

#### "Angels in the Outfield, Caring for others"

September 2025,

The Burning Question of the Summer: Can I join the ALA off my husband who is a SAL member, and not a veteran in his own right?

Answer: NO! Your eligibility must be a veteran and within 2 degrees of consanguinity.

The IRS regulation concerning veterans organization auxiliaries states in part that its members are spouses of veterans or related to a veteran within two degrees of consanguinity representing the most distant allowable relationships (for example, grandmother, mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter).

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**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT**: President Dolores's project this year is **Caregivers and Hospice**. Dawn Davidson from Unit 45 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, <a href="mailto:aladawndavidson@gmail.com">aladawndavidson@gmail.com</a>, if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is everyone's job. 2026 membership renewals, re-joins and new members can be sent to the Department. Don't hold on to membership, please send in weekly.

**RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY PHONE:** Call National Headquarters at 317-569-4570 with your member ID and debit or credit card readv

**MANDATES**: The 2025-2026 mandates are included in this bulletin. Please pay your mandates sooner than later. There were several Units who did not pay their mandates 30 days before the Department Convention; therefore, they lost their voting rights at Convention. If you have any questions regarding Mandates, contact the Department Office.

**2026 DIRECTORY:** Is on the Department website: **www.aladeptaz.org**. If your Units information is blank, that means we did not receive your new officer information. Please email us with the information and we will get you entered.

**DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE**: November 7<sup>th</sup> – 9th. It will be held at Doubletree Reid Park in Tucson. The link to reserve a room will be coming out soon. Watch Ring Your Bell, the Department website and the Legion website. Book early as the rooms sell out fast.

**POPPY:** Believe it or not, it's time to order poppies again. The Poppy order form is in the packet and can be found on the Department website. The deadline is September 30. **Several Units were ineligible for awards at convention because they didn't order poppies. <b>Minimum order is 100 poppies for \$15.00** 

**Unit Goals:** 2026 Unit Goals are in the new 2026 membership report and in the directory. Good luck to all Units in achieving 100% for President Dolores.

The Office is open, and we are here to help. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4p.m. Evenings by appointment. (please don't be afraid to ask).

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#### President's Message

#### August 2025

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First, I would like to thank every member of the American Legion Auxiliary for your confidence and support in electing me as your Department President for 2025-2026 year.

My congratulations to every member who has accepted a chairmanship on the unit level, as well as the Department level. Are you up to the challenges for the coming year? **Yes, you are!!** Why? Because I have confidence in each one of you and I know you will do the best you can for the coming year and for that I say Thank You.

**Teamwork** is the ability to work together toward a common goal, "**Service Not Self.**" Coming together is a new beginning for each one of us, we all have different talents and ideas, keeping together is process; and working together is success.

"Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present, are certain to miss the future.".....John F. Kennedy

As I get ready to head off to National Convention in Tampa, Fla please continue to go to the ALA website for updates, resources, and information.

As we start a new year working hard on fundraisers, membership, and ALA programs, just remember that without **YOU** we could not work the Mission of the American Legion Auxiliary, **YOU MATTER**, take care and be safe.

Until next month....

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#### American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference November 7-9, 2025 Double Tree Reid Park, Tucson, AZ

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**REGISTRATION - \$15.00 At Fall Conference - \$25.00** 

#### PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Arizona 4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 24, 2025
NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS

#### FROM THE WEBSITE CHAIRMAN

- 1. The updates to the Department Governing Documents required by the many approved Resolutions from Department Convention have been made and are in the documents posted online. <a href="https://www.aladeptaz.org/1.--governing-documents.html">https://www.aladeptaz.org/1.--governing-documents.html</a>
  The 2025-2026 American Legion Auxiliary Department Directory is also finished and posted online. <a href="https://www.aladeptaz.org/2025-2026-department-directory.html">https://www.aladeptaz.org/2025-2026-department-directory.html</a>
  In the event you need to have hard copies of any of these and <a href="cannot get someone in your Unit to print the new documents for you">https://www.aladeptaz.org/2025-2026-department-directory.html</a>
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- 2. At Convention there were many recommendations from Chairmen about updates to Department Awards. Between now and November please review the Awards Manual online and bring notes on any questions or suggestions to the DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BEFORE FALL CONFERENCE.

https://www.aladeptaz.org/10.--department-awards---narratives----impact-reports----national-award-forms.html

3. DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN You can send me your 2025-2026 Year-End Report Forms at any time. munchaz@msn.com

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA HEADOUARTERS

SPECIAL MEMORANDUM SERIES: 2025-2026

SUBJECT: DUES, MANDATES, FEES, DONATIONS, ETC.

The following are program funds that need to go through the Department Books. Checks are to be made payable and sent to American Legion Auxiliary, 4701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix AZ 85015-3727. Please write separate checks for MEMBERSHIP, and Mandates. All others may be included in one check with an explanation as to where the funds are being donated to.

REMINDER: 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......

**<u>DUES</u>**: Current and previous years dues are \$25.00 per Senior and \$4.00 per Junior. This includes

Department and National dues. It also includes a subscription to the National News

magazine for senior member.

**MANDATES**: 2024 Department Close of Books membership totals are used to determine the base for

assessments – District AND Department. Rehabilitation Per Capita (RPC) is twenty cents per <u>SENIOR</u> member. (RPC is sent on to National for their use in veterans programs.) Delegate Per Capita (DPC) is forty cents per member, <u>JUNIOR AND SENIOR</u>. (DPC is used by the Department to send delegates to National Convention.) Junior Activities Per Capita (JAPC) is twenty cents per member, <u>JUNIOR AND SENIOR</u>, and is paid whether your Unit has any Juniors and is used to send Junior Delegate and chaperone to National Convention. (JDPC) is used by the Department to support the Junior Activities Fund.) Fiduciary BOND covers all Units and is forwarded to National every three years. Bond fee

per Unit is \$5.50.

**POPPIES**: Units are urged to order poppies. **Poppies are \$150.00 per thousand and can be ordered** 

in increments of 100 (\$15.00 per hundred). Poppies must be ordered by September 30, 2025. Please use the form on the Department website to order poppies. Units must order at least 100 poppies to compete for Department Awards except membership. After Poppy Distribution is completed, 10% of NET Poppy proceeds are to be sent to Department.

Poppy Funds are restricted funds, see the ALA Poppy Guide for explanation.

WELFARE PLEDGE: This money stays in Department for use in the Welfare Budget for Veterans programs and

direct aid.

**CHRISTMAS PLEDGE**: This money stays in Department for use in the Welfare Budget for each VA Medical Center

(VAMC) in Arizona to place dollar bills in Christmas Cards for the hospitalized veterans.

It's just a small gift but is very much appreciated.

**HOSPITAL PARTIES &** 

**SOCIAL SERVICES**: This money is sent to the VAMC's as designated by Units for monthly Bingo Parties,

comfort items, recreation & medical equipment, carnivals, etc.

**GIFT SHOP:** Money is used for purchasing gifts that enable hospitalized veterans to pick out gifts (free of

charge) for themselves and their families to celebrate the Christmas Holiday.

PAST PRESIDENT'S

<u>PARLEY</u>: This money funds scholarships in nursing and health care occupations for students attending

Arizona schools.

**SPIRIT OF YOUTH:** This money goes to National all National Scholarships and youth programs.

**AUXILIARY EMERGENCY** 

FUND: This money is sent to National for assistance to Auxiliary members during a personal crisis

or natural disaster. Certain Pre-req. are required.

**JUNIORS**: This money stays in Department and helps pay the way for our Junior representative and her

chaperon to attend the National Junior Meeting. As well as, off-setting Department Junior

Meeting Expenses.

**GIRLS STATE**: Fees are \$350.00 for the Unit and a \$150.00 registration fee from the girl. Units are to

deposit all monies received for your Girls State program and write one check to cover fee and registration for the girls. Fees must be sent to the Department Girls State Director with delegate and alternate cards, NOT to Department Headquarters. **Donations** to the Girls State

fund may be sent to Department Headquarters.

ARIZONA'S COURTESY &

**CAMPAIGN FUND**: Courtesy This money stays in Department to help with expenses when Arizona has a

candidate for National Office.

DEPARTMENT OFFICE OVERHEAD EXPENSES FUND: This money stays in Department to help keep the

Department Headquarters Office open with proper furniture and equipment, and all expenses

incurred.

**CAVALCADE OF** 

**MEMORIES**: Funds are used to furnish the cavalcade room at Headquarters and for supplies and materials

needed, such as scrapbooks, binders, framing, etc.

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S** 

**SPECIAL PROJECT**: This money is used for the special project of the Department President. This year, the

project is Hospice and Caregivers Look for more information from the Department

Chairman.

