

**American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans
President's Message**

May 2018

This month our Legion Family takes time to remember our Fallen Veterans and if you can please attend a memorial service. Our country has endured much during the past 100 years and as a Nation this commitment to honor these heroes must continue. We have our freedoms due to their service and please keep them in your thoughts today, and continue to do for the many tomorrows.

Are you planning to attend the Celebrating Legion Family Dinner at Post 35? Please look for the flyer in this month's packet. The time is now to get your tickets and if you miss the opportunity to see our Legion Family we will be present at Department Convention.

Do not forget to send your Unit Impact Report to our Department Office by the deadline – May 15.

Thank you Unit 35 and District 7 for the hospitality and camaraderie extended to me on my official visits last month. The SAL Campout was a Blast and a great opportunity to bond with Legion Family at the Dead Horse Ranch Camp Grounds in Cottonwood. Thank you Sons for a great experience! The American Legion Family Fun Festival hosted by Posts 143,144 and 145 was good family fun! Thank you for the invitation.

The countdown is on and reports to your Department Chairman are due May 1. If by chance, you are missing a report form, forms can be found on our website, aladeptaz.org. Please send invitations to your Unit or District by either MAIL at: 15606 South Gilbert Road, Lot 103, Chandler, AZ 85225 or Email to yodobo@msn.com

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,

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Date	Description	Location
November 18, 2017	Girls State Dinner	Tempe, AZ, Post 2
November 19, 2017	District 12 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
November 25, 2017	Post 26 Dedication Ceremony	Mesa, AZ, Post 26
November 27, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Prescott, AZ
December 4, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Phoenix, AZ
December 6, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Tucson, AZ
December 7, 2017	Pearl Harbor Day	Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix
December 9, 2017	District 6 Official Visit	Snowflake, AZ Post 126
Decmber 13, 2017	Unit 39 Official Visit	Gilbert, AZ, Post 39
December 19, 2017	Unit 1 Official Visit	Phoenix, AZ, kPost 1
January 3, 2017	El Zaribah Installation	Phoenix, AZ
January 6, 2017	Strategic Planning Meeting`	Department Office, Phoenix, AZ
January 6, 2018	Department Open House	Department Office, Phoenix, Az
January 14, 2018	District 3 Meeting`	Tombstone, AZ
January 14, 2018	Southern Run Tour	Tucson Area
January 17, 2018	Post 145 Charter Anniversary	Post 145
January 21, 2018	District 2 Official Visit	Tucson, AZ, Post 36
January 27, 2018	National Security/Children & Youth workshop	Phoenix, AZ, Post 1
February 2-3, 2018	Mission Training	Las Vegas, NV
February 5, 2018	Unit 27 Official Visit	Apache Junction, AZ, Post 27
February 7-8, 2018	Creative Arts	Phoenix VA, Phoenix, AZ
February 10, 2018	District 12 Rehab Dinner	Chandler, AZ Post 35
Februarry 17, 2018	Arizona Mission Training	Unit 75, VFW Post 9400, Phoenix, AZ
February 18, 2018	Meeting re: Sister Jose	Post 36, Tucson, AZ
February 21, 2018	Akimel Patriotic Day	Akimel School, Phoenix, AZ
February 23-25, 2018	ALA NEC Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
March 1, 2018	Unit 41 Official Visit	Phoenix, Post 41
March 7-10, 2018	National President's Visit	Tucson Area
March 10, 2018	Unit 81 Official Visit	Post 81, Lake Havasu City
March 17-18, 2018	Distrc 1 Official Visit, Unit 19 Birthday	Yuma, AZ, Post 19
March 19, 2018	American Legion Birthday Dinner	Post 97, Florence, AZ
March 22, 2018	American Legion Birthday Dinner	Post 35, Chandler, AZ
March 25, 2018	Boys and Girls State Dinner	Post 91, Chandler, AZ
March 28-April 1, 2018	National Commander's Visit` - Northern Run	Northern Arizona
April 7, 2018	Strategic Planning Meeeting	Department Office, Phoenix, AZ
April 13-14, 2018	SAL Campout	Cottonwood, AZ
April 14, 2018	Post 29 Dinner	Glendale, AZ , Post 29
April 19, 2019	Unit 35 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
April 28, 2018	District 7 Official Visit`	William AZ,

American Legion Auxiliary
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Auxiliary Emergency Fund
May 2018

Happy May. This Chair sincerely hopes everyone had a great Easter and are working on your reports to have in on time. The Convention is coming up quickly!

