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President's Bulletin

January 2019

Happy New Year Ladies!!!! As we enter 2019, we need to have our Bees working hard to fill those bee hives...**membership**. District Presidents and Vice Presidents are on board to help out if you need it. I would like to thank the following for their kind hospitality from the 15th of November to the 14th of December. Hope all Units sent in their mid-year reports, year-end due May 1/2019.

- ❖ Unit 26 extended an invitation to attend their regular meeting on November 15th, keep up the great work ladies!!
- ❖ On November 26th, Margaret Ellis and I headed to Prescott for the ribbon cutting and welcoming Veterans to pick out items at their Gift Shop.
- ❖ On December 1st I attended the Junior Conference held at Post 1 in Phoenix. Gabby, Jr. President lost her voice, but recovered in time to hold their meeting. Thanks to each of them for writing Christmas cards which will be handed out to Veterans. They are our future ladies and they are awesome.
- ❖ The Gift Shop held in Phoenix on December 3rd brought in quite a few Veterans once the ribbon was cut in the morning.
- ❖ I traveled to Tucson for the ribbon cutting for their Gift Shop held on December 5th.
 - All three gift shops were successful in making our Veterans happy for not just them, but also their families for the Christmas season. A special thanks to all the volunteers from our Units in helping Veterans shop and wrapping each gift for them.
- ❖ I presented the American Legion Auxiliary Wreath at Wesley Bolin on December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day. What an honor to hear a WWII Veteran talk about his experiences.
- ❖ Sunday, December 16th brought another mission training. Thanks Unit 90 for driving the distance to learn more about this wonderful organization.

Don't forget Centennial Events are coming up this year, check the website often to find out what is going on!!!

Finally: A huge thank you to all the Units that have contributed to my special project!!!! We are on our way to help our visually impaired Veterans receive the rehabilitation they so justly deserve.

Reminders:

Open House: January 5th at Department headquarters starting at noon.

National Security/Children & Youth seminar will be held January 19th at Post 35 in Chandler.

Reminder: Be sure to take the Pledge and thank a Veteran for their service!!!

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		Department President Schedule		
Date		Item	Place	Address
8/4/2018	10:00-2:00	Mini Mission Training Dist 12 #1	Post 44	Scottsdale
8/24-30/18		National Convention	Best Western Normandy Hotel	Minneapolis, MN
9/8/2018	10:00-2:00	Mini Mission Training Dist 12 #2	Post 44	Scottsdale
9/14/18	8:30 AM	8/40 La Marche Nationale	Wild Horse Pass Casino Hotel	Wild Horse Pass Blvd. Room Acacia A
9/15/18	10:00 AM	Strategic Planning	Dept	Phoenix
9/16/18	1:30 PM	District 12 OV	Post 107	Phoenix
9/30/18	10:00 AM	Memorial Service (Jack Shoemaker)	Post 62	Peoria
10/4/18	7:00 PM	Unit 41 OV	Post 41	Phoenix
10/6/18	5:00 PM	VHV Dinner/Dance	Post 35	Chandler
10/10/18	8:30 AM	Meet with Tom Hicks (Blind Center)	VA	Phoenix
10/10/18	7:00 PM	Unit 39 OV	Post 39	Gilbert
10/17/19	5:00 PM	Unit 91 Reopening	Post 91	Chandler
10/19/18	6:00 PM	Early Bird Dinner Unit 32 OV	Unit 32 Overnight	531 11th Avenue, Safford 85546
10/20/18	12:00 PM	District 5 OV	Post 32	531 11th Avenue, Safford 85546
10/25-28/18		Personal		Denver, CO
11/2-4/18		Fall Conference	Doubletree Hotel	Tucson
11/10/18	5:00 PM	Unit 11 Dinner	Unit 11 Overnight	Douglas
11/11/18	10:00 AM	Veterans Day Parade	Downtown Douglas	Douglas
11/11/18	1:30 PM	District 3 OV	Post 45 Overnight in Tucson	Benson
11/12/18	9:30 AM	Tucson Veterans Day Parade	Post 7	Tucson
11/15/18	6:30 PM	Unit 26 OV	Mesa Unit 26	Mesa
11/20/18	12:30 PM	Unit 66 OV	Green Valley Unit 66 Overnight	1560 W Duval Mine Rd, Green Valley 85614
11/21/18	11:30 AM	Unit 131 OV	Madera Unit 131	249 W. Esperanza Blvd, Green Valley 85614
11/22/18		Thanksgiving		
11/26/18	1:30 PM	Ribbon Cutting	Whipple Gift Shop	Prescott
12/1-2/18	1:00 PM	Junior Conference	Post 1	Phoenix
12/03/18	9:00 AM	Ribbon Cutting	Phoenix Gift Shop	Phoenix
12/04/18	2:00 PM	Tucson Gift Shop Set up	Tucson Gift Shop Overnight	Tucson
12/05/18	10:00 AM	Ribbon Cutting	Tucson Gift Shop	Tucson
12/07/18	8:00 AM	Pearl Harbor Day Wreath Presentation	Wesley Bolin	Phoenix
12/16/18	8:00 - 4:30	Mission Training	Post 27	Apache Junction