## 2025-2026 UNIT MANDATES paid to Department

Rehabilitation Per Capita (RPC), Delegate Per Capita (DPC), and Junior Activities Per Capita (JAPC)

are based on "Close of Books" figures

| Unit No. | # JR's | # SR's | RPC        | DPC        | JDPC    | JAPC       | BOND     | TOTAL      | Total<br>Membership |
|----------|--------|--------|------------|------------|---------|------------|----------|------------|---------------------|
| 1        | 1      | 94     | \$18.80    | \$37.60    | \$0.20  | \$19.00    | \$5.50   | \$81.10    |                     |
| 2        | 2      | 99     | \$19.80    | \$39.60    | \$0.40  | \$20.20    | \$5.50   | \$85.50    | 101                 |
| 3        | 4      | 63     | \$12.60    | \$25.20    | \$0.80  | \$13.40    | \$5.50   | \$57.50    |                     |
| 4        | 2      | 38     | \$7.60     | \$15.20    | \$0.40  | \$8.00     | \$5.50   | \$36.70    |                     |
| 5        | 4      | 57     | \$11.40    | \$22.80    | \$0.80  | \$12.20    | \$5.50   | \$52.70    |                     |
| 6        | 7      | 282    | \$56.40    | \$112.80   | \$1.40  | \$57.80    | \$5.50   | \$233.90   | 289                 |
| 7        | 0      | 42     | \$8.40     | \$16.80    | \$0.00  | \$8.40     | \$5.50   | \$39.10    | 42                  |
| 8        | 1      | 26     | \$5.20     | \$10.40    | \$0.20  | \$5.40     | \$5.50   | \$26.70    | 27                  |
| 9        | 2      | 165    | \$33.00    | \$66.00    | \$0.40  | \$33.40    | \$5.50   | \$138.30   | 167                 |
| 11       | 2      | 121    | \$24.20    | \$48.40    | \$0.40  | \$24.60    | \$5.50   | \$103.10   | 123                 |
| 12       | 5      | 214    | \$42.80    | \$85.60    | \$1.00  | \$43.80    | \$5.50   | \$178.70   | 219                 |
| 13       | 3      | 62     | \$12.40    | \$24.80    | \$0.60  | \$13.00    | \$5.50   | \$56.30    | 65                  |
| 14       | 3      | 128    | \$25.60    | \$51.20    | \$0.60  | \$26.20    | \$5.50   | \$109.10   | 131                 |
| 16       | 0      | 48     | \$9.60     | \$19.20    | \$0.00  | \$9.60     | \$5.50   | \$43.90    | 48                  |
| 19       | 7      | 176    | \$35.20    | \$70.40    | \$1.40  | \$36.60    | \$5.50   | \$149.10   | 183                 |
| 22       | 4      | 142    | \$28.40    | \$56.80    | \$0.80  | \$29.20    | \$5.50   | \$120.70   | 146                 |
| 24       | 10     | 425    | \$85.00    | \$170.00   | \$2.00  | \$87.00    | \$5.50   | \$349.50   | 435                 |
| 25       | 9      | 317    | \$63.40    | \$126.80   | \$1.80  | \$65.20    | \$5.50   | \$262.70   | 326                 |
| 26       | 2      | 242    | \$48.40    | \$96.80    | \$0.40  | \$48.80    | \$5.50   | \$199.90   | 244                 |
| 27       | 4      | 1993   | \$398.60   | \$797.20   | \$0.80  | \$399.40   | \$5.50   | \$1,601.50 | 1997                |
| 28       | 1      | 84     | \$16.80    | \$33.60    | \$0.20  | \$17.00    | \$5.50   | \$73.10    | 85                  |
| 29       | 9      | 232    | \$46.40    | \$92.80    | \$1.80  | \$48.20    | \$5.50   | \$194.70   | 241                 |
| 30       | 0      | 91     | \$18.20    | \$36.40    | \$0.00  | \$18.20    | \$5.50   | \$78.30    | 91                  |
| 32       | 0      | 139    | \$27.80    | \$55.60    | \$0.00  | \$27.80    | \$5.50   | \$116.70   | 139                 |
| 34       | 1      | 317    | \$63.40    | \$126.80   | \$0.20  | \$63.60    | \$5.50   | \$259.50   | 318                 |
| 35       | 9      | 288    | \$57.60    | \$115.20   | \$1.80  | \$59.40    | \$5.50   | \$239.50   | 297                 |
| 36       | 5      | 238    | \$47.60    | \$95.20    | \$1.00  | \$48.60    | \$5.50   | \$197.90   | 243                 |
| 37       | 0      | 36     | \$7.20     | \$14.40    | \$0.00  | \$7.20     | \$5.50   | \$34.30    | 36                  |
| 39       | 14     | 583    | \$116.60   | \$233.20   | \$2.80  | \$119.40   | \$5.50   | \$477.50   | 597                 |
| 40       | 0      | 97     | \$19.40    | \$38.80    | \$0.00  | \$19.40    | \$5.50   | \$83.10    | 97                  |
| 41       | 19     | 331    | \$66.20    | \$132.40   | \$3.80  | \$70.00    | \$5.50   | \$277.90   | 350                 |
| 42       | 7      | 33     | \$6.60     | \$13.20    | \$1.40  | \$8.00     | \$5.50   | \$34.70    | 40                  |
| 44       | 0      | 314    | \$62.80    | \$125.60   | \$0.00  | \$62.80    | \$5.50   | \$256.70   | 314                 |
| 45       | 5      | 40     | \$8.00     | \$16.00    | \$1.00  | \$9.00     | \$5.50   | \$39.50    | 45                  |
| 46       | 2      | 67     | \$13.40    | \$26.80    | \$0.40  | \$13.80    | \$5.50   | \$59.90    | 69                  |
| TOTAL    | 144    | 7624   | \$1,524.80 | \$3,049.60 | \$28.80 | \$1,553.60 | \$192.50 | \$6,349.30 | 7768                |

