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President's Bulletin

December 2018

Hard to believe that Fall Conference is now over! How many enjoyed seeing your Unit picture on the big screen??? Well, you will see it again at Convention. So here's the question...if you did not send me a picture of your Unit, can you do so between now and June 15th? Can we get all Units to participate? If you want to send a different picture than the one you sent for Fall Conference, you may do so.

As most of you know our bulletins go from the 15th of one month to the 14th of the next month. Therefore, I would like to thank the following for their kind hospitality from the 15th of October to the 14th of November.

- ❖ Unit 91 extended an invitation to attend their re-opening on October 17th. Thanks to the members of the Leadership Class from the Chamber of Commerce for their participation in making this happen. Great food and a spectacular turnout. Place looks great Legion 91 Family.
- ❖ October 19th, I headed to Safford to attend the "early bird" dinner at Post 32. Camaraderie between the American Legion Family was wonderful in itself.
- ❖ Next day, I attended the District 5 meeting. Wow, is all I can say. Honey, honey and more honey will keep the bees buzzing through this year, hopefully filling our beehives with renewals, rejoins and new members. Had a great time and thank you for the wonderful hospitality.
- ❖ Fall Conference was amazing, I thank each and every member for attending. Presidents, be sure to read your packets and share all that information with your Unit members.
- ❖ On the evening of November 10th, Unit/Post 11 hosted a Mexican dinner, yummy!!!
- ❖ The morning of November 11th brought a great parade in the city of Douglas. Have you seen pictures on facebook? Yup, that's me sticking out of the sunroof of my car. Had a great time with so many enjoying this festivity. Kudos to our 2nd VP Jennie, for handing out poppies and membership applications. Miss Poppy, along with members from Unit 11 were there to support this great event.
- ❖ The afternoon of November 11th I attended District 3's meeting. Congratulations to Post/Unit 45 for getting a home. It was wonderful to hear how these Units are supporting their Veterans and some already starting the Centennial celebration. A big thank you to the talented lady who made all the "bee" cookies, including the big "ALA logo" cookie. Thanks to District 3 for your warming hospitality. Meeting over...I then headed to Tucson!!
- ❖ I was invited to be part of the Tucson annual parade held on November 12th. Can't recall any pictures, but I rode in a 1959 Edsel....pink in color at that. Over 98 entries, and it was so wonderful to see so many of our young children walking and waving their flags. Watching their patriotism can only give us confidence for these young kids who are our future.

Reminder: Be sure to take the Pledge and thank a Veteran for their service!!!

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		Department President Schedule		
Date		Item	Place	Address
8/4/2018	10:00-2:00	Mini Mission Training Dist 12 #1	Post 44	Scottsdale
8/24-30/18		National Convention	Best Western Normandy Hotel	Minneapolis, MN
9/8/2018	10:00-2:00	Mini Mission Training Dist 12 #2	Post 44	Scottsdale
9/14/18	8:30 AM	8/40 La Marche Nationale	Wild Horse Pass Casino Hotel	Wild Horse Pass Blvd. Room Acacia A
9/15/18	10:00 AM	Strategic Planning	Dept	Phoenix
9/16/18	1:30 PM	District 12 OV	Post 107	Phoenix
9/30/18	10:00 AM	Memorial Service (Jack Shoemaker)	Post 62	Peoria
10/4/18	7:00 PM	Unit 41 OV	Post 41	Phoenix
10/6/18	5:00 PM	VHV Dinner/Dance	Post 35	Chandler
10/10/18	8:30 AM	Meet with Tom Hicks (Blind Center)	VA	Phoenix
10/10/18	7:00 PM	Unit 39 OV	Post 39	Gilbert
10/17/19	5:00 PM	Unit 91 Reopening	Post 91	Chandler
10/19/18	6:00 PM	Early Bird Dinner Unit 32 OV	Unit 32 Overnight	531 11th Avenue, Safford 85546
10/20/18	12:00 PM	District 5 OV	Post 32	531 11th Avenue, Safford 85546
10/25-28/18		Personal		Denver, CO
11/2-4/18		Fall Conference	Doubletree Hotel	Tucson
11/10/18	5:00 PM	Unit 11 Dinner	Unit 11 Overnight	Douglas
11/11/18	10:00 AM	Veterans Day Parade	Downtown Douglas	Douglas
11/11/18	1:30 PM	District 3 OV	Post 45 Overnight in Tucson	Benson
11/12/18	9:30 AM	Tucson Veterans Day Parade	Post 7	Tucson
11/15/18	6:30 PM	Unit 26 OV	Mesa Unit 26	Mesa
11/20/18	12:30 PM	Unit 66 OV	Green Valley Unit 66 Overnight	1560 W Duval Mine Rd, Green Valley 85614
11/21/18	11:30 AM	Unit 131 OV	Madera Unit 131	249 W. Esperanza Blvd, Green Valley 85614
11/22/18		Thanksgiving		
11/26/18	1:30 PM	Ribbon Cutting	Whipple Gift Shop	Prescott
12/1-2/18	1:00 PM	Junior Conference	Post 1	Phoenix
12/03/18	9:00 AM	Ribbon Cutting	Phoenix Gift Shop	Phoenix
12/05/18	10:00 AM	Ribbon Cutting	Tucson Gift Shop	Tucson
12/07/18	8:00 AM	Pearl Harbor Day Wreath Presentation	Wesley Bolin	Phoenix
12/18/18	6:30 PM	Unit 1 OV	Post 1	Phoenix
01/05/19	10:00 AM	Strategic Planning	Dept	Phoenix

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DECEMBER BULLETIN
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND ('AEF')
2018-2019

Buzz, Buzz, Buzz that was the wonderful sound we heard at Fall Conference. We had many bees attend . It was good to see familiar faces and lots of new faces.

Unit mailboxes were filled with oodles of information. Please make sure that information is shared with your unit busy bees.

December can be a stressful time of year for families suffering from financial worries. Perhaps from a medical crisis, loss of income, or whatever the reason, they could use help from "AEF". This would be the time your unit AEF Hive could help with something as easy as a gift card for food, paying a bill, a toy for a child. The list goes on. If your unit hasn't created an AEF hive please do so. It does not affect help from the National hive.