May have time for one good fundraiser in May. Any and all ideas are greatly appreciated.

Remember that if any of the members of your Unit need help the Unit can use the Unit AEF fund and assist the member in applying on the National level.

AEF does have awards that will be presented at Convention in June so be sure your reports got sent.

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The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
AMERICANISM
May 2018

We have arrived - **the ALA year-end reporting time**. Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and must be received by the Americanism Committee no later than **May 1, 2018**.

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions (& remember to refer in third-person):

1. How did the unit promote the Americanism essays contest?
2. How did the unit promote the flag program?
3. How did the unit promote patriotic holidays?
4. How did units encourage support of the flag amendment?
5. Did units support The American Legion Americanism programs? How?
6. How did the unit promote Americanism in your community?

AMERICANISM AWARDS

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.

Department Award (see Award Sheet for complete rules):

1. Any Unit in the Department of Arizona may receive one of these awards in their membership classification.
2. The Unit report form must accompany a narrative of not more than 1,000 words typewritten and received by the Department Chairman by **May 1, 2018**.

National Award: *Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program*

Materials and Guidelines:

1. The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
2. The entry may include no more than five pictures and five news articles.
3. Entry must include National Cover Sheet & submitted to Department Americanism Committee no later than **May 1, 2018**.

Flag Day and **Independence Day** are both just around the corner. These are holidays that seem to bring out the patriotic side of most people. As we start to decorate in red, white, and blue, and display the flag, let's be sure we are up on our flag etiquette.

- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, or carrying anything.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.
- The flag should always be allowed to fall free – not drawn back or up, in folds.

May – National Military Appreciation Month

5/1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
5/8 VE Day (victory in Europe)

5/19 Armed Forces Day
5/25 National Poppy Day
5/28 Memorial Day

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Chaplain

May 2018

Thank you to the Units and Districts that sent in and year-end report!

Is your Unit or District going to submit a prayer book at Convention? Speaking of prayer books, *please send your prayers, inspiration poems/quotes, favorite scriptures or anything inspirational to me for President Yolanda's Prayer Book. You can email or snail mail them to me.*

If you will be submitting a Prayer Book at Convention, make sure to read and follow the rules for submitting a Prayer Book.

Thank you to those who have send me prayers for President Yolanda's Prayer Book.

Let me know if you would like a card sent to a Legion Family member. Email or call me, email preferred.

On Memorial Day, pay tribute to those who have left us.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

They answered their country's
call to arms,
into battle they did go,
Where their final destination was,
No one will ever know.

May their final resting place,
Under some unknown sod,
Be forever hallowed,
For it is known
only unto God.

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Creative Arts

May 2018

Did your Unit complete the year end report for Creative Arts? There are two department awards available for Creative Arts. One, the Carmelita Staker Plaque requires the report form submitted along with a narrative. The other, the Sandy Conklin Creative Arts Award goes to the Unit with the largest donation per-capita for Creative Arts. The winners will be announced at the Department Convention.

Although the local Creative Arts Festivals are over for this year, the National winners have not been announced (as of this writing) and the National Festival is yet to come. I saw some wonderful artwork at the three Arizona VAMC's and I can't wait to hear the national winners are from Arizona!

I realize all the ALA programs are worthy and not every Unit can support every program, but every little thing you do is appreciated. It only takes one grain of sand to make a pearl.