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| Unit No. | # JR's | # SR's | RPC        | DPC      | JDPC    | JAPC       | BOND     | TOTAL      | Membership |
| 51       | 11     | 59     | \$11.80    | \$23.60  | \$2.20  | \$14.00    | \$5.50   | \$57.10    | 70         |
| 52       | 4      | 186    | \$37.20    | \$74.40  | \$0.80  | \$38.00    | \$5.50   | \$155.90   | 190        |
| 53       | 0      | 34     | \$6.80     | \$13.60  | \$0.00  | \$6.80     | \$5.50   | \$32.70    | 34         |
| 54       | 1      | 80     | \$16.00    | \$32.00  | \$0.20  | \$16.20    | \$5.50   | \$69.90    | 81         |
| 56       | 1      | 71     | \$14.20    | \$28.40  | \$0.20  | \$14.40    | \$5.50   | \$62.70    | 72         |
| 57       | 2      | 66     | \$13.20    | \$26.40  | \$0.40  | \$13.60    | \$5.50   | \$59.10    | 68         |
| 58       | 8      | 399    | \$79.80    | \$159.60 | \$1.60  | \$81.40    | \$5.50   | \$327.90   | 407        |
| 59       | 3      | 124    | \$24.80    | \$49.60  | \$0.60  | \$25.40    | \$5.50   | \$105.90   | 127        |
| 61       | 3      | 226    | \$45.20    | \$90.40  | \$0.60  | \$45.80    | \$5.50   | \$187.50   | 229        |
| 62       | 31     | 1058   | \$211.60   | \$423.20 | \$6.20  | \$217.80   | \$5.50   | \$864.30   | 1089       |
| 64       | 0      | 16     | \$3.20     | \$6.40   | \$0.00  | \$3.20     | \$5.50   | \$18.30    | 16         |
| 65       | 51     | 308    | \$61.60    | \$123.20 | \$10.20 | \$71.80    | \$5.50   | \$272.30   | 359        |
| 66       | 0      | 878    | \$175.60   | \$351.20 | \$0.00  | \$175.60   | \$5.50   | \$707.90   | 878        |
| 68       | 1      | 55     | \$11.00    | \$22.00  | \$0.20  | \$11.20    | \$5.50   | \$49.90    | 56         |
| 69       | 0      | 112    | \$22.40    | \$44.80  | \$0.00  | \$22.40    | \$5.50   | \$95.10    | 112        |
| 73       | 2      | 23     | \$4.60     | \$9.20   | \$0.40  | \$5.00     | \$5.50   | \$24.70    |            |
| 78       | 2      | 146    | \$29.20    | \$58.40  | \$0.40  | \$29.60    | \$5.50   | \$123.10   | 148        |
| 79       | 0      | 173    | \$34.60    | \$69.20  | \$0.00  | \$34.60    | \$5.50   | \$143.90   |            |
| 81       | 7      | 726    | \$145.20   | \$290.40 | \$1.40  | \$146.60   | \$5.50   | \$589.10   |            |
| 84       | 9      | 47     | \$9.40     | \$18.80  | \$1.80  | \$11.20    | \$5.50   | \$46.70    |            |
| 86       | 2      | 453    | \$90.60    | \$181.20 | \$0.40  | \$91.00    | \$5.50   | \$368.70   |            |
| 87       | 3      | 130    | \$26.00    | \$52.00  | \$0.60  | \$26.60    | \$5.50   | \$110.70   |            |
| 88       | 0      | 39     | \$7.80     | \$15.60  | \$0.00  | \$7.80     | \$5.50   | \$36.70    |            |
| 90       | 1      | 64     | \$12.80    | \$25.60  | \$0.20  | \$13.00    | \$5.50   | \$57.10    |            |
| 91       | 22     | 274    | \$54.80    | \$109.60 | \$4.40  | \$59.20    | \$5.50   | \$233.50   |            |
| 93       | 0      | 114    | \$22.80    | \$45.60  | \$0.00  | \$22.80    | \$5.50   | \$96.70    | 114        |
| 95       | 5      | 76     | \$15.20    | \$30.40  | \$1.00  | \$16.20    | \$5.50   | \$68.30    | 81         |
| 103      | 0      | 48     | \$9.60     | \$19.20  | \$0.00  | \$9.60     | \$5.50   | \$43.90    |            |
| 105      | 7      | 263    | \$52.60    | \$105.20 | \$1.40  | \$54.00    | \$5.50   | \$218.70   | 270        |
| 107      | 2      | 210    | \$42.00    | \$84.00  | \$0.40  | \$42.40    | \$5.50   | \$174.30   | 212        |
| 108      | 3      | 28     | \$5.60     | \$11.20  | \$0.60  | \$6.20     | \$5.50   | \$29.10    | 31         |
| 109      | 16     | 404    | \$80.80    | \$161.60 | \$3.20  | \$84.00    | \$5.50   | \$335.10   |            |
| 114      | 0      | 8      | \$1.60     | \$3.20   | \$0.00  | \$1.60     | \$5.50   | \$11.90    | 8          |
| 115      | 6      | 29     | \$5.80     | \$11.60  | \$1.20  | \$7.00     | \$5.50   | \$31.10    |            |
| 117      | 3      | 240    | \$48.00    | \$96.00  | \$0.60  | \$48.60    | \$5.50   | \$198.70   |            |
| 123      | 0      | 36     | \$7.20     |          | \$0.00  | \$7.20     | \$5.50   | \$34.30    |            |
| 124      | 5      | 23     | \$4.60     | \$9.20   | \$1.00  | \$5.60     | \$5.50   | \$25.90    |            |
| 125      | 1      | 14     | \$2.80     | \$5.60   | \$0.20  | \$3.00     | \$5.50   | \$17.10    |            |
| 129      | 1      | 26     | \$5.20     | \$10.40  | \$0.20  | \$5.40     | \$5.50   | \$26.70    |            |
| 131      | 0      | 595    | \$119.00   | \$238.00 | \$0.00  | \$119.00   | \$5.50   | \$481.50   |            |
| 132      | 1      | 76     | \$15.20    | \$30.40  | \$0.20  | \$15.40    | \$5.50   | \$66.70    |            |
| TOTAL    | 214    | 7937   | \$1,587.40 |          | \$42.80 | \$1,630.20 | \$225.50 | \$6,660.70 |            |

**TOTAL** 214 7937 \$1,587.40 \$3,174.80 \$42.80 \$1,630.20 \$225.50 \$6,660.70 8151

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|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| 133      | 1      | 22     | \$4.40  | \$8.80  | \$0.20 | \$4.60  | \$5.50  | \$23.50  | 23                  |
| 135      | 8      | 34     | \$6.80  | \$13.60 | \$1.60 | \$8.40  | \$5.50  | \$35.90  | 42                  |
| 136      | 0      | 14     | \$2.80  | \$5.60  | \$0.00 | \$2.80  | \$5.50  | \$16.70  | 14                  |
| 138      | 1      | 107    | \$21.40 | \$42.80 | \$0.20 | \$21.60 | \$5.50  | \$91.50  | 108                 |
| 140      | 4      | 13     | \$2.60  | \$5.20  | \$0.80 | \$3.40  | \$5.50  | \$17.50  | 17                  |
| 141      | 0      | 20     | \$4.00  | \$8.00  | \$0.00 | \$4.00  | \$5.50  | \$21.50  | 20                  |
| 145      | 0      | 20     | \$4.00  | \$8.00  | \$0.00 | \$4.00  | \$5.50  | \$21.50  | 20                  |
| TOTAL    | 14     | 230    | \$46.00 | \$92.00 | \$2.80 | \$48.80 | \$38.50 | \$228.10 | 244                 |

| Grand |     |       |            |            |         |            |                      |       |
|-------|-----|-------|------------|------------|---------|------------|----------------------|-------|
| Total | 372 | 15791 | \$3,158.20 | \$6,316.40 | \$74.40 | \$3,232.60 | \$456.60 \$13,238.10 | 16163 |

Please make check payable to American Legion Auxiliary and send to:

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona

4701 N. 19th Ave Suite 100

Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

REMEMBER TO CHECK WITH YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER FOR THE AMOUNT OF YOUR <u>DISTRICT</u> <u>MANDATES</u>! DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT MANDATES ARE TWO SEPARATE THINGS.

#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Arizona Convention Credentials Chandler, Arizona June 26-29, 2025

The Credentials Report for ALA State Convention June 26-29, 2025 is enclosed along with the completed forms. A file of this information was given to Madam President Dolores Chavez on July 26, 2025. A copy of this information was sent to Madam Past President Stacey Mayberry and Department Office Manager, Rose Ficklin, via email.

Process and information created by June Moyer is as follows.

- 1. A reminder notice was again printed and posted at the registration desk and on the doors to remind/assist attendees to check in with the credentials table as they entered. Announcements were also made prior to meeting and during breaks to remind everyone that credentials are required for voting.
- 2. Attached report shows those Units who did not answer roll call and therefore were not in attendance. Unit numbers have been highlighted in blue (24 Units). Friday AM column shows units roll call. However, other roll call times are not fully noted as time did not allow as an announcement was needed to remind units to get the credentials form completed.
- 3. The total possible votes were 975. Sixty (60) units submitted credential forms. One unit was a "no vote". Total units voting were 59 for total unit votes of 942. All Department officers, PDPs and District Presidents were in attendance or excused and voted as an individual.
- 4. Individual forms were prepared for each unit to assist with the ease of giving a report form to the individual units. This process assisted those representatives who were not familiar with the Credentials process. Sample is attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist at the convention this year.

For God and Country, June Moyer Unit 44 Past President Convention Credentials Representative

cc: Erica Bailey
Madam Past President Stacy Mayberry
Department Office Manager Rose Ficklin



## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2026 Cover Sheet

The American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism Essay Contest is for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs, divided into six classes. One award in each class will be presented in each division. Winners will receive a \$50 check and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Spirit of Youth Scholarship fund.

## Essay Title:

## "Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom."

| Essay | Classes | : |
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**Essay Checklist:** 

Class competing in

|       | <del></del>                  |  |
|-------|------------------------------|--|
| Class | Grade Level                  | Word Requirement*  |
| 1     | 3 and 4                      | 150-250  |
| П     | 5 and 6                      | 250-300  |
| Ш     | 7 and 8                      | 350-400  |
| IV    | 9 and 10                     | 450-500  |
| V     | 11 and 12                    | 450-500  |
| VI    | Students with special needs. | Word count should correspond with student's grade level. |

#### THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

|          | Sponsoring ALA unit   |
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|          | Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class        |
|          | Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay Word count of essay             |
|          | Due date for student to return to ALA unit  |
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| Pare     | ent/Guardian Name:  |
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| Sig      | gnature of Department Chairman:   |
|          | Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2026 |
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#### HOW TO PROMOTE "STAR SPANGLED KIDS"

#### **Committee:**

Americanism

#### **Contact Information for Questions:**

Americanism@ALAforVeterans.org

Star Spangled Kids: Educate youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution.