Keep working on fund raisers. This time of year gift baskets are much appreciated. Bake sales are also a great idea for those that don't bake. I haven't met a be yet that doesn't like "Sweet Nectar"

Remember the deadline for the mid year report is December 15th. Please let me know if you have a Unit AEF hive or are planning to start one.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING----GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

MERRY CHRISTMAS – HO HO HO!!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

For God and Country
Shirley Kavis Chairman
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AMERICANISM
Annual Report 2018-2019

Please return your Unit's report/narrative May 1, 2019 to:
Barb Shields, PO Box 887, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 Shields_Barb@yahoo.com 928-856-1949

Unit Number _____ Americanism Chairman _____ # of 2019 Members _____

1. Did your Unit promote community awareness of yellow ribbon reintegration programs, deployment of troops and/or welcome-home events? _____ How? _____

2. Did your Unit participate in the Pocket Flag Project? _____ If so, how many flags were sent to troops? _____
3. How did your Unit observe patriotic holidays? _____

4. Did your Unit encourage participation in the Americanism Essay Contest? _____ How many essays were submitted for judging? _____
5. Did your Unit go into the local schools to teach flag / pledge etiquette? _____ How many children were involved? _____
6. Did your Unit support The American Legion programs, such as Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Junior Shooting Sports, ALLECA? _____ How? _____

7. When and where did members wear and display their name, unit, or department identification badges? _____

8. Did Unit members wear and display "Honoring Their Service" buttons? _____ How many members have them? _____
9. Have elevator speeches been written or given to explain the American Legion Auxiliary to potential members? _____ How many? _____
10. How have your Juniors been involved in the Americanism program? _____

11. How many Unit members have participated in color guards in parades, at conference, at convention, or other activities? _____ How? _____

12. How many initiations did your Unit conduct? _____ What does the Chaplain say in the second line of the second paragraph about Americanism? _____

13. Has your Unit enclosed a narrative for a Department competition Americanism Plaque this year? _____

An extra page or the reverse of this form may be used, if needed, for all questions.

The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
Americanism
December 2018

December

Thanksgiving.... What does it mean to you?

Count your many Blessings, name them one by one

We are blessed with a great nation that even though it may not be perfect, it is the best in the world. We each have strengths and weaknesses and we can each definitely help one another.

Each one of us is an American, each one of us can do our part. By ourselves we can accomplish much but together, working together we accomplish so much more.

Regardless of where you work or what your work is...take advantage of the small teachable moments. Let us teach respect by showing respect. Let us show compassion by giving compassion. Our examples are the perfect teaching tools. You want to teach kindness, then show kindness.

It is much the same with Americanism. When we show our love for our service members and remember that "ALL gave some and some gave ALL". We all have much to be thankful for.

As the holiday season is upon us in full swing. Let us often think of others, our Veterans, Veteran families, Veteran Widows or single parents. Let us keep building America together. Let us never forget our God, our Veterans that sacrifice so we can worship as we wish. We can speak truths to all, God Bless you always

Please remember the Upcoming Deadlines

Dates to Remember

Dec. 15th - Mid-year Reports are due

May 1st – Year-end Reports are due



I'm looking forward to hearing from you and the amazing things, big and small that you have done. You are amazing.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

CHILDREN & YOUTH MID-YEAR REPORT 2018-2019

Activity	Yes/No	Total \$ Spent	Total Hours	# Volunteers	# Military Kids	# Military Families	# Non-Military Kids	# Non Military Families
Star Spangled Kids								
Hero Packs Assembled								
G.I. Josh Program								
Operation Military Kids								
Halloween Safety								
Youth Hero Awards								
Youth Good Deeds Awards								
Citizenship Day (Sept. 17th)								
(KDH2) Program								
Child Welfare Foundation								
April C & Y Month								
Children's Miracle Network								
Totals								

UNIT #: _____
 UNIT NAME: _____
 CHAIRMAN: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PHONE #: _____

RETURN BY DECEMBER 15, 2018
Stacey Mayberry
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Peoria, AZ 85382
702-403-4903 / mayberry.stacey@gmail.com

CHAPLAIN

Happy Holiday's,

It was great seeing everyone at fall conference. Please make sure you give the chaplain's packet to your unit chaplain. And let them know to email or text me, the mid-year report by the 15th of December.

The month of December is full of holidays for several religions. Remember ladies being the chaplain of your unit please spread cheer and goodwill. And goodwill is goal #2 of the strategic plan.

As always PLEASE send me prayers, poems etc, for President Cindy's prayer book.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and enjoy your loved ones.

Rose

Children and Youth Program

December 2018

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members,

I hope this bulletin finds you all ready for Christmas with all your decorating and shopping all done! The holidays are a very busy time for everyone. Hopefully you've all had some time to support our military children and their families. If your Unit has hosted a holiday event, visited a shelter or community center or helped a family or families with food and gifts, please send the information to me with your mid-year report which is due December 15th. Pictures are also welcome. I'd like to include all your wonderful Children and Youth and military family support activities to our National and Western Division Children and Youth Chairman. Let's show these Chairman why we're the Best in the West!

The holiday season is a great time to keep an eye out for kids that have gone above and beyond to help in their communities. It would be great to submit multiple candidates for The Good Deed and Youth Hero Awards.

I've included in this bulletin a copy of the mid-year report in case you didn't receive it at Fall Conference. Again, it is due to me by December 15th. I've included my email address and home address for you to send in your submissions. It's vitally important that I receive a mid-year report from each Unit so that my report to Western Division and National are as comprehensive as possible. I appreciate your efforts in getting this completed.

Lastly, a reminder to mark your calendars for the National Security/Children & Youth Workshop. Information is as follows:

January 19, 2019
Matthew B. Juan Post 35
2240 W Chandler Blvd
Chandler, AZ 85224
10:00am – 2:00pm

Merry Christmas to you and yours and have a safe and happy New Year!

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry – Chairman

Email: Mayberry.Stacey@gmail.com
Phone: 702-403-4903
Address: 9139 W Harmony Lane
Peoria, AZ 85382

Lynda Griffin – Committee Member
Rebecca Gulley – Committee Member

DISTRICT OR UNIT FINANCE REPORT FORM (please circle which)

Information requested on this form is to be completed and returned to Dept. Finance Chrm. Helen Stout, 3701 E. Helena Stravenue, Tucson, AZ 85706-1929 **NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2019**. This is necessary to keep the Units and Districts of the Department of Arizona in compliance with National, the State of Arizona & new rules put forth by the Internal Revenue Service for Non-Profit Organizations as well as the State. The I.R.S. continues to monitor Non-Profits (**which includes American Legion Aux. Units**), as witnessed by Units & Districts losing their Tax-Exempt Status. Notification comes to the Department from the National organization of the Auxiliary. AZ must notify national of each Units EIN number whether you are a NEW UNIT or have been in business for some time. Policies & Procedures states, "A Unit not incorporated at least 30 days prior to Department Convention is not eligible for Trophies and Awards excepting Membership Awards and Citations at the Convention. All requested information WILL ONLY BE USED FOR REFERENCE and will be in the Department Office after review by the Finance Committee. Please supply a copy of the first page of your I.R.S reporting form with this report.

