staffed. There are currently four job openings that need to be filled as soon as possible. They are: Medical Payments Recovery Specialist, Nursing Staff Director, Assistant Director of Nursing, and Housekeeping Attendant. If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who is, please go to the AZSTATEJOBS.ORG website to get the requirements and to apply online for the position.

Below is the 2017-2018 donation wish list for the home. I have underlined the most desired items needed but they will appreciate everything. Keep in mind that items might be added or deleted as the months go by, so keep checking the list. Thanks.

Donation Wish List

VISA GIFT CARDS

WALMART GIFT CARDS

AMAZON GIFT CARDS

DUNKIN DONUTS GIFT CARDS

PORTABLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

PLASTIC STORAGE CONTAINERS- A LOT! (ALL SIZES)

1 LARGE STURDY WIRE RACK
WESTERN BOOKS
LARGE PRINT BIBLES
PHOENIX ART MUSEUM GIFT CARD/VOUCHERS
ODYSEA AQUARIUM TICKETS
REMOTE CONTROL CARS- LARGE CARS WITH EASY TO USE REMOTES.
LARGE NERF GUNS (10) AND EXTRA BULLETS
SODA (REGULAR & DIET)
GIANT CONNECT 4
ADULT COLORING BOOKS AND COLORED PENCILS
11 x 14 CANVAS'S FOR PAINTING
PAINT BRUSHES
INDIVIDUAL CRAFT KITS
LATCH HOOK SETS
UMBRELLAS (20)
LARGE DUTY THERMAL ROLL LAMINATOR
GIFT BAGS
TISSUE PAPER
CRAFT SUPPLIES
BOARD GAMES (NEW)

As always, we are unable to use glass, toiletries, date expired food items, or medical supplies. All food items donated must be purchased at a store.

Please let me know if your Unit participates in monthly ASVH activities by emailing me at lbubbles@cox.net
If you have any questions, please call me or Joyce Livingston.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs 602-312-9245
ASVH Chairman

Joyce Livingston 623-846-9670
ASVH Co-Chairman

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans

UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

3 FEBRUARY 2018

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Jim Katzenberger, the opening ceremony was conducted and guests were introduced.

Kathy Laurier gave a report on the Arizona Veterans Hall of Famed Society 12th Annual Patriotic Gala being held on Saturday, April 21, 2018. She also brought the awards (Copper Shield & Copper Star) being presented so everyone could see what they looked like.

Teresa Herrera gave a report on "Operation Home Front". Operation Home front was founded in 2002, a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was formed to support the families of deployed service members. They serve the families of deployed and transitioning service members and ost 8/11 wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans. Their programs are primarily targeted to junior and mid-grade enlisted (E1-E6) service members.

Terry Araman reported that MANA House will be moving to a place on Holly Street, across the street from the Veterans Furniture Center.

Bob Alford gave an update on the "Veterans Furniture Center", a Program of United for Change. The center is located at 2319 W. Holly Street, Phoenix, AZ 85009, phone 602-303-6112. The center has one part time paid employee (warehouse manager). All other employees are volunteers. They work side-by-side with the "Homeless Veterans" program to help get them in suitable living quarters. They are looking for more funds so they can buy new furniture and other items needed that will fit into the small apartments. Living Spaces provides free beds for all the apartments. They have 10,000 square feet of warehouse space. It costs \$900 to completely furnish the apartments. They are asking for help in getting the word out. For more information contact Bob Alford at 602-303-6112 or email www.veteransfurniturecenter.org.

Dr. Juan Gurule gave a presentation on "Father Albert Braun Veterans Memorial Historic District". Their mission is to promote the development, naming and implementation of the Father Albert Braun O>F>M> Veterans Memorial District (Phoenix Land Reuse: Central area 7th Street to 24th Street; Union Pacific Railroad to Rio Salado) in partnership with the City of Phoenix, locl, state and federal entities. Father Albert was a WWII Army Chaplain.

Carol Culbertson took the roll, motioned that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion was second and approved.

Treasurer Jim Denzien gave the treasurers report. Currently there is \$16,568.73 in General Fund, \$14,041.60 in savings and \$25,673.72 in HOF account for a total of \$56,284.05. Members were reminded that their dues were due January 1st and will be considered late on March 1st.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS –

Deepest sympathy to the families of the late Ruth Natvig Kilmer, widow of Lloyd Kilmer, AVHOF 2004, Ken Buckley of Prescott, Past VFW Dept. Service Officer & Chaplain; and the late Patricia Burden, wife of John Burden, Air Force veteran AVHOF 2014, and Dept. Commander – DAV. Members were also reminded to send get well wishes to Art Sloane, Master Chief Petty Officer (USCG, Retired), AVHOF 2008 at 23610 S Desert Burst Curt, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 and Jesse Gersten, Navy veteran, AVHOF 2004; at 9238 E. Nacoma Drive, Chandler 85248.

Judy Hatch reminded everyone that if they want to continue the flyover for Pearl Harbor day, donations can be sent to ADVS, Attn: Director Wanda Wright, 3839 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Checks should be made payable to Arizona Department of Veterans Services with "Pearl Harbor Day" written in the memo.

Rudy Coda from Congressman Huff's office reported on an upcoming Veterans RAMP Program being held in Chandler on February 22nd.

It was brought up that there was a problem with those receiving Vocational Rehab check did not receive them on February 1st. This was due to a glitch in the system. The problem is being worked on and all checks should be received by February 6th.

Dr. Maureen McCarthy from the VAMC reported on events and happening at the Phoenix VA Medical Center. There is another program upcoming to help prevent suicides. The ER now has 40 beds open after the remodeling. They are going to have an elevator installed within the ER so that patients do not have to be taken through the lobby to get to x-ray and other areas upstairs. They currently have 91,000 veterans registered at the Phoenix VA. Dr. McCarthy asked that if you get a survey to please complete it and return it. Very few are being returned, mostly the people that were unhappy with the services rendered. They can't get a decent results if everyone doesn't return the survey.

Mel Brody reported on the upcoming Memorial Day and requested that everyone receiving the letters looking for financial support to please send in their donations. He also reported that the new section of the cemetery is due to open sometime next year.

Legislative Committee Chairman Terry Araman gave an update on some of the legislation pending in the State. SB 1167 dealing with the reduction of taxes on retired pay failed in the rules committee. HB2236 dealing with the same subject is still alive. It would increase the amount of deduction over the next 10 years. It is due to be heard on Monday, 5 Feb at 2:00 p.m.

HB 2191 to establish a second fund for all generation veterans is scheduled to be heard in the House Rules Committee at 1:00 on Monday, Feb 5th.

A memorandum is pending to be sent to the U.S. Congress requesting that they stop deporting veterans.

HB2420 is pending this bill is requesting \$770,000 to hire 10 more VSO to cover those lost due to budget cuts in the past.

Board of Directors: Nominations are open for the Class 2018 for AVHOF. A workshop was held February 3rd to help people in putting the packets together. Deadline for submission of this year's class is 31 March 2018.

Chapter 22 of the DAV has an abundance of wheelchair, electric wheelchairs, walkers, etc.

Creative Drill Sergeants are starting new classes this month. Their classes are free to all veterans.

There being no further business to come before the membership, closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judith Hatch