- In conjunction with local schools, create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have demonstrated the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- Team with the Education chairman to bring veterans or servicemembers into the classroom to talk about what their service means to defending the ideals of the Constitution.
- Share "Fascinating Facts about the U.S. Constitution" each month in the department or unit bulletin, in tweets, or in a newspaper editorial.
- List important constitutional dates by chronological order or by month.
- Encourage students to test their knowledge of the Constitution.
- Distribute patriotic coloring book pages for children in primary grades.
- Celebrate Constitution Day (also known as Citizenship Day) on September 17, the day set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.
  - o Celebrate at September's Junior meeting with a cake or cupcakes.
  - Let Juniors report on different sections of the Bill of Rights
- Print and distribute pocket copies of the U.S. Constitution for school children and/or Juniors.
- Put on a skit or musical about the Constitution and the signers.
- Hold a scavenger hunt in the post where children find information relating to the Constitution.
- Have members dress up as signers of the Constitution and describe the role of their character in the writing and signing of the Constitution.
- Encourage high school-aged students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.

#### Resources:

- www.constitutionfacts.com
- Constitution Day Resources: http://ca3rsproject.org/pages/ConstitutionDayResources.html

#### Chaplain's Message- "Guided by Purpose, United in Prayer"

As we step into another month of service, let us remember the power of kindness, the strength found in unity, and the healing that comes from grace. Whether you're organizing a fundraiser, lending a listening ear, or honoring a veteran's legacy, your acts of compassion ripple far beyond what you see.

Our mission is rooted in love for country, care for each other, and a deep reverence for those who've sacrificed for our freedoms. Let's continue to be beacons of hope—especially to those who need it most.

Take a moment to breathe, reflect, and feel proud: you are making a difference.

As a Chaplain, please join our Chaplains Circle on the Band app by scanning with your phone the QR below. If you have any questions or issues please reach out to me.



Blessings to you and yours,

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AZ Department Chaplain
azdeptchaplain@gmail.com
562-370-0080



# **Education August 2025**



Welcome to the exciting world of education! Education is a lifelong process that starts at birth and continues to the last breath of life. This year, you have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of students and educators. Brainstorm, be creative, and encourage your members to do the same. How many lives can we touch? We are limited only by the number of people living in our communities, state, and nation.

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship opportunities, and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

#### What can you do?

- Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.
- Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the Department and Unit levels.
- Build a relationship with your local schools focus attention on "Give 10 to Education", American Education Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.
- Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

With your help, I hope to assist the National Chairman in achieving these objectives. More information on the activities, programs and awards for the Education Program will be forthcoming in future bulletins and at Fall Conference.

I thank you in advance for all your work in making this a successful year for the Education Program. I look forward to sharing ideas and working with all the Units in the Department of Arizona.

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

Education Chairman Department of Arizona jvietri@msn.com

480-495-1558



# **Education September 2025**



Everyone is back in school. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the National Education Committee's plan. The application for the Flinn Scholarships is now open! See the link on the Scholarships page of the Department website. This month: Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education," American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.

The "Give 10 to Education" program is designed to allow our members to support education from different angles. Let's try for 100% participation, because this project can allow all members, juniors included, to participate. Here's how it works!

Determine what type of activity in which you would like to participate. Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Donate 10 minutes/hours/days of your time to volunteer in a classroom.
- 2. Assist with or donate 10 items to a backpack program held at many schools.
- 3. Donate 10 boxes of pencils or crayons to a classroom or school.
- 4. Provide a \$10 donation to a school library.
- 5. Help a teacher on the playground for 10 minutes.
- 6. Donate 10 flags and discuss the importance of the flag to a class.
- 7. Donate 10 pairs of shoes or socks to a kindergarten class.
- 8. Give 10 dictionaries to third grade students.
- 9. Support a scholarship fund (including National Scholarships) by donating \$10.

American Education Week is November 17-21, 2025. Visit the schools to promote the Auxiliary scholarships. Send a card to all local school staff, including all school personnel who children interact with, teachers, office staff, bus drivers, custodians, etc.

Promote Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2026. Send cards to your local schools' teachers. Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need. Plan teacher appreciation events at your schools.

I'm looking forward to hearing about the creative ways in which your Units and Members promote the Education Program.

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

Education Chairman
Department of Arizona
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# MAKE IT MATTER

## FLINN SCHOLARS







#### SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- A full-ride: Pays for tuition and mandatory fees, housing, and meals at ASU, NAU, or UA
- Funding for international group seminar and individual study abroad
- Personal mentoring from faculty and guidance finding internships and research experiences
- Honors college community of engaged, high-achieving peers
- Support from a diverse and accomplished alumni network

#### STUDENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Top 5 percent of graduating class and at least 3.5 grade point average
- A minimum ACT score of 26 or SAT score of 1230
- Leadership in variety of extracurricular activities
- U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent residency by time of application
- Arizona residency for two years prior to entering university

# APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 20, 2025 5 p.m.

FLINNSCHOLARS.ORG



RIDERS



## THE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

# A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

For Veterans, Their Families,
Our Members, and the Community

#### Information on the following AMERICAN LEGION scholarships at legion.org/scholarships

#### AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Available to children of Post 9/11 military fallen or Post 9/11 veterans with a 50% or higher VA disability rating.

#### SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Available to high school juniors the year they attend Boys or Girls State and are direct descendants of veterans. Awards up to \$10,000.00.

#### EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Eagle Scout can receive up to \$10,000.00.

#### **ORATORICAL CONTEST**

Constitutional Speech Scholarship Contest. Awards up to \$25,000.00.

#### LEGION BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Awards from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00.

#### JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Awards up to \$5,000.00

#### ANAVICUS SCHOLARSHIP

(Army/Navy/Air Force Veterans in Canada and United States) \$1500.00 scholarships available.

#### alleca-az.org

#### <u>ALLECA</u>

Any AZ student, ages 14-19, male and female. A one-week mini-police academy / military boot camp.

#### azlegion.org/programs/the-junior-reserve-officers-training-corps-jrotc/ JROTC

Elective course at high school level motivating good citizenship in a structured environment. Instructors are retired or reserve members of the US military.

#### azlegion.org/boysstate

#### **BOYS STATE**

A citizenship training program teaching city, county, and state civics in a learn-by-doing format. For students between Junior and Senior year of high school.

## Information on the following **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY** scholarships at **legion-aux.org/scholarships**

#### CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

Available to high school Seniors who are direct descendants of a veteran. Fifteen (15) \$5,000.00 awards.

#### SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

Available to high school Seniors who have at least 3 years of Junior membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. \$1000.00 each awarded to 47 students. \$5,000.00 each awarded to 5 students. Spirit of Youth Fund also provides scholarships to the Junior Members of the Year and Girls Nation citizens.

#### MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to current college students who have maintained Junior Auxiliary membership (transitioning to Senior membership) for at least 3 years.

#### NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Available to members of Legion family, veterans, and spouses of veterans or active duty. Student is returning to college after an interruption in attendance. Five \$2000.00 scholarships.

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Information on the following scholarships at

aladeptaz.org/6.--scholarships---educational-opportunities.html

#### PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY NURSES SCHOLARSHIP

Available to nursing students in at least second year. \$1000.00.

#### PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY SCHOLARSHIP IN HEALTH CARE OCCUPATIONS

Available to students working toward certification or degree in an affiliated health care field. \$1000.00.

#### WILMA HOYAL/MAXINE CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Four (4) \$3000.00 awards, one each to ASU, U of A, NAU, and Grand Canyon University.

#### AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Grades 3-12, also Special Needs category. Topic changes annually.

#### volunteer.va.gov/parkescholarship.asp

#### JAMES H. PARKE MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Available to student volunteers (10<sup>th</sup> grade to less than 19 years old) at VA Medical Centers. Award for at least 100 hours during the year up to \$20,000.00. A second award for summer only volunteers is also available.

#### azgirlsstate.com

#### **GIRLS STATE**

A citizenship training program teaching city, county, and state civics in a learn-by-doing format. For students between Junior and Senior year of high school. Arizona Alumni Association awards two \$200.00 scholarships every year to girls attending.

#### legion.org/scholarships

#### SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Available to high school juniors the year they attend Boys or Girls State. Must be a direct descendant of a veteran. Awards up to \$10,000.00.

#### **Greetings ALA Arizona!**

Are you ready to start a new year and organize your Auxiliary Files?

#### Do take time to organize your Finances:

- Review your program expenses, general expenses, expected income to set up a workable budget for 2025-2026
- A Budget Committee can finalize a Budget for next year.
- Set up an Audit Committee, and get your treasurer there as a source for answering questions. Complete the Audit.
- See if your 990 has been filed with IRS. Do not forget to report to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

#### Are you a new Unit?

- Sign on to IRS.gov, go to the charities and non-profits section and click on requests for an EIN.
- Once your EIN is assigned you need to send an Inclusion letter to the National organization. ALA National will send you this all important letter. Please keep a copy for your files.
- Then go to ACC.gov and register.

