PAWS IN SERVICE

May 2017

Department President Jan's homecoming information in this packet...YELLOW.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION...will be held at the Carefree Resort June 22-25, 2017. Registration form is in the packet. Housing...contact Corey Pettijohn at Carefree Resort 520-579-9293. You must go thru Corey. Registration deadline is June 15, 2017 at \$10.00. After that and at the door the cost is \$12.00. **AND** Book of Reports is printed for the number registered. Walk-in's may not get a copy.

JUNOR SPRING CONFERENCE...this was a success...did you take your Juniors?

MANDATES...the following Units have not paid the 2017 Department Mandates. **Department and District** mandates are due 30 days before Dept Convention 5-22-2017. Units 15,22,24,28,37,40,57,58, 69,79,84,88,117,125,134,140. ALL MANDATES ARE DUE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION OR YOUR UNIT WILL FOREFIT IT'S RIGHT TO VOTE. DO NOT SEND DISTRICT MANDATES TO DEPARTMENT, SEND THEM TO YOUR DISTRICT.

This is from the Unit Guide Book page 28... Unit charter may be revoked upon failure of the Unit to surrender its charter at the call of the Department President, such a call being authorized in the following cases: a Unit fails to meet the obligations imposed on it by the Constitution, Bylaws, or by ruling of convention or executive committees; a Unit ceases to function from one Department Convention to the next; or a Unit refuses to pay the per capita tax due the Department and National organizations.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

Unit 15...mailing address 51 Papago Blvd, Winslow, AZ 86047 President Terry Roundpoint, 51 Papago Blvd, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-600-4243 terrou10@gmail.com Unit 6...President Sharon Keene-Wright, PO Box 1279, Chino Valley, AZ 86323 Unit 32...Secretary Carolyn Dabbs phone 928-965-5494

DISTRICTS...(1) You are required to send a copy of the District meeting minutes to Department Historian and Department. I can say that only 3 out of the 10 Districts do this. What's up? (2) We requested from the Districts a copy of their IRS Tax filing to complete the form for the Secretary of State. Still waiting for this. **Every Veterans Service Organization in the State of Arizona is required to do this. UNITS did you do yours?**

MEMBERSHIP... "ONE IN A MILLION MAKING MEMBERSHIP MEANINGFUL".

Membership is everyone's job. Our membership is still down. We need 4000 more members to make

our 2017 goal. Our last all time high was 2007-2008, it has gone down every year since. Stop the slide. Please do not hold membership.

DUES RENEWAL...When a member pays her dues she can only pay current year dues and past years. No dues can be processed for future dues. We are not a bank and do hold money here.

Incomplete applications...This is still happening. What do we have to do to get the application completed. Most of you are still not reading this bulletin. If you were this would not still be in here. Some of you are not looking at the application and doing as we asked. We have asked you to make sure the applications are filled out completely. Well guess what? We are no longer going to spend hours on the phone to get the missing information. These will be returned to you for completion and your membership transmittals will not be processed until it has been done and returned. We have already returned some transmittals to Units for correction and now we are waiting too long for them to come back to us corrected. WHAT'S UP with that? You are driving us to drink.

REPEAT...ALAMIS ACCESS... the information that you see on this system is confidential. You are not to share it with anyone not even your sister. If you do not abide by the rules set by National you will lose access to the system.

UNIT INPACT REPORTS... are due in this office by May 15, 2017.

BOOK OF REPORTS...Officers and Chairman your report for the Book of Reports is due to this office by June 1, 2017. They must be received to be printed for Department Convention.

Everyone

We encourage you to work hard and watch deadlines...it takes both to be a winner and make membership meaningful.

"Paws in Service"

Barbara Matteson Dept Secretary/Treasurer secretary@aladeptaz.org



Pat Stanaski Dept Membership Processing membership@aladeptaz.org

"PAWS IN SERVICE"

FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

MAY 2017

UNIT'S MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR UNIT YEAR-END IMPACT NUMBERS REPORT TO DEPARTMENT BY MAY 15, 2017. THANK YOU!!!

Update on Soldier's Best Friend is as follows:

Graduates to date: 160

Teams Currently Training: 45

Dogs Rescued: 100+

That is amazing!!!! I want to thank all of you for your support on this project.

I want to thank Post/Unit 19 for an awesome weekend in Yuma for the Birthday Ball and District 1 meeting. You ladies are amazing and thank you for doing great things for our veterans and their families. Thank you Unit 19, 46 and 56 for your generous donation to my special project. Thank you Unit 1 for your invitation to visit your Unit, a special thank you to Linda Hubbs and Dottie French for your personal donation to my special project.

A big thank you to Unit 39 for their \$8000.00 donation to "Soldier's Best Friend" way to go ladies!!!!

I want to thank Post/Unit 78, 6, 40, 57, 42, 3, 13 and 140 for your hospitality while we were on the Northern Run. Everyone had a great time and it was wonderful visiting with old and new friends.

Send any invitations to visit your Unit or District to me not to Department as Barbara has other important matters to handle; she is the Dept. Secretary and not my personal secretary!!! My address is 20089 N. Pinewish Court, Surprise, AZ 85374-4625 or e-mail me at gcushing@cox.net and it will also be in directory.

GO TEAM ARIZONA

Jan Cushing
Department of Arizona President
2016-2017

President Jan's Schedule

April 11-16, 2017	Edward (grandson in town)	Surprise, AZ
April 15, 2017	Dist. 11 PPP Fashion Show Post 1	Phoenix, AZ
April 20, 2017	Official Visit Unit 35	Chandler, AZ
April 22, 2017	Official Visit District 7 Unit 14	Kingman, AZ
April 25, 2017	Slap it On meeting at 1 PM	Dept. Headquarters
April 28-30, 2017	SAL Camp Out	Kingman, AZ
May 5-9, 2017	Dept. Leadership National Conference	Indianapolis, IN
May 16, 2017	Official Visit Unit 62	Peoria, AZ
May 19, 2017	Dept. Commander Bugh Homecoming Post	41 Phoenix, AZ
May 20, 2017	Dept. President Jan's Homecoming Post 1	Phoenix, AZ
Nay 30, 2017	National Memorial Cemetery of AZ	Phoenix, AZ
June 2-10, 2017	Girls State (U of A)	Tucson, AZ
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June 21-25, 2017	State Convention (Carefree Resort)	Care Free, AZ

SOLDIER'S BEST FRIEND / TOUCHING 2 LIVES AT ONCE



Mission Statement:

Place and train service dogs with United States military veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (*PTSD*) and/or suffering from complications of Traumatic Brain Injury (*TBI*).

