

HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE

June 2018

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

PAGES...We need pages for Department Convention...**come with white clothes and get to be at the back of the room. Plenty of moving around, action and meeting old and new friends.**

COLOR BEARS for Convention....see Americanism bulletin for details.

IMPACT REPORT...thank you! Watch Department website for our numbers and handout in the mail boxes. Just imagine the numbers if every Unit reported.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

NO VOTE...the following Units have no vote at Department Convention...**2017-2018 Department Mandates were not paid 30 days before Convention...15,22,28,30,31,37,51,95,117,127,129,133. If you can prove you paid them, please contact me.**

JUNIORS...Did your Juniors attend the Spring Conference last month? Did they turn in Junior History, Prayer, Miss Poppy or Junior Member of the Year? Have they thought about the big election for those who attended the National Junior Meeting in Las Vegas?

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

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

Applications must...

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

Please let your members know that if they pay online they need to let you know. Members can now also pay by phone using a credit/debit card. Call National at 1-317-569-4500 and tell them you want to pay your dues by phone. National will start sending out cards for the 2018-19 year until then they have to let you know. They can only pay the current years dues. If they owe 2017 or before they will pay 2018 first.

CONVENTION HOTEL IS NOT THE CASINO....2018-2019 Officers will be elected at Convention in addition to delegates to National Convention 2018 in Minneapolis. Anyone can go to National Convention. See RULES at Convention.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN...DEPARTMENT DISTRICT PRESIDENTS ...your briefcase is to be turned in at the back of the room on Sunday morning.

Everyone...Did you to work hard and watch deadlines...it takes both to be a winner and make membership meaningful. Good luck at Convention...you are all “winners” to me.

“High Heels & Spurs”

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Dept Secretary/Treasurer
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IMPORTANT STUFF

BEHIND THIS

GREEN SHEET

CONSIDER ALL

OF THE

FOLLOWING

GREEN SHEETS

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

June 2018

Thank you Team Arizona for all your hard work, your contributions to our Legion family success and being part of the American Legion Auxiliary. You made me Rock and welcomed me with open arms. For this and much more I will be forever grateful to you.

It was a humbling and honoring experience to serve with my husband, The American Legion Commander Domingo Bonilla and Detachment SAL Commander Matt Griffis, my SON, who we hold near and dear to our hearts. The travels and experiences shared with these two Men have made it a true Legion Family. This is who we are and what we do, the American Legion Family.

In sharing our Family Experience this year we did Celebrate Family at our Legion Family Homecoming on May 19!! Thank you for attending and sharing camaraderie with all of us.

Thank you Arizona for your contributions to my Special Project, Girls State. Your donations make a difference in many lives and have made this a success!

I do look forward to seeing you at Department Convention! And please Department Officers, District Officers and Department Chairmen bring your briefcases to the Convention floor so that these briefcases can be passed on to the next person.

I leave with you with these words, "Two roads diverged and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Robert Frost

Thank you Arizona for being part of My Road! With High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,

**Yolanda Bonilla
ALA Department President
602-989-3321**

yodobo@msn.com

Chaplain

June 2018

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

Is your Unit or District going to submit a prayer book at Convention? There is still plenty of time to prepare a prayer book for your Unit or District. If you will be submitting a Prayer Book at Convention, make sure to read and follow the rules for submitting a Prayer Book.

Department Awards

- Betty Smith District Prayer Book
- Sharon Alley Service to god and County Plaque (Deadline was May 1)
- Crisler Prayer Book Plaque
- Evelyn Hoff Junior Prayer Book Plaque

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.*

It has been an honor to serve as the Department of Arizona Chaplain.

Prayer

Lord, as I walk through this world, let your grace light my path. Your mercy shelter my soul, and your love heal my heart. Please watch over our homeless veterans and those that are ill. In your name we pray. Amen

High Heels & Spurs In Service to Veterans

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COMMUNITY SERVICE
2017-2018

A Safe Summer to everyone!

First of all I would like to thank Madam President Yolanda for this appointment, this year has been a trying and hard year for me in my professional and personal life.

I know we're all busy doing what we can for our veterans, children, and our community, you all do an awesome job. It puts a smile on someone's face and they appreciate what has been done. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary are very special women and I thank each and every one for what you do.

You reinforce our brand promise by telling people who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Thank you to all those units who have sent me Community Service reports. I hope to see you at convention

For God and Country with "High Heels and Spurs for our Veterans"

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Creative Arts

June 2018

I wish to thank all the members for making the Creative Arts Program a success this year. This is such an important program for our veterans. To see their accomplishments and hear their stories is truly a reward to all of us.

Thank you to all the Units who sent me a report. I encourage each unit to appoint a Creative Arts Chairman next year so we can continue to support our creative veterans. I know every unit has one or two creative ladies. Even if you sing Karoke at your Post, knit a hat, or write an inspiring letter to the troops, that is creative! Think about it for the coming year. Even a \$10 donation can help supply veterans with materials or purchase ribbons for awards.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Convention and revealing the winners of the Creative Arts Awards!

Your Department Creative Arts Team 2017-2018:

Phoenix:	Margaret Ellis, Chairman	maggylou@cox.net	480-818-3166
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Tucson:	Kathy Szakonyi	N3SAD@aol.com	520-400-5839



High Heels and Spurs
Cavalcade of Memories
June 2018

Hello Ladies:

This year is about to come to a close and it will be Department Convention time soon. I hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day, looking forward to seeing you at convention. Hopefully you sent in your report into this chairman and all the other chairman were sent in on time to and filled out correctly to receive an award. We have received so far \$560.00 for this year contribution. Thank You for the donations you have sent in. Hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day Celebration.

Coming to Fall Conference will be first time ever an Award for the Cavalcade of Memories. Centennial Stewart - Helen Stout, Cavalcade of Memories "President's Plaque" and Centennial Stewart – Helen Stout Cavalcade of Memories "Per Capita Award". Look for the rules in the August Packet and the Fall Conference Packets.

At Convention I will be displaying the Cavalcade of Books of all the Presidents and National Presidents Wilma Hoyle, Maxine Chilton, that Represented Department of Arizona, from the 1920's -2018.

Cavalcade of Memories Chairman

Paula Burgess

-----ADDENDUM-----

2018 Annual Department of Arizona Convention

We are excited to announce American Legion Department of Arizona Annual Convention to be held at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass. 5594 W. Wild Horse Pass Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85226.

NOTE: the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass (**not the casino**)

The **Room Rate is \$113.00 per night**, tax and room gratuity inclusive.

Includes

- Unlimited internet access
- Two complimentary bottled waters in room
- Local, long distance (domestic) and 1-800 guest room calls
- Daily shuttle service to Phoenix Premium Outlet Mall and dining and sports venues
- Complimentary self-parking

The phone number contact is 866.837.4156 Be sure to verify the \$113.00 American Legion daily rate.

Book your Hotel room online TODAY!

Click here:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1801085228&key=37434FE3>

If you are copying the link from printed form, please enter accurately to insure that you come to American Legion Department of Arizona page for our special rate.

Reservation Cut-Off Date

The final date to secure accommodations at the contracted rate is **May 30, 2018**. On that date, any additional reservations will be made based on availability of the resort. The resort will no longer be able to guarantee the contracted group rate after the cut-off date.

The 2018 Annual Department of Arizona Convention

Runs from 6PM, Thursday, June 21, 2018 to approximately Noon on Sunday June, 24, 2018



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
SHERATON GRAND AT WILD HORSE PASS
PHOENIX, AZ



This Schedule is subject to change.
Chairmen will sit up front prior to speaking.