UNIT or DISTRICT NAME: American Legion Auxiliary, _____
(EXACT AS LISTED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE)

Person completing this form: _____ Ph.# _____

Address _____ email: _____

Fiscal Year Beginning Month: _____ Year 2018_ Ending Month: June Year 2019_

Has your Unit/ OR District filed some form of the IRS form 990: Yes__No__ Which one? _____

If not, why?(be sure to answer) _____

If _____ yes, _____ date _____ last _____ filed: _____ Signed
by: _____ TITLE _____

What is your Units EIN number? _____ (not that of your Post)

Is your Unit incorporated with the AZ. Corporation Commission (ACC)? Yes____No____

If _____ yes, _____ date _____ last _____ filed _____ Signed
by _____ Title _____

If not, why?:(be sure to answer) _____

What is your AZ. Corporation Commission file #: _____

What is the **EXACT** name your Unit or DISTRICT IS LISTED WITH THE ACC (Az. Corporation Commission) _____

Who is your Statutory Agent with the ACC ? : _____ Name - Phone #-& email
address _____

Has your Unit or District registered with the Secretary of State? YES _____ NO _____
(This is a 3rd class misdemeanor if you do not register)

(dollar amounts are not to be included in answers to any of the above questions)

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(QUESTIONS:) PLEASE CONTACT Finance Chairman Helen Stout, 520-294-3593 or email address:
TwoRockings @ cox.net) **ALL QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED**

Department of Arizona

Historian

December 2018

It was so nice to see many of you at Fall Conference! Unit and District Presidents, please ensure your Historian receives the packet.

Thank You to the Units who have been sending me minutes, it is much appreciated!

No event is too small or big. If you don't send me minutes, Unit President's, please send me a bulleted list of what your Beehive have been doing. No activity is too small to report.

A few ways you can assist are:

- Post on Ring Your Bell what your Unit has done
- Post on your Unit's Facebook page

BEElieve you can report on your Unit's events.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy Holiday Season!
Hope to see many of you at the Department Open House.

Believe Equality Exists Supporting Every Veteran

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**History
Annual Report Form
2018-2019**

End of Year Due Date

May 1, 2019

Complete and email or snail mail by May 1, 2019 to:

Barbara White
1616 W Nopal Dr
Chandler AZ 85224
Barbarawhite99@gmail.com

Is this a Unit or District report? _____ Unit or District No. _____

Unit/District Name

Unit or District Historian Name

Historian Address

City

State

ZIP

1. Unit/District Membership _____

2. Did your Unit/District participate in the Veterans History Project? Yes ____ No ____

A. If yes, explain what your unit/district did to promote/collect those histories.

Did your Juniors participate? Yes ____ No ____

B. If yes, explain what your juniors did to promote/collect those histories.

3. Did your Unit/District collect information about famous Auxiliary members? Yes ____ No ____

A. If yes, explain what your Unit/District did to promote/collect the information.

B. Name of famous Auxiliary members: _____

C. Where/How information was found: _____

D. Did your Juniors participate? Yes ____ No ____ How many? _____

4. Did your Unit/District do any special projects for History? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, explain: _____

5. Did your Unit/District develop a system to compile your history? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, explain: _____

6. Is your Unit/District submitting a History for trophies awarded at Department Convention?

A. If yes, which award: _____

Use another sheet of paper to describe additional information and/or to highlight all special activities.

The Department of Arizona Junior Fall Conference and Campout

This year's Junior Fall Conference will be held in>> **PHOENIX**

****DATE CHANGE****

DATE: December 1st - 2nd

ARRIVAL TIME: December 1st at 1:00pm-2:00pm

DEPART DATE / TIME: December 2nd at 11:00am

LOCATION

American Legion Post#1

364 N. 7th Ave,

Phoenix, AZ 85007

I will like to thank Post 1
For their extended offer to host this year Junior Conference

Please RSVP to Deedee Vaupel, Dept. Junior Chairman by>> November 28th

My cell: 623-385-5427 & call or text

My Email Address: ddvaupel@gmail.com

Permission Slip has been attached to this packet and it is very important that it is filled out and turned in to the registration table on the day of Conference

Adults are more than welcome to attend the Conference and if you are really brave you can bring your sleeping equipment as well to spend the night

Saturday, December 1st

1pm-2pm > > Meet & Greet with a light lunch & snacks

2pm to 3pm > Activities

Formal Meeting Starts: 3:00pm - -

>Activities after meeting

>Dinner

>Games

Sunday, December 2nd

> Up at 7:00am for breakfast,

> Church-memorial service

> Quick meeting to give reports before adjourning the conference

ALA JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE PERMISSION SLIP

As a parent or legal guardian of _____ Junior Date of Birth _____

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

Location: American Legion Post 1 — 364 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Parent/Guardian Please print first and last name: _____

Signature _____ Phone# _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone# _____ Relationship _____

Authorization to Treat Minor:

In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission to call 911 and/or contact a medical facility or physician selected by chaperone(s) to provide proper treatment for (name) _____ and that I will be responsible for all expenses arising in association with such treatment...

Signature of Parent/Guardian

I agree to hold ALA officers, agents, employees and volunteer chaperones harmless from any and all liability or claims which arise out of, or in connection with, my child's participation during Junior Conference 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 PORTION BY: November 28, 2018 with \$10
to
Deedee Vaupel 9026 W Palo Verde Ave Peoria, AZ 85345
Make checks payable to Diana Vaupel
Or call 623-385-5427 for other arrangements.