Our goal is to help the PTSD/TBI patient recover from their symptoms and help them adjust back into society.

Website: www.soldiersbestfriend.org

Address: 14505 N 75th Avenue

Peoria, AZ 85381

Phone: (623) 218-6486

We are devoted to helping our veterans and the pet overpopulation problem.

- Soldier's Best Friend is an Arizona-based nonprofit. Currently, training is offered in Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, Prescott and Sierra Vista. On average, veteran/dog teams complete training in 6-9 months. Veterans with a confirmed diagnosis of PTSD or TBI who live in Arizona or are willing to relocate to Arizona for the duration of training are welcome to apply.
- Once the veteran or active military member is accepted into our program they will be paired with a dog adopted from a local shelter or with a dog already owned by the vet.
- All placement and training fees are no cost to the veteran. The veteran will be responsible for transportation and housing costs (if needed).

Soldier's Best Friend is an Arizona-based 501(c)3 nonprofit. Your contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Endorsed and supported by the AZ American Legion Auxiliary. We are committed to assisting veterans and their families.

HOW YOUR DONATIONS CAN HELP:

\$4000 sponsors one veteran and one dog!

\$1750 sponsors 1 dog training!

\$500 sponsors 5 collars, 5 leashes & 5 service vests!

\$400 sponsors 1 dog's food and housing for the 5-7 month training period!

\$200 sponsors 20 dog tags for the veteran and dog!

\$100 sponsors the medical supplies for one dog during their training period!

| www.soldiersbestfriend.org |
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| Phone: (623) 218-6486 |

WELCOME HOME PARTY/ CELEBRATION DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JAN CUSHING

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Luke-Greenway Post/Unit 1 364 N. 7th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85007

COCKTAILS: 5:00 P.M.

DINNER: 6:00 P.M. BUFFET

MUSIC PROVIDED BY

Monica & Ivan Stein

BUSINESS/CASUAL

Name:	No: Attending	
	Donation: \$12.00 per person	
	Donation: \$12.00 per person	

Cut & remit with donation to:

Jan Cushing 20089 N. Pinewish court Surprise, AZ 85374

Deadline: Monday May 15, 2017



AMERICANISM MAY 2017

We have all heard of Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the United States. He served in office from March 4, 1913 to March 4, 1921 and led America through World War I (1914-1918). An advocate for democracy and world peace, Wilson is often ranked by historians as one of the nation's greatest presidents. But what have you heard about his second wife, Edith Wilson, nicknamed "Mrs. "President" or "Secret President"? Why, you ask? She was given these nicknames after her husband had a massive stroke. She became powerful, in her own right, and was active in the affairs of state. Let me give you a little background...

Between late Dec. 1918 and June 1919, our 28th president was in Europe, negotiating the Treaty of Versailles and planning for the nascent League of Nations. Throughout September of 1919, the presidential train traveled across the Midwest, the Great Plains states, the Rockies, the Pacific Northwest, and then down the West Coast before turning back east. During this time, the president became thinner, paler, and frailer. He lost his appetite, his asthma grew worse, and he complained of unrelenting headaches. On the evening of Sept. 25, 1919, after speaking in Pueblo, Colorado, Edith discovered Woodrow in a profound state of illness. His facial muscles were twitching uncontrollably and he was experiencing severe nausea. Woodrow's traveling days were over. For two years, Edith supported and protected her husband by keeping his condition a secret. She only allowed trusted people to meet the President and ensured that he was only given important government documents. Critics of Woodrow Wilson referred to his administration, at this time, as the Petticoat Government. This was because of the highly influential position of Edith Wilson. In reality, Edith Wilson assumed the duties of the highest office in this Nation. So, my question to you is, was Edith Wilson the first women President of the United States, even though she was not elected into office?

There is a saying: "A solider dies twice: once when he takes his final breath, and later when his name is forgotten." In preparation for this Memorial Day, I have one request. As you place the American Flag on a Veteran's grave, take a second to say his/her name and thank them for their service. If we do this every year, they will never be forgotten.

Are you coming to Convention??? Are you bringing your Unit or District Colors??? Please remember to bring a white blouse and navy blue or black pants/skirt and shoes. Also, plan to be at the meeting hall on Friday at 7:30 a.m. and on Sunday morning to retrieve colors. If there are any schedule changes, I will let you know in the June packet.

"I will stand by you – not for duty, not for pity, not for honor – but for love – trusting, protecting, comprehending love" **Edith Galton Wilson**

Linda Hubbs Chairman

Debbie Aguirre Committee Member

"Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws"

Barbara Kingsolver Happy Mother's Day!

Community Service

May 2017

PAWS in SERVICE

Thank you to the Units who submitted reports!

It is not too late to let me know if your Unit participated in the Department-wide Community Service Project in March. Or, did your Unit do a Community Service project in March? Please let me know, and if you have any pictures, please send them to me. Toot your horn, let us know what you have accomplished.

REMEMBER: When out in the community, wear your Auxiliary attire. We want the community to know who we are!

Any questions, do not hesitate to contact myself or Onita.

Barbara White, Chairman 602-908-2980 Barbarawhite99@gmail.com 1616 W Nopal Dr Chandler AZ 85224 Onita Davis, Member 520-229-1064 ovunit132@gmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA DEPARTMET CONVENTION JUNE 22-25, 2017

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 NUMBERAMOUNT ENCLOSED				
NAME (PRINT)	POSITION/TITLE (PRINT)	PUFL	HLM	Veteran
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YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT REGISTRATION
YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR REGISTRATION BADGE WITHOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CARD

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Arizona CONVENTION CREDENTIALS

We certify that the following listed members were duly elected as delegates or alternates to attend

Carefree, Arizona

June 22, 23, 24, 25, 2017

the American Legion Auxiliary Departm at a meeting called for this purpose on J	nent Convention to be held in Carefree, Arizona, June 22-25, 2017, une 26, 2016
Unit Name and Number	Unit President
NAME	Unit Secretary Delegate Alternate
	(Check One)
	tment Secretary, but PRESENT it to the Credentials Committee on. THIS IS A MUST if your Unit is to exercise its right to VOTE.
Reproduce as needed	Unit Number
	TOTAL VOTES

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Arizona

SUBJECT: Names and addresses of elected 2017-2018 DISTRICT OFFICERS

NOTE: Since this mailing will be sent to the OUT-GOING OFFICERS, it is THEIR responsibility to send the requested information to the Headquarters Office. Even if you are REPEATING an office or if you have recently sent a list of officers, it is necessary to complete and send in this form for the Department Directory. The Department will be complying a new ALA Contact list for information to be sent by email.