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Members by Virtue of Office: Dolores Chavez, President; Stacey Mayberry, NEC; Rose Ficklin, Executive Director of Operations (no vote)



# Historian Report September 2025 September is Music Month

Did you know each meeting, and event your unit has is making history? What is your unit history? Email me you unit history and I will post it in the Historian Bulletin. Email address Stephanie McMullen, Department Historian: <a href="mailto:stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com">stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com</a>.

Let other units know about your unit.

## This month I want to see how well you know your Arizona Department History?

- 1. Who was Department of Arizona Chaplain in 2016?
- 2. Who was Department of Arizona Historian in 2016?
- 3. Who was Department of Arizona 2<sup>nd</sup> vice in 2016?
- 4. Who was Department of Arizona 1st vice in 2016?
- 5. Who was Department of Arizona President in 2016?
- 6. Who was Department of Arizona NEC in 2016?
- 7. Who was Department Parliamentarian in 2016?
- 8. History Challenge: Find out how many Department Presidents has your Unit had total dating back to 1921. Please let me know in an email. It is good to know your Unit's history.

The first person to email me with the correct answers to all 8 questions; I will have a gift for you in November at Fall Conference. Each month I will have some sort of trivia or games relating to our rich History.

District Presidents, Secretaries and Historian – Who need a copy of your meeting minutes? Copies of your meeting minutes are to be sent to the Department Secretary Rose Ficklin at <a href="mailto:secretary@aladeptaz.org">secretary@aladeptaz.org</a> and to the Department Historian, at <a href="mailto:stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com">stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Leadership/Arizona Mission Training**

#### September 2025

Congratulations to all of the award- winning members, Units and Department. And a reminder that you are all WINNERS as we continue to work the programs for the American Legion Auxiliary. Let us follow P{resident Dolores's theme and be "Angels in the Outfield" in the Leadership program.

We can empower our members and really get that energy going with new plans for the year. Would you like to schedule a Mission Training? If your District has not had one in the last couple of years, I strongly recommend that you do so. It is a good idea to schedule early as events start piling up and you may not get the date you request.

Contact: Karen Smith

Date and alternate date

10 or more participants and site

\$10.00 each, paid to Department 10 day prior to event.

Lunch served at Unit's choice (fee)

The training will be a learning experience for everyone, there is so much information involved and new items each year. Comments I have received are: interesting topless delivered so that we can understand, excellent information and easy to follow. If you attended department convention in June you are aware that there were a lot of resolutions introduced and passed. You can have instructors go over them and explain if needed. Attending a training is EMPOWERING yourself and your unit. Let's do it! Another way to do this is to take one or more of the seminars/courses available on the national website alaforveterans.org. They have such a variety of topics and usually 30-40 minutes. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins. If you wish to start no, give me a call and I will do my best to help you. Have a great year!

Here is my contact information: I ask that you leave a message and I will return your call. Email is fine. Karen Smith

(520)-249-1119

Ksmith111@cox.net



#### August 2025 Legislative Bulletin

#### Greetings, ALA Family!

I hope you're staying cool and hydrated during this sizzling summer—especially those of you in the Valley. Hang in there... August is here, and relief is on the horizon!

I'm honored to once again serve as your Legislative Representative for Arizona. Thank you, Madam President, for the opportunity to continue this important work. We made incredible strides last year, and I'm confident we'll keep that momentum going strong.

To kick things off, I thought I'd share a little Q&A based on comments I've heard while working with our amazing members:

#### ? 1. Why should I care about the legislative process?

Our preamble reminds us "to participate in and contribute to the aims and purposes of the American Legion." Every time we recite it, we reaffirm our commitment to support and contribute however we can. Legislative advocacy is one of the simplest and most impactful ways to do just that.

#### ? 2. But Ms. Kathy, I don't get involved in politics.

I hear you—and you're not alone. But this isn't about politics. It's about standing up for our veterans, active-duty military, and their families. The ALA's legislative agenda is designed to protect and enhance their lives. That's our mission, and it transcends party lines.

#### ? 3. I don't have a computer, so I can't participate.

No problem! If you have a cell phone, you're in business. Sign up for the Grassroots Action Center, and you'll receive text alerts. Just tap the link, read the alert, and with one click, your message goes straight to your representatives. Easy, fast, and powerful.

#### ? 4. I don't understand all the bills and legislative jargon.

That's exactly why the Grassroots Action Center exists—it breaks everything down into plain language so you can understand what's at stake and take action with confidence.

#### ? 5. What is *The Dispatch*, and who should subscribe?

The Dispatch is a monthly e-newsletter packed with stories, updates, and inspiration from across the ALA. It's delivered straight to your inbox and includes clickable headlines that link to full articles on the Digital Dispatch website. If you want to stay informed and energized, this is a must-read. Remember our preamble? Staying engaged is part of living it!

#### ? 6. What kind of things are we supporting?

- I'm so glad you asked! Here are just a few of the pending bills that need our support:
  - Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES) Act Expands access to trained service dogs for veterans with physical disabilities, PTSD, and other serviceconnected conditions.
  - **SHIPS for America Act** Strengthens U.S. maritime security through improved shipbuilding and harbor infrastructure.
  - **GI Bill Parity Act** Ensures National Guard and Reserve members receive equal GI Bill benefits for their service.
  - **Major Richard Star Act** Eliminates the unfair offset that penalizes combatinjured veterans by reducing their retirement pay.
  - Love Lives On Act Supports Gold Star Spouses by removing the heartbreaking choice between remarriage and losing benefits.

You can explore these and more at the American Legion Grassroots Action Center.

When you tell a veteran "thank you for your service," I've heard them respond, "You were worth it." Aren't they worth a few minutes of your time to sign up and support these legislative efforts?

Let's keep showing up, speaking out, and standing strong for those who served. I'm proud to walk this path with you.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions or for help—I'd be happy to speak with you.

Service, not Self,

Kathy Amery

Legislative Chairman

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Mother, there's no need to feel down I said, sister, pick yourself off the ground I said <u>daughter</u>, cuz you're new in town There's no need to be unhappy! Spouse, there's a place you can go I said, granddaughter, when you're short on your dough You can meet there and I'm sure you will find Many ways to have a good time!

Instrumental/karoake

version of

Y.M.C.A.

What is your Why A.L.A? I am asking you Why A.L.A? Cuz we have everything

Maybe even some bets YOU CAN HELP OUT ALL THE VETS

What is your Why A.L.A? I am asking you Why A.L.A?

You can get yourself seen You can volunteer You can even have a beer!

People, are you listening to me? I said, People, are you happy you're free? Well then join us and honor your vet You can make a difference you bet No one does it all by themselves I said, people, believe in yourself And just go there, join the ALA Don't wait, do it today!!!

**Repeat Chorus** 







# American Legion Auxiliary Membership 101 & FAQ

#### **Membership Eligibility 101:**

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

- (1) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and
- (2) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;
- (3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and
- (4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

Other factors to consider when determining membership eligibility:

- When a request for ALA membership is based on the military service of a family member who is <u>still</u> <u>living</u>, that family member must be a current member of The American Legion before the female relative or spouse may join.
- When a request for ALA membership is based on a <u>deceased veteran</u> the prospective member will be asked to provide verifying documentation that proves his/her eligibility (see acceptable documentation below).
- When a female veteran applies to join the ALA without being a member of The American Legion, she is eligible to join if her service dates fall within one (1) of the eligible service periods as described in the National Constitution. However, should her family members (including spouse) wish to join the ALA or the Sons of The American Legion through her service, she must first become a member of The American Legion.

The following documents are acceptable to verify membership eligibility in the ALA:

- 1. DD214 discharge papers (not issued until after the Korean War)
- 2. Official military orders
- 3. Official military service citations/awards
- 4. Letters related to the veteran's military service. Must be on official government letterhead.
- 5. Certificate from the VA records center in St. Louis
- 6. Data from the back of older discharges

## **Membership Eligibility Frequently Asked Questions:**

Q: Is there any circumstance where a person could join the ALA without having a relative as a current member of The American Legion?

A: There are two circumstances when a person can become a member without having a relative as a current member of The American Legion.

- 1) When a woman has served in the military during the requisite dates. She may join the ALA without being a member of The American Legion.
- 2) When a person's membership is based on a deceased veteran the prospective member will be required to provide verifying documentation of the deceased relative's service dates to prove their eligibility.

#### Q: Is verification of veteran eligibility required by the Post Officer?

A: The signature of the Post Officer should be on every application of those applying for membership. If the Post Officer's signature cannot be obtained after a reasonable effort, a letter from the Department Adjutant will be accepted in lieu of the Post Officer's statement.

