

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
March 2020

“Serving Those Behind the Badge”

I want to thank everyone that came out to support the “First Responders Appreciation Day” I want to give a shout out to all the units that held events in support of the special day. I appreciate all of the hard work that went into the planning and the volunteers that worked that day and everyone that came in from out of town to help us celebrate. Thank you to DJ Gator who kept us dancing all day, and Sons of The Legion Commander Chuck Treat for Participating in the program.

As of the February 10, 2020 Membership stands at 81.32%. The next target date is 95% by April 13, 2020. Let's keep our membership “Alive” by sending in your membership on a regular basis. Thank you, Jenny, for your enthusiasm in “Staying Alive!”

A reminder to the units that have Junior members. The Junior Convention will be held on April 25, 2020, at Post 29, in Glendale Arizona. Celebrate your success! The Department Junior awards to be judged will be The Prayer Book, History, Scrapbook. They will also announce the Junior Member of the Year and Miss Poppy. In addition, elections for the 2020-2021 Officers will be held. The Chairmen are planning a fun weekend, don't miss out! See you there! As we say, “The Juniors are our Future!”

Thank you to the Districts and Units that have invited me to visit. It is great to see and hear about the events being planned to support the various programs. If you would like to invite me to your meeting or special event, please call me at 602-475-0208 or email to plugo1@cox.net.

As we celebrate 100 years of service in caring for our Veterans, Military, and their Families, let's remember the servicemen and women serving in harm's way during these difficult times.

Thank you for your continued support the Special Project, The 100 Club. I appreciate all your do for our communities Heroes!

Until next month.

Patricia Lugo, President



Education March, 2020



The 2nd semester is under way! Each month I am focusing on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.**

There are a number of ways that Members and Units can assist military children with educational opportunities:

- Identify and reach out to military children in your local classrooms.
- Encourage Junior members to contact their school guidance counselor and volunteer to be a mentor to new military children at their school.
- Offer individual tutoring/assistance to a military child who is struggling.
- Provide your local school with a copy of the *Educator's Guide to the Military Child During Deployment*:
www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oe/homefront/homefront.pdf.
- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children:
www.tutor.com/military.
- Assist schools in working with military children. Resources are available at www.militarychild.org.
- Organize a classroom recognition event for military children to share the accomplishments of their relative who is serving.

I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary education programs throughout the school year.

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

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**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona
Junior Program – March 2020**

Junior Spring Conference

April 25-26, 2020 at Post 29. *See enclosed flyer for more details.*

Who's YOUR Hero?

During Junior Spring Conference, we will be honoring each of our own Heroes: the Veteran that makes us eligible for membership with American Legion Auxiliary. Juniors should plan on sharing with the group: a photo, their veterans name, their relationship to the veteran, veterans current age, what branch they served, when and where were they stationed and something fun about their time in the service.

Care Packages for Troops

Juniors will be putting together packages for Troops currently deployed. Each unit is asked to bring items from the list below to add to the boxes. For more information reach out to Lexie or Sara.

- Candy: Twizzlers, Star bursts, Jolly Rancher, Tootsie Rolls.
- Food: Oatmeal (instant), Ramen Noodles – any flavor, Beef Jerky or Slim Jim's, Granola Bars, Individual crackers and cookies, Canned fruit (pop top cans), Gum, Tuna packets.
- Toiletries/Hygiene: Baby Wipes, Travel size body wash, Deodorant, Foot powder, Hand Lotion, Razors (disposable).
- Other: Socks (cushioned white calf high) very much needed w/ foot powder

REMINDER: Children of Warriors – National President's Patch

A special Junior patch has been created for our Junior members and SAL Youth to be involved in raising money for the National President's Scholarship Fund. Any Junior or SAL youth can earn this patch if they raise at least \$5 for each year old. For example, 17-year-old would raise a minimum of \$85 (17 x \$5 = \$85). For more information on the patch, contact Lexie or Sara.