*****NO JUNIOR WILL BE ALLOWED> WITHOUT PERMISSION SLIP*****

LOCATION: American Legion - Post 1
364 N. 7th Ave,
Phoenix, AZ 85007

DATE: December 1st and 2nd , 2018,

Check In: 1:00pm>>December 1, 2018

Meeting: Begins at 3:00pm

Check Out: By 11:00am>> December 2, 2018

For any questions or suggestions please call
Deedee Vaupel 623-385-5427

REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 1ST-2ND, 2018

UNIT NUMBER _____ LOCATION _____

CONTACTS PERSON _____

NAME.	JR.	AGE	SR.	\$10
_____	_____.	_____.	_____.	
_____	_____.	_____.	_____.	
_____.	_____.	_____.	_____.	
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_____.	_____.	_____.	_____.	
_____.	_____.	_____.	_____.	
TOTAL.	_____.	_____.	_____.	\$ _____

PLEASE RETURN WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO>

DIANA VAUPEL

9026 W Palo Verde Ave

Peoria, AZ 85345

By: NOVEMBER 28, 2018

If you need more information please call me at: 623-345-5427

Or Email: ddvaupel@gmail.com

This will help make it easier with the amount of girls attending. **Thank you**

Legislative

December 2018

Greetings Ladies,

So, did your candidates win in the General Election? Find out below for unofficial results

US Senate - Kyrsten Sinema. Election was called when Martha McSally conceded on November 12th. Sinema is the first female senator from Arizona.

Governor - Doug Ducey. Election was called by end of Election Day on November 6th.

Secretary of State - Katie Hobbs as of date of this update being typed, in lead.

Attorney General - Mark Brnovich. Election was called by end of Election Day on November 6th.

Superintendent of Public Instruction - Kathy Hoffman. Election was called when Frank Riggs conceded on November 12th.

Other races too close to call, along with Secretary of State. I was advised by Secretary of State's Office to refer everyone to www.azsos.gov, then go to 2018 General Election Results for further info. Was also advised that on November 26th, all the counties in the state will have turned in their results to the Secretary of State's Office to be certified and made official. On December 3rd, the Governor will sign off on the election.

I plan to have a full listing of newly elected officials in the January bulletin.

On January 7th, 2019, the state of Arizona will be having our Gubernatorial Inauguration ceremonies at the State Capitol in Phoenix. On January 14th, 2019, Governor Ducey will make his State of the State Address in the House of Representatives Chamber at the State Capitol in Phoenix. The Arizona Legislature will also begin the new session.

Also, please have your Mid-Year Reports mailed or emailed to me no later than December 15, 2018.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. See everyone in the next year!!!!

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

Chairman

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 2018

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT!

**WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR TARGET
DATES.**

NEXT TARGET DATE

January 2, 2019

UNIT AND DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

**Buzz around your members to remind them that their dues are due
and delinquent by December 31, 2018.**

**As of the November bulletin we were short 3800 members for
our 2018 membership goal.**

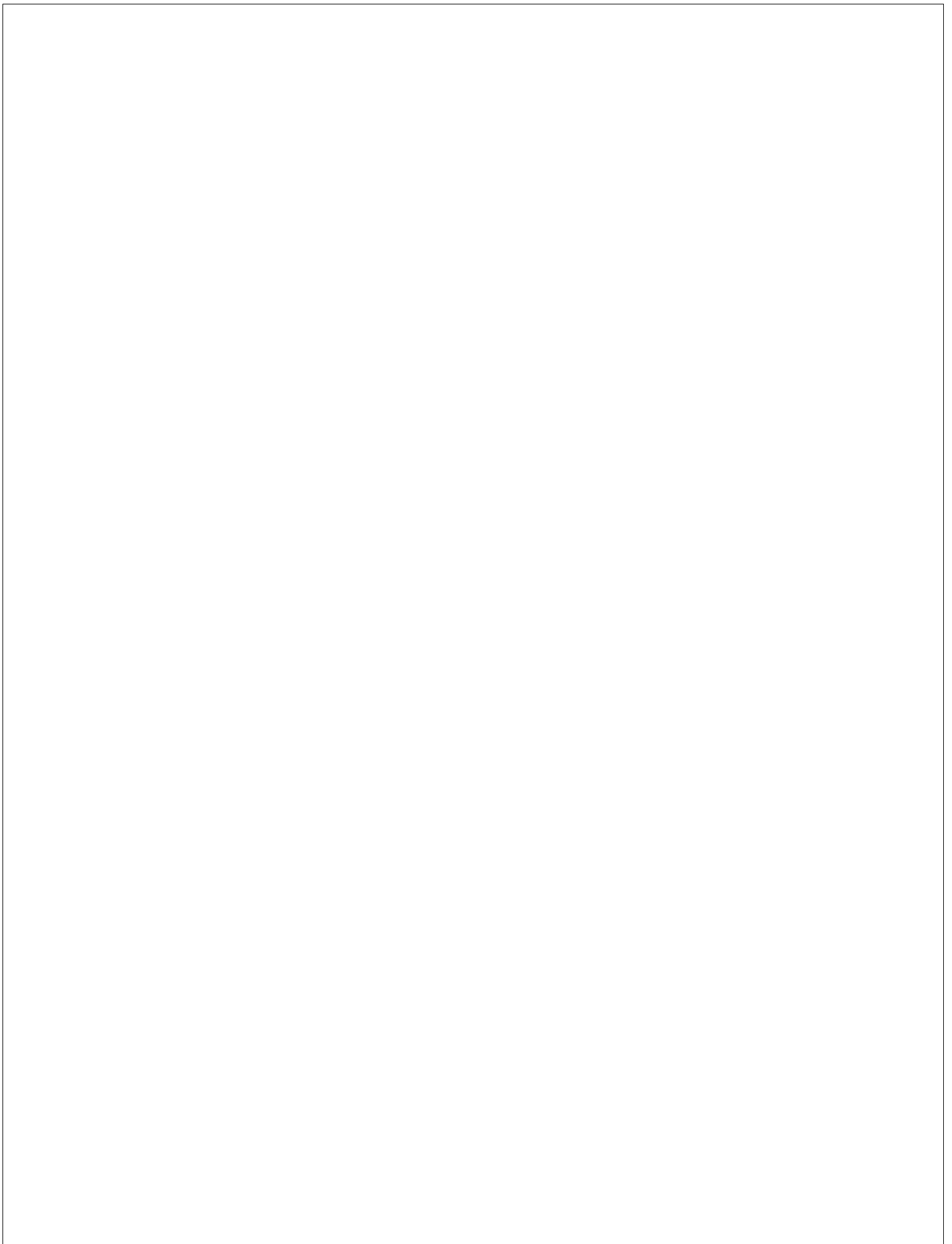
**WE STARTED SLOW, SO LET'S GET OUR WINGS FLAPPING
AND GET OUR MEMBERSHIP GOING!**

**Goal 4 of the five-year Centennial Plan for 2019 is Strengthen
Departments and Units. The best way to strengthen our Units is to
increase Membership, that will strengthen our Department.**

**I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from the Department of Arizona Membership
Team and the Bees!**

Thank you,

Patricia Lugo, Membership Chairman



ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING

Believe Equality Exists Supporting Every Veteran



This is the time of year when all chairpersons request the units to complete a mid-year report and send it in. Bummer... just reviewed the report form and discovered I didn't insert a line to list the Unit to let me know who is reporting, so just write the Unit number on the report somewhere. I will correct this on the end of year report form.