THURSDAY, June 21, 2018

“High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans”

11:00 – 6:15pm	Registration	Akimel Lobby
11:00pm	Strategic Planning	Horse Room
12:00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Horse Room
1:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting All Department Officers, including District Presidents, and Past Department Presidents	Horse Room
2:00pm	Girls State Directors Meeting	Horse Room
3:30pm	Credential Committee Meeting Rules Committee Meeting Resolutions Committee Meeting Courtesy Resolutions Committee Meeting	Horse Room
6:00pm	JOINT OPENING	Akimel Ballroom

FRIDAY, June 22, 2018

“The strength of a family, like the strength of an army, is in its loyalty to each other.”
Mario Puzo

7:00 – 5:00pm	Registration	Akimel Lobby
7:00am	Sgt @ Arms, Pages, District & Department Color Guard meet with Americanism Chairman Michele Root & Chairman of Pages for instruction.	Kave Ballroom
7:45am	Processional Lineup – All Department Officers, District Presidents and Past Department Presidents...Don't forget sashes.	

Processional	Michele Root
Call to Order	Yolanda Bonilla – Dept President
Opening Prayer	Barbara White - Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance	Michele Root
National Anthem	Monica Rae Stein
Preamble	Debra Munchbach
POW/MIA Chair	Yolanda Bonilla – Dept President
	Cindy Queen & Patricia Lugo
Welcome and Purpose	Yolanda Bonilla - Dept President
Response	Cindy Queen Dept VP

Introductions and Greetings

Emly Quigg – Honorary Junior Department President
Jan Cushing – ALA National Executive Committeeman

Introduction of Convention Appointees **Yolanda Bonilla – Dept President**

Registration –
Chairman of Pages – Carmen Goswick
Personal Pages –Jazmin Bonilla, Michaela Gatti
Sgt-at-Arms – Carmen Goswick
Color Bearers – Carmen Goswick, Sally Fine
Credentials Committee – Helen Griffin, Sandy Conklin
Resolution Committee – Debra Munchbach
Rules Committee – Debra Munchbach
Courtesy Resolutions Committee – Juanita Moffit, Rebecca Faris

Roll Call of Units	Barbara Matteson - Dept SecTre
Rules of Convention	Debra Munchbach
Partial Credentials Report	Helen Griffin
Constitution & Bylaws 1st Reading	Debra Munchbach

“Without action, you aren’t going anywhere.” Mahatma Gandhi

Nominations of Officers & National Convention Delegates
SAMPLE BALLOTS

**Instructions for Elections of Department Officers,
Delegates and Alternates to National Convention** **Debra Munchbach**

Sample Ballots distributed by Roll Call of Units with number of votes announced
Barbara Matteson

Nominations for Department Officers 2018-2019
Nominations for Delegates and Alternates for National Convention August 2018

Break

“Since the Revolution, eight generations of America’s Veterans have established an unbroken commitment to freedom.” Steve Buyer

9:00 A.M.

Legislative	Chairman
National Security	Patricia Thomas
Poppy	Jan Cushing
Creative Arts	Julie Ross
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Margaret Ellis
Service to Veterans	Patricia Lugo
Prescott VAMC	Collen Heck
Phoenix VAMC	Carmen Goswick
Tucson VAMC	Dottie French
State Veterans Home Phoenix	Kathy Szakonyi
State Veterans Home Tucson	Linda Hubbs
Phoenix Gift Shop	Anna Marie Arenas
Whipple Gift Shop	Joyce Livingston
Tucson Gift Shop	Carmen Goswick
Tucson Poppy Making	Karen Alf
Whipple Poppy Making	Na Rains

BREAK

11:30am Lunch *“Nothing brings people together like good food.” Julia Child*

1:00pm

Reconvene	
Call to Order	Yolanda Bonilla – Dept Pres
Roll Call of Units	Barbara Matteson – Dept SecTre
Credential Report	
<i>“Action is the foundational key to all success.” Pablo Picasso</i>	

Outreach

Americanism	Michele Root
Education	Kat Sticklin
Cavalcade of Memories	Paula Burgess
Community Service	Dolores Chavez
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Linda Ruyle
Children & Youth	Debbie Aguirre
Junior Activities	Karon Quigg
Girls State	Penny Maklary
Presidents Special Project – Girls State	Rose Ficklin

“An introduction is the gateway to your thoughts.” Anonymous

Introduction of 2018-2019 District and Unit Presidents by 2017-2018 District Presidents

Recess

SATURDAY, June 23, 2018

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more. You are a leader.” John Quincy Adams

7:00-3:00pm	Registration	Akimel Lobby
8:00am	Reconvene	Kave Ballroom
	Call to Order	Yolanda Bonilla
	Invocation	Barbara White
	Roll Call of Units	Barbara Matteson
	Credentials Report for Elections	Helen Griffin – Sandy Conklin
	Introduction of Tellers	Yolanda Bonilla
	Head Teller	Debra Munchbach
	Each Candidate is given the opportunity to have a witness present during the ballot counting.	
	Distribution of Ballots by Roll Call	Barbara Matteson
	Election of 2018-2019 Department Officers 2017-2018 Delegates & Alternates to National Convention	
	Membership	Chairman
	Public Relations	Marge Christianson
	Membership	Cindy Queen
	Support	Chairman
	Constitution & Bylaws	Debra Munchbach
	Finance	Helen Stout
	Past President Parley	Josephine Herrera
	Chaplain	Barbara White
	Historian	Jennie Molina
	Scrapbook	Stephanie McMullen
Recess		
11:30am	Past President Parley Luncheon	Komatke D
1:00pm	Reconvene	Kave Ballroom
	Call to Order	Yolanda Bonilla
	Roll Call of Units	Barbara Matteson
	Leadership	Ginger Cox
	New Units	Vickey Zwall
	Final Credentials Report	Helen Griffin
	President’s Report	Yolanda Bonilla
	Announcements	Barbara Matteson
	Membership Training 101	Barbara Matteson
3:00 P.M.	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barbara Matteson
3:00P.M.	Recessed	Yolanda Bonilla - Dept. President
3:15pm	Installation Practice	Kave Ballroom
4:15pm	CHOIR PRACTICE	Monica Rae Stein
4:30pm	District Officers Meeting	Kave Ballroom
6:00-8:00pm	President Elect Reception	To Be Announced

“Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.” Maya Angelou

SUNDAY, June 24, 2018

“Be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.” Max Ehrmann

8:00 A.M.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE
THE AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY CHOIR

Akimel Ballroom
Sherie Mercier – Dept Chaplain
Barbara White – Dept Chaplain

9:15 A.M.

Reconvene

Kave Ballroom

Installation of 2018-2019 Officers

Call To Order

Yolanda Bonilla

Membership Challenges for 2018-2019

Patricia Lugo

Courtesy Resolutions

Rebecca Faris, Juanita Moffitt

Introduction of 2018-2019 Department Commander and presentation of the Beri Award

Announcements

Barbara Matteson - Dept SecTre

Benediction

Barbara White - Chaplain

Retirement of District and Unit Colors

Michele Root

Retirement of 2017-2018 District Presidents

Retirement of Department Officers

Retirement of Department Colors

11:00am

Adjournment

Yolanda Bonilla - Dept President

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

Immediately following adjournment of this convention there will be a meeting of the Department Executive Committee. All Department Officers which includes the new and seated District Presidents and Past Department Presidents are required to attend.

The meeting will be in The Kave Ballroom

Call to Order

Newly Elected Department President

2018-2019 Department Executive Committee Meeting

Kave Ballroom

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Eleanor Roosevelt





**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JUNE 21-24-2018**

PRE - REGISTRATION - \$10.00

REGISTRATION AT CONVENTION - \$12.00

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

ALA DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

UNIT NUMBER _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NAME (PRINT)	POSITION/TITLE (PRINT)	PUFL	HLM	Veteran
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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 14, 2018

NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT REGISTRATION

YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR REGISTRATION BADGE WITHOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CARD

CALL TO CONVENTION
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

The Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona, is hereby called, and, in conformity with the Department Constitution Article VIII, *Section 1*, which provides that the annual Department Convention shall be held at the same time and place as The American Legion Annual Convention, will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, June 21-24, 2018.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and committees, and for the transactions of such other business as may be brought before it.