For more information on this scholarship check out <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Children-of-Warriors-National-Presidents--Scholarship/>

**We've got some great activities planned for our Juniors at Spring Conference so start
planning to bring your girls!**

Have questions? Contact us at:

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ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP



SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE

It is now March with Units and Districts wanting more training scheduled. The calendar has been updated accordingly.

Several Instructors have been contacted to assist and some were able to commit their time. Others will be contacted to assist with keeping the training scheduled on track. We thank you for this commitment.

TEN RULE – 10 members signed up and paid to Department ten days in advance of training. 8-hour course is \$10 each; 4-hour course is \$5 each. Please verify to me this has been accomplished or training will need to be canceled.

Please remember the end of year report is due May 1st as is the narrative about what you have been doing and the Mentor nominations. Please don't forget to send in your nominations for Instructors. We have lost quite a few due to various reasons.

For God and Country in Service to Veterans

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ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP

| DATE | TRAINING | | TIME | WHERE |
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| | 4 HR | 8 HR | | |
| Mar 7 | √ | | 9:00 - 1:00 | Unit 107 |
| Mar 14 | | | | District 5 mtg |
| Mar 15 | | | | OPEN |
| Mar 21 | √ | | 12:30 - 4:30 | District 3 Benson |
| Mar 28 | | √ | pending time | Humbolt Unit 78 |
| April 5 | | | | OPEN |
| April 18 | √ | | pending time | Casa Grande |
| April 19 | | | | OPEN |
| April 25 | | | | OPEN |
| April 26 | | | | OPEN |
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| Reporting for this year due by May 1st | | | | |

Legislative

March 2020

Greetings,

February 3rd, 2020 the first Presidential Caucuses occurred in Iowa. Eleven Democratic Party candidates faced off for 49 delegates, while incumbent President Trump faced two Republican challengers for 40 delegates. There were significant irregularities in the Democratic Party process that were reported with an app being blamed for widespread confusion and delayed results. The victor of the Democratic Party in the caucus was Buttigieg with 14 delegate votes. President Trump was announced the victor on the Republican Party side.

February 4th, 2020 President Trump delivered his third State of the Union Address to the 116th United States Congress in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

February 5th, 2020 President Trump was acquitted by the U.S. Senate on both articles of impeachment. The investigation, hearings and trial lasted 84 days and drew to a close that afternoon. Article 1 votes were as counted, Guilty - 48, Not Guilty - 52. Article 2 votes were as counted, Guilty - 47, Not Guilty - 53.

February 6th, 2020 President Trump delivers press conference on impeachment decision.

February 7th, 2020 U.S. President Trump fires National Security Council advisor Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman and E.U. ambassador Gordon Sondland, who both testified as witnesses at the impeachment inquiry against him. Vindman's twin brother, Lt. Col. Yevgeny Vindman, an Army JAG officer is also fired.

February 11th, 2020 Democratic Party presidential primaries were held in New Hampshire. This was the first official Democratic presidential primary of the election year. Senator Bernie Sanders narrowly defeats former South Bend, Indiana mayor Pete Buttigieg to win the primary.

February 13th, 2020 The U.S. Senate votes 55-45 to pass a measure requiring President Trump to win approval from Congress before taking further military actions against Iran.

By the time you have received this bulletin, I will be on my way to Washington D.C. for the 2020 Legislative Conference. I hope to bring back more information to include in my next bulletin.

"A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?" - George Washington

For God and Country,
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP MARCH 2020

MEMBERS OF THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK IN MOVING MEMBERSHIP AND KEEPING US ALIVE. YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK IS VALUED AND APPRECIATED BY THIS CHAIRMAN AND MOST OF ALL BY OUR VETERANS. YOUR DEDICATION TO FULFILLING OUR MISSION OF SERVICE NOT SELF WILL ENSURE OUR VETERANS WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED.