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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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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 29, 2018**
1:300pm **John P Burns Post 36**
5845 E 22nd St, Tucson, AZ All are welcome
Questions...Call Evelyn Williams 520-747-1449
- 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 14, 2018**
11:00am **Swift Murphy Post 32**
531 11th Ave, Safford.
Questions...Call Kat Sticklin 928-428-7431 for information of all
in District 5.
- April 28, 2018**
3:30pm **Henry Berry Post 4**
645 S Broad St, Globe
Questions...Call LaDonna Nieman 928-200-2957
- 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 7th 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	May 6, 2018	10:00 a.m. <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. 2nd Street Scottsdale, AZ 85251 Post phone number: 480-941-0130 President June L. Moyer 602-689-8937 Time: 1:30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

HISTORY MAY 2018

HEELS AND SPURS

Wonderful ladies,

We are almost at the end of our year. What will be in your history for your unit or District? Will our future generation be able to say, "What a great foundation our previous members laid for us!" We are all mentors in person so let us record our work.

Here are some tips to help guide you for your History.

- 1) Be sure to start recording events with the June 2017 Convention. Include your President's theme for the year and how it relates to the mission.
- 2) If Department President Yolanda visited your unit or District be sure to include dates and examples of the topics she presented to support veterans, their families and other programs.
- 3) Record special events that occurred during the year and how they relate to both Department and National themes. Examples: Special awards, fund raisers for our veterans or President's Special Project.
- 4) Include any media coverage, PSA on the radio or press releases in the paper and give details in your history report.
- 5) Did our National President visit your unit or district. Incorporate it in your history and report on her focus on the ALA mission.
- 6) Do you have any famous Auxiliary members? Why are they famous? Be sure to include full names and years of Auxiliary membership.

The Annual Report Form was in your Fall Conference Packets and also in one of the Bulletins. It may be submitted by either email or regular snail mail by May 1st 2018. Be sure to start working on your History Books and turning in by noon Friday at Department Convention June 22, 2018.

Ladies thank you for all you do, God bless you and God Bless America

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IRS Info to know

To: ALA Department Presidents, Department Secretaries, National Chairman
Cc: ALA National Officers, National Executive Committee, Past National Presidents
From: Compliance Accountant Sara Riegel
Date: April 20, 2018
Subject: 2018 IRS Updates – User fees for reinstatement application (IRS Form 1024 and 8718) have increased

The user fee has increased to **\$600** for nonprofit organizations seeking reinstatement of their federal tax-exempt status under section 501(a), which includes recognition as a 501 (c)(19).

ALA chartered organizations submitting ***IRS Form 1024 – Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501 (a)*** and ***IRS Form 8718 – User Fee for Exempt Organization Determination Letter Request*** must include the appropriate user fee and required information or the application may be returned to the organization.

Included is an excerpt from the IRS website (www.irs.gov) with the link to the publication.

EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

Rev. Proc. 2018–5 Rev. Proc. 2018–5

This revenue procedure sets forth procedures for issuing determination letters on issues under the jurisdiction of the Director, Exempt Organizations (EO) Rulings and Agreements. Specifically, it explains the procedures for issuing determination letters on exempt status (in response to applications for recognition of exemption from Federal income tax under § 501 or § 521 other than those subject to Rev. Proc. 2018–4, this Bulletin (relating to pension, profit-sharing, stock bonus, annuity, and employee stock ownership plans)), private foundation status, and other determinations related to exempt organizations. These procedures also apply to revocation or modification of determination letters. This revenue procedure also provides guidance on the exhaustion of administrative remedies for purposes of declaratory judgment under § 7428. Finally, this revenue procedure provides guidance on applicable user fees for requesting determination letters.

(https://www.irs.gov/irb/2018-01_IRB)

Junior News

As of this newsletter, the Juniors held their end of the year Conference on April 28th. This was changed to a one day event instead of a sleepover.

Notification was given to those units who responded to the early registration.

As of this writing, the conference hasn't taken place but we assured the Juniors that they would be having a great time with their friends.

This Conference is where all the End of the Year reports were due and we are looking forward to hearing what all our Arizona units have achieved.