12/18/18	6:30 PM	Unit 1 OV	Post 1	Phoenix
01/05/19	10:00 AM	Strategic Planning	Dept	Phoenix
01/05/19	Noon	Open House	Dept	Phoenix
1/11-13/19		40 et 8 Grand Wreck	Post 19	Yuma
01/19/19	8:00 AM	National Security/Children & Youth	Post 35	Chandler
01/20/19	1:30 PM	District 2 OV	Unit 36	Tucson
1/25-27/19		Dept. Mission Training	Flamingo Hotel	Las Vegas, NV
02/02/19	5:00 PM	District 12 Rehab Dinner	Unit 35	Chandler
02/14/19	9:00 AM	Creative Arts Festival	VA Hospital Basement	Phoenix
02/16/19		Personal		Mesa
02/19/19	2:00 PM	Unit 8 OV	Post 8	Casa Grande
03/03/19	Noon	District 12 Picnic	Unit 65	Phoenix
03/05/19	5:00 PM	Fundraiser Dinner	Unit 91	Chandler
03/09/19	4:00 PM	Dinner	Post/Unit 81 <i>Overnight</i>	Lake Havasu
03/10/18		Commander Walk	Post 81 <i>Overnight</i>	Lake Havasu
03/11/19		Post 81		
03/16/19	2:00 PM	Post 19 Annual Birthday Party	Post 19 <i>Overnight</i>	Yuma
03/17/19	1:00 PM	District 1 OV	Unit 19	Yuma
3/27-30/19		National President Visit	Kathy Dungan	Various locations
03/29/19	5:00 PM	National President Dinner	Post 27	Apache Junction
03/30/19	2:00 PM	Unit 39 Cook Off	Unit 39	Gilbert
04/12-14/19		SAL Campout	Deadhorse Ranch	Cottonwood
04/17/19	6:00 PM	Awards Ceremony	Unit 35	Chandler
04/19/19			Post 25 <i>Overnight</i>	Cottonwood
04/20/18	2:00 PM	District 8 OV	Post 25	Cottonwood
04/27/19	11:00 AM	District 7 OV	Unit 57	Ash Fork
05/05/19	2:00 PM	District 11 OV	Unit 62	Peoria
05/19/19	2:00 PM	District 4 OV	Unit 8	Casa Grande
05/25/19	4:00 PM	Commander Chico Homecoming	Post 66	Green Valley
05/25/19	10:00 AM	Strategic Planning	Dept	Phoenix
6/20-23/19	11:00 AM	Convention	Sheraton Grand	Phoenix

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JANUARY BULLETIN
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND ('AEF')
2018-2019

I hope all you busy bees had a wonderful Christmas. My wish for all is a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019.

I know personally that not every year is a good one. I lost my sister last year, a dear friend lost her husband and several friends had their hours cut at work. We were all blessed by support from family and friends. That is not always the case for everyone. Emotional and financial support is not always available to every person.

That being said the AEF is there to help with financial aid, but also emotional support. Because that's what Auxiliary Bees do best!!! We offer a "Hand Up---Not A Hand Out!