I haven't figured out the attachment part of the new phone yet, so please don't attempt to send your report as an attachment to a message. You may send a text message by phone with your unit number and anything you have to report; or email it if you don't send by mail. All reports are much appreciated.

Please remember when scheduling a training session, whether you are doing a mini training or a full day, you must have your money in to Department for 10 individuals 10 days in advance (list names please). When we first started the mini sessions, we were not sure how to proceed, so we were a little lax; but, after reviewing the procedure we have decided we need to adhere to the same policy for the mini sessions also. No money and list at Department, no training.

I am reminded by the Western Division to talk about Roberts Rules of Order and the importance of following procedures. Please look at your handbook or review the National website for more information about proper procedures.

The National Association of Parliamentarians' website is www.parliamentarians.org which has a quiz section to test your knowledge and offers courses to polish off your expertise. We have included information and a self-help quiz obtained from the National ALA Training in our training for this year also.

The training session in December is scheduled for the 16th at Unit 27. This is an all-day session (starting at 8 a.m.), so if you are missing half of the training, you are invited to finish up this task on that day. Please contact one of the Unit 27 Officers if you are planning to attend as they are tracking attendees to ensure enough training packets are available.

Thought for the day: *Don't you wish the cold weather would deflate the politicians the same way it does your tires? Then you could get new ideas into their systems just as you get new air in the tires.*

For God and Country in Service to Veterans.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS
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YEAREND MUSIC REPORT FORM**

Greetings:

Summer is just around the corner, but it's not too early to start thinking about Yearend Reports! Hopefully units turned in the Mid-year Report which will help with the completion of this form. I am asking that each Music Chairman from all Units and Districts fill in this form telling me how music was used in your activities thus far this year.

1. Does the Unit/District have a Music Chairman? _____
2. If so, does that person choose the songs for all the meetings? _____
3. If the Unit/District does not have a Music Chairman, who decides which songs to sing or play? _____
4. How is music incorporated into the various functions in the Unit/District?

5. Do members regularly participate in music programs in their individual houses of worship and communities? _____. If so, give some examples: _____

6. Are regular visits made to hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? _____. If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? _____

To qualify for an award, a typewritten narrative of not more than 1,000 words must be included.

Yearend music reports are due to me no later than **May 1, 2019**. Either email/mail to me.

Unit No./District No.: _____/_____; No. of Unit Members: _____

Unit/District President: _____/_____

Music Chairman/person providing information: _____

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman
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steinent@cox.net
480.272.1255 cell



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**“BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS
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MUSIC REPORT
DECEMBER 2018**

Season Greetings!

What a wonderful Fall Conference we had in Tucson the beginning of November. I hope those in attendance came away with some good ideas to take back to the various Units and Districts. Lots of upbeat Rock and Roll songs were played and kept the ladies enthused and attentive. It was so exciting to see our Western Division National Vice President, Janet Romero, don a bee costume and participate in Patricia Lugo's "This is How We Do It" skit about membership. As the winter holidays approach, let's keep in mind our many service men and women who might not have a family celebration this year. If your Unit or District will be making and distributing food baskets to Veterans during this season, remember to include festive songs in your delivery. The gift of music can touch the heart and soul in ways no other gift can.

By now you should have submitted your mid-year music reports or at least been working on them. Some early bees sent them in before Fall Conference. Thanks to Units 5 and 78 for submitting their reports early. Remember to provide your year-end reports no later than May 1, 2019.

Information regarding the Music Awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents. Click on ALA Department Awards Book and go to page 48. This will list the rules and the scoring for the awards.

Department Music Awards will be handed out at Convention in June 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

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS
SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN”
MID-YEAR MUSIC REPORT FORM**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

It's that time of year when our thoughts stray to good food and spending valuable time with our families. It's also a wonderful opportunity to spread some cheer to our many Veterans who are not as blessed with "All Good Gifts" as we might be. Let's make a vow to get out there and give thanks to the many service men and women we honor by providing music at Veteran functions in our area. I am asking that each Music Chairman from all Units and Districts fill in this form telling me how music was used in your activities thus far this year.

1. Does the Unit/District have a Music Chairman? _____
2. If so, does that person choose the songs for all the meetings? _____
3. If the Unit/District does not have a Music Chairman, who decides which songs to sing or play? _____
4. How is music incorporated into the various functions in the Unit/District?

5. Do members regularly participate in music programs in their individual houses of worship and communities? _____. If so, give some examples: _____

6. Are regular visits made to hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? _____. If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? _____

Mid-year music reports are due to me no later than **December 15, 2018**. Either email/mail to me.

Unit No./District No.: _____/_____; No. of Unit Members: _____

Unit/District President: _____/_____

Music Chairman/person providing information: _____

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**American Legion Auxiliary
National Security**

November 2018

The National Security Program continues to promote a strong national defense by supporting the emotional needs of active, reserve and transitioning service members and their families.

A Natural Disaster can happen at any time, and weather can cause a flood, a dam to break, an earthquake can happen. And yes, there can be man-made disasters, ie, a fire. Thru Project Impact citizens can seek help from FEMA (the Federal Emergency Agency). There was information in the October packet and look for a copy in the Fall Conference Packet.

Does your Unit cut and collect coupons for Military Bases? Addresses will be provided in your Fall Conference Packet. There is more information on the ALA website, for more resources contact your local, military and state information as well. And it is not too late to begin a record of all hours and money spent on National Security projects.

National Security Chairman, Pam Ray has asked for us to share this item received at National Headquarters. Please share it with your Members.

"ALA National Headquarters recently received "Is it allowed?" questions regarding a flag-related project where embroidered stars are cut from the American flag and placed in a small bag along with a poem. The stars and poem are then sent to various veterans groups as well as to those currently serving. The American Legion's National Americanism Commission does NOT subscribe to the practice of cutting the United States flag into individual pieces prior to its proper disposal no matter what the reason or occasion may be. The Commission is of the opinion that when the flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be disposed in its entirety, preferably by burning. The flag began as a whole; therefore it is to be disposed of as a whole. Contrary to what is found on some websites, The American Legion does NOT endorse the use of the flag in this manner. The American Legion Auxiliary fully supports The American Legion's position on this subject."

Please, if you have questions please feel free to contact me.