Start making plans to attend the Department of Arizona Conference with your unit on June 21st to the 24th. The Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend this informative event. This is also where the awards will be handed out for the various programs offered by the Auxiliary.

Come and see if your Junior Unit won some of these awards

It has been a pleasure to serve this year as the Department of Arizona Junior Activity Chairman

Karon Quigg



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

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

May 2018

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!! There is only a couple months before we will be attending Convention at the Sheraton Hotel. Even though we are close to our deadline, there is still time to increase your membership. 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 your Unit “CAN-CAN”, as there are several so close. Congratulations to Unit 34 Cave Creek for getting 100% membership. Who will be next?

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.

We should be giving ourselves a big pat on the back as the comparison report again this week showed Arizona in the black, so let's keep that momentum going.

How many sent me your year-end report? Thanks to all those Units who did!!!

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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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

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

Welcome to Spring!

It's Poppy month and a great opportunity to pass out those beautiful flowers to our veterans. Memorial Day is at the end of the month and most, if not all, American Legions will be hosting events to honor the day. Moina Belle Michael, known as the Poppy Lady, started the tradition of wearing a poppy in 1918, as an emblem for “keeping the faith with all who died.” Inspiration for the tradition came from the 1915 poem by John McCrae, “In Flanders Field.”

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

Music adds enjoyment and an opportunity for participation for all in our monthly meetings. Including a song gives everyone the chance to be heard and feel a part of the group that is our wonderful organization.

Thanks to everyone who submitted year-end reports and narratives.

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. Click on ALA Department Awards Book and go to page 48. This will list the rules and the scoring for the awards. A typewritten narrative of not more than 1,000 words must accompany the report form.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

NATIONAL SECURITY

MAY 2018

Did your unit send me a year end report?

Donate Blood

Donating blood to those in need is a great way to serve your community. It also supports our nation's security! Learn more about American Red Cross blood donation programs and find a blood drive near you.

How to Train for a FEMA - Community Emergency Response Team

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) prepare and respond to disasters in countless communities across the country. Contribute to our nation's security by being prepared for disasters.

Recognize Blue Star Families

It's an American tradition to display a Blue Star Banner in the window of a home when a loved one is proudly serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a reminder that military service members are a part of every community. You can honor military service members in your community by presenting a Blue Star Banner to their family members. Purchase banners through the American Legion Emblem Sales website.

Make a Buddy Basket

A large number of homeless veterans have difficulty finding transitional or permanent housing. Help those who are making a fresh start by providing them with a Buddy Basket - a housewarming gift for formerly homeless veterans who have recently found housing. Baskets usually contain such things as cleaning supplies, linens, towels, dishes, and cutlery.

Provide Service to Veterans

Many of our aging or disabled veterans and their caregivers would appreciate some help around the house since many are not able to take care of housekeeping tasks themselves. Volunteer to do light home repairs, yard work, wash a car, or cook a meal.

Attend a Patriotic Event

Attending a patriotic event is a great way to show your love of country. Of course, many event organizers would welcome volunteer help in planning the event, setting up, working concessions, or taking down the event. Monitor the community news, especially around holiday time, to see if an event is happening near you. Determine if they need volunteers; if not, you could always just show up with your family to support your community.

Volunteer as a Poll Worker on Election Day

Voting is an important civic duty that every citizen should perform. In addition to voting, you can help others to do so by volunteering as a poll worker on election days or offering to drive people to the polls. Find out more by contacting the board of elections in your community or by visiting the federal Election Assistance Commission.

Volunteer for a Voter Registration Drive

Voting is a vital civic right for all Americans. It increases the civic health of local communities and the country as a whole. It also is one of the best ways to make your voice heard. Work with your American Legion Auxiliary unit or American Legion post to organize a local voter registration drive. For tips on successful voter registration drives, visit the League of Women Voters or National Voter Registration Day websites.