WE ARE DOING GREAT ALMOST REACHING OUR GOALS. MANY OF OUR UNITS HAVE REACHED 100 % AND OTHERS ARE STILL STRUGGLING. I AM NOT WORRIED AS I KNOW WE WILL ALL BE AT 93% BY APRIL 13. I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD OF SOME OF THE INVENTIVE WAYS BEING USED BY SOME UNITS TO BRING IN NEW MEMBERS OR ENTICING OTHERS TO RENEW. YEAH TO ALL OF YOU WHO CONTINUE WITH THE EFFORT TO HAVE OUR ORGANIZATION GROW. DON'T FORGET TO TRY TO BRING THOSE MEN IN TO JOIN. THEY CAN BE A WONDERFUL ASSET.

CAN YOU BELIEVE WE ARE GETTING TO THE END OF THIS YEAR AND ALMOST TIME FOR OUR YEAR END REPORTS? START WORKING ON YOUR REPORTS NOW SO THAT YOUR DO NOT FEEL PRESURED AT THE LAST MINUTE.

AGAIN THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO, CONTINUETO SING STAYING, ALIVE STAYING, STAYING ALIIIIIVE. GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”
MUSIC REPORT
MARCH 2020

It's Community Service Month:

March is Community Service month and there are lots of opportunities to give service to Veterans. If you are living in an HOA-run community, work with the Activities Director to organize activities for the Veterans in your community. Work with the Vets on a clean-up or beautification project. What about spearheading a potluck for the veterans? Entertainment could include singing patriotic songs. Maybe someone would volunteer to bring a karaoke machine, and everyone could sing along. Do you sing in the car while driving? Everyone does! So, while you're driving a veteran to his or her doctor appointment, work out your vocal cords at the same time.

Start making plans to attend the Department Convention. The Legion Family Choir sings at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning. It's a very rewarding experience and always lots of fun. Please try to join us this year.

This is my last year serving as Department Music Chairman. It has been my privilege to serve under Department Presidents Josie Herrera, Jan Cushing, Yolanda Bonilla, Cindy Queen, and Patricia Lugo. If you or someone you know is interested in taking over this Chairmanship, please contact Vice President, Jennie Molina, at truelepa@gmail.com or (520) 220-8460.

Information regarding the Music Awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents. Click on ALA Department Awards Book and go to page 48. This will list the rules and the scoring for the awards. Deadline for submission of Year End Reports is May 1, 2020.

Department Music Awards will be handed out at Convention in June 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

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL SECURITY

MARCH 2020

I hope everyone who attended the National Security Workshop last month (which included Americanism, Children & Youth and VA&R) learned at least one thing that you took home with you. I thank everyone who offered to be a speaker, as we not only had 21 involved, but kept on time starting at 10:00 am and finishing at 2:00 pm, and this included a lunch break.



The American Legion Auxiliary and Operation Homefront share a mutual goal to support our military and veterans. We are pleased that Operation Homefront is part of the American Legion Auxiliary Call to Service Corps. In the spirit of mutual helpfulness, we have developed a statement of collaboration between the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and Operation Homefront (OH) and an action guide that provides opportunities for our members, volunteer and advocates to further support servicemembers, veterans and their families. Bringing together the dedication and commitment of the American Legion Auxiliary's nearly 800,000 members with direct services and emergency assistance programs organized through Operation Homefront will lead to tangible and morale benefits to those who serve our nation in the military.

We have prepared this action guide to assist American Legion Auxiliary units, departments and members and Operation Homefront chapters and supporters in easily connecting their interests, skills and resources to each other. You can find this under Members Only/Program Action Plan.

This guide includes sections that identify whom Auxiliary members or Operation Homefront chapters should contact and when; detailed information on Operation Homefront programs that align with the American Legion Auxiliary Plan of Action; tools to assist with the preparation of ALA unit and department impact reports, as well as Operation Homefront's quarterly case count reports; and lastly, a descriptive example of Auxiliary support for Operation Homefront programs.

The American Legion Auxiliary and Operation Homefront are equally proud of their contributions toward the practical and emotional well-being of servicemembers, veterans and their families. We look forward to learning about and celebrating the additional commitments, wonderful experiences and shared successes resulting from enhanced collaboration between the American Legion Auxiliary and Operation Homefront and our state and local affiliates.

Until next month with more news!!

Cindy Queen

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National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. ALL VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE US MILITARY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR ARE RECOGNIZED. Vietnam veterans, Vietnam era veterans, Vietnamese veterans, families, and friends are welcome to celebrate this day with us at the Arizona Military Museum. This day should not be confused with Veterans Day. Vietnam War memorabilia will be distributed.

WHERE: Arizona Military Museum
5636 East McDowell Road
National Guard HQ, Phoenix, AZ

WHEN: Sunday, March 29, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

ADMISSION: FREE. Please show driver's license or Military ID to gate guard.

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 29 MARCH



FREE ADMISSION

Light refreshments will be served all day until gone.

Short ceremony at 2:00 pm.
Honor Vietnam Veterans!

The Arizona Military Museum-- large room depicting and honoring Vietnam veterans.

Displays with artifacts, weapons, art, uniforms, gun jeep with M-60, ZPU-4 NVA antiaircraft gun, and U.S. "Huey" gunship help tell the Vietnam story.

Col. Joe Abodeely, USA (Ret)
Museum Director

American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley

March 2020

A Big Shout Out to Arizona ALA! This Chairman thanks you for all that you do to honor Past Presidents in your Unit or District. Listen to them as they are a source of knowledge and have that experience that comes in handy.

Do you have plans to submit for one of the following plaques? Please take time to read the directions and carefully follow the necessary criteria? Also, be aware of the all important deadline of May 1, 2020 and do follow all narrative rules. Are you aware of the Department Awards, Stand Rule Addendum Number 4 that gives specifics under guideline 17 that narratives are to be written in the third person? Guideline 18, 19 and 20 touch on more instructions. This information is available on the Department website, aladeptaz.org under the Member Resources section.

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

Dual Auxiliary-Legion members serve the American Legion Family proudly and as we continue to honor their commitment to Country this month we honor Jerilyn Strande, a member of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary at Post/Unit 135. Jeri served in the Air Force for 24 years and retired with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. Jeri is currently serving the TAL Department of Arizona on the Trophies and Awards Committee and District 8 as their Finance Officer. On the Auxiliary side Jeri is Unit Treasurer and a Charter Member of Unit 135. Jeri also serves on the Girls State Staff. Thank you for your service Jeri!

Please contact me if you have questions about the narratives or this program.

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT LF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE**

March 2020

The 100 CLUB of Arizona supports city, county, state, federal, and tribal public safety agencies. This includes fire services, probation, corrections, parole in the state of Arizona.

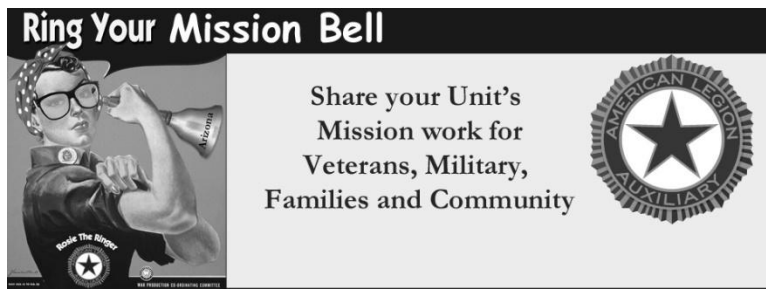
I want to thank everyone that participated in the “First Responders Appreciation Day” Thank you, DJ Gator, for your music!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our First Responders!

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Public Relations: March 2020



Engaging your "Community" on Social Media

Depending on your social media post, "community" can mean your volunteers, members, business leader, local politicians etc. When you are posting, think about who you are trying to engage...then try these tips:

Ask Questions:

Many times community members don't know they can comment on your social media posts—it's up to you to invite them! Ask engaging questions—not questions that invite a one-word response. And be ready to acknowledge the comments! Go back a "like" the comment or respond! Everyone likes to be acknowledged.

Use Humor:

Everyone responds to humor! Don't be afraid of being witty and creating fun interactions—but be sure not to be too slapstick or insulting. For example, "The good news: we got done washing the dishes early! The bad news: we had planned for much better attendance at our event. How do you get you get people to come to your events?"

Avoid Negativity:

This is pretty obvious, but there is no place for negative comments! If you are an admin, be ready to delete them. If you see an inappropriate posting, report it!

Spotlight Individuals:

Teamwork is wonderful, but sometimes it's appropriate to recognize the work on an individual—giving the rest of your community an opportunity to put a name and face together with an exceptional effort. We have a lot of #ALARockstars !

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

March 2020

Did you make it to a Creative Arts Festival? If not, you missed out on an awesome event! I was amazed at the different artwork that is done by the veterans at the Phoenix VAMC. I can't wait until next year to see what the artist submits next year!

With yearend reporting right around the corner, I want to take some time this month and talk about Service to Veterans.

- Did you know providing services to a member of the volunteer's family or a relative cannot be counted under Service to Veterans.
- Service to Veterans hours can be counted only once and not reported again under another committee such as National Security or Community Service. If you are unsure which committee your hours belong to, just pick the one that makes the most sense. The most important thing is that hours are counted only one time for your department.
- Did you know you can earn hours bars working the Service to Veterans program? For more information on this, refer to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation brochure on the national website.

If you don't have the VA&R year end report form, please call or email me so I get it to you in plenty of time before reports are due May 15.

Remember, thank a veteran! They love it when you take the time to say "Hi" and thank them for their service!

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Until next month . . .

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

MARCH, 2020

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

Unit 24 – March 17, 2020; Units 132 and 68 April 21, 2020; and Unit 59 May 19, 2020. Please contact Terry Soto to schedule your day soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ASVH-TUCSON RESIDENTS

BEST WISHES ALWAYS TO YOU

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| March: Jesus H. | 02 | Joe O. | 18 | Frank A. | 19 |
| Wilbur N. | 20 | Walter L. | 21 | Ernest S. | 21 |
| Carlos F. | 28 | Charles L. | 29 | Ralph P. | 31 |

REMINDER: **Second Monday monthly** Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson, Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel Room, Bldg. #1

Third Tuesday monthly **Auxiliary hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m. Set up is at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Room in Bldg. #1**

Second Tuesday monthly Pizza and Beer Party – Cost is \$120 which includes pizza and chicken wings – need sponsors. Yup, cost decreased with a vendor.

Third Wednesday monthly Bingo in Bldg. 2 hosted by Fred H Humphreys Auxiliary Unit 8
Please advise if your unit is donating items to ASVH-Tucson so that the steering committee can recognize you in these monthly bulletins. The steering committee is great to attend as we plan out monthly and future events. And, yes by all means we greatly support, "Adopt a Building."

Thank you American Legion Family Auxiliary Units 45, 61, Department of Arizona Pledge for all your donations to help us host events on behalf of your auxiliary units and department.

Had a great time for Mardi Gras, February 18, 2020. ALA provided the traditional king's bread during the celebration. Masks and decorations were also provided by ELKS. The annual 2020 Tucson Rodeo Parade on Thursday, February 20, 2020 was great. Hot dogs and hamburgers were provided by the home and the residents enjoyed the parade prior to food and live music. Lucky the parade passes right thru Ajo where the home is located. Unfortunately, we could not be in the parade this year, however; look forward to next year's entries.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WISH LIST

MARCH

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| March 7 | ELKS BBQ |
| March 9 | ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 am, Chapel Room, Building 1 |
| March 17 | Home will provide the meal. ALA to provide soda bread, ALA Unit 24 will host the Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social. Set up at 1:00 pm. Event is at 1:30 pm |
| March 18 | ALA Unit 8 Bingo in Building 2 |
| March 25 | ELKS Money Bingo |
| March 26 | AMVETS Bingo 5:30-6:30 pm |

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HAPPINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT IS ALWAYS NUMBER 1 THERAPY!