

GOVERNING BOARD

West Valley residents named to American Legion Auxiliary leadership posts

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) recently elected Sun City resident Nicki Cruz as president of the 11th ALA District of Arizona.

The former president of the national award-winning John J. Morris American Legion Post 62, at 9847 W. Desert Cove Ave., Ms. Cruz will provide leadership to 11 units in Glendale, Peoria, Wickensburg, Buckeye, Avondale, Laveen, Goodyear and Phoenix.

Sun City resident Doris Theiss has been elected to a second term as president of Unit 62 in Peoria. Under the leadership of President Theiss, the John J. Morris American Legion Family was the recipient of the highest honor of the state convention, the Bieri Award. The Bieri Award is presented to the



Nicki Cruz

Arizona American Legion Family that demonstrates the highest level of cooperative support of veterans, military, families and community.

Founded in 1919, the National American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) helps to advance the mission of The American Legion. With nearly



Doris Theiss

three-quarters of a million members, it is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization and one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families.

The ALA also announced that Cindy Queen has been elected president for 2018-2019, the highest office in the

Department of Arizona.

Ms. Queen was unanimously elected during the Arizona Department Convention held at Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Conference Center. Her membership eligibility is through her father, a WWII Army Veteran (deceased). She is also eligible under her husband of 25 years, Ken, an Air Force Vietnam Veteran.

Originally a member in Bowie, Maryland, Ms. Queen now resides in Mesa and is a member of the Apache Unit 27 located in Apache Junction.

Queen looks forward to working throughout Arizona with Veterans and the nearly 15,000 strong American Legion Auxiliary members, as well as the Sons of the American Legion.

"We will continue the ex-

cellent work already being done to support veterans, communities and children of Arizona while working hard to increase our membership - ensuring that we can support the growing needs of our service men and women," Ms. Queen stated.

As is customary, President Queen selected a special project, which she will promote over the course of her year long tenure. As her special focus, Queen will raise funds and awareness to support visually impaired Veterans.

"I selected visually impaired Veterans partly because my husband and I have a visually impaired granddaughter. Through her struggles, I have become educated about the challenges the visually impaired face. I became aware of new tech-

nologies and therapies that exist or are under development, so I want to bring these advancements to our Veterans," she stated.

To learn more and get involved, visit ALADeptAZ.org .

IF YOU GO

What: General membership meetings
When: 5:30 p.m., First Tuesday of every month
Where: John J. Morris American Legion Post 62, at 9847 W. Desert Cove Ave., Peoria
More Information: Visit azpost62.com or call 623-972-8372