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May Dates: May 6th VE Day 1945 - May 15th Armed Forces Day – May 28th Memorial Day

POPPY

May 2018

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO WITH POPPIES

Don't forget !! Your year end reports are due May 1, 2018. I can't do my report if you don't do yours-- then I look bad. Reports reflect May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. The information acquired is important.

My thanks to those Units that entered Poppy Posters. Great artists shows on all. I look forward to our June Convention where I'll announce the winners that go to Western Division for competition. Those that don't get forwarded can be picked up before you leave. Suggestion: use all the posters you received to decorate your Post- show them off.

I hope to see many other award entries also. They need to be at Convention, on the side tables by opening so they can be judged in time for my announcement timeslot.

Miss Poppy Plaque- Rules on Dept. website awards page 55. Age requirement for competition is age 6 through 12. Your scrapbook needs to go to your Dept. Junior Conference end of April. **DO NOT SEND YOUR SCRAPBOOK TO ME.** I will not be at the Junior Conference and have no way to get it there. Judging will be done there.

Miss Poppy of all ages-If you would like to bring your Miss Poppy scrapbook for the purpose of display to the Dept. Convention in June, for the Sr. members to look at, you may do so. If your Miss Poppy is over age 12 she isn't eligible for the competition but she can still do a scrapbook to proudly show her year of effort.

National Headquarters is looking for one Unit per Division who is very active on National Poppy Day. This is for Units/Posts that had a strong coordinated presence in their local community last year or are planning one for this year on NPD - Parades- memorial services- distributions- etc Also- looking for Unit/Post that does something "outside the box" for NPD. If this describes your Unit, please send me a narrative describing what you did last year or what you will be doing this year. Also- there's a very nice NPD logo on the Nat'l website.

Speaking of the Nat'l website...under Member Resources- Poppy --there is a wealth of information about the Poppy program. I recommend all Unit poppy chairman, current or future read through this. NPD pins and regular poppy pins available at emblem sales.

Memorial Day- May 28th this year. That weekend is great for Poppy donations! Those who give will expect to see you out and about. Honor the fallen and support the living. It's a perfect time for letting everyone know about ALA and branding us with the Poppy. This is not just a girl thing- it's a 'family' thing. Get your men and sons out with poppy distribution also. Miss Poppy should be in parades and whatever events there are in your area in addition to your Post.

Unit Most Outstanding Poppy Program. If your Unit has been exceptionally active with the Poppy program please send a detailed narrative to me- received by me by May 21, 2018. Incorporate some information from the year end report, i.e., how promoted, presence in the community etc. Don't leave anything out- the best, most active will be sent to Western Division.

For God and Country,
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PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Hello Ladies,

To date we have taken in \$21,000.00 for Presidents special project. I thank you all for your enthusiasm all year. But, we are only half way there. I have found a little black dress that would look darn good on me, but I am thinking more of a blue moo moo I found???? Which one do I buy???

Since we are all winding down our year, doing reports and narratives, if you happen to have a little excess money and don't know what to spend it on, please remember president's special project.

Send in your narrative's for a chance to win the PSP awards. No report form needed.

See you all soon.

Rose

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
TROPHIES AND AWARDS
MAY 2018**

Department Convention is next month and all Unit and District Presidents please, please make sure to return awards and plaques awarded at last year's convention. This will enable the 2018 winner to receive her plaque as it is awarded.

Department would really like to present all awards that are available. Several plaques that have not been awarded because Units have not entered into competition. Please read directions as shown in the "Department Awards Rules and Regulations for Department Awards Manual". Let's make it easy for Department Staff and not have them take these awards back to storage at Headquarters. It is better to have awards displayed in their Unit or District Meetings throughout Arizona.

Don't forget if your Unit has won an award three years in a row you can keep it. If you choose to do this, the award needs to be replaced with a new one. Check the Awards Book for further information.

Look forward to seeing you in June at the Awards Table.

