

Serving Those Behind The Badge

May 2021

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

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING...5-15-2021...flyer in this packet.

DEPARTMETN PRESIDENTS OFFICAL VISITS... Did you invite her to your Unit or District?

MANDATES...DEPARTMEN...The following Units have not paid their Department Mandates. They must be paid 30 days before Department Convention and that is MAY 25, 2021. Unit 3,7, 9,10,19,25,31,25,37, 46,56,79,84,91,97,114,117,125,126,130,134.

Districts Mandates are also due on this date. Contact your District to find out what they are.

PSP SHIRTS...we have them here in the office for sale. RED and BLUE tee shirts and polos wicking material...Get yours TODAY.

GIRLS STATE...It's happening...watch for details from the DIRECTOR...Did you get your information?

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

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Membership & Secretary

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EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ...if you have received a red ticket since last Fall Conference please contact Department again so that we can mail out your prize asap.

MEMBERSHIP... "MEMBERSHIP PATROL Part 2". Membership is everyone's job. Legion Act has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. Be a life saver and get a renewal and a rejoin. ARIZONA is at 80.68%...need to work on that...WE CAN DO IT!! Check out the standings we have several Units that do not have the minimum of 10 members to maintain their charter. National has already asked if these Units are CANCELLING THIER CHARTERS. Question is are they?

RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY PHONE... Call National Headquarters at **(317) 569-4570** with your member ID and debit or credit card ready. If you would like to pay multiple members' dues at the same time, please call them, as this is the easiest way to accomplish this task.

Applications MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE

- The original application is sent to DEPARTMENT not copies of them.
- Be eligible & USE BLUE INK, SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION and COMPLETE INFO.
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1
- NEW "ANYTIME AFTER" Veteran Served...MUST IDENTITY CONFLICT...CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
- DIRECT DESCENDANT... No longer on NEW application
- Only 1 relationship and do not add any
- Now you have spouse in place of wife, you have to identify female or male spouse
- Must be signed by a Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself
- Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies
- Do not pay for paid online and PUFL members on your transmittals...They are already paid for.
- NO NEW women veterans special offer for 2021.
- USE THE FORMS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING.
- DO NOT RECREATE THE FORMS.

Please say a little prayer or wish that all are safe.

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Dept Secretary/Treasurer
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"ALA Dept of AZ President"

Patricia Lugo's Homecoming

Saturday May 15th 2021

5:00 – 6:00 pm No host

Enchilada Dinner/Dessert

Dinner 6:00 pm

Presentations following Dinner

Tony F. Soza/Ray Martinez Post 41

715 S. 2nd Ave

Phoenix, AZ 85003

Name(s) _____

Dinner Tickets # _____ @ \$15.00 ea.

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Gloria Torres.

Mail to:

Gloria Torres

6446 W. Oregon Ave

Glendale, AZ 85301

(Cocktails & Dancing)

8pm – 12:00 am

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2021

“Serving Those Behind the Badge”

I hope you remembered that reports are due May 1, 2021. It is not too late to send in your report to the program chairmen. Let us report the work that has been done during these trying times.

In the month of April, we “PURPLED UP” for military kids. In the month of May National Military Spouse Appreciation Day is officially observed the Friday before Mother's Day. This year, it is celebrated Friday, May 7, 2021. It would be a nice gesture to reach out to a military spouse and send her a simple “Thank you” note to express understanding and appreciation for the demands placed on their lives. You might also invite her to join the Auxiliary!

The 101st Department Convention is scheduled for June 24, 2021 thru June 27, 2021. It will be held at the Delta hotels by Marriott Phoenix Mesa. Pre-registration deadline is June 4, 2021. I hope to see you there.

Thank you for your support of my Special Project, **The One Hundred Club of Arizona**. All the money donated for the project stays in Arizona to help our First Responders.

First Responders Tee shirts are still available at the Department office.

As of last report membership is at 76.29%. Membership Patrol, Part 2, has been busy since the Legion Act opened the window of eligibility from 12/7/1941 thru now. **WE CAN DO IT!**

Until next month, stay safe.

Patricia Lugo, President
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“Celebrating a Century of Service”

**Centennial
2019 - 2021**



Thank you to those Units have sent in name of Active Member who has most years! There is still time to honor those members. Please have your Unit take part so that we can present their names with certificates at Department Convention.

The Centennial Report Form was in the December Packet. If you do not have it I will be glad to send it to you. My e-mail is **ksmith111@cox.net**

Your Unit/District can still plan some type of activity which can be a part of the Centennial. I would like to be able to report Arizona celebrations to the National committee. Remember, you can partner the Centennial with another activity.