Yolanda Bonilla

National Security Chairman

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**American Legion Auxiliary
National Security**

December 2018

The Holidays are an excellent time to plan activities for the Legion Family and it is time to stop and reflect on all the National Security activities that we have worked to date.

Please remember to get those Holiday packages and card to our active duty military members. Military mail kits are available at your local post office or you can order a kit at their website at usps.gov. Please remember that December 4 is the deadline for packages going overseas. The deadline for shipping packages to addresses within the continental United States is December 15.

Remind your Legion Family that National President Kathy Dungan's Focus is Women Veterans. And do take time to encourage your Members to help our Female Active Duty Military in your community. Visit the American Legion Auxiliary website at alaforveterans.org for details.

A reminder that your Mid-Year Report is due on December 15. Since I have had phone calls and emails regarding missing report forms in the Fall Conference Packet a copy is enclosed in this mail out. Please share your information on the report form and if you have pictures, do include names, event dates and Legion family information.

Did you catch the error in the Fall Conference Packet? Before we went home on Sunday, there were two members that came up to me, Nicky Nickerson-Cruz and Juanita Moffitt. The error is in the Report Form, Item #2 off should be offer. Congratulations!

The National Security/Children and Youth Workshop is scheduled for January Mark your calendars for January 19, 2019 at Post 35 in Chandler, AZ from 10 am to 2 pm. AND LEGION FAMILY IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. We have some excellent speakers lined up for you.

Please, if you have questions please feel free to contact me.

**Yolanda Bonilla
National Security Chairman
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**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona
National Security Mid-Year Report Form
2018-2019**

Please complete and MAIL or E-MAIL:

Yolanda Bonilla

Lot 103 Chandler, AZ 85225 or yodobo@msn.com

REPORT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT – Dec. 15, 2018

Membership: _____

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER: _____

UNIT CHAIRMAN _____

ADDRESS: _____

1. Did your Unit participate in Welcome Home Projects? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
2. Did your Unit off Child Care to Troops? _____ Did your Unit Cook Meals for Troops? _____ Did your Unit do yard work for Troops? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
3. Did your Unit participate in Military Family Readiness Groups? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
4. Did your Unit contribute to the USO? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
5. Did your Unit participate in the POW/MIA program? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
6. Did your Unit participate in the Blue Star Banner program? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
7. Did your Unit participate in the Gold Star Banner program? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
8. Did your Unit participate in the Yellow Ribbon program? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
9. Did your Unit/Legion Family attend the National Security/Children and Youth Workshop? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
10. Did your Unit participate in Operation Comfort Warriors? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
11. Did your Unit support the JROTC/ROTC program? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____
12. Did your Unit participate in the CERT program? _____
No of Events _____ No of Members _____ No of Jrs _____ No of Legionnaires _____ No of SAL _____ Total Hrs _____ Cost _____

Please share any pictures with me via e-mail at yodobo@msn.com. And please send in jpg format. Do include names, event dates and Legion family information.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY
BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN

DECEMBER 2018

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR PACKET FOR PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY THAT WAS PUT IN YOUR UNITS MAIL BOXES AT FALL CONFERENCE?

The Past Presidents Parley members who have served the Auxiliary as unit, department and national presidents are a valuable resource to the organization as members of the past presidents parley committee, they put their leadership experience to good use, offering guidance or counsel on any activity or problem requiring special support.

What are you doing for our lady veterans: Invite them dinner at your events and please remember those lady veterans at our State Homes in Phoenix and Tucson not only during the holiday season but throughout the year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

This month we are honoring: **Mary Ann Derryberry**

Mary Ann was born in Duluth, Minnesota. May Ann, Corporal, USMC, served at Fleet Marine Force Atlantic Communications in Norfolk, Virginia, 1969-1972. Mary Ann is a Charter Member and two-term Past Commander of Daisy Mountain Veterans Post 128 in Anthem, AZ. Mary Ann advocates for homeless and at risk veterans, volunteering at Arizona Stand Downs. Mary Ann is a strong supporter of the Anthem Veterans' Memorial. Mary Ann was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2013.

2013-2014

<u>Past Department President</u>	<u>Past Department Commander</u>	<u>Past Detachment Commander</u>
<u>Karen Smith</u>	<u>Judi Beischel</u>	<u>Robert "Scooter Bob" Hath</u>

We will be honoring female veterans who are now serving in the military. Please let me know (giving her name, branch of service, rank and current duty station. I will include it in my next bulletin. Thank you so much!

POPPIES

DECEMBER 2018



Hi ladies,

Hi Busy Bees! Mid Year report is due to me by December 15, 2018. The report can be sent to home address of

3400 S. 4th ave #62, Yuma, AZ 85365 or Email to nitastreehouse@gmail.com.

Hope all the information in your Fall Conference packets were helpful. If more information is needed you can check the website or send me a text message to 928.581.1225.

When you have your Poppy Posters ready, they can be mailed to the above address for judging. They're due by April 19, 2019 and for rules instruction go to www.alaforveterans.org . Click on: members only, member resources, poppy committee, look for poppy poster rules. If I can be of any assistance you have my contact information.

Ladies keep up the good work and paint Arizona Poppy for our Veterans!

Happy Holidays!

For God & Country

Nita Kimball- Poppy Chair

Na Reins- Co Chair



POPPY PROGRAM

Mid-Year Report due no later than Dec. 15th, 2018

Please send to : Nita Kimball, 3400 S 4th Ave. # 62, Yuma, AZ 85365

Email: nitastreehouse@gmail.com

As Dept. Poppy Program Chairman I'm required to send a narrative to the Western Division Poppy Chairman. This narrative should encompass information from all Units in Arizona. Please provide a brief description of the following information for me. Also include anything you think would be interesting or informative that isn't on the list. Even if you haven't done anything with poppies except order them, please send me a report. I should receive something from every Unit. Thank you for your co-operation with this report.

Unit Name and Number _____

Unit Chairman name _____

Contact information _____

How many Poppies did your Unit order? _____

How did your members promote the Poppy program?

How did members increase poppy revenue? _____

How did your Unit promote the Poppy Poster Contest? _____

How did your Unit promote Little Miss Poppy? _____

So far this year, has your Unit used Poppy funds to assist Veteran's / families? If so, how many and what dollar amount?