I am asking each of you Auxiliary Bees to put a little extra effort into supporting AEF this year. Lets show the National Hive what Arizona Busy Bees can do! BUZZ! BUZZ! BUZZ!

Next month I will have a few ways in which those needing help can seek aid. Please take a moment and think of ways your unit can raise money for your AEF Hive.

Here's to a great 2019!! CHEERS!!

For God and Country
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The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
Americanism
January 2019

January

I hope we have all been fed well during the holidays, both temporally and spiritually. Let us never forget that we are all in this together and together, we can do great things.

The time is hand when we often think of New Year Resolutions.... I know, now don't get carried away with making some great, wonderful, grandeoso plans that you know you're not going to keep or follow through with.

Remember to keep things simple and sincere, love your neighbor and do good works.

- If you haven't made a contact at a school in a while maybe schedule a flag folding presentation.
- Maybe coordinate with a history teacher to supplement their class.
- Maybe you want a broader audience, how about an assembly.
- Maybe work with your post and the school to do a formal flag raising or retreat.
- Maybe you could gather flags that need to be retired and take care of those, you could include any scout troops as they need this also.
- You could pass our little toothpick flags to the little ones or the small flags to individual classrooms.
- Maybe join with other organizations and/or events and set up a table to promote Americanism. Have pamphlets, poppies, flags, stickers etc.

A great big shout out THANK YOU for turning in mid-year reports. I loved hearing from you and your units.

Winter is here, bundle up and take care of each other.



Please remember the Upcoming Deadline

Dates to Remember
May 1st – Year-end Reports are due

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CHAPLAIN

Happy New Year,

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends. It is hard to believe, but we only have 6 months left in this administrative year. Convention will soon be upon us, and that means I need to get some more prayers for President Cindy's prayer book. Please send them sooner rather than later.

Since I am writing this before the mid year reports are due I cannot tell you how many units sent me reports. A big thank you to those units that sent them in early.

For God and Country

Rose

Children and Youth Program

January 2019

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2019. I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for the 2nd half of the 2018-2019 Auxiliary year. There's a lot of work to be done over the next several months to achieve our program goals.

We're all aware of how serious an issue bullying is right now. Recently I saw a news report about a nine-year-old girl that took her own life because of her being bullied in school. What a terrible tragedy to lose a child so young. Bullying is an issue we can all work to eliminate in our society so that no family ever has to experience the loss of their child again.

Unit chairman can work together on this issue. Partner with your education chairman, community service chairman, Juniors chairman, etc. on projects that can spread the word on preventing bullying. Perhaps you could work with your Post on an open house or town hall to invite your community members in to discuss how everyone can do their part to prevent bullying.

There is a great website called www.StopBullying.gov that has tons of great information you can utilize. You can review state laws, what can be done in the schools to prevent bullying, and what kids can do to stop bullying. There are many websites out there to educate regarding this issue.

I hope you all have a great start to the new year!

For God and Country,

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CREATIVE ARTS

2018-2019

THE 2017-2019 CREATIVE LOCAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVALS WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN FEBREARY IN ALL THREE VA FACILITIES IN ARIZONA

We need to find ways to encourage Veterans to participate at the local level held in February 2019. All Veterans who want to participate must be enrolled at a VA Medical Center to participate. Applications will be available soon at your local VA Center through Recreational Therapy or Occupational Therapy Department.

REMEMBER, THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVALS ARE SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. This program needs our financial support and our physical participation. The Veterans are counting on us. To make a contribution, please send it to the ALA Department of Arizona, 4701 19th Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ, 85015 Please be sure to specify which VA Facility you would like your contributions to go to. If there is no specification, then contributions will go to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

The quality of this Art work is truly astounding. The Veterans have so much talent and everyone who entered this Art competition are winners.

Thank you to all the units who gave your support by volunteering to assist with this important event or sent monetary donations so the Art show

Could be showcased to the public. The rehabilitation that comes from this event is important to rebuild confidence in our Veterans.

Again, thank you so much for your support.

SALLY FINE

CREATIVE ARTS CHAIR.