You may think it is too late to celebrate. Never! It's not! If any of you have pictures of your Centennial Celebrations, please send them to me. It would be very much appreciated. See you in June!

Karen Smith (520) 249-1119 1133 Carmelita Drive, Sierra Vista
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Chaplain

May 2021

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary members,

I hope this bulletin finds you all healthy and safe. It has been confirmed that Convention 2021 will take place and I'm very excited to see everyone. With that being said, Units will need to ensure that they have their prayer books completed and submitted for award judging at Convention. I'm working hard on completing Madam Presidents prayer book but I need more submissions from the Units and Districts. Please email or regular mail them to me at the address below.

As always, if you would like me to send a card to someone, my contact information is listed below. Please send me an e-mail or text message and I'll get a card sent out right away. I'd be happy to send any kind of card – get well, condolences, thinking of you, motivational, encouragement, great job, etc.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for fearfully and wonderfully creating each of us. Thank You for giving us worth in Your eyes. Help us live as the one You uniquely intended us to be. Help us abide instead of strive, living peacefully and joyfully as heirs to Your Kingdom.

Amen.

Stacey Mayberry

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**Serving Those Behind The Badge
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
May 2021**

Greetings Fellow Auxiliary Members,

May is an exciting month as it is time to celebrate our Children and Youth! May is the month that our Auxiliary Units go all out working the Children and Youth program:

- Work with your Junior chairman to hold a bake sale, auction or garage sale
- Work with your Education chairman to bring a Veteran into the classroom to share their stories.
- A paper Hug to A Service Friend – A print and go thank you card to send to a veteran. Don't forget to make the paper hug! <http://www.mycutegraphics.com/graphics/graphics.html>

If you have a youth who has been nominated or will be nominated please notify me as soon as possible. We would like to present the Good Deed at the Convention this year.

Enclosed is a copy of the year end Children and Youth report that is due to this chairman by May 1, 2020. There are three Children and Youth award that your Unit can send a narrative along with the report form to be awarded a plaque:

- **AZ Child Welfare Plaque**
- **Jeanne McQuown Memorial Child Welfare Plaque**
- **Mary Bean Children and Youth Plaque**

Please refer to the Department website for the rules and regulations of the Department awards. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. I look forward to seeing your reports and narratives.

For God and Country,

Lynda Griffin – Chairman

- Rebecca Gulley – Committee Member
- Shirley Cannon-Johnson – Committee Member

Community Service

May 2021

Hello ALA Members,

“Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.” ~Senecas

I want to thank all the units that sent in reports for Community Service. I am still going thru them, but what wonderful things you have been up too this year! Even during a pandemic, ALA members did not stop serving their communities. It is encouraging to see so many keeping their service to the community and others alive and well. It is truly heartwarming!

From fundraisers done virtually, to making masks and giving out care packages to those in need, to baking goods for our First Responders and the homeless and food & school drives, ALA members have been busy.

Even though we have had to social distance, we still kept our community service going strong. Thank you for all that you do!

Do not forget to RECYCLE!

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Education May 2021



The deadline for the Department of Arizona WILMA HOYAL-MAXINE CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is quickly approaching. One annual scholarship of \$1000.00 is available to a student at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona enrolled as a second year or upper division student in Political Science, Public Programs or Special Education.

Any applicant must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Arizona for at least one year. Honorably discharged veterans or immediate family members of a veteran will be given preference.

Applications must be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Headquarters office by May 15.

Recipients will receive awards through the appropriate school offices for each academic year in the following manner: One half of the award will be made available to the recipient at the beginning of fall and spring semesters, dependent on proper enrollment with the university. Applicant must complete at least 12 hours with a grade average of "B" or better, and be enrolled as a fulltime student.

Applications to apply for this scholarship can be found on the Department website. [Scholarships & Educational Opportunities \(aladeptaz.org\)](http://aladeptaz.org) Former recipients continuing degree programs as listed above may re-apply provided the applicant complies with rules and submits a new application.

Thank you to all the Unit Chairmen who turned in their year-end report by the May 1st deadline. I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary education programs throughout the school year, especially Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7.