Please TYPE or PRINT.

DISTRICT NUMBER			_
PRESIDENT: Mailing Address			
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VICE PRESIDENT: Mailing Address			
City		- Phone () -	
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SECRETARY:		ID#	
Mailing Address City		- Phone () -	
Work Phone () - e-mail address			

<u>Please complete and return this form as soon as possible</u>. We must have this information to prepare the Department Directory and notify National. **Must be into Department no later than June 1, 2017**

Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona 4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Arizona

SUBJECT: Names and addresses of elected 2017-2018 UNIT OFFICERS

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

PAWS IN SERVICE

MAY, 2017

Greetings Ladies,

My committee and I would like to thank all of the Units that submitted their Children & Youth annual reports and a special thank you for those units that submitted narratives. In the next few weeks we will be compiling your information to submit to the National Children & Youth Chairman. There was a lot of information reported and I look forward to sharing with all of you.

Children and Youth Chairman's please continue to keep up the excellent work that you, your unit and post are doing for this great program.

With many of our schools getting ready for the summer, let's think about activities we can do at our post, parks or community center for our Veteran children and the community as well as how we can assist with keeping our children safe as well as entertained during the summer months.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Convention, where I will provide you with a complete reconciliation of what we have accomplished this year in the Book of Reports.

For God and Country

Thank you

Shirley Cannon - Johnson - Chairman

1734 E. Alicia Dr.

Phoenix, AZ 85042

Committee Members

Stacy Mayberry

Carla Solarez

EDUCATION MAY 2017

Yes, it is the end of another year and reports were due May 1st, along with any narratives. Thank you to all the Units reporting as I know it is not always possible to have the information you need to fill out the reports at your fingertips. As a Unit President, I am also attempting to get reports in on time.

The scholarships submitted were reviewed and the winner was forwarded on to Division. Thanks for taking the time to submit them. A quick reminder about these – please review for signatures on all documents and other paperwork requested. Each segment has a scoring factor and needs to be completed. A check list is a good idea and can be easily compiled from the directions on what is needed with each application.

Just because some of us do not have meetings during the summer, there are always ways to work education into what we do. June brings more education about flag disposal; while July is all about learning about why fighting for our freedoms is important. Although a lot of schools are closed, we can still work with children in the community youth programs.

As you are working on your reports, so am I and all the other chairpersons, trying to gather information and compile a good report to send to Division, etc.

Again, I want to thank you for all the hard work you put in each year, month, day and hour for our veterans, children and youth, and the community. Without your dedication and volunteerism, our communities would not be able to succeed as they do. Again, thank you.

Kat Sticklin, AZ Department Education Chairperson 1519 S. 2nd Ave., Safford, 85546 gsticklin@cableone.net 928-428-7431 Judy McIntyre Van-Matre Education Committee Member judym@npgcable.com 928-706-8207

FINANCE REMINDERS

MAY 2017

1- The Unit and District Finance Report forms are due to this Chairman no later than MAY 15, 2017.

HAVE YOU FILED YOUR NECESSARY FORMS? a. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-some form of the 990 EIN

- b. Are you incorporated with the AZ CORPORATION COMMISSION and have you filed your yearly report
- c. HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE AZ. SECRETARY OF STATE as a non-profit Veterans Organization. If you haven't you are in jeopardy of having a Class 3 Misdemeanor filed against you. Every Unit and District was provided with a copy of the form at the Fall Conference with instructions that you must file. There is no fee involved with this form just make it out (follow instructions on the form), have it signed, notarized and MAIL IT.

(THE Finance committee has informed everyone about this 3 times we will NOT be responsible for your not filing)

We know you all have done a fantastic job with your finances this past year so just remember to file all your reports. There are a few Units in the Dept. who have never filed for and not received an EIN number from IRS – National indicates you <u>must</u> do this and those who have lost their Non-profit status with the IRS must immediately take action to refile.

Your Finance Team
Helen Stout, Chairman
Jan Cushing, Dept. President
Josephine Herrera, NEC
Barbara Matteson, Dept. Secretary-Treasurer (without vote)
Helen Griffin
Penny Maklary

HISTORIAN MAY 2017

"Dedicated Historians Leave Paw Prints behind for Tomorrow"

UNIT AWARDS

Helen Blakeslee Memorial Plaque to Units with membership of 150 and under.

Betty Kent Plaque to Units with membership of 151 and over

DISTRICT AWARD

The Rasmussen District History Plaque. Any District in the Department of Arizona may receive this plaque.

JUNIOR AWARDS

Department Junior Activities Plaque to Unit with membership 150 and under

Kitchen Junior Activities Plaque to Unit with membership of 151 and over

JUNIOR HISTORY AWARD

Connie Erickson Middlebrook Plaque – Junior History

You can find the rules for the awards online at: aladeptaz.org under department awards

The end of the year report is due May 15, 2017. You can e mail to plugo1@cox.net or mail to 7232 West Sells Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85033

Patricia Lugo, Department Historian 2017-2018



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES May 2017

Paws in Service

Junior conference just happened, did we see you there?
I am sending a Shootout to Post/Unit 29 for hosting the Junior members and their chaperones. Thank you!

Share your units' accomplishments at:

#ALARockStars Share Facebook posts, tweets, and photos of ALA members working the mission

Celebrate your ALA Juniors' milestones

Celebrate your American Legion Auxiliary Junior member's milestones with commemorative certificates now available for purchase through American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales! The <u>Commemorative Graduation Certificate</u> honors the dedication of Junior members as they transition to adult membership.

The <u>Commemorative Enrollment Certificate</u> can be used when a Junior membership is gifted.