Education January, 2019



The 1st semester is already at an end! Each month I am focusing on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.**

There are a number of ways that Members and Units can assist veterans in furthering their education:

- Volunteer to collaborate with a Student Veterans of America chapter or other campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community.
- Sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.
- Arrange for your post home to be available for off-campus events/chapter meetings.
- Provide information/handouts to members on organizing and delivering presentations on career and life skills topics to student veterans.
- Promote events through local media and your Unit social media accounts.
- Promote the American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, available for students who are returning to the classroom after some period of time.

Be sure to review all the material in the Education packet distributed at the Fall Conference. It contains the rules and application forms for all the scholarships. A special THANK YOU to all of the Units who sent me their mid-year reports forms by the deadline.

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,

Julie Vietri

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**EDUCATION MID-YEAR REPORT FORM
2018-2019**

Unit Number _____

Total Membership _____

Chairman Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail address _____

Supporting the Program

Number of Unit Members involved in support of the program _____

Number of Juniors involved in support of the program _____

Number of Legionnaires involved in support of the program _____

Did your Unit participate in American Education Week? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit participate in the *Give 10 to Education* program? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit present the *Veterans in the Classroom* program? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit actively support any veterans associations on college or university campuses? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit help assist needy students? Briefly describe the activities.

Does your Unit award any Unit scholarships? How many? How does your Unit raise funds for the scholarships?

Has your Unit promoted the Department and National Scholarships? Briefly describe how this was done.

Did your Unit involve the Legionnaires, the Sons and the Legion Riders? How many of each group participated? In what way did they participate?

What were the other community resources or activities your Unit used to assist students, teachers or support personnel?

You may use separate paper, if needed.

Please return this form to the Education Chairman, **Julie Vietri, 7663 E. 6th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or jvietri@msn.com , on or before December 23, 2018.**

**EDUCATION YEAR-END REPORT FORM
2018-2019**

Unit Number _____ Total Membership _____

Chairman Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail address _____

Supporting the Program

Number of Unit Members involved in support of the program _____

Number of Juniors involved in support of the program _____

Number of Legionnaires involved in support of the program _____

Number of entries submitted to:

_____ Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

_____ The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

_____ The Spirit of Youth Scholarship

_____ Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship

Number of Unit Scholarships awarded _____ Dollar value _____

Did your Unit participate in American Education Week? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit participate in the *Give 10 to Education* program? How many *Give 10 to Education* certificates were given in your Unit? _____ Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit present the *Veterans in the Classroom* program? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit actively support any veterans associations on college or university campuses? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit help assist needy students? Briefly describe the activities.

Has your Unit promoted the Department and National Scholarships? Briefly describe how this was done.

Did your Unit involve the Legionnaires, the Sons and the Legion Riders? How many of each group participated? In what way did they participate?

What were the other community resources or activities your Unit used to assist students, teachers or support personnel?

You may use separate paper, if needed.

Please return this form to the Education Chairman, **Julie Vietri, 7663 E. 6th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or jvietri@msn.com , on or before May 1, 2019.**

Reminder: A typed narrative, not to exceed 1000 words, must be submitted to be eligible for the **Jean Batley Plaque** or the **Chrysteen Fritzinger Plaque**.

January 2019
Dept. Finance

It has been some months since we have written a bulletin to you all however, since the Fall Conference and the “notebooks” for all Units with a lot of information in that document, it was time to give you a rest to digest the notebook contents. Now its back to work and a new year.

Until such time as we have NEW information from our national organization or the Dept. Chairmen we will be going over some very important issues. **HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW AS AN AUXILIARY MEMBER YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A UNIT NOT A POST?**

In reviewing the Secretary of State filings I have found several Units are listing themselves as POSTS. Did you know that the Secretary of States office lists you in both the Post and Unit listing when you put both Unit and Post in your legal name ? **THIS IS INCORRECT AND FIVE Units will receive letters from this Chairman and Dept. Pres. Cindy Queen telling them they are to file a form with the Secretary of State correcting this information. How many times have we tried to inform the Units about this and to correct their official name to: American Legion Auxiliary (something) UNIT #.** Don't make things harder on your Unit when filing legal papers with the Internal Revenue Service, the AZ. Corporation Commission and the office of the Secretary of State. **DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, MAKE COPIES FOR YOUR FILES SO YOU WILL BE CORRECT FROM THEN ON.**