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

Julie M. Vietri

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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, C/O Margaret Rader, 1519 W Churchill Pl, Tucson, AZ 85746 **NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2021**. 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 2020 Ending Month: _____ Year 2021 _____

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)
rev. 11/16/18

(QUESTIONS:) PLEASE CONTACT Finance Chairman Helen Stout, 520-237-5817 or email address: -
TwoRockings @ cox.net) **ALL QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED**

JUNIOR BULLETIN MAY 2021

ALA Junior Poppy Craft



Looking for a simple craft project for your American Legion Auxiliary Junior members? This poppy button, introduced at the 2017-2018 national Junior meetings, is a bright and brilliant way to offer a team-building activity for Juniors while also teaching them about the ALA Poppy Program and why we wear the red flower to honor our servicemembers.

The buttons can be worn by the Juniors making them, or they can be tacked onto a magnet, glued to a headband/hairclip, or worn as a brooch. Because of the button's size and color, it'll be sure to stand out on any surface.

Consider asking your Junior members to distribute the buttons for donations on National Poppy Day® (the Friday before Memorial Day), give them to veterans, or present them to senior ALA members.

What you need:



Red felt, approximately 3" x 3" per poppy



felt circles, precut with sticky backs

1" Black



Small yellow buttons, 15 mm



Small round magnets with adhesive

What to do:

1. Trace poppy design onto red felt, using a poppy template or freehand
2. Cut out poppy
3. Remove backing from black felt circle; place circle in middle of poppy
4. Glue yellow flower button onto black circle
5. Remove back from magnet; place on back of poppy

This craft project was originally published in the February 2018 issue of Auxiliary magazine.

Reports are due by May 1, 2015. We are anxious to hear what your Juniors have been doing!

Lexis Escudero, Junior Chairman
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Legislative

May 2021

Greetings,

I hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits. As of the writing of this bulletin, Governor Doug Ducey lifted restrictions, including seating capacity. Many are still wearing masks and socially distancing. Others are getting vaccinated. Masks are still required in State and Federal buildings. Johnson and Johnson paused manufacturing production of their one dose COVID-19 vaccine due to illnesses and deaths.

President Biden said that he is bringing all troops home by September 11th in Afghanistan. He also laid out his plans for gun control regulations and the border.

As many of you know the Governor and President, are still giving daily briefings on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Protests and demonstrations in Washington DC as well as State Capitols including ours have died down somewhat, but strict security restrictions are still in place due to threats on elected officials and COVID restrictions. Our State Capitol will soon have a permanent non scaleable fence surrounding the Executive Tower, House, Senate and Museum. The State Legislature is currently working on passing bills from last session, as well as the budget.

Your Year End Reports were due to me by May 1ST!!!! It is vital to our organization that these reports are done. It is important that these Legislative reports are done on a Unit level, so that the Department Chairmen have something to give to National to take to Congress. My report to National is due by May 15th.

In closing, please stay healthy and positive. Remember, we are all in this together. Please remember, to be kind and patient with one another. I miss you all and care deeply about you and hope to see you soon. If there is anything you need to talk about, call or email me. I am but a few clicks away. See you at Convention!!!

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

Chairman

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP MAY 2021

HAPPY MAY DAY TO ALL MEMBERS AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THAT CARRY THIS TITLE. MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED WITH THE HAPPINESS YOU DESERVE.

MEMBERSHIP PATROL IT IS TIME TO HIT THE SIDEWALK RUNNING AS WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO REACH OUR MEMBERSHIP GOALS. AS OF APRIL 14, WE ARE AT 85.07% FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA. WE CAN DO BETTER NOW THAT SOME OF THE CRAZINESS OF THE PAST YEAR IS STILL PRESENT BUT NOT AS BAD. WHATEVER YOU DID LAST YEAR IS THE WAY TO FINISH UP THIS YEAR.

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO INVITE A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR OR ANYONE YOU BELIEVE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION. THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS IS BY SHOWING YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND PASSION FOR THE WORK WE DO.

THE EXCITEMENT OF OUR JUNE CONVENTION SHOULD BE ON ALL OUR MINDS. I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU AND HEARING YOUR ZEAL AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. DO NOT FORGET WE ARE ALSO HAVING NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PHOENIX AND CELEBRATING OUR 100 YEARS AGAIN SINCE NOT DONE LAST YEAR.

THIS COMING YEAR PROMISES TO BE A GREAT YEAR AND I HOPE YOU WE ARE ALL TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES SO THAT WE ARE IN GOOD HEALTH TO ENJOY. I HOPE EVERYONE HAS RECEIVED THEIR COVID VACCINE SO THAT THE ONLY THING WE SHARE ARE GOOD THINGS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WORK YOU DO AND GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA. DON'T FORGET TO SIGN OFF WITH STAYING ALIVE STAYING ALIVE STAYING ALIIIIIVE!