REPRESENTATION

Each Unit shall be entitled to four (4) delegates and four (4) alternates and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) alternate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, whose current Department and National dues have been paid and received by Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention. Each member of the Department Executive Committee shall be an ex-officio delegate with full voting power. All Past Department Presidents in good standing in their local Units shall be life delegates to the Department Convention with vote. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent, and not represented by an alternate, shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from her Unit each voting its full strength. Units shall elect delegates and alternates at a special meeting called for that purpose not less than two weeks prior to the Convention. A quorum at the Department Convention shall consist of fifty-one percent of the Units of the Department.

UNITS NOT HAVING their current District, Department, and National mandates paid thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention shall not be entitled to vote. Delegates per capita, rehabilitation per capita, junior activities per capita and bond fee must be received by close of business May 25, 2018.

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A pre-convention meeting of the Department Executive Committee is hereby called as provided by the Department Constitution, Article VII, and will be held at Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix, AZ, June 21, 2018, at 2:00pm.

A meeting of the Department Executive Committee will be held at the call of the Department President within twenty-four (24) hours after the adjournment of the Convention. The newly installed officers, including the ten new District Presidents, are to be in attendance. All Past Department Presidents are invited to attend. The meeting is open to any interested member.

RESOLUTIONS

A meeting of the Resolutions Committee is called by the Department President for June 21, 2018, Sheraton Grande, Phoenix, AZ. All resolutions must be in triplicate copies, signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates, and forwarded to the Department Secretary before Convention if possible.

Resolutions originating at Convention need to be written in triplicate copies with two delegate signatures, and presented to the Department Secretary before discussion and vote may take place. Resolutions presented by the vote of a unit need to be signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates from the Unit and forwarded to the Department Secretary thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention for registration and classification and issuing to respective committees. A resolution which has not been presented through the proper channels will not be considered.

HOUSING

Headquarters will be the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix AZ. All housing reservations for the period of the Convention must be made individually with the hotel or motel desired.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee is \$10.00 per member if pre-registered. Registration at the Convention site will be \$12.00. Pre-registration is encouraged. Checks made out to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona should be included with pre-registration. All registration will be at the Sheraton Grand, Phoenix, AZ.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY LUNCHEON

The Past Presidents Parley Luncheon will be held Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the Sheraton Grand. Cost for the luncheon will be \$24.00 Past Department Presidents, N.E.C., Department President, and Department Secretary will be guests at the luncheon. All members and women veterans are invited to participate in this activity.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service will be held jointly with The American Legion on Sunday, June 24, 2018, 8:00am at the Sheraton Grand.

PROCESSIONAL

Units and Districts may bring their Colors and standards for the opening and closing ceremonies. A practice session is scheduled at 7:00 a.m., June 22, 2018. Color Bearers are to wear navy blue skirts/pants, white blouses, red scarf, navy or black pumps/flats and white gloves, and must be in attendance Sunday, June 24, 2018, for retirement of Colors. White gloves will not be worn, only sashes by Department Officers, including District Presidents and Past Department Presidents.

PLAQUES

All trophies and plaques must be engraved and brought to Convention. These must be turned into the Department Trophies and Awards Chairman no later than 8:00 a.m. Friday, June 22, 2018. A table will be set up in the Sheraton Grand.

PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

1. All meetings of this Convention shall be called to order at the designated time, or as soon thereafter as a quorum is present.
2. The Chair may deviate from the printed program when necessary or expedient.
3. The Credentials Committee shall report at such times as directed by the Chair.
4. The audience shall remain seated during the business of the Convention. Doors will remain open unless noise interferes with the conducting of business. Delegates will be allowed to leave or enter the auditorium except when balloting or elections are being held, or when a speaker is speaking. There shall be no rhythmic applause when guests are presented to the platform, but spontaneous applause is encouraged.
5. No smoking is allowed on the floor of Convention at any time.
6. Admission to the business sessions at the Department Convention shall be restricted to those persons displaying the official Convention badge, or other acceptable official credentials.
7. A member wishing to address the Convention shall rise and address the Chair as “Madam President”, give her name and Unit number, and wait to be recognized by the Chair.
8. Debate on any question shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. No person shall speak on the same question more than twice without the consent of the Convention.
9. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from her Unit, each Unit voting its full voting strength. No delegate shall represent more than one Unit.
10. Voting shall be by voice except when the Chair deems it necessary to use some other method or when a roll call is requested by the Chairman of three Unit delegations or except in the election of Department Officers, paid delegates, and unpaid delegates.
11. In the event of a voice vote the Unit delegation chairman, or in her absence, the leader of each delegation, will announce all votes.
12. Reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, with the exception of Finance, Membership, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, shall be limited to five minutes.
13. Any committee recommending an appropriation of money for any purpose shall confer with the Finance Committee before presenting recommendation to the Convention.

ELECTION RULES

14. Nomination of Department officers, paid delegates, unpaid delegates, and alternates to the National Convention shall be made from the floor at least six hours before the election is held. Paid delegates shall be listed separately on the ballot from other delegates and alternates. All delegates must reside in Arizona.
15. Should an endorsed candidate be absent due to unavoidable circumstances, the endorsing Unit may submit the nomination as if she were present.
16. Nominating speeches shall be LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES and no seconding speeches shall be permitted.
17. Units not having their current District, Department, and National mandates paid thirty days prior to Convention shall not be entitled to vote.
18. Each member of the Department Executive Committee shall be an ex-officio delegate to the Department Convention with one vote. The Department Secretary/Treasurer is a paid employee and not an officer and has no individual vote. (2000)
19. All Past Department Presidents in good standing in their local Units shall be life delegates to the Department Convention with one vote, provided they are in attendance.
20. A blank sample election ballot shall be given to members of the Department Executive Committee, all Past Department Presidents, and the Chairman of each Unit delegation at the time of nominations.

21. Doors shall be secured from the time official ballots are distributed until the Election Committee has retired from the meeting room.

22. When there is but one candidate for office, roll call may be dispensed with and the nominee declared elected. In the event there is more than one candidate for office, the ballots shall be deposited in the Ballot Box by members of the Department Executive Committee, Past Department Presidents, and the Chairman of each Unit delegation on roll call.

ELECTION BY BALLOT

- 23. A. The Department President shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of one election judge; two tellers/clerks. Each Candidate shall be allowed to have a representative in the counting room for observation only.
- B. The Department Secretary shall call the roll and give the number of votes certified by the Credentials Committee Chairman for each Unit as official ballots are distributed.
- C. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. **NO VOTE MAY BE DIVIDED INTO PARTS.** The vote of any absentee delegate shall be cast with the majority of her Unit delegation.
- D. When all ballots have been returned to the ballot box by roll call, the Department President shall declare the election closed.
- E. A majority of votes cast shall elect. IF no majority is received the candidate receiving the least number of votes will not be considered in the next round of voting.
- F. The Election Judge will give a written ballot report to the Department President. The Department President will declare the number of votes cast for each candidate and declare as elected the candidate who received the majority of votes cast. If no majority is received the voting process will begin again.
- G. Voted Ballots will be stored in the Department Office for a period of 30 days following an election and then destroyed by the Department Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

24. All resolutions presented shall be in writing, triplicate copies, and signed by two qualified delegates. Resolutions presented by the vote of the Unit must be presented thirty days prior to the Convention. Courtesy Resolutions are exempt from these requirements.

25. The three-member Resolutions Committee appointed by the Department President shall receive all resolutions, study, number them in logical sequence, eliminate duplication by combining, if necessary, making certain they are in correct form and refer them to the proper committee for action.

26. Resolutions in conflict with the policy of The American Legion shall not be considered. Resolutions which are not properly executed will not be considered.

27. As per the Department Policies and Procedures, all properly executed resolutions are presented, with the respective chairman's and/or committee's comments, to the Department body for action.

28. Any resolution rejected by committee or by the Resolutions Committee as being in conflict with American Legion policy or as being improperly executed will be stated as such and may be brought before the Convention by two-thirds vote of the Convention body.

29. These rules may be amended during the Convention session by a two-thirds vote.

30. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by these Convention rules, or the Department Constitution and Bylaws.

_____ Chairman _____ Member _____ Member

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
FINANCE RULES**

THE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION OF THIS DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN PHOENIX, AZ, JUNE 21-24, 2018.

RULES

1. The Department Finance Committee shall oversee the general finance policy of the Department as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.
2. Special expenditures voted on by Convention action or as authorized by the Department Executive Committee shall be taken from revenue in the General Fund.
3. The Department Treasurer shall not overdraw any items budgeted, except on written permission of the Department Finance Committee.
4. The Department Finance Chairman shall sign checks only in the case of the inability of the Treasurer to do so.
5. NO SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE BY ANY OFFICER, CHAIRMAN, and OR MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY without written permission of the Department President and Department Finance Committee.
6. The Department Treasurer shall forward all National Dues to the National Treasurer within two (2) weeks of receipt.
7. NO SOLICITATION SHALL BE PERMITTED BY VETERANS MEDICAL CENTERS DIRECTLY TO THE UNITS.
8. All persons receiving money from this Department for whole or partial expenses to Department or National Convention, Conference, or other meetings, MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS and will represent no other organization.
9. Any Committee or person thereof who is handling monies to accomplish their programs shall have their books audited annually at the time of the Officers and Chairmen meeting, i.e. VAVS Representative from each VA Hospital, the Representative from each AZ Veterans Home, all Gift Shop Chairmen, all Poppy Making Chairmen, and any others as requested by the Finance Chairman. Reminder notices will be mailed to the people required to attend. The Incoming and Outgoing Chairmen or representing Committee members will be present. All checkbooks, bank statements, receipts, and ledgers of transactions will be presented for review. Audits will be conducted by no less than 3 members of the Department Finance Committee. If the persons involved do not comply with this audit or make arrangements with the Finance Chairman for an alternative meeting, then they will receive a letter requesting that all items be produced within 10 days of the meeting. If they still do not respond, and the person is a current Department Chairman, the Department President will go through the process of having the Chairman replaced for improper handling of funds. Audit and oversight of the Girls State accounts are addressed separately. Chairmen handling funds through individual bank accounts may not close, change, or open a bank account for their Committee without action and approval by the Department Finance Committee. Accounts in effect on June 25, 2015, are the only accounts which may be used by the Chairmen unless the Finance Committee implements a change of any kind.
10. Upon adoption of this budget, the funds will be expended as needed.
11. Reimbursement for ground transportation may not exceed the lowest air fare available. Statement of air fare must accompany the mileage claim. Rate reimbursed per mile is determined by the Department Finance Committee on a yearly basis. (2008)

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES FUND RULES

1. We recommend that the National Convention Delegates fund for 2018 be divided equally among three (3) "Paid Delegates". There shall be (10) "Unpaid Delegates", and (4) Delegates by virtue of office, those being: The Retiring Department President, Yolanda Bonilla; The Department President Elect, Cindy Queen; Department Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Matteson; National Executive Committeeman, Jan Cushing.
2. Paid Delegates to the National Convention must attend all sessions and all meetings of the Convention Committee as assigned by the Delegation Chairman and report on only assigned meeting in writing to the Delegation Chairman within thirty (30) days after the National Convention. Copies of the report will be sent to the Department President and the Department Secretary for the files.
3. All persons (paid, unpaid delegates and alternates) receiving money from the Department for whole or partial expenses to National Convention must attend all sessions, representing the American Legion Auxiliary only. Any Delegate absent without permission of the Chairman will be asked to return the money given her by the Department.
4. No person shall serve twice as a paid delegate to National Convention.
5. The Department Junior Delegate to the National Junior Meeting, her chaperon, any candidate for National Office, and the Auxiliary Member of the Year representing the Department of Arizona will adhere to the same guidelines as Delegates to National Convention. Funding for the Junior Delegate and her chaperon will be taken from Junior Funds, per page 28 of the Department Policy and Procedure Manual. Funding for the Auxiliary Member of the Year will be taken from the General Fund.
6. A refund of money paid by Department will be required of any Delegate/person who does not adhere to these rules.

REMINDER TO UNITS/DISTRICTS

We ask Units to refer to and review Unit Financial responsibilities and duties as stated in the Department Policy and Procedures Book.

MEMBERSHIP REMITTANCES MUST BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY.

ALL POPPY ORDERS MUST BE TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY SEPT. 30.

Each Unit holding a Poppy Distribution Function is **REQUIRED** to remit to Department **10% of NET POPPY PROCEEDS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FUNCTION. POPPY FUNDS MUST BE USED ONLY IN DIRECT AID TO THE VETERAN AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES. THEY MAY ALSO BE USED FOR CREATIVE ARTS.**

Department and District Per Capita and Bonding Fees **MUST BE PAID THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AS PRESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

Districts are permitted to issue Membership Challenges with payoffs to any Auxiliary Program. All Units when issuing Membership Challenges to other Units may designate any Auxiliary Program as the payoff recipient.

MONETARY CHALLENGES SHALL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE WINNING UNIT/DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGNATED PROGRAM AND NOTIFICATION OF THE SAME SHALL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
2018 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018
SHERATON GRAND at WILD HORSE PASS**



MENU

Herb Roasted Breast Chicken

Vegetarian Salad with alternate protein

Basket of breads and lahvos (gluten free option available)
Bibb wedge, strawberries, almonds, mozzarella, strawberry balsamic dressing
Lemon infused Vanilla Bean Panna Cotta with summer berries
Iced Tea and Coffee Service
Cost \$24.00

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

MAIL TO:
ALA Dept of AZ
Attn: PPP Luncheon
4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Seating is limited to 110...Please make your reservation before June 15, 2018

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PUT ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK.

\$24.00 X number of tickets = _____

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Arizona**

DELEGATE / VOTING STRENGTH

30 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION
5/22/18 paid into Department

Unit Name	Unit Number	Membership 2018	# Votes 2018	Additional Votes
LUKE GREENWAY	1	123	9	
WILLIAM BLOYS	2	83	7	
MARK A. MOORE	3	121	9	
HENRY BERRY	4	49	6	
SOUTHERN MEADOWS	5	59	6	
ERNEST A. LOVE	6	257	14	
MORGAN McDERMOTT	7	96	8	
FRED A. HUMPHREYS	8	57	6	
McCLELLAN-PARSONS	9	20	5	
ORGAN PIPE CACTUS	10	36	5	
FRED HILBURN	11	136	9	
KELLIS-DRAPER	12	233	13	
CORDOVA	13	33	5	
SWASKEGAME	14	121	9	
FRANK PERKINS	15	11	4	NO VOTE
L.A. ENGLE, JR	16	18	5	
H.H. DONKERSLEY	19	231	13	
WALLY FERDINAND	22	113	9	NO VOTE
ROY FOURR	24	347	18	
VERDE VALLEY	25	166	11	
MESA	26	258	14	
APACHE	27	1850	18	
LLOYD C. HILL	28	62	6	NO VOTE
EARL E. MITCHELL	29	415	21	
JOHN H. SLAUGHTER	30	54	6	NO VOTE
GREER-DeWITT	31	16	5	NO VOTE
SWIFT - MURPHY	32	129	9	
FRANK W. WRIGHT	34	230	13	
MATHEW B. JUAN	35	330	17	
JOHN P BURNS	36	328	17	
NAVAJO	37	52	6	NO VOTE
MERRILL - MITCHELL	39	342	18	
BOBBY BISJAK	40	96	8	
TONY F SOZA/RAY MARTINEZ	41	313	17	
JOHN IVENS	42	41	5	

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Arizona**

DELEGATE / VOTING STRENGTH

Unit Name	Unit Number	Membership 2018	# Votes 2018	Additional Votes
SIPE - PETERSON	44	371	19	
VICENTE MANZO	45	47	6	
CHIC CHISOM	46	51	6	
BLACKWATER	51	51	6	NO VOTE
BILL CARMICHAEL	52	204	12	
HAZELTON - BUTLER	53	28	5	
WILLIAM DAVID HOOD	54	97	9	
FLOYD G. JEFFERSON	56	66	7	
ROBERT FULTON	57	63	7	
FOUNTAIN HILLS	58	249	14	
COCIO - ESTRADA	59	126	9	
CRANDALL - PALMER	61	183	11	
JOHN J. MORRIS	62	708	32	
TRAVIS L WILLIAMS	65	258	14	
GREEN VALLEY	66	890	0	
SAHUARO	68	75	7	
TONTO RIM	69	110	8	
CASAS ADOBES	73	27	5	
SUNNYSLOPE	75	82	7	
WHITE MOUNTAIN/WILLIAM HOUSE	76	22	5	
HUMBOLT	78	145	10	
BILL TAYLOR	79	180	11	
ROBERT A. ECKERT	81	470	23	
IRA H. HAYS	84	47	6	
OVERGAARD-HEBER	86	220	13	
MOHAVE VALLEY	87	135	9	
DOLAN SPRINGS	88	56	6	
WAYNE V MCMARTIN	91	146	10	
DAVID C. JOHNSON	93	161	10	
LOPEZ-HERNANDES	95	99	8	NO VOTE
SAN TAN VALLEY	97	18	5	
MEADVIEW	103	30	5	
CHRISTOPHER J LAPKA	105	121	9	
IRVING B. SELMER	107	296	16	

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Arizona**

DELEGATE / VOTING STRENGTH

Unit Name	Unit Number	Membership 2018	# Votes 2018	Additional Votes
GARY STREETER	108	52	6	
McCULLOCH - WAGNER	109	300	16	
BUSHMASTERS	114	29	5	
PAT TILLMAN	117	72	7	NO VOTE
GUADALUPE	124	15	5	
YOEME	125	16	5	
SNOWFLAKE-TAYLOR	126	13	5	
MOHAVE VALLEY	127	11	4	NO VOTE
QUEEN CREEK	129	14	4	NO VOTE
CPL JOE McCARTHY	130	541	5	
MADERA	131	594	26	
ORO VALLEY	132	87	7	
MARICOPA	133	15	4	NO VOTE
LAVEEN	134	28	5	
CORNVILLE	135	53	6	
SCOTTSDALE/TEMPE	138	62	6	
CROWN KING	139	43	6	
PRESCOTT VALLEY	140	10	4	
TOTALS	87 UNITS		807	

Dept. officers, Dist. Pres., PDP's **Total Possible Votes: 33**
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From the call to Convention: "Each Unit shall be entitled to four (4) delegates and four (4) alternates and one (1) additional delegate and (1) alternate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, whose current Department and National dues have been paid and received by Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention....."

UNITS NOT HAVING their current District, Department, and National mandates paid (30) days prior to Department Convention shall not be entitled to vote. Delegates per capita, rehabilitation per capita, junior activities and bond fee must be received by close of business **MAY 22, 2018**

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

HISTORY

HEELS AND SPURS

June 2018

My wonderful sisters of the Auxiliary, it has been a wonderful year. Thank you all for making it a big success not only for our Department but for our Veterans, communities and all those we serve.

Please remember that Unit and District Histories **must be received** at Department Convention no later than **noon on Friday** to be eligible for judging.

You all deserve a big pat on the back and a hug.

Thank all of you that sent in your Unit and District minutes. Without out your help it would not be possible to keep tract and document all the good work being done.

Thank you for having given me the opportunity to be your Department Historian.

SEE YOU AT CONVENTION WEARING YOUR HEELS OR SPURS.

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA

Jennie Molina

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Department Historian

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LEGISLATIVE

June 2018

It is our DUTY to protect the rights of our Veterans, Active Military and Their Families!

(Please provide this bulletin to your Unit Legislative Chairman)

For the months of April and May I sent out legislative information by emails to your District Presidents, requesting the information to be forwarded to your Unit Presidents. The Unit Presidents were asked to provide the information to their Legislative Chairman. This was done to keep all Presidents (District & Unit) informed on legislative issues, as well as the Legislative Chairman providing information to members. I had truly hoped that the information was forwarded, but to my dismay it was not. Hopefully next year this will not be a problem.

As the Arizona American Legion Auxiliary Officers (Department, District and Unit) terms of service are near it's end for 2017–2018, we must continue to stand vigil in protecting the rights of our veterans, active military and their families'. Auxiliary membership remains active all year long and must maintain contact with your local, state, and Congressional elected officials.

Continue reading over what our legislators have to say about our veterans and the flag issue. The legislators are going to have their mobile office in your area before the election, pay them a visit and express your concerns as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary on certain issues that may be affecting our veterans.

As previously provided, The Congressional Session Calendar is out and can be found at:

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/2018_schedule.htm (The space between 2018 and schedule is an “_” underscore.)

<https://www.majorityleader.gov/2018-calendar/> (At this site you will have to select and download the PDF Calendar.)

https://www.senate.gov/legislative/resources/pdf/2018_calendar.pdf (The space between 2018 and calendar is an “_” underscore.)

Remember: The Jessie Gribble Memorial Plaque (membership of 151 and over) and Betty Kent Legislative Plaque (membership 150 and under) require a notebook and typed narrative, not to exceed 1,000 words. Legislative Chairman will bring the narrative and notebook to the 2018 Arizona American Legion Auxiliary Convention.

- For Plaque and Narrative Writing information go to www.aladepz.org and connect to the links:
 - Member Resources
 - Reward, Reporting & Recognition
 - 2017-18 Department Awards Book



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

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

June 2018

Convention is this month and how do we stand with membership? Even though we are most likely not going to hit 100%, kudos to all Units who are working so hard doing the can-can and kicking those heels high in the air!!!

The Units that were able to reach 100% are Unit 132 Oro Valley; Unit 34 Cave Creek and Unit 58 Fountain Hills as of May 11, 2018. I’m sure there are more, and you will be recognized at Convention.

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.

This Chairman’s year-end report was sent to National and Western Division so a big thank you to those Units who reported. Units...thanks for a great job and please keep up the work this coming year as well.

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 VETERANS”
MUSIC REPORT
JUNE 2018**

It's Convention time!!!

Thanks to all the units that turned in music reports. I especially want to thank those units that took the time to write a narrative to accompany those reports. Your hard work and dedication to bringing music to Auxiliary events is a blessing for the rest of us. I have truly enjoyed being the Department Music Chairman this year and look forward to meeting you at the Convention. I want to invite all of you to bring your singing voices with you to convention. The music for the Memorial Service to be held Sunday morning, June 24, 2018 has been selected by Sherie Mercier, the American Legion Department Chaplain. The choral selections this year are “Sweet By and By” and “How Great Thou Art.” “God Bless America” will be sung at the end of the service.

Once again, music will be played during the breaks and for special recognition by President Yolanda. Looking forward to a wonderful fun-filled Department Convention!

Department Music Awards will be handed out at Convention 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**

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

NATIONAL SECURITY

JUNE 2018

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

The importance of the American Legion Auxiliary's National security Program is analogous to the sense of security one has from unwanted intrusion by locking the doors in our homes. By providing for the needs of our military families on the home front, we hope to ease the minds of our deployed service members so they won't worry about their loved ones back home and can focus on the monumental task of protecting our country.

Thank you to the Unit's that took the time to fill out and send your year-end report to me. It amazed me that the space for POW/MIA was not filled in on some reports. I only received 36 reports out of 87 Units.

It has been an honor to serve the Auxiliary members of Arizona this year as your National Executive Committeewoman and don't forget to report all your great work you do for our veterans, community and our great organization.

Jan Cushing
National Security Chairman
2017-2018

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PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

June 2018

As we come to the end of the year I want to thank the units that reported to the Past Presidents Parley Program. As we see in your reports many Past Presidents are actively working with their units. They and all members deserve recognition for the work being done.