The only exception is if the applicant is eligible in her own right, then the Unit Secretary signs and dates the application upon verification of that female veteran's military record.

Q: In a female same-gender marriage, if the female spouse wartime veteran is a member or eligible to be a member of The American Legion, is the female wife eligible for membership in the Auxiliary?

A: On June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court issued a landmark decision in the case of Obergefell v. Hodges. The Court's ruling requires a State to license a marriage between two (2) people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between two (2) people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out-of-State. This decision requires all states to recognize samegender marriages. The Legion and the ALA will continue to accept into membership those individuals who meet membership eligibility criteria regardless of the gender of their spouses.

#### Q: Are stepchildren eligible to become members?

A: No, IRS regulation for 501(c)19 organizations do not include stepchildren in their definition of an auxiliary organization.

#### Q: Are men now eligible to join the Auxiliary?

A: Male spouses of current members of The American Legion are eligible to join the Auxiliary. Male spouses of all men and women who served in the eligible periods (April 6, 1917-November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941) and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge are eligible to join the Auxiliary.

Grandfathers, Fathers, Uncles, Brothers or other male descendants are not eligible to join the Auxiliary.

#### Q: Are husbands of Auxiliary members able to now join the Auxiliary?

A: Husbands of American Legion Auxiliary members are only eligible to join the Auxiliary if their spouse is also a current member of The American Legion. Husbands would be eligible due to their spouse's membership in The American Legion and not through their spouse's membership in the Auxiliary.

#### Q: Is a person eligible through the war service of divorced spouse?

A: A divorced man or woman does not occupy the status of spouse and, therefore, has no eligibility. But the fact that a member of the Auxiliary has become divorced from whom they gained their eligibility does not force them to surrender their Auxiliary membership, even though they may be married to another person. However, if they become delinquent in their ALA dues, they may reinstate their membership only by payment of back dues for all years of delinquency.

## Q: Are relatives of members of the Sons of The American Legion eligible for membership in the Auxiliary?

A: <u>Only if</u> the member of the Sons of The American Legion is also a member of The American Legion. If the SAL member is not eligible for membership in The American Legion, the applicant must secure eligibility through the service of an eligible veteran.

#### Q: Must a potential member join the Unit of the Post of which their service relative is a member?

A: No, the potential member is eligible for membership in any Auxiliary Unit.

## Q: Is the spouse of a non-veteran eligible for membership on the war service of a former spouse who died either during the war or following discharge?

A: The fact that the widow of a veteran remarried does not deprive them of their right to belong to the Auxiliary. Under these circumstances the spouse of a non-veteran is eligible for membership in the Auxiliary if their former spouse was a veteran and died either during the war or following their discharge.

#### Q: Why is membership limited to two degrees of consanguinity (relation)?

A: The IRS regulation concerning auxiliaries to veteran service organizations states in part: "At least 75 percent of its members are veterans, spouses of veterans, or related to a veteran within two degrees of consanguinity (i.e., grandparent, brother, sister, grandchild represent the most distant allowable relationships)."

This means that no great or great-great-granddaughters can join the Auxiliary. Current members whose eligibility relationship is great-granddaughter, great-granddaughter or direct descendent can continue being a member, as long as their dues are kept current.

## **Membership Processing Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### Q: Does a TAL Post have authority over a Unit's membership or money?

A: Besides verifying the eligibility of a potential Auxiliary member, no TAL Post has the authority to determine the membership of a unit or dictate what a Unit does with their finances.

#### Q: Can staff at ALA NHQ transfer a member to another unit at the request of the member?

A: No, units have final authority over their own membership. Units must accept the new members transfer and then submit a form to their department for processing.

#### Q: How long must units retain membership applications?

A: The American Legion National Judge Advocate/ALA Counsel General advises that since eligibility for membership can be challenged at any time during the life of the member, eligibility information should be retained indefinitely, as long as the member is alive. Only the eligibility information needs to be securely retained, and records can be digitized to save space and provide a more convenient way to retain the information. Units are advised to have access to a locked file cabinet in the post or other secure place for record retention and to redact any personally identifying information such as birthdate and social security number in order to secure information from identity theft. Counsel General notes that in the past four years, the IRS has been more stringent about demanding to see eligibility records when they are doing field audits of posts, units and departments. The fact that the IRS has escalated its audits of Legion and ALA entities in recent years may lead to confusion about the length of time for retaining IRS records versus the length of time for retaining eligibility verification records. Counsel General has advised that tax returns need be kept for only seven (7) years, but eligibility records should be retained for the life of the member.

#### Q: How does the Auxiliary update/correct a members' join date?

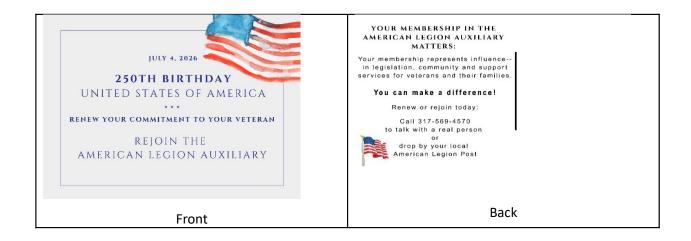
A: Members are required to provide proof of original join date, if proof cannot be provided, the member must pay necessary back dues to reinstate continuous membership.

#### Q: How does a unit request ALA MIS access?

A: All requests for ALA MIS access must be submitted to their department for approval and submission of request.

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA Membership Postcard ORDER FORM

- Renew/Rejoin Postcards will be available for distribution at Fall Conference. Each Unit will receive 5 free, additional postcards are available for \$2.50 per 25 cards.
- Order Postcards before September 30 to receive at Fall Conference and avoid postage costs.
- Orders received after September 30 will have cost of mailing added to the order. ORDER NOW!



#### **ALA DEPT OF AZ MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL 2025 & 2026**

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### 2026 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

#### Member Award: Recruit/Rejoin 10

- Award: Special gift selected by the National Membership Chairman
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 Senior and/or Junior members. Rejoined members must not have renewed since 2022 or earlier.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS member database by June 1, 2026.
  - FORMS must be received at National HQ by June 6, 2026.
- Materials and guidelines:
  - Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website (<u>www.ALAforVeterans.org</u>). You must be logged in to the *My Auxiliary* area to access the page.
  - One entry per recruiter.

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#### **Member Award:** Family 3

- Award: Special gift selected by the National President
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit 3 *New* Legion members, 3 *New* Auxiliary members & 3 *New* SAL members.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in the database by June 1, 2026.
  - o FORMS must be received at ALA National HQ by June 6, 2026.
- Materials and guidelines:
  - o Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website (<u>www.ALAforVeterans.org</u>). You must be logged in to the *MyAuxiliary* area to access the page.
  - o One entry per recruiter.

#### Unit Award: 100% Unit Award

- **Award:** ALA Key Chain with phone stand and cleaner, 2 per unit for the unit president and unit membership chairman.
- **Presented to:** Units that reach 100% of their 2026 membership goal by January 31, 2026.
- **Deadline:** January 31, 2026
- Materials and guidelines:
  - o This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by January 31, 2026 as verified by ALAMIS.

*Note:* Departments must submit unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2025, to be eligible for the 100% Unit Award. These must be sent in a specific format which will be provided by NHQ. Key chains for winning units will be mailed to each department for distribution.

#### Unit Award: New Unit Award

- **Award:** Unit Guidebook & ALA National Constitution & Bylaws from Emblem Sales.
- **Presented to:** New units chartered between September 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026.
- **Deadline:** July 31, 2026.
- Materials and guidelines:
  - This award is automatically presented upon receipt and processing of new unit charter applications at National Headquarters.

**Department Membership Goals:** Department membership goals are based on each department's 2024 membership as of 12.31.2024 plus a percentage increase chosen by each department during the 2025 Department Leadership National Conference.

#### **Department Award**: 25% Award

- Award: \$25 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 25% of their 2026 department membership goal.
- **Deadline:** SAL Birthday, September 15, 2025
- Materials and guidelines:
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by September 15, 2025.

#### **Department Award:** 60% Award

- Award: \$60 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 60% of their 2026 department membership goal.
- **Deadline:** ALA Birthday, November 10, 2025.
- Materials and guidelines:
  - o Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by November 10, 2025.

#### **Department Award:** 85% Award

- Award: \$85 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 85% of their 2025 department membership goal.
- **Deadline:** TAL Birthday March 15, 2026.
- Materials and guidelines:
  - o Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by March 15, 2026.

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#### **Department Award:** 95% Award

- Award: \$95 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 95% of their 2026 department membership goal.
- **Deadline:** Female Veterans Day June 12, 2026.
- Materials and guidelines:
  - o Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by June 12, 2026.