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Membership chairman

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ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP



SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE

My thanks to those that completed reports whether any members completed on-line courses or not. I have promoted this training option this past year as the alternative to in-house training as we all went through our closures and minimal travel situations. It has been a long hard road back to normalcy for all of us and this next year will bring more changes.

The following courses are now offered from National, (alaforveterans.org). Unit members should be encouraged to take advantage of this option as it allows you to review at your own speed and return to each course when questions arise in your Unit. A new course will be added to the Junior Courses in early May. Also, a new guidebook is available from Emblem Sales or a free version on-line. Use your Membership number as your user ID and make your own password. Write it on the back of an old Membership Card to keep in front of your computer for easy access (for those that can't remember the safe place like me).

ALA Academy self-paced courses currently available:

- ***ALA 101***
- ***ALA Branding and Why it Matters to Me***
- ***ALA Communication Methods***
- ***Establishing an ALA Culture of Goodwill***
- ***ALA Fundraising***
- ***How to Deal with Conflict***
- ***ALA Leadership: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self***
- ***ALA Juniors eLearning Course***

As you complete the National Courses, please document the course on the Training Tracking Form. This form should be on the Department website under member resources at www.aladeptaz.org.

This is my last year as the Chair of Arizona Mission Training. I have enjoyed the ride (except for this last year) and encourage all members to work with the new Chair. Many thanks for the opportunity.

For God and Country in Service to Veterans

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”
MUSIC REPORT**

April 2021

Greetings Members,

With social distancing and the flu, we are still mostly home bound trying to keep Covid-19 and the flu at bay. I'm pleased to hear so many Units are continuing with their music programs despite the challenges from Covid-19. Fortunately, many have chosen to get the vaccine.

I've had the opportunity to speak with some units and would like to visit and hear what the Units have in mind for music opportunities. If you would like assistance with ideas or music, I'm here to assist you. Some units are including a patriotic song during their meetings. Other Units' juniors have sung "The National Anthem" at their functions. It's wonderful to include these young voices, they are our future.

Year-end reports are due May 1, 2021. I'm looking forward to receiving your reports and hearing about things you are doing within your Units and Posts. It's vital to our organization that these reports are completed by your Unit Chairman, I would like to report to National what our Units are doing despite dealing with Covid-19. I certainly appreciate your input.

It might be early, but I've been looking at possible choices for Convention Memorial Service. I have a few selections in mind, but if you have a suggestion I would welcome your suggestions. I would like to add new music choices to the mix.

“Music puts everything you wish you could say into words and melody.”
Stephen Gomez

With a song in your heart
For God and Country,

Alma Mattingly, Department Music Chairman

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL SECURITY

MAY 2021

This is the month that all reports were due on the first. I'm hoping that all Units sent your paperwork to me. I in turn, need to send a comprehensive report to National and can only do so with your support.

A little bit of information as a reminder for each of us:

- It is very important to support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve and transitioning military servicemembers and their families.
- Assist military spouses in getting and maintaining employment.
- Support the National Security programs of The American Legion.
 - Complete a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course.
 - Refer to How to Train for FEMA's Community Emergency Response Teams for information and specific steps.
 - Build and/or help a neighbor build an emergency preparedness kit and plan.
 - Sign up for the Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and be sure to act on the ones regarding a strong national defense and affecting current and transitioning servicemembers and their families.

Legion Resources: •

- ✓ Blue Star and Gold Star Banner: www.legion.org/troops/bluestar
- ✓ Disaster Preparedness and Response for American Legion Posts: www.legion.org/documents/pdf/talarc_disaster_preparedness.pdf
- ✓ Family Support Network: www.legion.org/familysupport
- ✓ Operation Comfort Warriors: www.legion.org/troops/operationcomfort
- ✓ Legislative Action Alerts: <http://capwiz.com/legion/home/>

Until next month with more news!!

Cindy Queen

National Security Chairman

2019-2021

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New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

MAY 2021


EXCITING NEWS we are working on a NEW BABY UNIT in District 3, looks like the delivery will be at State Convention in June!!

BASIC RESEARCH

To better relate to a prospective member, do some research on why members join. Answer the Who, What, When, Where and Why to help you recall why you joined the American Legion Auxiliary.

Use these questions to survey Unit members. Their responses will reveal useful information. You will learn where your unit has succeeded and discover areas that need improvement. Also, responses to the survey should provide a guide for future recruitment of new members.