Yes, it is that time of year, please send your end of year report to:

Lexis Escudero 13010 West Hearn Road , El Mirage, AZ 85335

AZ MISSION TRAINING LEADERSHP WORKSHOP

MAY 2017

"To promote the development of leaders, share membership growth and retention ideals, and enhance mentoring and open communication with members of all ages"

Hello Arizona Auxiliary Members:

This time of the year, many changes are happening in every unit. Time for elections. Please remember to call upon your Leadership team to provide the education needed for all your members

ARE YOU THE EAGLE OR THE GOOSE

This is rather long to read but it tells the story of a true LEADER.. At the end, I hope you will strive to HONK!!

The Eagle or the Goose?

Some people think that eagles make GOOD LEADERS.

BUT

Eagles don't remind us of teamwork.

Being part of a team is important if you want to be a leader, so eagles don't make us think about leadership.

Whenever we see and eagle, it's usually alone.

- Eagles are not team players.
- Eagles mate for life, but they are NOT "flock birds".
- Eagles don't hang out with lots of other eagles. They don't support other eagles, either.
- We think GEESE make better leaders.
- HONK!!!

A flock of geese is like a team, Geese Stick Together!

- You will hardly **EVER** see a goose by itself. If you do, it probably got separated from its flock or it lost its mate.
- If a goose is hurt and needs to land, 2 other geese will land with it until it gets better, or dies.
- Geese also mate for life. If a goose's mate dies, he or she will stay with the dead body and morn. A goose can grieve to death when it loses its mate.
- The Leader goes where the **flock** decides.
- Being a leader is **NOT** the same thing as being "the Boss".
- A good leader does what his TEAM wants to do (and a good leader is also a part of that team!!)

The Leader works hard to cut a path for their flock!

- The lead position in the flock is the hardest place to be.
- It takes a lot of work to cut a path for the flock.

- A good leader works hard **FOR HIS/HER TEAM** (not just for them self).
- When the lead goose gets tired, he goes back into the flock. (it's easier to fly IN the flock, at the end of the line, because the other geese will pull you along with the wind drafts).
- The last position in the flock is one of the BEST places to be. It helps you re-gain your strength.
- Good leaders know when it's time to take a break and let someone else lead. They don't "rule for life".
- ... and a new leader takes his/her place!
- When the lead goose retires, a new goose flies to the front of the line to lead their flock.
- A good leader will teach members of his team how to lead when he/she steps down.

What kind of Leader are you?



Are you an Eagle?

Are you a goose?

DID YOU REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR LEADERSHIP REPORT FORM?

It is important to complete all report forms and send to the Department Chairman. Did you write a narrative and apply for an award?

Ginger Cox, Chairman, 602-616-2811 Email: gingercee@cox.net

Shannon Mead. Com. Member 623-694-9847

Barbara White, Com. Member 602-908-2980

LEGISLATIVE

ADVS Legislative Update:

There was no movement on any of the bills being tracked hopefully, we shall see some Senate action on HB 2415-In-State Tuition: veterans next week. It needs to pass or veterans and their families will be unable to use the "GI Bill" and other VA educational benefits in Arizona after July 1, 2017. It does have an Emergency Clause so that it will take effect on signature by the Governor.

Look forward to seeing you at Convention. Please keep those letters, emails and phone calls flooding our elected representatives.

Sharon L. Doran Legislative Chairman 928-567-9460 Sldoran2@hotmail.com

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Membership 2016-2017

May 2017

As we approach the 95% Milestone on May 11, 2017 another Unit has made 100%, Fountain Hills Unit 58 has reached 101.87% Wow! Good job ladies.

There are a number of Units that are oh so close to 95% and you can do this! A couple of ideas that you might try:

- 1. Set up a telephone party and try calling those members that have not renewed. There's time to reach out to those members and have some fun while doing it by devoting an afternoon or evening with snacks or cookies.
- 2. Look at those Rosters. Is your Unit willing to pay for older members?
- 3. Do you have Juniors that have not renewed? Is your Unit interested in keeping that Junior? Perhaps your Unit will pay that renewal.
- 4. Do you have a Dual member that has not renewed? How about gifting that Lady Veteran with her membership?

And of course, when you least expect a new member welcome her into your fold. Invite her to your meetings? Download the New Member Kit and please extend her a smile and explain some of the benefits of Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, i.e. mention the Auxiliary magazine subscription, health discount services, Alamo Rental Car, Wyndham Hotel rewards, savings on Dell Computers, Eye Med Vision Care. Please mention the website, alaforveterans.org where members can explore and learn about the Auxiliary programs. Kindness goes a long way and makes her feel like she belongs to the greatest Veterans service organization! Remember how it felt the first day you walked into your post and wanted to belong.

Let's Make Membership Meaningful!
Rock Arizona and Raise the Roof in 2016-2017,

Yolanda Bonilla Membership Chairman 602-989-3321 yodobo@msn.com



"PAWS IN SERVICE" MUSIC REPORT MAY 2017

Hello to all you May flowers!

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

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

Music adds enjoyment and an opportunity for participation for all in our monthly meetings. Including a song gives everyone the chance to be heard and feel a part of the group that is our wonderful organization. If you missed the April 17 deadline for Music Reports, go ahead and send yours in. I know everyone has been busy with Spring Break, etc., so I am still accepting year-end reports!

Department Music Awards are as follows:

MUSIC PLAQUES

Frances Aros Memorial Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 151 and over Millicent Kasun Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 150 and under

Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents. Click on ALA Department Awards Book and go to page 47. This will list the rules and the scoring for the awards. A typewritten narrative of not more than 1,000 words must accompany the report form.

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman 11533 E. Kilarea Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209 steinent@cox.net 480.272.1255 cell

Poppy Poster Contest

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups, including Junior members, may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

- *The contest shall have seven classes:
- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:
- 1. Those in special education classes
- 2. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been\admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
- 3. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities. Identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.
- Poppy Poster Requirements:
- i. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles "a," "and," "an," "the" are not to be counted as words. The words "buddy" and "buy" cannot be used.
- ii. The words "American Legion Auxiliary" must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
- iii. Each poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.
- iv. The department shall determine the closing date for the unit contest. The poster shall be on 11x14" poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
- v. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
- vi. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
- 1. 50% poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
- 2. 40% artistic ability (design and color)
- 3. 10% neatness
- vii. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers.
- viii. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
- viiii. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians' grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.
- viiv. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
- viv. The label "In Memoriam" from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.
- vivi. When the Holy Cross is used, the Star of David also shall be used.