#### **Department Award:** 100% Award

- Award: \$250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Any department that has reached 100% of their department goal.
- **Deadline:** Independence Day, July 4, 2026.
- Materials and guidelines:
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by July 4, 2026.

#### **Department Award:** 102% Award

- Award: \$500 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Any department that has reached 102% of their department goal.
- **Deadline:** 30 Days Prior to National Convention, August 1, 2026.
- Materials and guidelines:
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by August 1, 2026.

**Department Award:** 95% Retention Award

- **Award:** Citation Plaque
- **Presented to:** Any department that reaches 95% retention rate (includes renewals and rejoins)
- **Deadline:** 30 Days prior to National Convention, August 1, 2026
- Materials and guidelines:
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALA MIS member database by August 1, 2026

**Seating at National Convention:** Seating at National Convention will be based on each department's percentage of their 2026 membership goal, from highest percentage to lowest.



## FAMILY 3

Members who recruit 3 New Legion members, 3 New Auxiliary members and 3 New SAL members for the 2026 membership year.

#### One entry per recruiter.

Certified <u>forms must be received</u> at ALA National Headquarters by <u>June 6, 2026</u>.

Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadline.

New members must be paid by June 1, 2026. ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed. Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_ Names of 3 New Legion Members Names of 3 New Auxiliary Members Member ID# **Member ID#** 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Unit Officer Signature - Verifying Membership **Legion Post Officer Signature - Verifying Membership** Forms must be signed by officers from Names of 3 New SAL Members Member ID# TAL, ALA & SAL to be valid. Please email forms to membership@alaforveterans.org Or Fax: (317) 569-4502 (Attn: Membership) Please do not send incomplete forms. SAL Squadron Officer Signature – Verifying Membership \*Must be received at ALA NHO no later than midnight June 6, 2026.

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2026 National President. One award per recruiter.



## 2026: RECRUIT/REJOIN 10

Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2026 membership year. Rejoins must not have paid membership dues since 2022 or earlier.

#### One entry per recruiter.

Certified <u>forms must be received</u> at ALA National Headquarters by <u>June 6, 2026</u>.

<u>Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than</u>

<u>one week prior to the deadlines.</u>

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| Recruiter's Name:  | Member ID#:  |
| Recruiter's Department: Unit #:  | Email:   |
| Recruiter's Address:   |  |
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|  | ATE: Units: Send form to your  |
| Department Secretary   | department secretary.  |
| Printed Name:  | Departments:   |
| Dept Secretary Signature (required):   | Please either scan and email to:                                     |
| *I certify that <u>all 10 members</u> are new or rejoined in<br>*I've provided or verified member ID numbers and |  |
| filled out legibly and completely.   | Or   |
| DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more th recruiter.   |  |

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2026 National Membership Committee Chairman.

One award per recruiter.

midnight June 6, 2026.

## American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Membership Challenges 2025-2026

## District 8 challenged District 11

 Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, \$100 to President's Special Project

## Unit 25 challenged Unit 62

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

## Unit 41 challenged Unit 65

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

## Unit 91 challenged Unit 35

 Highest percentage % of Membership by January 1st, 2026, \$100 to President's Special Project

## District 12 challenged District 11

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

## Jane Shoemaker Challenged Ginger Cox

 \$25 and a bottle of wine to sign up 3 new Legionnaire's, 3 new ALA members, and 3 new SAL members, by 30 days prior to Convention 2026

## Unit 41 challenged Unit 117

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

## District 4 challenged Units 27,36,41,39,86,25,61,29,65,109,& 8

5 new Juniors per unit by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, \$100 to President's Special Project

## Unit 86 challenged Unit 25

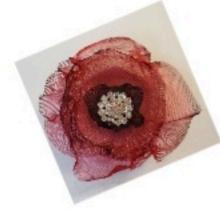
- Greatest percentage % of Dual members (TAL and ALA) by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

## Unit 24 challenged Unit 11

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025,
- \$25 to President's Special Project tie both pay

## Unit 56 challenged Unit 19

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025,
- \$25 to President's Special Project tie both pay



### Marge challenges all Districts

 Meet the National 85% goal by March 15, 2026; Poppy Bling pins to all Unit and District membership chairs in the winning Districts

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

#### POPPY ORDER FORM FOR 2026 POPPIES

# Order deadline is September 30, 2025 NO EXCEPTIONS OR LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED THIS FORM MUST BE USED TO ORDER POPPIES

| Cost of poppies are \$15.  | 00 per hundred and | must be ordered in increments                                       | of 100        |  |  |  |
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| Date poppies needed  |                    | Unit number   |               |  |  |  |
| Name of person to receive  | poppies            |   |               |  |  |  |
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|  | •                  | nference and poppies need to b<br>00 and under or \$25.00 for order | •             |  |  |  |
| Make check payable to Ar<br>to: ALA Dept. of AZ<br>4701 N. 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave<br>Phoenix. AZ 850 | ., Ste. 100        | ary Dept. of AZ and mail order forr                                 | n and check   |  |  |  |

Your Unit must order at least 100 poppies by the deadline to be in competition for any Department awards at the end of the year other than Membership awards.

#### Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation August 2025 By 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Lynda Griffin

#### HISTORY OF THE FORMAL VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Since World War I, the women of the American Legion Auxiliary have taken an active role in the care and rehabilitation of veterans. These early efforts, however, were largely uncoordinated and not integrated into a formal healthcare plan or program. It wasn't until 1930 that care and rehabilitation for veterans were integrated under a unified Veterans Affairs program similar to what we know today.

During World War II, it was determined that a need existed for a coordinated volunteer effort to direct the activity of committed individuals and hundreds of service and welfare groups such as the Auxiliary. This need developed into a formal volunteer program providing aid and assistance to members of the armed forces injured in war.

By the end of the war, the immediate focal point of interest for many volunteer groups seemed lost; however, leaders of these groups realized that the training these volunteers had received during wartime shouldn't be lost, and a new outlet for their efforts had to be identified.

Since these volunteers had focused specifically on aiding and assisting Service members, it was only natural that leadership of the groups they represented decided to focus their time, skill, and effort in peacetime, helping care for a new group of men and women now considered veterans.

On April 8, 1946, representatives of several veterans service organizations, including The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, met in Washington, D.C., with the Assistant Administrator for Special Services. This meeting resulted in the still new Veterans Administration developing regulations and procedures making a provision for the use of volunteers through the VA Special Services program for hospitalized veterans. Before this meeting concluded, their first VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Advisory Committee was formed.

In later years, as more wars ensued, the American Legion Auxiliary heeded the call for volunteers. In 1964, the Auxiliary inaugurated a new program called Field Service Volunteers. Answering a need and call to action, in 1974 the ALA introduced the Home Service program which recognized and supplemented the care given to America's veterans.

Regardless of where service takes place, American Legion Auxiliary members are known across the country as a go-to resource for this country's veterans and their families. The Auxiliary membership is proud of its legacy of volunteer service, and it is our goal to continue our valuable contribution in the years to come. Both programs continue to reflect our care, commitment, and compassion for veterans.

#### Looking for information about being a Unit VAR Chairman?

- > National Committee Resources (All VA & R programs)
- > Betheone.org
- > ALA Academy "betheone"
- **Ring Your Bell Postings**
- **▶** Unit Assignments to AZ VA Facilities
- Wreaths Across American
- Reporting Hours: Impact Report Vet/Military Section VS Service to Veterans Volunteer Hours
- > Lynda Griffin Lynda4ala@azdot.gov (623) 349 -3979

**BE THE ONE** 

#### **ANNOUNCING THE 2025**

#### VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION AND SHOW

HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE YAVAPAI COUNTY FAIR @ 840 RODEO DRIVE PRESCOTT, AZ

SEPTEMBER 4TH - 7TH

THURS, FRI & SAT 9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM, SUNDAY 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

Award Presentation Friday Sept 5th @ 1300 Including 2024 National Medal Presentation



Northern Arizona VA Health Care System

#### ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED August 25th or 26th

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840 Rodeo Dr., Freeman Building 0900 to 1200 or 1300 to 1500

Please contact Cory @ (928)445-4860 x6342 or cory,sanders@va.gov for more info and for applications. Leave a voicemail with email, we'll send you info.

ART MUST BE PICKED UP 6:00 - 7:00 PM SUNDAY the 7th

In- patients, Out-patients and NAZ Veterans with current enrollment are eligible.