Did your members increase the number of poppy makers? _____ How? _____

Year End Poppy Program Report Form

Please complete and return by May 1, 2019 to : Nita Kimball 3400 S 4th Ave. #62, Yuma, AZ 85365

Email: nitastreehouse@gmail.com

Unit Name & Number: _____

Unit Chairman: _____

Contact Information: _____

Number of poppies you unit ordered _____

Did your Unit increase your order from last year? _____ By how many? _____

Did your Unit decrease your poppy order from last year? _____ By how many? _____

Because: _____

Did your Unit sponsor a Poppy Poster Contest? _____

How many posters were received by each class?

Class I Grades 2-3 _____ Class V Grades 10-11 _____

Class II Grades 4-5 _____ Class VI Grade 12 _____

Class III Grades 6-7 _____ Class VII Special Needs _____

Class IV Grades 8-9 _____

Were the posters used in conjunction with window/public display contests? _____

How? _____

Did your Unit publicize Poppy Days or other publicity about the Poppy Program? _____

How? _____

How many Certificates of Appreciation did your Unit present? _____

Did your Unit send/present Poppies to elected officials? _____

Total contributions received from your Unit's 2018 distributions \$ _____

Did your Unit have a Miss Poppy 6-12 years of age category? _____ How many? _____

Did your Unit have a Miss Poppy 13-18 years of age? _____ How many? _____

Did your Unit use the Poppy in creative ways? _____ Please explain: _____

How many Veterans/families did your Unit assist through Poppy funds? _____ \$ _____

Will your unit be competing for the Marie Cooney Memorial Plaque? _____ Marie Townsend Plaque? _____

Patriotic Poppy Plaque? _____ Nita Kimball Community Poppy Awareness Award? _____

Did your Juniors compete for the Miss Poppy Plaque? _____

Did your Unit do anything to encourage Poppy Making? _____

Total hours your Unit members worked with Poppies _____

SERVICE TO VETERANS

December, 2018

Greetings Ladies. REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.

Well, now that Fall conference is over, did you bring ideas to your units on how to get your ladies to report, report, report? Was my Service to Veterans packet helpful?

Did you invite a veteran and/or his family to your Thanksgiving festivities? Did you help them prepare their dinner? Maybe you invited an active duty military family to your post for a pre Thanksgiving dinner? Did you participate in an Honor Flight Arizona send off or welcome one home? Those are all hours you can count. Don't forget, clipping coupons counts also. There is an organization called Packages from Home that make regular shipments to deployed troops. If you find it difficult to mail the coupons, contact them and ask if you can take yours to their facility. You will still get monetary credit for the coupons without the shipping cost.

Remember to send me your narrative on what you did from May to December. My deadline is on the form you received.

Has your unit adopted veterans/active military and families for Christmas? Maybe send a special Christmas care package to a deployed troop? How nice for them to know that they are in our thoughts, and throw in some hand made signed or hand written letters or cards.

I wish you a joyful, blessed Christmas with friends and family.

For God and country,

Mary Ann Anderson Jaymes, 502 S. 80th Place, Mesa, AZ 85208

Apache Unit 27 480-209-6332 mandyfbis@gmail.com

VA&R BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2018

This is the month to be merry, enjoy time with family and friends and be thankful for the life you have. This is also the time to think of those who have given of their life to ensure we are able to enjoy the freedom we have.

We are not only thinking of our veterans but also of their families. There are those who have only memories because they no longer have their loved ones with them. There are families whose loved ones are miles away and their only contact is via correspondence. We have our veterans who are hospitalized and can only see family for brief moments. There are those veterans living by themselves or being homeless. Whatever the reason it is a time to remember to thank the Lord for what we have and ask for others to be given a little of what we have.

It would be imprudent of me to tell you how to extend your hand to our veterans since most of you are members of our organization because of the care and dedication you have for our veterans. I do have to share a personal note with you to give you a personal idea of what it means to family to have others care. A few years ago my son was deployed and had been gone for months and was given a three day pass after coming to do a training. It was the beginning of Dec and his family was not going to celebrate Christmas. When they shared the information with an organization, on the day he arrived so did the persons. They brought in a Christmas tree, a completely cooked Thanksgiving meal, gifts for the kids and gift cards for food for their animals and offers to babysit so he and his wife could have alone time together for a couple of hours. To this day I cry when I remember this and know this is what we stand for. His family is very active in volunteering for many things. I like to think this is what we pass on to our children and others with the work we do.

If you have not started yet (dumb comment) there is still time to get going. Christmas cards are a best give away at the VA and something you can do that does not require a lot of time, money or energy. Baking an extra batch of cookies and delivering to that lonely veteran. As our Queen Bee says, BEES because THIS IS HOW WE DO IT.

God Bless you all and all you do

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jennie Molina

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VA&R

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX

DECEMBER 2018

Good Morning Ladies:

Thank you Unit 6 for your monetary donation.

Thank you Units 108, 41, 1, 61, 62, 5, 39, 75, 27, for sending Birthday Cards. Remember if your Unit is sending monthly Birthday cards, please let me know. They really appreciate the cards.

Last month the women veterans were given a decorated pillowcase, (made by the Busy Bee's from Unit 75), a new pillow, (donated by the ALA), and a quilted lap blanket, (donated by TAL). Thank you Joyce Livingston for helping me deliver these packages.

Unit 39 reported that the Juniors were making crafts for veterans to be delivered for the holidays.

Unit 5 has been donating items collected by members and sending \$25 a month for snacks.

Last summer, Brenda from Unit 61 signed up as a volunteer and she visits the Home at least once a week and she helps with the monthly birthday parties. Thank you so much Brenda.

I wanted to include the activities for December, but the calendar was not ready in time for this bulletin. It will be emailed to me at completion. If you want a copy, let me know and I will email or mail it to you.

Thanks to all of you who have reported your activities.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

23 rd Andrew S.	16 th Donald S.	23 rd Gordon B.	1 st Harry R.	22 nd John B.
18 th Michael John S.	28 th Paul K	18 th Percy J.	3 rd Sonny L.	22 nd Thomas U.
27 th William T.				

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

9 th Christopher B.	31 st Clayton M.	15 th Clifford C.	26 th Elmer B.	25 th James C.
15 th James W.	17 th Kenneth P.	22 nd Linda P.	16 th Melvin H.	9 th Robert B.
8 th Robert T.	7 th Vincent B.	31 st Wayne S.		

The Birthday party for the State home is at the end of the every month. So there is plenty of time to send the cards.

I have the list of every resident's name by Unit's (C1, C2, D1, and D2). If your Unit wants to send Christmas Cards, send me an email request for the list.

Here is the wish list for needed items. These can be purchased and sent anytime of the year.