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

MAY, 2018

Ladies,

We are in dire need of units to host the monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials for September 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.**

Units hosting the monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials are as follows:

May 15	Unit 131	June 19	Unit 59	July 17	Not Assigned
August 21	Unit 68				

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

Arnold	7	Virginia	10	Herman	18
William	22	Bruce	27	Dennis	27

May Birthdays

Frederick	1	David	3	Alfred	7
Curtis	11	Dale	11	Craig	17
James	18	Maurice	20	Asberry	24
Malcolm	27				

REMINDER: 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.

The American Legion 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 the 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. Other 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 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; and 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. Also, thank you Units 66, 73 and 109 for the wonderful dinners/luncheons provided for our visitors.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

May

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| 5 | Cinco de Mayo hosted by ASVH-Tucson with mariachi music, a Mexican luncheon. American Legion Auxiliary will provide Mexican desserts. |
| 8 | Pizza Party – Monthly at 2:00 p.m. We need a donor to provide te pizza and chicken wings (always ordered and purchased at Pizza Hut. Usually hosted by American Legion Auxiliary. Cost is \$140. |
| 10 | Luncheon hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary = Build your own tostada. Contact Anna Marie at 520-404-7646 as we need donated ingredients for tostadas and in need of Mexican pastries for dessert. |
| 13 | Mother's Day – Breakfast hosted by the home and the American Legion Auxiliary will provide corsages for the female residents (9) in honor of Mothers Day. |
| 15 | POWWOW – Produce – Donation of \$10 for 60 lbs of produce 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Volunteers include American Legion Auxiliary Units |
| 18 | ASVH-Tucson Spring-Summer Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00\ p.m. with vendors. If interested to sell arts and crafts contact Anna Marie at 520-404-7646. Vendors provide a \$15 donation for a spot (bring your own table and chair). Vendors to set up at 9:00 a.m. |
| 25 | Memorial Day – ASVH-Tucson will have a remembrance day in honor of the veterans who resided at the home. Ceremony is at 10:00 a.m. and a luncheon will follow hosted by the home. |

Upcoming Events

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| Pending | Annual bike show – the American Legion Auxiliary will host the event with BBQ Pull Pork, macaroni salad, chips, and dessert. Requesting Units to donate for this event buns, chips, and desserts. There will be a \$5 donation/per plate for the lunch which the funds will go directly to the recreational therapy program (for events/activities).. |
| Pending | Father's Day – entertainment pending |

For God and country,

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
3-31-18

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 March 13, 2018 (sponsored by Unit 131) and March 20th, 2018. We will be sponsoring refreshments on April 17th, 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.

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.

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 March 31, 2018 is \$11,743.13. Fourteen youth volunteers were sponsored by all Units. 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 March 31, 2018 is \$57,391.60. 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. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 is 5,196.25; occasional volunteer hours are 360.5 donated by eighty one occasional volunteers (includes Christmas Gift Shop volunteers). We are back up to thirteen registered adult volunteers at SAVAHCS. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have three new American Legion Auxiliary registered volunteers this year.

This chairman has volunteered 374 hours and logged 4,320 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of March 31, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION BULLETIN

MAY 1, 2018

QUESTION: DID YOUR UNIT:

Give a helping hand to the Legion's homeless veteran coordinator in your department and offer to assist that coordinator in responding to requests for assistance from homeless veterans or homeless veteran service providers.

- Crochet hats, scarves or mittens to be distributed to homeless veterans. Use information provided by your department chairman to contact the homeless veteran coordinator at the VA health care system nearest you to explore what the unit or you can do to help homeless veterans in your community.
- Participate in the VA Project CHALENG organized by the VA health care system nearest to you. (Project CHALENG for Veterans enhances the care for homeless veterans provided by your local VA and its surrounding community service agencies.)
- Contact your local post chairman and offer your assistance if requests for help come through the Legion's Family Support Network (FSN).
- Raise funds for local American Legion posts to help veterans and their families through the Family Support Network for veterans at risk of losing their housing or homeless veterans transitioning to permanent housing by:
 - o Clothes collection and distribution
 - o Assembly and delivery of hygiene kits, buddy baskets
 - o Purchasing or securing household items or furniture
- Reach out to specific homeless veterans, such as residents of projects mentioned above to provide her/him practical, social and moral support.