1. WHEN did you hear your first message about the American legion Auxiliary?
2. WHERE did you hear it?
3. WHAT attracted you?
4. WHO did you connect with?
5. WHY did you join and become active?
6. Did you join as a volunteer in service to others?
7. Did you join to find out what YOU could GIVE to the Auxiliary?
8. Did you join for recognition and power?
9. Did you join for what YOU could get FROM the Auxiliary?

Have a safe Memorial Day weekend. 

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**American Legion Auxiliary
Past Presidents Parley**

May 2021

Did you submit your PPP Report!

MEMBER OF THE YEAR SEARCH IS A SUCCESS!

This Department Chairman is searching for Past Members of the Year. Can your Unit help me find Past Arizona Members of the Year, say from 2000 thru 2019? Both our National PPP Chairman Carlene Ashworth and I want to hear where they are? Are they still involved in your Unit? Did the honor inspire them to reach new heights in their Auxiliary activities? We want to hear your story.

I am happy to let you know that many Past Members of the Year have answered this call and this information will be sent to our National PPP Chairman Carlene Ashworth at the end of the month. If by chance you happen to have contact with a Past Member of the Year please let me know ASAP.

Plans are in the works to have a Department Convention at the Mesa Marriott and it's not too late to book your accommodations at:

The Department Convention information forms and notices are now on the [department-convention-resources-and-forms](#) page. You can register for the 101st Department Convention that will be held at The Delta Hotels by Marriott Phoenix Mesa, June 24-27, 2021!

THIS MONTH PPP HONORS SISTERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THEIR SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!

Current President Patricia Lugo and Past Department President Josephine Herrera by their continuing service to the ALA.

Yolanda Bonilla
Past Presidents Parley Chairman
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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE**

May 2021

The 100 CLUB of Arizona supports city, county, state, federal, and tribal public safety agencies.

This includes fire services, probation, corrections, parole in the state of Arizona.

A reminder, all of the money collected stays in the state of Arizona.

I want to thank everyone that has contributed this very worthwhile Special Project!

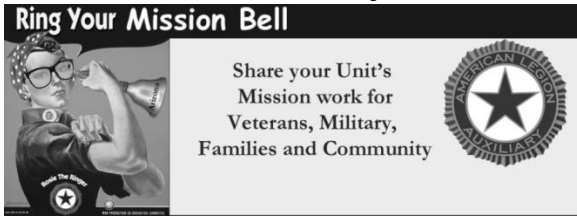
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Linda Welch — Co-Chairman — Tucson

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An effective public relations program can bring in new members, new resources and new volunteers. To be its most effective, it needs certain attributes which I am calling the 7 C's, which we will explore over the coming months.

So far, we've learned about Commitment, Consistency, Creativity, Communication and Credibility. This month, let's look at:

Cooperation and Collaboration:

Reach out into your community and find some organizations that you can partner with! Don't just consider other veteran service organizations or even other non-profits. There are many businesses that want to reach veterans as a market or want to help veterans as a cause. You can benefit through just getting your existence known in your community AND you might be the recipient of a financial donation. WIN! WIN!

Find an individual in that organization that is receptive—which might mean going to the top. You have a great cause. Be brave! Touch their heart!

Then show them you are a partner that can add value to the relationship:

- Offer to be there on Veteran's Day handing out poppies
- Offer to place a POW/MIA table in their business
- Offer to place a children's military table in their business
- If it makes sense, offer to share their marketing efforts within your membership

**Thank you for a great year and your
persistence in the face of so much adversity.
What you do matters!**

SCRAPBOOK

"Serving Those Behind The Badge"

Hi all, hope everyone is feeling well and staying safe. I would like anyone who has photos, etc. that you would like me to put in President Lugo's scrapbook to please send to the following address. I would like to make her scrapbook a little special, with your pictures. 😊

If everyone will send the photos of President Lugo's visit to your unit that would be greatly appreciated.

Please send to:
Irene Martinez
5421 W Fremont Rd.
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I also look forward to seeing everyone's scrapbooks at convention in Mesa. Thanks everyone.

Irene Martinez
Scrapbook Chairman
2019 -2021

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

April 2021

YEAR END REPORTS AND NARRATIVES ARE DUE MAY 1, 2021

Year end reporting is right around the corner. Have you been keeping track of the hours, miles and monies spent for veterans? Make sure your Unit members are reporting the same. Please send pictures of events you have held over during the year with your Year End Reports.