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**VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement** Northern Arizona VA Health Care System **500 HWY 89 North** Prescott, AZ 86303 928-776-6013

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Veterans served by the Northern AZ VA Health Care System. All donations should be brought to Voluntary Service in Building 15, room 106. Please call 928-776-6013 to determine if the items you wish to donate are still needed prior to purchase. All items should be new unless otherwise noted. Monetary donations are also accepted so that Voluntary Service can purchase these items as the need presents itself.

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Laundry Detergent - Powder Comb/Brushes 3-in-1 Body Wash

#### **CLOTHES (New Only)**

Jeans (Sizes: 34/30, 34/32/ 34/34) Men's Short sleeve shirts

Men's shoes all sizes (Tie and Velcro)

Ball Caps / Hats

Belts

Light rain jackets - Men's Collared Shirts - Men's

Black, oil resistant/slip resistant shoes

#### OTHER PROGRAMS

Sympathy Cards

Large Print Word Search Books Large Print Novel Squishy squeeze stress balls Reading glasses Sunglasses

#### NO WOMEN CLOTHING

#### **HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM**

Food vouchers (Gift Certificates \$10-\$20 grocery store or fast food restaurant) Rain ponchos or slickers Backpacks

Flashlights or headlamps

**Umbrellas** 

**Tents** 

**Sleeping Bags** 

Gas gift cards

**RECREATION THERAPY** Serves Veterans residing in the Community Living Center (nursing home) and the Domiciliary.

Fishing reels – closed Zebco 33s

**Potting Soil and Pots** 

Models – Wooden or Plastic-cars, planes,

craft kits

Craft Supplies (Hobby Lobby, Michaels,

Tandy or Gift Cards)

Gift Cards Groceries – Frye's, Safeway Gift Cards for Harkins movie theater Backpacks- day packs for hiking program

#### **FOOD/DRINK**

Healthy packaged snacks (nuts, bars, etc.)
Cases of bottled water, Coffee, creamer, sugar, stir sticks & cups for the Drop-In Center
Non-perishable foods (snacks-fit in a backpack)
Regular and Decaf Coffee Grounds

#### **PROJECTS & OTHER NEEDS**

Donations to support:

Wheelchairs for outpatient clinics; New benches and picnic tables across campus; Welcome station at main entrance; Blankets for Yoga classes; Healing Gardens; New Ramada area with built in BBQ.

<u>FUNDS:</u> Funds are needed to support a variety of ongoing programs. These programs have a direct impact on the quality of life for residential Veterans and allow us to provide a more positive experience for Veterans attending our outpatient clinics. Checks should be made payable to "Northern AZ VA HCS" and sent to Voluntary Service at 500 HWY 89 North in Prescott, AZ 86303. Please include a note that tells us how the funds should be used and to whom we should send the acknowledgment.

| GPF#        | NAME                          | COMMENTS   |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <u>9006</u> | Domiciliary                   | Support daily needs for personal care or program supplies  |
| 9007        | General Use                   | General benefit of patients and the facility   |
| <u>9013</u> | <b>Recreation Therapy</b>     | Activity on and off station, decorations, events, refreshments,  Equine Therapy, movie theater, batting cages, bowling, golf |
| 9015        | Social Work                   | Emergent needs of in and out patients, transportation, gift certificates, canteen books                                      |
| 9017        | Greenhouse                    | Pots, soil, tools, plants, bulbs, etc to support the greenhouse and gardens.   |
| 9019        | Holiday Account               | Patient gifts, holiday parties, decorations  |
| <u>9035</u> | National Games                | Wheelchair Games, Golden Age Games, Winter Sports Clinic, Summer Sports Clinic, Tee Up for the Troops                        |
| 9042        | <b>Guest Services</b>         | Internet for patients, personal care items, clothing room  |
| <u>9044</u> | Women Veterans                | Annual workshop & recognition, gender specific clothing & personal care items, etc.  |
| 9064        | <b>Creative Arts Festival</b> | Veteran Travel to the festival, supplies for the local program, shipping art to national, etc.                               |
| <u>9030</u> | Chaplain                      | Support ongoing needs for chapel, supplies   |
| 9070        | Facility<br>Beautification    | Standardize benches across campus (\$30,000 project); healing gardens, update the B107 monument area, other projects TBD.    |

July 6, 2025

Dear American Legion Auxiliary Members,

Greetings! As most of you know, I am the chairman for the ALA Gift Shop at the Prescott VA. The purpose of this letter is to ask for your support for this worthwhile and heart-warming event. We will probably never go back to a traditional gift shop that most of us remember, but that doesn't mean that we cannot provide a meaningful event for our Veterans.

The Veterans in our Domiciliary absolutely love receiving a quality backpack. This past Christmas we set up an event where the Veterans received their backpack and were able to stuff it with their choice of many items that included a fleece throw, variety of edible treats, and other miscellaneous items. This was done at a party with a live band and plenty of holiday refreshments. Veterans were so grateful for the items, party and time spent together.

Veterans in the Community Living Center received a gift of flannel shirts and a gift bag with edible treats, puzzle books and other items. This was done through a holiday party and personal visits to each Veteran where they were given holiday treats and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa. This approach touched all our hearts as many Veterans expressed their appreciation with smiles and tears.

Both units continue to increase their census. This year I am planning for 120 in the Domiciliary and 70 in the Community Living Center. I have found that the average price for individual gifts is about \$35.00 each or \$6,650. In addition, it is so nice to offer the Veterans their choice of a nice warm fleece throw or homemade quilt.

Your donation of money should be made payable to ALA Department with a note specifying "Whipple Gift Shop". Their address is: ALA Department of AZ, 4701 North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015. Donations of fleece throws or handmade quilts are also welcome; please be sure that they are at least 50x70 inches to accommodate our taller Veterans. These can be dropped off at VA Building 15 (marked for ALA Gift Shop) or brought to the Department Fall Conference or District Meeting. If you choose to mail them, my address is: Trish Aljets (ALA),7132 North Viewscape Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ 86315.

Thank you for considering this request. Should you have any questions, or your members would like to participate in the holiday parties at the Prescott VA, please feel free to contact me at 928-632-2290 or <a href="mailto:trishaljets@outlook.com">trishaljets@outlook.com</a>.

Trish Aljets
Whipple Gift Shop Chairman
VAVS Deputy Representative for Prescott
ALA Unit 108 President
928-632-2290
TrishAljets@outlook.com

Cookie donations NO EARLIER than Tuesday Oct. 14th & Cake donations NO EARLIER than Oct. 15th



We are in need of Cakes for the



as well as candy to give out as prizes for the games

If you are able to donate contact Sam Nanez at (520) 603-9612 or (520) 638-2150. Donations of candy can be left at the front desk with security.



Music|Games|Rides|Food|Cake Walk Costume Contest

Fountain Courtyard

Friday Oct. 17th 530pm 830pm

Contact Sam For Donations & Volunteer Info (520) 603-9612 or (520) 638-2150

Chairman Nancy here. We haven't had this event since the pandemic happened. This is one of the biggest events to raise money for the Arizona State Veterans Home Tucson. The annual Fall Carnival. I am inviting you to come and see what we do and take part in the festivities. There will be food and I will be helping out and helping with the cakewalk. The flyer on the Department website tells the details. If you have any questions please contact me.

## Arizona State Veterans Home- Phoenix Birthday list September – December 2025

Send cards to:

Arizona State Veterans Home- Phoenix

4141 S Herrera Way

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Attention: Kyleigh Rubis

Please put each veteran's name and birthdate on their envelope Questions? Contact Candy Neagle at <a href="mailto:candy.neagle@gmail.com">candy.neagle@gmail.com</a>; 623-826-9580 (call or text)

| Henry W   | 9/1  |
|-----------|------|
| Robert H  | 9/5  |
| Tony H    | 9/6  |
| Darrel H  | 9/9  |
| Robert N  | 9/15 |
| Tommy J   | 9/19 |
| Bernard C | 9/19 |
| Guy C     | 9/21 |
| Ron M     | 9/22 |
| Ernesto M | 9/24 |

| Armin F    | 10/1  |
|------------|-------|
| Pat H      | 10/4  |
| Norman C   | 10/4  |
| William M  | 10/4  |
| Richard P  | 10/4  |
| Geoffrey W | 10/17 |
| Efrain E   | 10/20 |
| Jimmie H   | 10/22 |
| Floyd K    | 10/29 |
| Gary G     | 10/31 |

| Anthony R | 11/2  |
|-----------|-------|
| Joe R     | 11/5  |
| Alan S    | 11/13 |
| Stephen M | 11/14 |
| Gregory H | 11/17 |
| John G    | 11/24 |
| John P    | 11/25 |

| Michael St | 12/18 |
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| Earnest W  | 12/23 |
| Ken M      | 12/27 |