Speaking about the I.R.S., the AZ Corporation Commission and Secretary of State forms, approximately 5 to 6 weeks ago Dept. Secretary Barbara Matteson asked each Unit in the Dept. of AZ to forward to her a copy of these filings from their Unit – GUESS WHAT HAPPENED – A GRAND TOTAL OF 9 UNITS SUBMITTED THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEPT. OFFICE. What happened to the rest of the Units- did they not read their bulletin or what was the problem or should I say what IS the problem?

As we have said many times the members of the Finance Committee are here to help you, so if you do not understand please contact one of us.

You ALL are doing great things on behalf of your Units, your communities, our Veterans and their families – **THAN K YOU!** Keep on BUZZIN and remember the BeeAttitudes!

Your Finance Committee TEAM --- Helen Stout, Chairman, Cindy Queen, Dept. President, Yolanda Bonilla, NEC, Penny Maklary, Helen Griffin and Barbara Matteson, Dept. Secy-Treasurer (no vote)

Historian
January 2019

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had wonderful time with family friends over the Holidays.

A BIG thank you to those Units who sent me minutes or an email letting me know what your Unit and busy bees have been up to this year.

Please continue to send me your minutes, it makes putting this year's history book together much easier. You can also mail your minutes.

With the Holidays, many Units adopted families, I would LOVE to hear how many families were adopted. Wouldn't that be awesome if I heard from every Unit how many families were adopted!

Also, report to me when a member(s) are recognized for their work in a publication.

Happy New Year!

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Legislative
January 2019

Greetings Ladies,

I had planned to have a full listing of the newly elected officials by this bulletin. Looking at the results, there are too many to list on one sheet of paper. I apologize for this; however you can go to the Arizona Secretary of State's Office website for the listing. The website is www.azsos.gov, and then go to the 2018 Election Results for further info. I will however list the results of the big races, everyone was looking forward to. Speaking of the election, on December 3rd I witnessed in person the official signing and certification of the 2018 Mid Term Election for the State of Arizona by Secretary of State Michele Reagan, Governor Doug Ducey and Attorney General Mark Brnovich.

US Senate - Kyrsten Sinema. Sinema is the first female senator from Arizona.

Governor - Doug Ducey. He is serving his second term as Governor.

Secretary of State - Katie Hobbs. Democrat representing the 24th district; she was previously a state representative. This is her first term as Secretary of State.

Attorney General - Mark Brnovich. He is serving his second term as Attorney General and is a veteran of the US Army National Guard.

Superintendent of Public Instruction - Kathy Hoffman. A Democrat and former educator succeeding Diane Douglas, she is serving her first term as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Senator Flake gave his farewell address on Thursday December 13th. Kyrsten Sinema is replacing Jeff Flake.

Senator Kyl also gave his farewell address with less than four months on the job, after replacing the late John McCain. As of this bulletin being written, there is talk of Governor Ducey appointing Martha McSally as his replacement, so that she may start the year with everyone else.

On January 7th, 2019, the state of Arizona will be having our Gubernatorial Inauguration ceremonies at the State Capitol in Phoenix. On January 14th, 2019, Governor Ducey will make his State of the State Address in the House of Representatives Chamber at the State Capitol in Phoenix. The Arizona Legislature will also begin the new session.

On November 29th, the President headed to Argentina for the G20 Conference. The USMCA is a new trade agreement replacing NAFTA.

On November 30th, President George H.W. Bush passed. He was a WWII veteran and pilot.

Heather Nauert will replace Nikki Halley as the UN Ambassador.

Replacement for Jeff Sessions will be William Barr.

John Kelly leaving the administration, by the end of the year. New Chief of Staff acting will be Mick Mulvaney.

Thank you again to Nancy Raistrick from Unit 93 in Camp Verde and Anita Ritter from Unit 41 in Phoenix for your continued effort in keeping me apprised of what is happening on the Federal Levels. Things are really starting to ramp up on the home front so to speak on the State level, and I have almost constant access to that. The state capitol is beginning to be a very busy place, so I have been trying to keep up with that.