VA&R and Service to Veterans Awards

- Lola M. Dunbar Plaque for Units with membership of 150 and under
- Nellie M. Baldwin for Units with membership of 151 and over
- Leona Proper Hospital Volunteers Plaque
- Ethel M. Jarvis Junior Service to Veterans Plaque
- Avonell Smith Service to Veterans Plaque for Unit membership of 150 or under
- Esther Gaston Service to Veterans Plaque for Unit membership of 151 to
- Alley Service to Veterans Plaque for Unit membership of 301 to 599
- Adene V. Steffen Service to Veterans Plaque for Unit membership of 600 +
- Care Plaque
- Marge Lynn We Also Care Plaque

Easter is right around the corner; what can your Unit do for our veterans?

- Take Easter baskets to veterans who are home bound.
- Have junior make Easter cards for the VA Home residents.
- Provide an Easter meal for a veteran family.

Thank you for looking out for our veterans during the pandemic!

Until next month

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

May 2021

A huge THANK YOU to the Units that submitted their year-end reports and narratives.

This Chairman looks forward to seeing many of you at Department Convention. It's been a long time since we have all been together.

Thank you for looking out for our veterans especially during the pandemic!

It has been a joy serving as your Department VA&R Chairman for two years. This Chairman is so proud of what Unit members have done for our veterans the last two years, especially during the pandemic!

Keep up the excellent work!

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Creative Arts

May 2021

Happy Mother's Day

As I write this writing, I have only received one year-end report. I realize most units could not hold their normal fundraisers this year and I suspect donations are probably much less than normal. And my report format is mostly not applicable, since the local festivals normally held in February have all been postponed. So I understand the lack of reporting, but I sincerely hope some units did something! That being said, now that things are opening up some, you still have a chance to make a difference for the local festivals that hopefully will still take place this summer and fall. Even if the festivals are held virtually, it takes a lot of money and time to make them happen, so your donations are still needed. A small bit can change a life of a veteran!

Hope to see some of you at convention!

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Carl T Hayden Gift Shop The gift shop was once again a great success. All because of you. The Units were very generous this year and we were able to get some good bargains. One Unit did there own shopping and once again they did a great job. They turned in receipts totaling \$2,648.36

Things were different this year because of the Virus that is taking over our country. We could not use the VA so we had to find another place. We checked out three places and the one that met our needs was Luke-Greenway Post 1. We met all veterans at the door. We took their temperture, provided them with face masks as well as hand sanitaizer.

All of this was possible with items donated by the VA hospital Volunteer office. Thanks Mike. We had a total of 51 Volunteers who worked 230 Hours. Thanks again for the telephone Pioneers who donate all our wrapping paper. This in itself saves us hundreds of dollars. Once again we wanted to get the Veterans in and out asap because of the virus. So this is the first time we did not wrap their gifts. We did give them paper, tape and bows so they could wrap their gifts once they get home.

We were approched by two groups that asked for donations. I spoke to Department President Patricia Lugo and got her permission to donate items to Shock Wave and The Navajo Nation Female Veterans.

At Post 1 we only had 97 Veterans and 318 Family members. Hopefully adding the two groups we came pretty close to serving as many as we normally serve.

Thank you Madam President Patsy for this assignment.

For God and Coubtry, Joyce Livingston, Gift Shop Chairman

VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
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All events are suspended until further notice. There is communication that some volunteer activities will be restarting. No specifics as of this date. Thank you volunteers for your help!

Moderna vaccine has arrived and all staff who desired vaccination have been vaccinated. All Veterans and caregivers have been offered the two dose vaccine. Current numbers are encouraging according to Director.

Southwest Bind Rehabilitation Center is now opening back up. There is limited visitation at SAVAHCS. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time. American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop will have to be done differently this year.

There is a new program in start-up process to assist Veterans patients with food insecurities. Once implemented, a separate food pantry will fill this need.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 is \$800.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for February 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 is \$39,950.29. This amount includes the Christmas Gift Shop donation for 2019. Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 66, Unit 68, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Four registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 is 658. **S AVAHCS is in the process of bringing back volunteers. Volunteers will be phased in as needed and the process will be closely monitored by the Director. Volunteers will be contacted by the Voluntary Service office as their services are needed. One more Auxiliary volunteer has been called back.**

This chairman has volunteered 119.5 hours and logged 1,680 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of February 28, 2021. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 8, 2020. The audit of the books was completed. This chairman is working with the Homeless Program to ensure that our Homeless Veterans and those in Transitional Housing have the food and beverages that they need during this time of enormous stress on all community resources. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. Annual Joint Review was completed November 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative