

Serving Those Behind The Badge

November 2020

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

FALL CONFERENCE WILL NOT HAPPEN THIS YEAR. There will not be a virtual session either. As the chairman are the same and plans of action are the same there are no Fall Packets either. The trophies and awards that would have been in June are being collected now and they will be SPECIAL MAILING of all the results.

If you have the History Book for judging mail it or get it to Rose Ficklin by November 7, 2020. She does not want any binders just the histories. Scrapbooks and Prayer Books for judging need to at Department office by November 7, 2020. They will be picked up here by the Chairmen.

Repot forms...Mid-Year if one does not come from Department we ask that you send an email to the Chairman with bullets on what you have done for that program.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S OFFICAL VISIT... President Patricia will be rescheduling her missed visits for this year. Check with her about rescheduling. If you want her to revisit go ahead and ask.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

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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.

The 10x10 membership award for 10 new senior members to National by November 10th. Mail to Department for processing to National.

Applications MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE

- **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.**



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILAIRY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

November 2020

President's Message

ALA continues the 00th anniversary year into 2020-2021. Since February our lives have changed drastically. But as resilience being a strong part of who we are. Auxiliary members have continued to serve our veterans, their families, and the community.

In August I asked members to let me know of what members are doing in your communities so we can give a shout out and support. And, are you ready? Here is what is happening in Arizona:

Unit 22 assembled health kits for the homeless.

Unit 29 Served lunch to First Responders on 9/11.

Unit/Post 44 assisted by DAR members assisted Chef Adam and crew to pack lunches for FEED THE KIDS OF ARIZONA program.

Unit 62 Recently provided "Welcome Home" supply baskets for two veterans leaving MANA House for a new start. The baskets included household items as well as cleaning supplies.

Unit 105 delivered lunch to the Cactus Police Precinct.

Madera Unit 131 delivered spaghetti and meatball dinners, to 4 Green Valley Fire Departments, 2 Sahuarita Fire and Police Departments. They also delivered cookies and donuts to Pima County Sheriff's Sub-Station among others.

Thank you to the units that remembered the First Responders on 9/11. I appreciate you remembering my Special Project. Please send me a email to let me know what you are doing in the community.

Thank you, Membership Patrol for the excellent work on membership. Keep up the good work!

Stay safe as you go about doing the work of the American Legion Auxiliary in the community. Don't forget to wear your masks! Thank you for all you do.

Patricia Lugo, President
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AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

November 2020

WELL...If there has ever been a time where we as American Legion Auxiliary members can make an impact among our American Legion Auxiliary members it is now. Ask your unit members to seek out members who may need help. They may not realize that these funds are available to them. The AEF alone is a reason to belong.

Eligibility: Persons who have been members of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years. AND whose current membership dues are paid at the time the emergency occurs (three consecutive years' dues) may apply for assistance.

Assistance Provided: The maximum grant amount is \$2,400.00, disbursed as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Grant Committee determines.

Now...Tell me what you have been doing to raise funds for AEF.

AWARDS

Individual contributors donating \$50 or more can receive a citation and lapel pin.

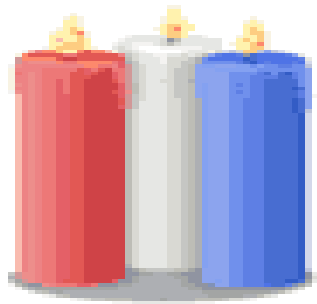
Unit awards for Department listed below...

Patricia M. Lee –Gloria Elliott Memorial Plaque
Paula Burgess "President's Plaque"
Paula Burgess "Per Capita Award"

Jessica Matteson – Chairman

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American Legion Auxiliary CENTENNIAL November 2020

Now is the time to continue our Centennial Birthday activities. We can certainly incorporate them into our Veteran's Day activities. I know our units are working on plans to honor our Veterans even with the limitations we are facing. Since we are fortunate to live in Arizona most of our activities can be held outdoors. In some ways this is even more meaningful. A perfect way to show our brand loyalty with clothing, accessories and props. Parades can show "Celebrating a Century of Service" with banners honoring our Veterans!

As we continue to work with the schools, we may not be able to have a Veteran in the Classroom/school, but we can still make our presence known with the internet. Since most school classes are partially held though the internet we can have a video shown throughout the network. This will work with COVID-19 procedures that most schools are using. Videos are available through Emblem Sales.

Presently, I am working on Board of Department President Theme Pins. The first one is done but still needs three pins. I have contacted those who may have them and am waiting to hear from them. This board will remain in the Cavalcade of Memories. Secondly, I would like each unit to submit the name of a member in their unit with the most membership years AND who is still active. By this, I don't necessarily mean meeting attendance but could, but, who participates in most American Legion Family activities. Those names would be recognized at the 2021 Convention and a certificate will be awarded to them. One name from each unit. I look forward to hearing from you.

As we look back at the past year and forward to uncertain times, let us not look at the pandemic as a hindrance to serving our veterans, but as a challenge to all of us on ways to continue our service. May we face the next **100 YEARS** with renewed enthusiasm for our organization. Please contact me if you have any questions about this bulletin.

Karen Smith, Chairman

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Chaplain November 2020

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary members,
I hope this bulletin finds you all healthy and safe. As you know, the holidays pounce on us if out of nowhere so I'd like to start reminding everyone to begin thinking about their mid-year reports. I'll have the due dates and report form to every Unit soon. Also, if you have prayers to send me for Madam President's Prayer Book I'd love to start receiving them. 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,
Help us to hear you saying “I am your hope” over all the other voices. We run to you with both hands stretched out and grabbing on to you. Fill us with hope and give us a tangible reminder today the hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline.
Amen.

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Serving Those Behind The Badge FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH NOVEMBER, 2020

Greetings,

Fall conference is just around the corner. There will be a packet with information for each Units Children and Youth Chairman and a mid-year report form. Please send to me by 12/15/2020. If you need a form, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Holiday Ideas

- Perhaps you can take time just to be with children, giving them a smile and hug.
- Have a movie marathon or a game night with your family or block-party that would include community activities.
- Adopt military families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are many families that can use assistance around the holidays.
- Clothing drives to help families and children.
- Run a canned food drive for families with Juniors assisting with shopping, collection, sorting and delivery.
- Plan activities at your Post to benefit families.
- Bake holiday treats with Juniors to give to Veterans and their families.
- Sponsor a toy drive to provide toys for military families and our community families.

Mark your Calendar

Mid-Year: December 15, 2020

Children & Youth and National Security Workshop: TBD

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!



For God and Country

Lynda Griffin – Chairman

Shirley Cannon Johnson – Committee Member

Rebecca Gulley – Committee Member

Community Service

November 2020

Hello Ladies,

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.” -Erma Bombeck

This year is flying by, Midyear reports will be due next month by December 1st. Thank you in advance for turning them in in a timely manner.

What has your Unit and members been up to in your community? I would love to hear about your service to the community. Please fill free to email me what you have been up to this year. I’d love to share your work with other units in these bulletins.

If you will be emailing me your midyear reports, please note my email address is SaraCDecker91@gmail.com You can also snail mail them to my address below. Please call or text me with any questions. I will try my best to get back to you in a timely manner. Again, thank you for your continued service to the community.

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Education November 2020



The 1st quarter is already at an end! Each month I am focusing on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.**

There are a number of ways that Members and Units can promote scholarships:

- Assign a member to communicate with school guidance counselors/teachers regarding scholarship applications. Make copies of the applications (found at www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships) and provide them to the schools.
- Inform school-aged children in your community about National, Department and Unit scholarship opportunities.
- Volunteer to be on the scholarship selection committee in your District or Unit.
- Make a donation to American Legion Auxiliary education scholarship funds (Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, ALA Foundation at www.ALAFoundation.org or Department, District or Unit scholarships).
- Create a Unit scholarship fund to award scholarships to local students.
- Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media and your Post/Unit newsletter.
- Publicize the winners of Auxiliary scholarships at a school presentation and through the media.

National American Legion Auxiliary scholarships awarded in each Division include the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. The Department of Arizona also awards the Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship to a second-year or upper division student in Political Science, Public Programs or Special Education at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University or the University of Arizona.

Be sure to review all the material in the Education packet distributed at the Fall Conference. It contains the rules and application forms for all of these scholarships, as well as the report forms for the mid-year and year-end reports. Don't forget *American Education Week*, November 16-20, 2020.

I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary scholarships.

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

Julie Vietri

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History
2020-2021

What is history? History is a record of events which tells an accurate story to succeeding generations. The goal of the Unit and District historians to compile the activities throughout the year beginning with the installation of officers at your Unit or District level.

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There is no mid-year report form; however, I ask that each Unit/District historian provide me a bulleted list of activities/accomplishments the Unit/District has accomplished so far. It does not have to be a detailed list, just highlights.

The list can be emailed or sent snail mail to me. Deadline: December 15, 2020.

- Start your history with the June 2019 Convention or, June of 2020
- When writing the history, ensure it is written in third point of view. Attached are some helpful hints for writing in third person.
- Include President Patricia's theme when writing the history. Her theme this year is First Responders. Include her them while writing the history.
- Did you have any fundraisers for President Patricia's Special Project, First Responders 100 Club of Arizona Include that in your history.
- Did your Unit host activities when National President, Nicole Clapp made her official visit to AZ?
- Document any special events in your Unit/District and how they relate to both Department and National them.
- Did your unit get media coverage from newspapers or local television?
- If submitting a History Book at Convention, read, read and read the instructions.

Contact me anytime if you have any questions.

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Department Historian

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona
Juniors Program 2019-2021

Dear Unit, Junior Chairmen: Thank you for your commitment to the Junior program of the American Legion Auxiliary for the year 2019-2020. As a senior member who graduated from the Junior program, I know how important it is to have chairmen who believe in preparing girls to become active adult members of the organization by providing positive volunteer experiences that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary.

Throughout the year through this bulletin I will post ideas of projects you can do with your Juniors. I would also like it if you have any ideas that you share with the rest of us, by sending them to me. In as much as we are celebrating the 100th birthday let's make it a fun year!

Ideas:

- ❖ Get your school or unit involved in making Pocket Flags for Veterans Day, see if you can have all the classes in your school fold flags for military personnel. Talk to your principal or counselor and explain that you are a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Explain that you want to teach classmates about Veterans Day and that they can make a difference in a military service member by doing little projects like folding Pocket Flags. You could also use this as an opportunity to work towards a patch. You could give a presentation about what the flag represents and the meaning behind it. Your school may not be able to pay for the flags, so talk to them about fundraising ideas. You could sell suckers at lunch on every Friday for a month. Visit the link <http://www.pocketflagproject.com> for more information.
- ❖ Write thank you letters. Contact a nursing home or veteran's home near your unit and ask how many veterans live there. Then get other Juniors in your unit or friends together and write thank you letters to them. To tell how much you appreciate their service and sacrifice they gave to our country. You can even include drawings of flags, or a picture of poppies.
- ❖ Collect items for the Give 10 to Education project. With other Juniors in your unit or with friends collect items for students in your school who has a parent in the military or National Guard. Work with your teacher or school counselor on how to get the items to the students.

We are in the planning stages of the Junior Fall Conference. The date and location will be announced in next month's bulletin.

Lexis Nicole Escudero, Chairman
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Legislative November 2020

Greetings Members,

As you all know by now, we are not going to be able to meet in person in Tucson for Fall Conference. I miss all of you and I hope we can get together soon. As of the writing of this bulletin, Department has not announced the date as of yet for a virtual conference. However, the announcements for awards will be presented then.

On October 7th, Vice President Mike Pence and Senator Kamala Harris had an in person Vice Presidential debate. Wednesday night's vice presidential debate marked a return to a more traditional affair.

Typically the vice presidential debate doesn't change the decision of most voters, however in this case it might. Four takeaways from the debate include; the 2020 election still hinges on the coronavirus, there was an actual debate this time unlike the Presidential Debate a week prior, but not necessarily answers to the moderator's questions, candidates' strategies reflected the state of the campaign – Pence attacked Biden-Harris as extreme; Harris pivoted to Trump's record on the coronavirus, and one solitary fly generated the most buzz, no pun intended.

As of October 9th, the second presidential debate was officially canceled, due to President Trump contracting COVID-19. His stay in the hospital was brief, as he was showing mild symptoms. He was admitted to Walter Reed Medical Center as a precaution only. The debate was scheduled for October 15th. The nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates confirmed the debate would take place virtually. Trump refused at holding the debate in that format, and Biden scheduled a town hall with ABC News for that night once Trump announced that he would not participate in a virtual debate. Trump's team later said that he would hold debates as scheduled once his doctor cleared him to hold public events. The Commission said it would not reverse its decision. The third debate is scheduled for Oct. 22 in Nashville, Tenn.

On October 12th, President Trump returned to the campaign trail as he was cleared by his doctors. Biden continues his campaigning.

In Congressional news, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says that he is scheduling a procedural vote for a GOP COVID relief plan. The House still has not come to a conclusion on another stimulus. President Trump nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett to fill the vacancy left by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, into the U.S. Supreme Court. She is currently undergoing her confirmation hearings. As of the writing of this bulletin, members of Congress as well as some state and city governments throughout the nation are still discussing defunding law enforcement or reforming police agencies due to excessive use of force incidents and police brutality lawsuits.

In conclusion, these are trying and challenging times for our nation. In the last few weeks alone, we have gone back decades in the progress we have made as a nation. All I ask is if you do protest and exercise your 1st Amendment right, please do so in a safe and peaceful manner. We don't want any of our Legion Family to get hurt. **ALSO, PLEASE VOTE!!! YOUR VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!! ELECTION DAY IS COMING!!!!**

For God and Country,
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY for 2021

Membership Standings for October 23,2020

100% May 25, 2020

DISTRICT		PRESIDENT: PATRICIA LUGO			
Unit	City	Totals for District 0	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
100	Phoenix	PATRICIA LUGO	182	61	33.52%
		Totals for District 0	182	61	33.52%
DISTRICT 1		PRESIDENT: DENISE JUNGEN			
		VP: NOLA HOLLAND			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
19	Yuma	TAMMI CHAMPLIN	252	111	44.05%
46	Bouse	SUE HERRON	60	19	31.67%
56	Yuma	LINDA CLARK	73	29	39.73%
		Totals for District 1	385	159	41.30%
DISTRICT 2		PRESIDENT: DIANE HELSER			
		VP: ROSIE SALAS			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
7	Tucson	KAREN ALFF	103	25	24.27%
10	Ajo	TAMARA GARRETT	42		0.00%
36	Tucson	SHELLY SPERL	337	29	8.61%
59	Tucson	ROSIE SALAS	145	20	13.79%
66	Green Valley	DIANE HELSER	1027	206	20.06%
68	Tucson	CECELIA GUTIERRES	79	9	11.39%
73	Tucson	TONI RECUPARO	33	14	42.42%
109	Corona	KATHY SZAKOYNI	297	36	12.12%
125	YOEME	JULIA RODRIGUEZ	20		0.00%
131	Madera	JAN MELHORN	561	167	29.77%
132	Oro Valley	ROSE GONALEZ	83	11	13.25%
		Totals for District 2	2727	517	18.96%
DISTRICT 3		PRESIDENT: NANCY BERG			
		VP: CHRISTINE KITSENBERGER			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
11	Douglas	ILLIANA SOLIS	164	82	50.00%
16	Bisbee	LAURA CHAVEZ	23	7	30.43%
24	Tombstone	JOY WESTIN	391	79	20.20%
45	Benson	ALISSA MONTIJO	58	12	20.69%
52	Sierra Vista	CHRISTINE KATZENBERGER	174		0.00%
		Totals for District 3	810	180	22.22%
DISTRICT 4		PRESIDENT: LOIS THOMAS-HOMEWYTEWA			
		VP: LINDA RIGGINS			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
8	Casa Grande	LINDA PALMER	58	28	48.28%
9	Florence	TERESA WHITTEN	42		0.00%
51	Blackwater	PAMELA THOMPSON	70	62	88.57%
54	Coolidge	NATALIE BAGNALL	107	54	50.47%
97	SanTan Valley	LINDA MOORE	28	18	64.29%
129	Queen Creek	PAM WOJKUN	13		0.00%
133	Maricopa	GABBY POTTER	32	13	40.63%
		Totals for District 4	350	175	50.00%

DISTRICT 5		PRESIDENT: LINDA LOPEZ			
		VP: PATTY NOLAN			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
4	Globe	CARISSA KNAUSS	44		0.00%
28	Clifton	VERONICA GILLIS	41	16	39.02%
32	Safford	KATHY STICKLIN	145	23	15.86%
95	Solomon	FRANCES LOPEZ	79	74	93.67%
Totals for District 5			309	113	36.57%

DISTRICT 6		PRESIDENT: KATHLEEN CHAMBERLAIN			
		VP:			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
30	Springerville	SUSAN MOORE	61	14	22.95%
31	St Johns	DJ SWOOPW	19		0.00%
37	Holbrook	KELLI SAMPLE	44	7	15.91%
69	Payson	CATHY ALSTON	128		0.00%
76	Show Low	KATHLEEN CHAMBERLAIN	28	13	46.43%
86	Overgaard	BARBARA BRYANT	302	97	32.12%
126	Snowflake-Taylor	ANITA VANHASSEL	19		0.00%
130	Concho	LAURA LEFFOW	25		0.00%
Totals for District 6			626	131	20.93%

DISTRICT 7		PRESIDENT: ELLEN HAMPTON			
		VP: DANA BROCK			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
3	Flagstaff	WILDINE RODRIGUEZ	123	40	32.52%
13	Williams	DARLENE FOSTER	48	15	31.25%
14	Swaskegame	ROBIN ELSNEER	133	68	51.13%
22	Golden Valley	TAMMY SMITH	113	29	25.66%
42	Grand Canyon	REBECCA ROCHA	36	18	50.00%
57	Robert Fulton	LOJRAY ALVAREZ	78	23	29.49%
81	Robert A Eckert	KATHY SAMMONS	476	87	18.28%
87	Bullhead City	CAROL CROUGH	141	6	4.26%
88	Dolan Springs	NANCY ESTENSON	62		0.00%
103	Meadview	MARY DOWDY	58	32	55.17%
136	Yucca	CAROL ROSS	16		0.00%
Totals for District 7			1284	318	24.77%

DISTRICT 8		PRESIDENT: SUSIE KING-SANDERS			
		VP: TRISH FELKER			
Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
6	Prescott	MARY ANN COLE	259	124	47.88%
25	Cottonwood	LISA YOUNG	229	116	50.66%
40	Chino Valley	LIZ PIPER	108	10	9.26%
78	Humbolt	PATTI HARTFIEL;	147	46	31.29%
79	Yarnell	KATHY HOLLE	213	79	37.09%
90	Black Canyon	LAVERNE PEATEY	33	10	30.30%
93	Camp Verde	BRENDA ANDERSONB	176	53	30.11%
108	Prescott Valley	BARBARA PIDGEON	66	21	31.82%
135	Cornville	JONNIE MADDOX	70	30	42.86%
139	Crown King	SHELIA COLEMAN	43		0.00%
Totals for District 8			1344	489	36.38%

DISTRICT 11**PRESIDENT: TINA GANADOS****VP: MARGE CHRISTIANSON**

Unit	City		Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
1	Phoenix	JAN CUSHING	150	60	40.00%
5	Phoenix	CHARLOTTE MARTIN	79	26	32.91%
12	Wickenburg	NANCY	237	28	11.81%
29	Glendale	VERA ROBERTSON	376	158	42.02%
53	Buckeye	TRINA STARK	28	7	25.00%
61	Avondale	SANDI KUCERA	203	11	5.42%
62	Peoria	TAMMY EARLY	783	341	43.55%
105	Phoenix	VICKY STOKES	166	74	44.58%
134	Laveen	AMARIS JONES	32		0.00%
Totals for District 11			2054	705	34.32%

DISTRICT 12**PRESIDENT: REBECCA GULLEY****VP: CHRISTEL ROMERO**

Unit	City	President	Goal	Year-To-Date	% of Goal
2	Tempe	KATHERINE KRANTZ	102	8	7.84%
26	Mesa	CAROL GROEGER	244	121	49.59%
27	Apache Junction	CINDY QUEEN	1879	710	37.79%
34	Cave Creek	JEANNE SCHWERDTFEGER	254	79	31.10%
35	Chandler	STACY RIEBOLD	311	20	6.43%
39	Gilbert	CAT LUDWICK	374	112	29.95%
41	Phoenix	ROSITA HERNANDEZ	350	106	30.29%
44	Scottsdale	JUNE MOYER	388	169	43.56%
58	Fountain Hills	CARRIE MARTINEZ	276	84	30.43%
65	Phoenix	TOYE STOKES	327	126	38.53%
84	Sacaton	CARLETTA MCDANIELS	54	36	66.67%
91	Chandler	CRYSTAL BEAUVAIS	181	34	18.78%
107	Phoenix	SANDRA MANN	286	70	24.48%
114	Scottsdale	JOYCE SAMMARIPA	49		0.00%
117	Phoenix	RACY SQUIRES	166	12	7.23%
124	Guadalupe	RAQUEL PEREZ	23	6	26.09%
138	Scottsdale	SANDRA HURLEY	62		0.00%
Totals for District 12			5326	1693	31.79%

TOTAL	15397	4541	29.49%
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ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP

HEROES RESPOND FIRST



SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE

It is now October and time to start looking forward to what we can accomplish yet this year. No in-person training will be scheduled until January. If we have another surge of virus, it will be pushed back further. Some will inquire why we don't start now. With November and December holiday season it is not practical to try to "squeeze" training in when we are still recovering.

Have you completed your survey? Has any of your members completed a new survey? Have any of you or your members completed any courses online? Please encourage all members to go on line at www.alaforveterans.org to start the National training being offered. Get a certificate for each course completed then document the completion on the Arizona Mission Training Tracking Form. Once the courses are completed hand in the completed document to the Unit President to send to me or send it directly to me at the address below. Please be sure the Tracking Form is countersigned by a Unit Officer who witnesses the certificates before sending. Take some time out of the day to review the Arizona website at www.aladepaz.org. I know I seem to be repeating myself, with the survey and online training. These two items are especially important this year.

These certified instructors located in different areas of the state are available and can serve as mentors or answer questions:

DEBRA	MUNCHBACH	BARBARA	WHITE	CARMEN	GOSWICK
GINGER	COX	AMY	HANKINS	SALLY	FINE
PAULA	BURGESS	STACY	MAYBERRY	KATHY	STICKLIN
DORIS	THEISS	ROSE	FICKLIN	PENNY	MAKLARY
SHIRLEY	CANNON-JOHNSON	CINDY	QUEEN	KAREN	SMITH
JANE	SHOEMAKER	BECKY	RUIZ	JENNIE	MOLINA
BARBARA	MATTESON	REBECCA	FARRIS	KATHY	SZAKONYI
JAN	CUSHING	MAXINE	REITH	NATALIE	KASIC
SANDY	CONKLIN	SHANNON	MEAD	MARGIE	GREENE
YOLANDA	BONILLA	JOANNE	SCHREIBER	HELEN	STOUT

The packet of information usually handed out at Fall Conference will be sent either by an email listed or to the Unit President. Thank you for all you do for your individual community and veterans; stay safe.

For God and Country in Service to Veterans

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Music
November 2020

Greetings Members,

It is with humble gratitude that I would like to thank Patsy Lugo, American Legion Auxiliary Department President, for the opportunity of being appointed your Department Music Chair. I am humbled and look forward to working with Patsy and all the units.

I would like to share with all you a little about myself. I am retired and currently a karaoke host and DJ, while operating my own karaoke and DJ business. I bring knowledge of music to the appointment. I am an alumni of the University of Kentucky where I majored in vocal music and minored in business management. I performed in show choir while attending the University of Kentucky, then joined Sweet Adelines where I performed with several quartets, double quartets and choruses, I also directed Young Women in Harmony, and I had the opportunity to be the assistant director of my chorus. I also coached quartets.

I want to personally thank Monica Rae Stein for her years of service to the Department. Hopefully, our paths will cross and we can share our experiences.

This Chairman would like you to encourage your Unit members to participate in the choir, which sings two selections at the Memorial Service held the Sundays of Fall Conference and Department Convention, when we are able to hold “in-person” gatherings. American Legion Chaplain, Trish Carlisle, has selected as her theme “Hands.”

Mid-year Reports are due to this Chairman by December 15. The form for submitting reports is included.

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

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

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing all the songbirds at our next Department convention. With a song in your heart, stay healthy.

“I think music in itself is healing. It’s an explosive expression of humanity. It’s something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we’re from, everyone loves music.” - Billy Joel

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL SECURITY
NOVEMBER 2020

Hello ladies of the great state of Arizona!!! This month I want to share with each of you about Blue Star and Gold Star Banners, Yellow Ribbons and USO information. With all that is still going on in our country, we need to be reminded of our Veterans and their families.

Blue Star Banner. Rich in their significance and history, Blue Star flags were originally displayed starting in World War I and were used as a symbol to recognize the **family member or members that were away, in service of their country.** The blue stars, amidst the white field, represent **each member of the family that is in active duty.**

Gold Star Banner. The gold star represents a family member killed during active duty and stands for sacrifice made for honor and freedom. Banners, also called [service flags](#), containing gold stars indicates service members from that particular family were **killed in combat.**

Yellow Ribbons began appearing in large numbers after the Gulf War when we began sending large numbers of **troops overseas to the Middle East.** What is the history behind the display of ribbons? For a **long time, ribbons have been kept as a symbol of remembrance of men and women who served in places far from home.** Yellow ribbons continue to be a symbol of support for troops.

USO. The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation.

For over 77 years, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side. USO airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families.

Until next month with more news!!

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New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization
NOVEMBER 2020

HOW TO BE A UNIT MENTOR

Mentoring is an invaluable service we give our new members and our successors in the American Legion Auxiliary. What is mentoring you ask? Mentoring is the art of teaching, counseling, listening and advising others so they can be successful. A mentor is a knowledgeable person who is willing to give their time to explain the programs of the Auxiliary. A mentor provides encouragement and guidance and is enthusiastic about teaching others. A mentor is patient and understands that a new member may be hesitant and unsure of themselves.

How do you mentor a new member or a member wishing to become active in the Unit?

- Sit with the Unit member during meetings and get to that member.
- Offer to car-pool together for meetings.
- Introduce them to others, particularly to the chairman of any committees in which they have an interest.
- Encourage them to participate in Unit activities & projects.
- Answer their questions they may have about procedures.
- Answer their questions about the Auxiliary mission, programs and volunteer opportunities.
- Follow up they miss a meeting or volunteer event.
- Stay in touch with that member.
- Invite them to attend District meetings. Department workshops and other Auxiliary events.

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American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley

November 2020

Past Presidents Parley honors Past Presidents who continue to mentor and help ALA members by their continuing service to our organization. Past Presidents Parley also recognizes hard working members who contribute to the success of the ALA. For further information please go to the Department website, aladeptaz.org and click on the Member Resources tab. Then click item 10, Department Awards Manual. You will find pertinent information about all plaques:

- **Arizona Active Past Presidents Plaque**
- **Cora Griggs Past Presidents Parley Plaque**
- **Jarvis Plaque Auxiliary Member of the Year**
- **Unit Member of the Year**

Please pay particular attention to all criteria involving Deadlines for submittal of all entries.

Here's an idea that you might find helpful in PPP planning. Trying incorporating the use of the Auxiliary Academy. Go to the American Legion Auxiliary site, alaforveterans.org and click on the Members Only tab. Under the Members only tab, go to the ALA Academy tab. It's a useful tool that helps every member.

A reminder that mid-year reports are due to this Chairman on December 15, 2020. No need to fill out a form, a simple paragraph or two stating your Unit involvement, Unit name and nuber of members please.

THIS MONTH PPP HONORS PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THEIR SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY! Penny Maklary, Department President, 1996, and Karen Smith, Department President, 2014, also served their community as teachers.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

**Yolanda Bonilla
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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT 2020-2021
November 2020**

The One Hundred Club of Arizona

**"Standing Behind the Men and Women who Stand Behind
the Badge."**

The mission of the One Hundred Club is to provide financial assistance to families of First Responders who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty and provide resources to enhance their safety and welfare. We have proudly served the public safety community since 1968.

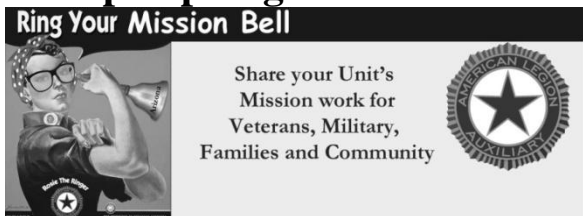
They provide immediate financial assistance to families of public safety officers and firefighters who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, and to provide resources to enhance their safety and welfare.

On behalf of President Lugo, we would like to thank all the Units for your support of this great project. As soon as it is safe to do so we will announce the fund-raising plans for this year. In the meantime stay safe!

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Marge Christianson,



Download this poster at www.ALforVeterans.org – it epitomizes who we are, what we do and why we matter! In short: Our brand!

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

We are the American Legion Auxiliary.

We are called to serve.

We respect our country and the service of those who defend our freedoms.

We are loyal to our United States Constitution and to those who protect it.

We are humbled by the courage of our veterans and their families.

We are alone, yet we stand together.

We are daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers. We are family.

We are of every color. We are of every faith.

We are of every age.

We are anyone and everyone.

We are common and extraordinary.

We are citizens.

We live in small towns.

We live in suburbs.

We live in cities.

We work in fields, in factories, warehouses, offices, at home.

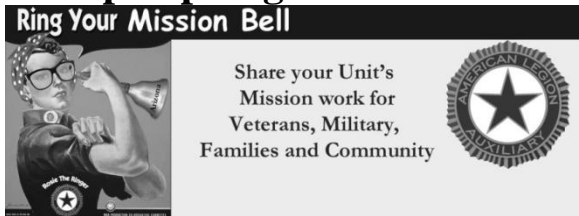
We are a community. We help one another.

We love our flag and all that it stands for.

We are many. We are one.

We are the American Legion Auxiliary. A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families. We commit ourselves to the ideal: Service Not Self

Public Relations: November 2020 **Marge Christianson,**
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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 (lol-- get that—like seven seas?), which we will explore over the coming months.

First:

Commitment- Commitment is first because it is such a critical factor in PR success.

- **Your Unit leadership needs to be committed for the long term.** This means that your leadership recognizes the value of the program and is willing to put resources behind it, including financial and person-power. It means that building a positive presence in your community takes time—you will not be successful if you go into it with another mindset. For example, will your Unit be ready to respond when a local business wants poppy distribution? Will your Unit go en masse to a City Council Meeting when your Proclamation is read? Will you make sure that members are wearing branded clothing at events and that photos are taken with branding in mind?
- **Your program chairman needs to be committed for the long term.** You need a reliable and available “face” to your program--someone who wants to develop relationships with “influencers”—wants to go to events, shake hands, introduce themselves, speak about the mission and about your unit. When the Mayor calls, for example, will your chairman be able to take or return their call—not just today but next year too? Will they be able to speak on behalf of your Unit?

In the coming months we will explore the other “C’s”:

Consistency, Creativity, Communication, Credibility, Cooperation, Collaboration

I welcome your thoughts and questions!

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
November 2020

Did you attend Fall Conference? This year has been a challenge for large gatherings, however, thanks to technology we were able to meet virtually. Please share what you learned with your Unit members.

The weather has turned, somewhat. The mornings are wonderful, a perfect weather to take a walk with your favorite veteran.

Have you and/or your Unit members been attending the live virtual webinars sponsored by the National Organization? Great information is being shared by the presenters.

Are your members keeping track of your Service to Veterans hours? If not, please do so and submit them to the Service to Veterans Chairman, Carletta McDaniel.

Construction is coming along on both VA Homes. You can follow the progress on Facebook
Facebook Pages: Arizona State Veteran Home – Flagstaff
Arizona State Veteran Home – Yuma

Reminder: Send me your accomplishments/what you are doing throughout the year. I would love to read what your Unit/Post Family is doing for our veterans.

Until next month

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Creative Arts November 2020

According to the NVCAF website, this year's National CAF will be held virtually, just like every other large gathering in this country. They are calling it National Veterans Creative Art Festival at Home. There will be interactive and educational sessions as well as virtual workshops. Some of these sessions will be available for public viewing. The opening will be November 30, at 6PM eastern time, 3PM pacific. You can follow on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) through @Sportss4Vets using #NVCAFatHome.

Each year grants are available from the ALA Foundation, Your donations help individual units, districts, and departments to improve veterans well being by introducing them to art therapy. Unit 62 in Arizona has again received a grant for their program "Heal Her Art." You can find out how to apply for a grant on the ALA web site.

We look forward to virtually seeing you at the Fall Conference.

Your Department Creative Arts Team 2019-2021:

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
November 2020

All events are suspended until further notice. Thank you volunteers for your help!

Southwest Bind Rehabilitation Center is now accepting a limited number of new patients. They have requested that service organizations provide delivery of in house meals. There will be no volunteers at these meals. There is NO visitation at SAVAHCS. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time. American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop will have to be done differently this year. The hospital is asking for lists from nursing staff of items needed by Veteran patients. They have requested that all service organizations work together to fill these needs with no duplication. VAVS Committee meeting will be held virtually on October 28th. Further discussion on holiday events will be on the agenda.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 is \$600.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for February 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 is \$30,377.27. This amount includes the Christmas Gift Shop donation for 2019 Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 66, Unit 68 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Three registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 is 63. **SAVAHCS 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.**

This chairman has volunteered 48 hours and logged 720 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of September 30, 2020. This chairman has now logged over 3,750 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. Annual Joint Review is scheduled for November.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

ALA WHIPPLE CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

TO UNITS: 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 25, 30, 31, 37, 40, 42, 46, 57, 62, 69, 76, 78, 79, 81, 86, 87, 88, 93, 103, 108, 126, 127 130, 135 & 140

**AT: BOB STUMP NORTHERN ARIZONA VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
500 HWY 89 BUILDING 15 PRESCOTT, AZ. 86313**

SEND GIFTS TO ABOVE PHYSICAL MAILING ADDRESS: ATTN: CARMEN GOSWICK

IMPORTANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION

VA RESPONSE TO CHRISTMAS GIFT STORE FOR 2020

Due to Covid 19 our Christmas Gift Store will be limited to only the Veteran's that are in the facility during the days (not yet established)—possibly about 80 Veteran's. The Voluntary Services will be helping. They will be passing out the Christmas sheets that we always have so the Veterans can make a gift list that will be returned to us. It was suggested we have only about 6 volunteers who will do all of the wrapping & they will be returned to the Veterans. We will still mail out packages for those that need to be mailed. So as of this time we are unable to have a set up Christmas luncheon and the 6 volunteers will be local. We will still be purchasing gifts but on a limited basis with the help of the Voluntary Services. HOPEFULLY NEXT YEAR THINGS WILL BE MORE BACK TO NORMAL!

I do want all of the Units and all of the volunteers that have always helped in our Gift Shop all of these past years. YOU ARE THE BEST!

ALL MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE GIFT SHOP ARE TO BE SENT TO: "ALA DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA" WITH MEMO BEING THE WHIPPLE GIFT SHOP. PLEASE SEND MONETARY DONATIONS ASAP SO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL HAVE TIME TO SHOP BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTMAS WRAPPING. ANY MONEY STILL AVAILABLE WILL BE HELD IN THE CHRISTMAS CHECKING ACCOUNT AND ALL LEFT OVER NEW GIFTS WILL BE IN STORAGE AT THE VA. ADDRESS IS: ALA DEPT. OF AZ. 4701 NO. 19TH AVE., STE. 100 PHOENIX AZ 85015-3727

**ANY GIFTS DONATED MUST BE NEW
(no food, glass items, razors etc.)**

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME

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