Poppy Poster Contest Judging and Awards

- 1. Each department shall establish its own procedure for judging.
- 2. A citation will be given for the most outstanding poster in each classification within the five divisions.
- 3. Unit members should follow deadlines and process for the department.
- 4. All department adjudicated entries must be sent by the department chairman to her national division chairman postmarked by June 1, 2017. (See addresses located at the front of this program Plan for specific division contact information.)
- 5. While ALA representatives will do their best to return all posters, it is not guaranteed. We recommend participants take a picture or scan their poster for their records.
- 6. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant nonexclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted, and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.



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ALA Poppy Program Fact Sheet



The Remembrance Poppy - Significance and Program Overview

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary's three-quarters of a million members – direct female relatives of wartime veterans – raise more than \$5.5 million through the distribution of the symbolic red poppies to support active-duty military, veterans, and their families. The Auxiliary's 8,000+ neighborhood units distribute poppies throughout the year, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The red poppy has become a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. One hundred percent of the donations collected directly support the needs of veterans, military, and their families.

Ouick Facts

- The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed protecting Americans' freedom following publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D., while serving on the front in WWI, to honor soldiers killed in battle.
- The popularity of the red poppy as a memorial to those who sacrificed their lives in war began in November 1918 when Moina (pronounced mo-ee-na) Michael was so moved by Lt. Col. McCrae's poem that she bought a bouquet of poppies on impulse all that New York City's Wanamaker's Department Store had and handed them to businessmen meeting at the New York YMCA where she worked. She asked them to wear the poppy as a tribute to the fallen. WWI was over, but America's sons would rest forever "in Flanders Fields." Later, Moina would spearhead a campaign that resulted in the adoption of the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice. In 1923, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion Family in memory of soldiers who fought on the battlefields during WWI.
- Last year, American Legion Auxiliary members raised more than \$5.5 million from poppy donations, 100 percent of which was used exclusively to support active-duty military, veterans, and their families through the Auxiliary's outreach program services.
- Veterans handcraft the flowers with assistance from unpaid volunteers. The veterans not only earn a small wage, which helps to supplement their incomes and makes them feel more self-sufficient, but the physical and mental activity provides many therapeutic benefits for the veteran.
- A veteran who devotes five to six hours per day assembling the red crepe paper poppies can make as many as 2,000 to 3,000 poppies in a week.
- Volunteers do not sell poppies they "distribute" them, with a request that the person receiving the poppy make a donation to the poppy fund to support the Auxiliary's veteran outreach programs.
- Founded in 1919 to support the work of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary is recognized as the world's largest women's patriotic service organization.

About the American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military, and their families both here and abroad. They volunteer millions of hours yearly, with a value of more than \$3.1 billion. As part of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, ALA volunteers across the country also step up to honor veterans and military through annual scholarships and with ALA Girls State programs, teaching high school juniors to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. To learn more about the ALA's mission or to volunteer, donate, or join, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA 2017 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY LUNCHEON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017 RED HORSE SALOON, CAREFREE RESORT



MENU GLUENT FREE Except Rolls*

Roaster Breast of Chicken Traditional Mashed Potatoes Greem Beams Pasta Marinara Satueed Vegetables

*Artisan Rolls with Sweet Cream Butter Fresh Salad Lemon Bars & Flourless Chocolate Cake Iced Tea and Coffee Service Cost \$25.00

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

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

Seating is limited to 124... Please make your reservation before June 19, 2017

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PUT ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK.

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Public Relations: May 2017



Email (questions, comments): Marge Christianson; ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com Facebook Page: "Jan Cushing, AZ ALA Dept President"

- Department generated posts about Jan's travels and mission activities Facebook Page: "ALA Department of Arizona Public Relations"
 - Department generated posts about community engagement of interest to units, districts

Facebook Group: Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA

 Units, Districts generated posts about community engagement stories of interest to each other and department. Entries should focus on how the public was engaged in what you did, what you learned, etc. Also "Ring Your Bell" central for the contest. Request membership today!

The cleric of the bell tower bent over after he had the bells chiming away and got hit in the head as the bell rocked back. He fell out of the tower and lay unconscious on the ground. No one seemed to know his name, but someone commented "I can't think of his name, but his face sure rings a bell".

Final lap on the Ring Your Bell Contest

- Contest ends May 15
- 150 points will be awarded for having your year-end reporting in by May 15
- Any items from previous months will be accepted until May 15.
- Winning unit will receive their engraved bell at convention from Department President Jan Cushing
- Thank you for your participation. We had fun and hope you had some too!

New department website coming soon!!!

Thank you!

Marge Christianson
Public Relations Volunteer & Chair
Department of Arizona
ALADeptAZpr@gmail.com

Shannon Mead
Public Relations Volunteer & Committee Member
Department of Arizona
ShannonMead@live.com

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA CONVENTION JUNE 22 - 25, 2017 RESOLUTION

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Convention Action: Approved_____ Rejected____ Date____

One "hard" copy, signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates, and an unsigned "soft or electronic" copy of all resolutions are to be forwarded to the Department Secretary before Convention if possible. Resolutions originating at Convention need to be written as a "hard" copy with two delegate signatures, and a "soft or electronic" copy forwarded to the Department Secretary as soon as possible so that discussion and vote may take place. (2013) 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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA "PAWS IN SERVICE"

FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SCRAPBOOK

MAY 2017

If your Unit is going to submit a scrapbook at Convention please follow the rules that were handed out at Fall Conference.

Luella Price District Scrapbook Plaque

H.H. Donkersley Unit 19 Scrapbook Plaque with membership of 151 and over Martha Waters Scrapbook Plaque with membership of 150 and under Moulton Junior Auxiliary Scrapbook Plaque

For the rules they are on the department website aladeptaz.org under useful links you will see ALA Dept. AZ Awards it is so easy. If this is your first time on the department website WELCOME and visit it often for information and old bulletins.

Please send any pictures you take of the Department President to the address below to put in her scrapbook.

Noreen Lankin Scrapbook Chairman 20089 N. Pinewish Court Surprise, AZ 85374-4625 gcushing@cox.net Amy Hankins Member aaccomm@cox.net

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

ATTENTION: IF YOU OR YOUR UNIT RECEIVED A PLAQUE AT THE STATE CONVENTION LAST JUNE PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING

RECEIVE IT.

IT BACK TO THE CONVENTION THIS YEAR SO THE WINNER WILL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

JAN CUSHING, DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

MEETING 1 APRIL 2017

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

First presenter was Isabel Kozak from "Veggies for Veterans". This group works with VASH (VA Supported Housing) to help veterans get on a more healthy life style. They provide vouchers and/or fresh fruits and vegetables to veterans recently placed in housing, who were previous on the streets. They are attempting to train them in how to eat healthier. This is a 501(c)3 organization. They work with a mobile food pantry to provide food for these veterans. They also have a nutritionist on board that will go into the homes and help the veterans in preparing healthy meals. They are looking for donations to help with this program. For more information, see attachment 1, at the end of my report.

The Arizona Youth Leadership Program presented by Dick Minor from MOWW. This 501(c)3 group has an annual leadership conference for students completing grades 10 and 11, and is a nationwide program of the Military Order of the World Wars. They seek contributions to help send the students to this 5 day conference at no cost to the student. The cost for the program is approximately \$330 per student, and this years conference is scheduled for June 13-17 at ASU West campus. The goals of this conference are:

- 1. To develop in the conferees a better understanding of our national heritage.
- 2. To direct their attention to the opportunities and choices available in our country.
- 3. To examine the basic concepts of our free enterprise system.
- 4. To contrast life in free society with living under other systems of government.
- 5. To develop leadership skills and encourage self actualization.

For more information, contact Dick Minor, Col, U.S. ARMY Retired at danddminor@aol.com.

A presentation was given by Don Borland from "United for Change Veteran Furniture Center". They have had their 501(c)3 status reinstated. They go out on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, collecting donated furniture valley wide. On Fridays they deliver the donated furniture to veterans recently placed in permanent housing from being on the streets. Last year they were able to provide furniture to 350 veterans recently taken off the streets. They only accept mattresses in excellent condition. Most mattresses they delivered are purchased new to avoid any health or infestation issues. They only have one paid employee. He is paid for 18 hours weekly, but works well over those at no additional cost to the agency. They are looking for some donations to support their efforts and to help repair their truck that has recently broken down.

Jhennicea Morrow from the Blinded Veterans Association gave a report on their organization and many of the devices being developed to help the visually impaired. Their moto is "blinded veterans serving blinded veterans". For more information go to azblindedveterans.org.

Roll Call was taken and a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made, second and approved.

Chairman Yates asked members if they had reviewed the UAV Annual Plan 2017-18, motioned to accept, motion was second and approved. (see attachment 2)

Treasurer Bob Hysko gave the financial report. The UAV currently has \$35,256.96 in their account.

Sickness and Distress – Chairman Yates advised the membership of the following members that are in need of prayers due to illness: Gene Rafanelli, Jesse Gersten and Norm Ross and the services for Nelson S. Ladd at the National Cemetery on Wednesday, April 5th at 10 a.m.

Rheba Nelson, Director of the VA Medical Center reported that the Leadership Team will be in place on Monday. This team has not been in effect since July 2014. Congressman Walsh from the HVAC Committee visited the VA Hospital in Phoenix this past week for what was suppose to be a 2 hour visit that turned into a 3 ½ hour visit. He wanted to know how the VA got into such a mess. Rheba advised him that the VA did not plan for the huge influx in veterans coming in to the VA for medical treatment. They need to start planning now for another huge influx with the world situation being what it is. Ms. Nelson also advised the members that the Chairman for the HVAC Committee is planning on making a visit to Phoenix this month. Since the opening of the two new CBOC's they are starting to renovation of the facilities. The biggest problem is trying to modernize a building that was built in 1957 to meet current standards. It would be cheaper just to build a whole new facility, but Congress won't fund that, they would rather keep throwing money into the old building. One area they are working on now is the kitchen. They are completely remodeling and modernizing the kitchen. The women's clinic is being expanded. Phoenix is the only VA facility that has the most modern mammography equipment. They have expanded the hours of operation for the Radiology Department. They are now open 7 days a week from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. This has cut down on the wait times for radiology exams. Ms. Nelson also advised members to spread the word that if there is a physical or mental emergency, call 911 and if the VA refuses to pick up the tab she need to be informed. When it comes to someone's life, she is not going to try and second guess anyone. If you truly feel it is an emergency, call 911. The VA is also working on a program that would allow veterans to go to the CVS clinics for urgent care. They hope to have everything finalized by the end of April. A program has been put in place for those veterans residing in Show Low and other outlying areas to get their labs and x-rays in the community instead of having to come all the way down to the VA in Phoenix.

Wanda Wright, Director of ADVS reported that they are working on a "Tele-benefit" program that will allow veterans to stay in their homes and submit the paperwork for their claims and file claims thru the virtual network. They are working on the u0pcoming symposium coming up later in April. They are also working to help with the suicide prevention programs. Rural areas have the most suicides. Work continues on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam Era, this program will go through 2025. They are working on the new state homes and trying to figure out if keeping the Phoenix home at 200 rooms or building another home. They want to make the rooms all single occupancy rather than the two to four per room. The problem is the VA would rather pay to remodel instead of building a new facility. There is a Women's Expo coming up on Saturday, April 15th at Grand Canyon University. It is free of charge and all women veterans are encouraged to attend. They have established a Military Veterans Community Network, which consists of four committees throughout the state. All of these networks must include a member from the VA and the state. They meet quarterly.

Terry Araman gave the latest legislative update.

HB 2271 – occupational licensing; military members – was signed by the Governor, allowing military training and education to completely or partially satisfy requirements for a state-issued license, certificate, or registration.

SB 1327 – Gold Star Memorial was signed by the Governor, allowing the placement of a Gold Star memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza at the state capitol.

An effort is being made to get legislation to allow deported veterans to return to the United States. These veterans served honorably and after discharge were convicted of minor infractions of the law and since they never obtained their naturalization paperwork, have been deported to Mexico.

Chairman Yates advised the membership that the Patriotic Gala is SOLD OUT.

There is an upcoming golf tournament (attachment 3)

Judy Hatch advised everyone that they need to make sure they have submitted their requests to participate in the Memorial Day Program and made forms available for those that were not sure.

Kathy Upchurch advised the membership that April 5th has been designated as "National Gold Star Wives Day".

On April 15 they will be cleaning the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was closed at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Hotch

Judith Hatch





Veterans

Donate Today

Search "Veggies for Veterans" on Eventbrite.com



The Challenge:

- Veterans who have been previously homeless have a larger number of health problems than the overall population.
 - 23% of homeless Veterans have high
 - blood pressure.

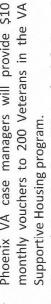
 Nearly 1 in 4 Veterans has diabetes.
- VA patients tend to be older, have lower incomes, and have limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

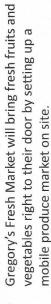
The Goals:

- recently moved off the street into supportive housing, with easy access to fruits and vegetables.
- Teach better nutrition habits for a healthy lifestyle.

Want to help?







 A nutritionist will be on site to offer Veterans cooking tips and ways to use the produce for a healthy meal.

 100% of all contribution go toward providing fresh produce and making a difference in the lives of homeless Veterans.



'Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime."

UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS - ANNUAL PLAN 2017-18

01/15/17

Vision: (Describes that which UAV strives to accomplish in the mid to long term future):

UAV actively engages in the development, support and endorsement of legislation, administration or other actions which further the general welfare and well-being of all Arizona Veterans.

MISSION: (UAV core purpose and focus): Collectively promote veteran related affairs endorsed by a majority of its member veteran service organizations.

VALUES: (Principles which guide UAV's internal conduct and defines our relationship with our community and environment); (not limited to, not in priority)

- Love of country and the American flag
- The Honor and integrity of our Nation, and the Constitution
- Service to and recognition of Arizona Veterans and our supporting community
- · Active involvement in the veterans legislative issues at the local, State and national level
- Commitment to addressing diversity and under representation across all UAV activities

ANNUAL CALENDAR: Prepared by UAV Secretary

CURRENT YEAR & HOF BUDGET: Prepared by UAV Treasurer

CURRENT YEAR GOALS (Observable and measurable results, having one or more objectives): Target completion date **02/28/18**:

- Update and present for approval UAV Bylaws ,other core documents and website as needed.
- 2. Develop, support and document UAV legislative and other program efforts which serve to improve the status of Arizona Veterans
- 3. Identify and implement opportunities for broader participation in UAV leadership and committee activities by member organizations and individuals
- 4. Develop concept and plan for UAV sponsorship, scholarship and fund raising programs
- 5. Develop concept and plan for restructure of UAV dues
- 6. Develop concept and plan to grow UAV chapters outside the greater Phoenix area
- 7. Develop, plan and conduct AVHOF reception/induction ,awards program(APG) and PHRD efficiently and within established fiscal considerations and parameters
- 8. Market HOF nomination process to produce 60 new candidates by March 31, 2017
- 9. Review and update HOF nomination process and support forms as necessary
- Develop concept and implementation to organize/catalog and centralize UAV administrative data.
- 11. Develop framework and process to produce "UAV Five Year Plan"

8th Annual Tournament

Friday, May 12, 2017

Falcon Dunes Golf Club

15100 W. Northern Ave. (Just west of Litchfield Rd.)

Active Duty Military \$45 per player **All Others**

\$65 per player

Includes: foursome scramble, green fees, cart, range balls, door prizes, & awards luncheon.

\$5,000 CASH PRIZE



6830 AM Registration

Shotgun Start

For Hole-in-One

AFA is a non-profit, independent, professional military & aerospace education organization directly supporting, but not part of, the U.S. Air Force. Proceeds will be shared with AFA's Wounded Airman Program

All Registrations due no later than Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Contact Information:		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	St:	Zip:
City: Phone: Email:		
Email:		

□ No, I cannot play but here is my \$____ donation.

Mail to: Frank Luke Chapter AFA 5126 W. Las Palmaritas Dr. Glendale, AZ 85302

For More Information:

Harry Bailey @ 623-846-7483 or hhbailey99@cox.net Ed Logan @ 623-937-6633 or elsundevil@yahoo.com

Players' Names:	Active Military	Retired/ Civilian
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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

"PAWS IN SERVICE" VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION REPORT

May 2017

By the reading of this bulletin, all Units should have sent in your year-end reports to this Chairman.

By May 15th, this Chairman will be sending in a consolidated report to the National Chairman and Western Division Chairman for the VA&R program.

Thanking those Units in advance who sent their reports to me on or before the due date. Hopefully by this reading, this Chairman can report that Arizona received 100% reporting.

How many included your narrative if you are going to submit your Unit for a Department Award?

This Chairman looks forward to seeing you in June at the Carefree Resort.

Don't forget to visit the website, <u>www.aladeptaz.org</u> for award information or <u>www.alaforveterans.org</u> for more vital information.

Until next month, thank you for all you do for our Veterans!!!

Cindy Queen, Department VA&R Chairman 4718 S. Adelle Circle, Mesa, AZ 85212 cynqueen1953@gmail.com

602-316-7647 (cell) 480-358-6923 (home)

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON) 2016-2017 REPORT

Ladies,

Let us begin with major kudos to our auxiliary units from our residents at ASVH-Tucson.

Units 32 and 45 for their recent donations. Unit 109 hosted Super Bowl Tailgate Party in February.

Donations from all auxiliary units provided an additional 20 boxes (heart shape) of chocolate to ensure each veteran enjoyed his/her Valentine. Also, provided 10 bouquets of three roses to the lady veterans. St. Patrick's Day was fantastic those residents who attended enjoyed the, "Green!"

Unit 132 will provide a rose for each of the lady veterans for Mother's Day.

Fran Johnston, Nancy Morrow, Tommy Morrow, Delene Sabol, Terry Soto, and Anna Marie Arenas personally donated additional food ingredients for the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, "Make Your Own Nachos" at the home. Sam, ASVH-Tucson recreation director shared with the committee that this menu would benefit the residents using all skills to build their plate and enjoy themselves at the same time. There was entertainment including mariachis and ballet folklorico groups. Great job!

Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials hosted by Auxiliary Units 131 for April, 59 for May, and 109 for June. Please remember this social hosted by the American Legion Auxiliaries is all year long. Contact Fran Johnston at 520-599-4786.

The following schedule is upcoming events at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson): (Please remember we always need donations to have these monthly events and really need volunteers)

A. May Events

May 5	The American Legion Auxiliaries and Department Committee, and the Elks will host a
	Cinco de Mayo (May 5) Fiesta for the residents and their families. And, honor the
	home's nurses.

Volunteers and potluck items needed by 9:00 a.m. Will start serving at 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.. There will be mariachi and ballet folklorico entertainment for all to enjoy.

- May 13 POWWOW (produce) 60 lbs with a donation of \$10
- May 14 American Legion Auxiliary 132 will donate roses for the female veterans for Mother's Dav.
- May 16 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 59 will host the Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social.
- Mat 19 In celebration of National Nursing Home Week, the ASVH-Tucson will host an open house with vendors. Those interested in selling their items please contact Sam Nanez or Anna Marie Arenas. Vending space donation is \$15. Vendors to set up by 9:00 a.m.
- May 20 Arm Forces Day still in planning stage
- May 26 Memorial Day still in planning stage

Tucson Estates will hold their annual Memorial Day Parade ASVH-Tucson Steering

Committee (auxiliary units and SAL members of the steering committee planning to participate. If you can come join us, wishing we have more auxiliary members attend.

B. June Events

June 10 Elks will host an ice cream social in honor of Flag Day. Boy Scouts will be presenting a flag for each resident.

June 10 POWWOW (produce) 60 lbs with a donation of \$10

June 20 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 109 will host the Birthday Cake and Ice cream Social

C. Upcoming Events – Planning Stage

Father's Day Will be planned during the May steering committee meeting.

Bike Show Tommy and Mary (Unit 109) to contact potential coordinators to host a bike show. Will also have vendor and food booths.

July 18 VFW Unit 770 will host the Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social

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

A toast for your blessed life!!! Salute!!!!! And, one of the residents will be celebrating his 101st birthday.

April	Arnold	07	William	22				
May	Frederick	01	Dorothy	02	Alfred	07	Thomas	07
	Dale	11	Craig	17	James	18	Maurice	20
	Arthur	21	Asberry	24				

God bless the residents of ASVH-Tucson who have passed away recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Happy Mother's Day ladies, until we meet again!!!!!!! Any ideas of events/activities please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Marie Arenas ASVH-Tucson Chairman aarenas@cox.net 520-404-7646 Nancy Morrow ASVH-Tucson Co-Chairman nancymorrow52381@gmail.com 520-867-1725



ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME PHOENIX APRIL 2017 REPORT

Hello Ladies it's been beautiful weather finally in our valley!

Here is the list of April Birthdays:

David O. 04/02	Ernest H. 04/04	James M. 04/07	William S. 04/09
Thomas R. 04/10	Lawrence S. 04/15	Gerald B. 04/17	James K. 04/24
Harold M. 04/25	Alexander M. 04/27	Odd S. 04/27	William P. 04/29
Manuel T. 04/29			

Here is the list of May Birthdays:

Larry O. 05/01	Daniel C. 05/04	Rudolph L. 05/08	Spencer H. 05/12
Dorothy S. 05/18	Larry C. 05/21	Norman L. 05/22	David M. 05/26
Dan N. 05/30			

Here is the list of June Birthdays:

Lilia D. 06/05	Carolyn F. 06/05	Ronald L. 06/09	Charles "Chuck" H. 06/10
Thomas B. 06/15	Bill E. 06/18	Philip M. 06/18	Franklin W. 06/19
Henry C. 06/29		-	

Thanks to all the units for sending Birthday cards to our veterans at the State Home. ©

This will be my last year representing the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Arizona Veterans State Home. As Auxiliary member I have been proud of all the support we have given to the State Home Veterans. They would like to Thank the following units for their help with donations over the past year; Units 27, 35, 39, 44, 61, 65, 75, 103 and 107.

Thanks to the above units and their generous donations there will be 2 Lunches and 1 Breakfast for the residents and a number of Auxiliary volunteers. Here are the dates and time: (1) **April 22** (Noon - 2pm) "Prime Rib with our Vets at AVSH", (2) **May 27**th (Noon – 2pm) "Surf & Turf at AVSH" (Steak and Shrimp) and one (1) **June 17**th time (tba) "Breakfast with Our Vets" (Steak and eggs). It would be nice to have some Auxiliary members to volunteer to help serve the veterans along with enjoying lunch and or breakfast with our residents at the Arizona Veterans State Home. **If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.** It would be nice if we could also have **Music at these Events, so please let me know if you have any suggestions. (Valerie (623) 696-5602 or VLRKELL@AOL.COM)**

The Arizona State Home's Wish List: (New list for 2015 – 2016) I have not received a current wish list.

Betty Lou has shared a need with me for their Veterans Library and the Employee Lounge. The Library is in desperate need for bookshelves for books and video tapes. Currently the shelves are doubled with books and videos, which make it impossible to see the books in the back. They would like to get bookcases to match the ones they have, so donations designated for the veterans' library or the Employee lounge would be very helpful.

Please call me before coordinating large-ticket donations to discuss our most current needs.

Items needed:

- Wheelchair accessible cup holders
- Gift cards to Dunkin Donuts or Krispy Kreme for our twice a month "coffeehouse"
- Chips and Soda for Friday "Happy Hour"

We are also in need of soft snack cakes (such as Little Debbie's) for those needing a softer snack

- Comfortable Sweat Pants (sizes M, L, XL, XXL)
- Men's tennis shoes or slippers (with a back) in a variety of sizes

- Large Print Bibles
- Batteries (AA, AAA and D)
- Stamps
- Reachers
- 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

Larger items:

- Photo printer and ink to print photos for veterans
- Sponsor a room renovation (\$2500)
- Small shelving units to control clutter in veteran rooms (\$125 each, need 120 total)
- Heavy Duty Laminator Machine

Games and Special Events:

- Sponsor a party / special event with an entertainer or performer
- Sponsor a meal for either the entire home (180 beds), or a single wing (50 beds)
- Sponsor a BBQ or an outing
- Sponsor a casino night or donate money to the bingo fund (it costs about \$40 every game and the veterans love bingo!).

Unfortunately, we are unable to use glass, toiletries, past-date food items, or medical supplies. All food items donated must be store-bought, and within dates so we can serve them safely. Thank you for serving our veterans!

Please continue to let me know what you do for our Veterans at the state home, so I can include you in my monthly report. I feel very passionate about thanking people when they share their time to make our veterans happy or show them how much we appreciate them. Please either email me (VLRKELL@aol.com), text me or call me (623-696-5602) if any of our Auxiliary Ladies go to spend some time as a group or individually at our Arizona Veterans State Home. If you would like me to deliver Birthday cards to the State home along with mine, you can directly send them to me at: 8402 W Campbell Ave, Phoenix AZ 85037.

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