IF YOUR UNIT DID ALL THIS AND MORE LET US KNOW THROUGH YOUR 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 unit VA&R chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 1, 2018** to this VA&R chairman at:

Patricia Lugo, Chairman @plugo1@cox.net or mail to 7232 West Sells Drive, Phx, AZ 85033

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME

PHOENIX

MAY 2018

Good Morning Ladies,

The weather has been strange this Spring, but the residents at the State Home are finally able to enjoy the outside. Not too hot, not too cool.

The Easter baskets were really appreciated by the female Veterans. Each basket was filled with goodies and a bunny that smelled like chocolate. This was made possible through your continued support of the ASVH. Thank you all so much, and I hope we can do it again next year.

I would like to thank Unit 29 and Unit 4 for their donations to the ASVH this month.

After May 2018, we will not be getting the full or first names for the birthday cards and the Christmas list. We will be receiving just their initials. The State home is following the HIPPA laws and says it to keep the residents privacy information to a minimum. Please don't let this detour you from supporting the ASVH.

Below is the list of the 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.				

If you would like to send the birthday cards directly to the ASVS their address is:
4141 N S Herrera Way, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Attention Kayla Uptine. Or just send them to me and I will deliver them for you. My address is: 3720 W. Glenn Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85051

Donation Wish List (2017/2018)

I have underlined the most need items.

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 FOR THEIR LIBRARY

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)

Along with the donation list, I am adding some of the items from last year. They are as follows:

Soft snack cakes (such as Little Debbie's) for those needing a softer snack

Comfortable Sweat Pants or Shorts (sizes M, L, XL, and XXL)

Men's tennis shoes or slippers (with a back) in a variety of sizes

Batteries (AA, AAA and D)

Stamps

Reacher's

Cups with lids and handles

DVD's (current or new releases)

Hand Held Electronic Games: Poker, black jack, Yahtzee, solitaire, etc.

Puzzles that are 550 pieces and under

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 mail or send an email your Unit's year-report by May 1st. My email address is: 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
7 April 2018

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman James Katzenberger, the opening ceremony was conducted and guests were introduced.

Domingo Bonilla, TAL Commander gave an update on programs sponsored by The American Legion. He reported on their efforts to raise funds for our veterans. There is also a concern for our women veterans. A new facility has recently opened in the east valley called "Valor on 8th" specifically for women veterans with children.

Palmer Miller and Kim Rodrigues reported on "The Mission of HOHP/Honoring, Hiring and Helping our Heroes of Pinal County, the Creation of Eagle One (mobile Veteran outreach), and Pinal County Veterans Center". Pinal County is stepping up to provide services for needy veterans in Pinal County. They were able to acquire a mobile for \$1.00. The unit travels throughout Pinal County servicing our veterans. For more information contact Palmer Miller at palmermiller@msn.com.

Michael Herbert, Administrative Officer, Volunteer Services, PVAHCS/Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System. They are looking for more volunteers. There will be an event on April 17th at 10:00 a.m. at American Legion Post 1. They have quarterly meetings. For more information contact Michael.herbert2@va.gov. We need to give vets a hand up not a hand out.

Barbara Hatch and Michelle DiMuro from Veterans Heritage Program gave an update on the Veterans Heritage Program. They also invited everyone to attend the next book signing on April 8th in Scottsdale. The Program was started in 2004, in 2009 it became a 501(c)3. Currently they have 29 chapters and their goal is to grow into all 50 states. So far 1820 veteran's stories have been told and preserved with the library of Congress. This program is the largest contributor to our veteran's heritage at the Library of Congress.

Carol Culbertson took the roll, and a quorum was established. A motion was made to accept the minutes, second and approved.

Treasure Jim Denzien gave the treasurer's report. Currently there is \$55,535.21 in all the accounts combined.

Luis Cardenas-Camacho from Congressman Gallego's Office gave a short report.