- Gift Cards: Visa, Walmart, Amazon, Wendy's, Applebee's, Chili's, Dunkin Donuts,
- Harkin's, Starbucks, Phoenix Art Museum Gift Card/Vouchers

- OdySea Aquarium Tickets
- SeaLife Tickets
- Remote Control Cars- Large Cars with easy to use remotes.
- Large Nerf Guns (10) and extra bullets
- Chips (Individually Packaged)
- Soft Snacks (Applesauce Pouches, Twinkies, SOFT cookies, Smoothie Pouches, Yogurt Pouches)
- Soda (Regular & Diet)
- Trivia Books
- Portable Bluetooth Speaker
- Umbrellas (20)
- Large Duty Thermal Roll Laminator
- Postage Stamps
- Magnifying Glasses
- Watch Batteries
- DVD Players for Veterans' Rooms

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 at 602-312-9245.

Every Unit received the annual report form in your mailbox at Conference. Presidents, please give this from to the appropriate chairman. The due day is May 1, 2019.

WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs
ASVH (Phoenix) Chairman

Joyce Livingston
ASVH (Phoenix) Co-Chairman

**BELIEVE EQUALITY EXIST SUPPORTING
EVERY VETERAN**

VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
10-30-18

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 October 16, 2018 and October 30, 2018. We will be sponsoring refreshments on November 20, 2018. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 (loved your Halloween costumes) & 68 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

ALA Christmas Gift Shop December 4 through December 7, 2018. Volunteers needed to assist with setup on Tuesday, assisting Veteran patients with shopping on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and pack up on Friday afternoon.

Christmas Train Show by Garden Train Society. There will be a model railroad train show on December 26 & December 27, 2018 in the Auditorium from 9AM to 4PM.

New items for Wish Lists

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

Yuma CBOC (Community Based Outreach Clinic) is seeking donations of gift cards to local food stores (Fry's, Walmart, Albertsons, Sam's Club, Food City). These donations will support a collaboration between American Legion Post 19 and the Yuma CBOC. The Registered Dietician, Kelly Hamlin, MA, RDN is coordinating the effort to provide a cooking class for Veterans who would benefit from these skills. Many Veterans at the Yuma CBOC suffer from diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure and kidney issues due to a diet of processed foods. They want to teach these Veterans to prepare some healthy, simple meals to help improve their health. POC: Kelly E. Hamlin, MA, RDN; phone (520) 403-0217; mailing address 3111 S. 4th Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364. Should you decide to support this effort, please make sure that you submit a donation form to Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System.

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. We ordered 150 backpacks and water bottles and provided colored pencils in June, 2018. The Building 95 donation was made possible largely by a very generous donation from Unit 66.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2018 to October 30, 2018 is \$1,400.00.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2018 to October 30, 2018 is \$27,187.00. 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.).

Sixteen registered hospital volunteers and nine summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2018 to October 30, 2018 is 3,634.5. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time.

This chairman has volunteered 146 hours and logged 2,280 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of October 30, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

UAV Unofficial Minutes
3 November 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Dylan Dalzotto. The opening ceremony was conducted and guest were introduced.

Stephen Clark, Executive Director of the Arizona Elk Society (not related to the Elk's Club) gave a presentation on their program. Its focus is on "healing through hunting". They take disabled veterans into a natural habitat, where they camp and hunt. This program is specifically for Arizona veterans. Their web site is azelksociety.org. Their goal is to keep veterans in the outdoors.

Mike Clemenson gave a report on the Arizona State Fair and explained the purpose and cost of the Veterans Booth at the fair. He encouraged everyone to consider volunteering for the fair next year. This is separate from the volunteers that work the fair in support of the Stand down.

Dave Lucier gave a presentation on the importance of trying to get our legislature to fund additional veteran service counselors (VSB) through the Arizona Department of Veterans Services. Currently Louisiana has 60 VSB and realizes an additional \$130 billion in revenue to the state with the benefits being brought in by the veterans. Arizona currently has 30 VSB which brings in about half a million dollars in revenue to the state. If we increase the number of VSBs our state could realize \$1 billion in increased revenue at a cost of less than \$1 million.

Sandy Simon gave a report on the Frank Luke, Jr. Memorial Museum in the West Valley. September 29th was the 100th anniversary of Frank Luke, Jr.'s death. They are trying to raise enough money to establish a permanent museum just south of Luke AFB.

Tom Sheets from the Southwest Chamber of Commerce Foundation presented the UAV a check to help fund the maintenance of the currently restored WWI Memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza. They are located at 3820 W Happy Valley Rd, Suite #141-455. Glendale, AZ 85310.

Wanda Wright, Director of Arizona Department of Veterans Services reported that the paperwork for large grants has been open since the first of March and will be closing 31 December. Hope to be able to make the awards in February. For more information on the grants go to azdvs.gov/lggrants.

In 2019 they will be having a roadshow for "Be Connected". The Heropeneur is coming up, there will be a career fair Friday, November 16th. They are trying to make the transition from active duty to civilian life and obtaining employment as short as possible.

They are having problems keeping State Employees due to the economy.

Thanks to the "Cooties" who purchased the equipment, Liberty Hall is now a movie theater.

The nursing staff hours has changed. They work 3 days a week 12 hour shifts and then have 4 days off.

This has been effect for about 10 weeks.

The ADVS has received \$1.2 million for suicide prevention.

The new Legislative Liaison is Jennifer Harris. Jennifer was an administrative assistant to a state legislator.

Luis Cardenas-Camacho from Representative Gallego's office reported on the Blue Water Bill. It was passed by the House and is not in the Senate.

Representative Gallego has requested a full report on Iraq so the legislators can review it to determine any possible health issues that need to be addressed.

Dr. Maureen McCarthy, Chief of Staff, VA Medical Facilities reported that this year is the first time that the employees have asked to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade.

They are partnering with PVA to have wheelchair races here in the Phoenix area.

The VA had a 7% increase in patient care, over 95,000 and are fourth in the nation for community care.

The SAIL measures 14 metrics. They have improved in the Mental Health area. They have developed a 12 point plan to improve veteran impressions of the VA.

The VA was recognized by the American Heart Association last month for their outstanding care in cardiology. Two physicians have been recognized by the American Medical Association.

They are moving more and more to telehealth.

November they are focusing on men's health.

Terry Araman gave a report on the legislation that will be proposed at the next session of the State Legislator. There will be a steak holders meeting on November 16th, by invitation only. The next Veteran's Caucus has not been scheduled yet.

I had to leave at it is now 12:15 p.m. and I have another meeting to go to. The only thing that is left is "Good of the Order".

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Hatch".

Judith Hatch