Josephine Herrera 2015-2016

Department Theme: "Remember the Mission-Serving Those Who Served"

Special Project: Fisher House

National President: Sharon Conatser

National Theme: 'Keeping the Promise'

Western Division Membership Theme: "Wild Wild Women of the West"

Special Project: Auxiliary Emergency Fund"

Member of Unit: 41

Currently serving as: National Western Division Education Committee, Dept. Past Presidents Parley

Jan Cushing 2015-2016

Department Theme: "Paws in Service "

Special Project: Soldier's Best Friend

Membership Theme: "One in a Million in Arizona"

National President: Mary Davis

National Theme: 'ALA Membership Pride'

Membership Theme: "Making Membership Meaningful"

Member of Unit: 01

Currently Serving: National Executive Committeeman, Western Division Membership Chairman, Department National Security Chairman

Women Veterans:

Thank you to all the Servicewomen that served our country. We honor you and we salute for your courage!

Next year it would be nice to see entries for the Salute to Servicewoman. Let's recognize the service of the ladies that are serving our country.

Thanks to all the units that held luncheons, dinners and fund raisers for scholarships. I hope to see you at convention and you don't want to miss the PPP Luncheon. Josie Herrera, PPP Chairman

POPPY

June 2018

Thank you ladies for all the work you've put into planning, attending donation events. As I'm sure you know, poppy donation is a major funding source for ALA and as such is an important part of the overall big picture of what we do. Thanks also to all who entered or will enter for awards & to all Units that turned in their Year-End report to me. Please bring any poppy displays to Convention.

The most interesting question I received all year was how did Miss Poppy originate? What a great question it was. I researched it, found nothing. I sent the question to the Western Division Poppy Chairman. It was forwarded until it reached Cathi M. Taylor / Archivist and Data Projects Coordinator / ALA Nat'l headquarters.

The following is what Cathi M. Taylor wrote in response:

It seems that the first Miss Poppy contest, at the national level, was held in 1959. In the annual report made by the chairman of the Poppy Committee for 1958-1959, Alberta Mackey, she states "It was generally agreed that the best publicity received was contributable to the "Miss Poppy" on television, and to the new "Miss Poppy" contest! The newness and simple appeal generated an enthusiasm not seen before in many Units. This Committee is deeply indebted to Mrs. Ruth Critz, her Committee, Mr. Layton Hurst, Radio-TV Director, and Miss Mildred Collins, National Public Relations Counsel for originating this marvelous idea, and for the remarkable accomplishments in the field of Poppy publicity this year." I have not found a resolution for this contest so I am not sure how this was started.

Also, Mrs. Paul F. Critz stated at the 1959 national convention: "To stimulate interest in Poppy Day and provide new ideas for publicity, a contest was initiated for "Miss Junior Poppy of 1959" in cooperation with the National Poppy Committee. Entries were received from thirty Departments. Statements and clippings sent with the entries indicated that very effective use was made of the "Miss Poppies" and that the resulting radio, television and newspaper publicity aided Poppy Days. "Miss Poppies" presented the first poppy to the mayor in many cities.

That being said, Past National President Leta Zeller (1956-1957) had her granddaughter provide then US President Eisenhower with a poppy. I have found reference to Miss Poppy contests being held in New Jersey in the 1950's prior to 1959, as well as in Colorado. However, these appear to be joint ventures with the VFW.

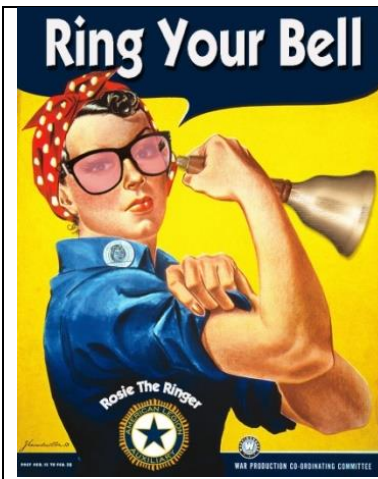
It could be that the Legion and Auxiliary determined to hold their own contest instead of it being a joint effort with the VFW. This is conjecture on my part. (end)

Thank you to all the "Miss Poppies" past & present.

For God and Country,
Julie Ross
Rebecca Gulley
Dept. Poppy Chairman
juliedistrict3@gmail.com
beccaP1020@gmail.com

Committee

Public Relations: June 2018



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Department webpage: www.ALADeptAZ.org

Facebook Group: Search for “Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA”

- Units post activities of pride or interest to each other and department.
- Posts from this page “feed” the Department webpage—get your activities & photos on the Department website!
- Get help from other Units/Department
- Also “Ring Your Bell” central for the contest. Request membership today!

THANK YOU for a super year!!!

It has been nothing short of *inspirational* to see all the work being done by the Arizona American Legion Auxiliary this past year. You have demonstrated that the *power of our organization lies with you*—in each of our communities where our members are and where needs can best be met.

Telling our communities who we are, what we do and why we matter is making us a stronger organization. You have participated in local parades and events, held open-to-the-public events, set up in businesses, taught in our schools. You have been on the radio, in the newspaper, over the loud speaker and on social media—75% of Arizona Units posted on Facebook this past year!

Together we have seen our emblem on flags, t-shirts, posters, flyers, sandwich boards, aprons, banners, tote boxes, parade floats, trucks, the backs of cell phones and more!

By building our name recognition, we build alliances, membership, voting power. Keep up the good work!!! Together, with our communities, we are building upon the impact we make—*every single day*. For God & Country,

Marge Christianson- Public Relations Volunteer & Chair

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

As I write this bulletin we have had \$25,249 turned in to Department for President Yolanda's special project. You have all worked so hard all year for PSP, but, unfortunately, I don't think I will have to worry about shopping for a dress. There will however, be a special presentation at convention. I believe it will take place Friday, but I could be wrong.

This chairman has only received ONE narrative for the President's Special Project Award. Please get me your unit's narrative by June 1st.

Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication to this project. I will see you all at convention.

For God and Country,

Rose Ficklin

President's Scrapbook

May 2018

Greetings Ladies,

I hope that everything is going well. I also hope that you had an opportunity to meet the National President Diane Duscheck when she came through Southern Arizona on her official visit. I was able to snag some nice pictures myself at Post 109. My Committee and I have been compiling pictures and mementos for President Yolanda's Scrapbook. Members have also been sending me pictures as well as posting them on Facebook.

It is important to also compile these photos for your Unit's Scrapbook as well. Also, include pictures of Yolanda's official visit to your unit. If you have access to Facebook, utilize it. It is a major help. **Be sure to label pictures with names, event info and location.**

Don't forget to please keep sending me your photos for President Yolanda's scrapbook. You can email or regular postage them to me anytime.

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Author: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen

Chairman

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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION REPORT

June 2018

Thanks a lot, to all the Units that sent their reports to this Chairman on or before the due date. I am sorry to report that the program did not receive 100% reporting. We all do something for Veterans during the course of the year. It is important that it be reported.

The End of the Year report were sent to the National Chairman Nicole Clapp and Western Division Chairman Cary Fisher for the VA&R program.

Department Awards will be announced at Convention.

Don't forget to visit the websites, www.aladeptaz.org or www.alaforveterans.org, They are great resources.

I hope to see everyone at convention.

Thank you for all your work this year on behalf of our Veterans!

Patricia Lugo, Department VA&R Chairman
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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

JUNE, 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. NOW scheduling from September 2018 to August 2019**

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

June 19	Unit 59	July 17	109	August 21	Unit 68
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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON) ITEMS NEEDED – WISH LIST

Wish List for April includes ceramics, recently released movies, gardening supplies.

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

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

(list under revision – will list June in July bulletin)

<u>REMINDER:</u>	Second Monday monthly	Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson, Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
	Third Tuesday monthly	Auxiliary hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m. Set up is at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Room in Bldg. #1
	Third Tuesday monthly	Pizza Party – Cost is \$140 which includes pizza and chicken wings – need sponsors

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.