Judith Hatch gave a report on the upcoming Memorial Day program being held on Monday, May 28, 2018 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. She encouraged those wishing to display their wreath's at the ceremony to confirm with Sue Wudy.

Dr. Maureen McCarthy, Chief of Staff, Phoenix VA Medical Facilities reported on some issues being addressed at the VA Medical Facility. Dr. McCarthy reported that next week they will be celebrating one year of stable leadership at the Phoenix VA Facilities. There have been a number of site visits from

various inspection teams, insuring the health, welfare and safety of the facility. These visits only identified a few minor issues which have been corrected. She further advised the membership that the Phoenix VA is the largest user of the "Choice" program. May 16th they will be launching a smoke free campus campaign. There will be two locations for the smokers to go. One for employees and one for veterans and visitors. They are looking at having this totally in effect by the beginning of July. The VA will be conducting an extensive lung cancer screening program along with a smoking cessation program. "No Shows" continue to be a problem. About 6,000 vets a month fail to show for their appointments. Everyone is encouraged to make sure that they show up for appointments or be sure to cancel so other veterans can be put in your place. The VA is upgrading their electrical system. This will result in some scheduled power outages until the upgrade is completed. They try to do these upgrades during down times for the clinics. May 21 & 22 there will be an emergency medical exercise in Phoenix, which will include the VA Medical Facility.

Terry Araman gave an update on the Legislative issues dealing with veterans and their programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was announced that all the funds needed to refurbish the WWI Memorial have been received. The repairs should be started soon.

May 5 and June 2 meetings of the UAV will be held in the basement of the VA Medical Facility ACC.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A veteran (Jonathan Smart) was killed in Arizona recently by a semi-truck. The truck company is not willing to pay for the transport of his body back to his home (I think it is Alabama) A "go fund me account" has been established to raise the funds for this purpose.

1. Monday, 30 April 2018 – Community Salutes at the Tempe Center for the Arts Salute to past, present, and future military members. Light appetizers served after the ceremony. Tempe Center of the Arts street address: 700 W. Rio Salado, Tempe 85281. POC: David Lucier, 480-703-4008, davidflucier@gmail.com.
2. Friday, 4 May, 5 PM to 8 PM – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser sponsored by Freedom Reins, an equine-assisted nonprofit outreach promoting emotional health in the lives of veterans, active duty military, first responders, and people rescued from abuse. This is a fundraiser to help fund Freedom Reins' services for people with PTSD, or people suffering from trauma. Place: Centerstage Church, 550 S. Oronwood Drive, Apache Junction 85120. POC: Jeff Galley, Jeff@freedom-reins.org, 602-770-2223.
3. Friday, 11 May, 19th Annual Air Force Association Benefit Golf Tournament at Falcon Dunes Golf Club, 15100 W. Northern Avenue, just West of Litchfield Road. 6:30 a.m./ registration, 7:30 a.m. – Shotgun Start. POC: Harry Bailey, hhbailey99@cox.net
4. Monday, 28 May, 8:00 a.m. – Memorial Day Ceremony, National Memorial Cemetery, 23029 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix 85024. Honoring our brave heroes who have given their all during recent conflicts.

POC: Judith Hatch, judithhatch42@yahoo.com, 602-628-7089.

5. Friday, 7 December, 10:55 a.m. – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Wesley Bolin Plaza, 17th Avenue between Washington and Jefferson.

6. Cleaning of the Vietnam Veteran Memorial, April 21, 2018, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Contact person is Midge Munro of in Country 623-979-0829. Bring water, rags and Sun Screen.

7. Vietnam Remembrance Day Ceremony, Sunday, 29 April 2018

Time: Set up 6:30 a.m.

Band starts: 8:30 a.m.

Ceremony begins 9:00 a.m.

Where: Wesley Bolin Plaza Vietnam Memorial

May bring small shade tents for shade if needed.

POC: Maria Valdez 602-796-4997 or email Msvvaldez@kiblaw.com

There being no further information to be brought before the organization, closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Hatch". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Judith Hatch