ASVH-Tucson recreational therapists are working on introducing a ceramic workshop at the home. They are in need of ceramic bisques, tools, glazes. Currently looking for someone with a kiln. Also, requesting new release movies. Any ideas let us know. Also, they are still trying to put together a gardening project.

On Mother's Day the ladies at the home received pink wrist corsages. The residents thanked the auxiliary for the beautiful carnations. All the ladies wore them during the dinner hosted by the home.

On Father's Day the gentlemen once again, okay annual, had their professional belly dancer perform for them. This year both the auxiliary and the Elks will sponsor the event. Wow! This was by popular demand.

Recently, the home had a celebrity from the movie, "HOOK" (a sequel to Peter Pan). He entertained the residents with music and magic. Boy even the volunteers had a great time.

Thank you Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson). Recently, the home had a luncheon to thank all the volunteers for their kindness, help, donations, and events/activities. After all, fun, music, entertainment is Number 1 Therapy!!!!

Upcoming Events

In September, 2019

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).

In March, 2019

Car show, music, and BBQ.

Thank you American Legion Auxiliary Department, Districts, and Units. Our members made ASVH-Tucson enjoy themselves. The residents' message to you is, "We love our Auxiliary, you are outstanding and Number 1!"

For God and country,

Anna Marie Arenas
ASVH-Tucson Chairman
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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
4-30-18

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 April 17, 2018. We will be sponsoring refreshments on May 15th, 2018 and May 29, 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 April 30, 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 April 30, 2018 is \$62,238.60. 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.

Sixteen 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 April 30, 2018 is 5,554.25; occasional volunteer hours are 404.5 donated by eighty four occasional volunteers (includes Christmas Gift Shop volunteers). We are back up to sixteen registered adult volunteers at SAVAHCS. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have four new American Legion Auxiliary registered volunteers this year.

This chairman has volunteered 406 hours and logged 4,860 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of April 30, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

**ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME
PHOENIX
JUNE 2018**

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as your ASVH Chairman this year. I can't believe how fast time rushes by. We can hardly wait for Convention to get here. It will be so much fun to see all of you again.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO THE UNITS that donated money to the Arizona State Veterans Home Program this year. We had a very successful year and made 167 residents very happy. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Here are the June Birthdays:

B. E. 18TH C. F. 5TH C. H. 10TH E. V. 26TH L. D. 5TH

P. M. 18TH R. L. 9TH R. C. 14TH T.B. 15TH W. S. 8TH

As you can see, we only have initials, and that's ok, because the nurses on the floor know their patients very well and make sure your Birthday cards are delivered correctly. No worries everyone.

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

LARGE REMOTE CONTROL 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 and sealed.

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

2 JUNE 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Chairman Jim Katzenberger, the opening ceremony was conducted and guests were introduced.

Lauren Hill gave an "Overview of Phoenix VA MOVE! And Nutrition Services". The program is more than an exercise class. It is a total wellness program dealing with diet and exercise. Anyone interested can contact the dietician in the Primary Care Office. You do not need a referral or appointment. The program is a 6 month commitment. For more information you can contact Lauren Hill at laren.hill@va.gov or call 602-277-5551 ext 4049.

Andrea Searle, Chief of Pharmacy Services, Phoenix VA Health Care System gave a presentation on how the medications are distributed and from where. The Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP) has 7 locations nationwide. 80% of all veteran's prescriptions are filled by CMOP. Last year they filled 1.7 million prescriptions. At the Phoenix VA they fill about 1,000 prescriptions from the window daily. There are a number of ways to obtain refills, by going to the VA Pharmacy, going on line through MyhealthE vet or by calling the 24 hour phone line. All prescriptions should be mailed within a few days to arrive within the 10 days advertised. For more information call 602-277-555 x7040.

David Lucier, President, Arizona Veterans & Military Leadership Alliance gave a presentation on attempts being made to the State Legislature to increase the number of Veteran Benefit Counselors (VBC) in our state. Currently the state of Louisiana has half the number of veterans of the State of Arizona but twice the number of VBCs. This is a money issue. The State Legislators are only looking at the amount of money that it will cost to pay these additional VBCs (about \$1.5 million) and not considering the over \$1 Billion of increased revenue from veterans receiving VA Compensation for the injuries they sustained in the military.

Providencia Morales, Facility MVP Coordinator and Expert on the Million Veteran Program (MVP) gave an update on the program and how veterans can help. It only takes about 20 minutes to enroll and a small vial of blood. This program is doing extensive research in attempts to cure illnesses such as diabetes and the many types of cancer. The goal of MVP is to partner with veterans receiving their care in the VA Healthcare System to study how genes affect health.

Patrick L. Shipley, FACHE, Southwest Regional Director, TriWest Healthcare Alliance updated the membership on the Choice Program. If you have any questions regarding TriWest contact pshipley@triwest.com or cell 7199-330-4158. Mr. Shipley advised the membership that when a referral has been sent to them and they try to call the veteran to set up an appointment, many times they do not answer because the caller ID shows an "866" number. He requests that everyone pay attention to the 866 number and answer. If it is TriWest, please save the number in your contacts so you will know who is calling and not ignore the calls for fear of telemarketers.

Vice Chair Dylan Dalzotto gave the treasurer's report as the treasurer had to leave. Currently there is \$63,816.25 in the account.

Chairman Jim Katzenberger covered the "Sickness & Distress" reminding everyone to send cards to Art Sloane and Jesse Gersten.

Dr. McCarthy, Chief of Staff for the Phoenix VA Medical Center gave a report on the selection for a new Secretary for the VA. Currently Robert Wilke is serving as the Acting Secretary. He can not be nominated for the Secretary while serving as the acting director, so he has stepped down from the position so he can be nominated for the position.

Judith Hatch gave a report on the Memorial Day Program at the National Cemetery on May 28th.

Terry Araman did not have a legislative report as the legislators are in recess. He did remind everyone that the deadline to submit nominations for the Copper Shield (for a legislator) and Copper Sword (for any non-veteran supporting veterans) Awards are due by September 31st, 2018. Information is on the AVHOF web page.

Reggie Yates gave a report on the WWI repair program being worked on. They have received \$5409 from the community and \$2,000 from the ADVS. They are working with some contractors and design individuals to complete the renovation.

Judith Hatch announced that there was some misunderstanding for Pearl Harbor Day and the flyover. The ADVS now says they can not accept funds specifically for the Pearl Harbor Day Program that would be separate from the \$4,999 grant they give for the flyover. She is working with the Commemorative Air Force to have donations go directly to them so they don't have to request so much from ADVS and the funds from ADVS can be utilized for the chair rental, port-a-john rental and the printing of the programs. Checks can be made out to the Commemorative Air Force, with "for Pearl Harbor flyover" in the memo and mailed to her so she can keep track of the funds being donated and send thank you letters to contributors.

"Honor House" made an application to become a part of the UAV. The Board made a recommendation to accept the request, a motion was made to accept Honor House into the UAV, second and approved.

It was 12:15 p.m. and I had to leave for another meeting. I think the only thing I missed was the 50/50 drawing and closing ceremony.

Respectfully submitted

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

Judith Hatch

UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

5 MAY 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairman Jim Katzenberger. The opening ceremony was conducted and guests introduced.

Jeff Galley from "Freedom Reins" briefed those in attendance about his organization. They are an equine assisted outreach program. It is non-profit and self-funded. They take those with emotional needs and pair them up with a horse, teaching them to care and bond with the horse. For more information you can contact him at jeff@freedom-reins.org. Their website is freedom-reins.org.

Michelle Wilson, Veterans Health Education Coordinator and Karen White, Health Promotion Disease Prevention Coordinator for the VA medical facility gave a presentation on the Veterans Health Library at the VA Medical Center. The Veterans Health Library can help Veterans and their family members understand and manage their health problems, find information on wellness, prepare for clinical appointments, and communicate effectively with their VA team. They can be contacted at michelle.wilson4@va.gov and Karen.white4@va.gov.

Dr. Lisa M. Burgess briefed everyone on the "VA Smoking Cessation Program" which will have its soft launch on May 16th. They are trying to make it possible for non-smokers and those with respiratory issues to be able to enter the medical facilities without having to walk through second hand smoke. Dr. Burgess can be reached at Lisa.Burgess2@va.gov or phone 602-277-5551 X 5272. This program will cover all types of tobacco use including e-cigarettes and chewing tobacco. The VA has a free of charge smoking cessation program available to all veterans.

Dr. Susan Sisley updated the membership on her cannabis study. She still has room for 11 more participants. Dr. Sisley thanked everyone for their support and she hopes to have some valid statistics as to the valid use of medical marijuana.

Tom Burns from the Patriot Guard Riders gave a presentation. Their organization was founded in 2005 and they have groups in all 50 states. Arizona has 6 regions. They do not get paid for their escort service. Everything is free for the veterans. Membership in the organization is free. They have an annual meeting of their members. Participation gives purpose in their lives to serve others.

Roll call was taken, a quorum was established. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made and second. Motion approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Jim Denzien. Currently there is \$53,808.17 in the bank accounts.

Sickness and Distress: Chairman Katzenberger reminded everyone that cards could be sent to Jesse Gersten and Art Sloane.

Luis Cardenas-Camacho from Congressman Gallego's Office advised the membership that Congressman Gallego is willing to write letters of recommendation for organization putting in for grants.

Director Rhema Nelson from the VA Medical Facilities updated us on recent inspections held by various health groups and advised that there were no major discrepancies noted. Most of the minor discrepancies have already been corrected.

She reminded everyone that perception matters and that the biggest issue they have is with the survey's being conducted on a regular basis between the veterans and how they feel about the services being provided by the VA. The problem is most veterans are satisfied but do not complete the surveys. All veterans are encouraged to complete surveys when requested whether they are favorable or not. If only the unfavorable ones are completed, this gives a

wrong perception. The VA tries to work pro active to prevent problems. They are currently looking for a proper area for a Customer Service counter, where veterans can go for answers ad not have to run all around to get answers. A one stop shop.

May is Hepatitis C awareness month. Hepatitis C has a 96% cure rate. All veterans are encouraged to get tested. It doesn't cost anything.

There is a huge problem with no shows. Currently the VA is realizing 6,000 no shows a month. This is unacceptable. Veterans need to be more diligent in making sure if they are unable to make an appointment to please call and let the clinic know. This year the VA is expecting to break their record of 1.2 million appointments from last year.

Judith Hatch briefed on the upcoming Memorial Day. Several organization have not contacted Sue Wudy advising whether they will be participating this year. The deadline is May 8th.

Terry Araman gave a Legislative Report. The MFRF expiration date has been moved from 2018 to 2020 and a sub account was approved allowing people to donate to the secondary fund which will benefit veterans of all eras. The Income Tax exemption failed, but they were able to get an increase from \$2500 to \$3500 a year.

Starting in 2019 there will be a day designated to honor Native Americans. In 2020 there will be a new monument erected in Washington D.C. to honor our Native American Veterans. Approval was given for a memorial to honor the Buffalo Solders to be placed in Wesley Bolin Plaza, at no cost to the state.

A Purple Heart Recognition day has also been established.

HB 2575, granting a free ID/Driver's License to homeless veterans was transmitted to the Governor for signature.

Terry Araman and Gene Crego went to Washington D.C. and voiced their opinion to not privatize VA health care.

Dylan Delzatto advised the membership that it is time to submit names for the Copper Shield and Copper Sword Awards, which are given in the Spring. The deadline to submit names is September 30th.

The WWI Memorial Committee has raised \$5,309 for the renovation of the WWI memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza.

Judith Hatch advised the members that an additional \$2500 needs to be raised to continue the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in the format currently being used. Without the additional funds, they will either have to cancel the flyover or cancel the port-a-johns, programs and chairs.

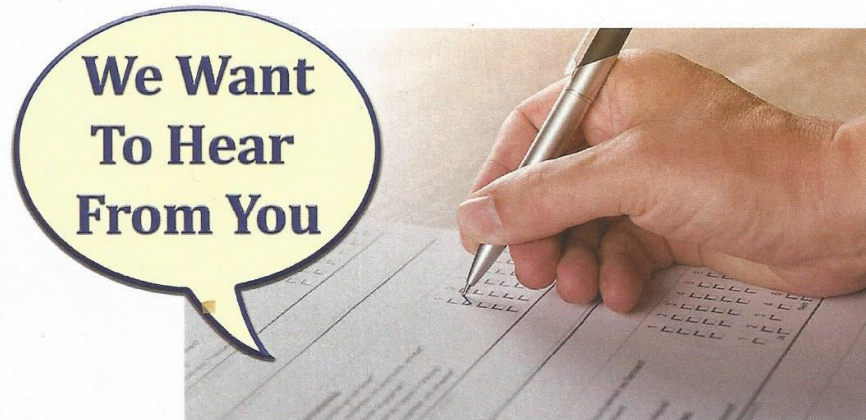
There being no further business to come before the membership, closing ceremony was held and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith Hatch

The Phoenix VA Health Care System needs your feedback!



The National VA Office randomly selects and sends a 30-question survey to a number of Veterans (both inpatient and outpatient) who have recently received care at the VA . This "SHEP" survey serves as the tool the VA uses to measure Veteran satisfaction, and that satisfaction is reflected in our hospital ranking.

If you receive one of these surveys in the mail or via email, we ask that you complete it and send it in. Not only do we want to know where we need to improve, we are also interested in hearing what we are doing well so we can recognize deserving staff. Your perspective is important in our efforts to continuously improve the care we provide. Thank you!

Rima Nelson
Medical Center Director
Phoenix VA Health Care System

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MAY 16, 2018 

6:30 - 10 a.m.

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VAntage Point

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VA to host nationwide 'baby shower' in celebration of Mother's Day



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To honor and support Veterans welcoming new children into their families in 2018, 60 VA medical centers around the country will host baby showers between May 5-16, the weeks surrounding Mother's Day, in partnership with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation (<https://www.elizabethdolefoundation.org/>).

"The Nationwide Baby Shower will ensure Veterans have what they need to focus on the joy of growing their families in those stressful first weeks," said acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "With this effort, our goal is to celebrate Veteran parents — especially moms — while also increasing awareness of VA's comprehensive maternity care services and to

encourage women Veterans to Choose VA to support their health and wellness goals.”

Women make up approximately 10 percent of the Veteran population in the United States, and nearly half of the nation's 2 million women Veterans are of reproductive age. VA offers comprehensive primary care, prenatal and preconception care, infertility services, maternity care services and the first seven days of newborn care.

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation (<https://www.elizabethdolefoundation.org/>), a nonprofit organization that advocates for military caregivers, is expanding its existing relationship with VA by aiding in welcoming the newest caregivers to the Veteran community through local support and volunteer efforts at each baby shower location. Philips (<https://www.usa.philips.com/>), the Veteran Canteen Service (<https://www.vacanteen.va.gov/>) and other partners are also supporting this initiative, which will provide new Veteran parents with items to help new parents and babies.

Over 2,400 new Veteran parents and new Veteran parents-to-be will be recognized at the events. At least one VAMC in every Veterans Integrated Service Network is participating. All 60 sites can be found here:

<https://www.va.gov/womenvet/acwv/babyShower.asp> (<https://www.va.gov/womenvet/acwv/babyShower.asp>).

For more information about VA's benefits and services for women Veterans, as well as the Nationwide Baby Shower, visit www.va.gov/womenvet (<http://www.va.gov/womenvet>).

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**26th Annual Arizona Military Women's
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May 19, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

VA Medical Center

7th St./Indian School

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Rima Nelson Speaker

Registration Deadline

May 5, 2017 – Cost: \$20

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