For God and Country,

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ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING

Believe Equality Exists Supporting Every Veteran



When you receive this missive, reports will be in and hopefully we will have completed yet another training session. We thank you for those that were able to report at this time of year.

Just a reminder about scheduling a training session, whether you are doing a mini training or a full day, you must have your money in to Department for 10 individuals 10 days in advance (list names please).

Cary Fisher, Western Division Leadership Chair is encouraging all Department Leadership Chairs to be servant leaders, focusing primarily on the growth and well-being of others, or Service not Self. She is encouraging joining the National Facebook Page to they can reach the 500-member goal by January 1 and 1,000 by National Convention. Once you are on the page, you can start sharing new ideas and read about some ideas that could be useful in gaining new members and reading about leadership topics.

Do you read the eBulletin? Have you signed up to receive it at the National website? There is a lot of discussions about a lot of topics contained therein.

There is a definitive process for completing the on-line courses and getting credit for them. I am currently reviewing the process and will be providing more instructions in the next packet. Please print any test and instructions prior to taking a course so you can answer the questions from the data being reviewed. You must do the test and forward it and the instruction sheet to me to get the credit and be graded. Then it will be forwarded as stipulated.

Please advise if you want to schedule a training session. Thanks for the reports received and to those that have attended a session.

For God and Country in Service to Veterans.

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
INVITES ALL FAMILY MEMBERS
TO**

**Children & Youth
National Security Workshop**

**Saturday, January 19, 2019
Mathew B. Juan Post 35
2240 W. Chandler Blvd.
Chandler, AZ**

10 am to 2 pm

Informative Presentations are scheduled.

PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 11, 2019 TO:

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PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

REPORT FORM

2018-2019

SEND TO:

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*** Date Due: May 1, 2019**

UNIT NAME _____ UNIT# _____

CHAIRMAN NAME & ADDRESS _____

A. Do you have an active Past Presidents Parley? YES NO

B. Number of members in your Parley? _____

C. Does your Parley include other Units? YES NO

If so, how many Units? _____

D. Number of Members from other Units? _____

E. Did your Parley or Unit make a donation to the Dept. Nurses Scholarship Fund? YES NO

F. Amount of donation from:

Parley \$ _____

Unit \$ _____

G. Did your Parley or Unit honor Female Veterans? YES NO

If so, explain how: _____

H. Will your Parley/Unit members attend the Department Past Presidents Parley Luncheon at Convention? _____

I. Will your Parley/Unit submit an entry for the following awards?

Arizona's Active Past Presidents Plaque YES NO

Cora Grigg Past Presidents Parley Plaque YES NO

Unit Member of the Year YES NO

J. Will your Parley/Unit submit an entry for "Salute to an Active Duty Service Woman"? YES NO

*** (This must be sent to Department PPP Chairman by May 1, 2019)**

*Any addition information please put on back of this form

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY
BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN

FEBRUARY 2019

Who is a member of your Unit who is there for you? She goes out of her way with your programs giving all she has. She could be the next American Legion Auxiliary Member of the Year. What an honor to give to recognize how much this member does for our organization. In your packet you received at Fall Conference are the requirements, please follow the rules.

This month we are honoring: **Patricia (Trish) Carlisle-Thompson**

Trish served in the US Army with the rank of Pfc-E3 for 10 months. Trish was a Past Post Commander of Post 61, Past Post Commander of Post 53 and Past Vice Commander of Post 61, 53 and 137. Trish is currently District 11, Area B Chaplain and State Chaplain for 40/8. Trish is a member of Mary Ellen Piotrowski Post 94.

2007-2008 + Deceased

<u>Past Department President</u>	<u>Past Department Commander</u>	<u>Past Detachment Commander</u>
Barbara Matteson	Bruce Conklin+	Jeff Frain

We will be honoring female veterans who are now serving in the military. Please let me know (giving her name, branch of service, rank and current duty station. I will include it in my next bulletin. Thank you so much!

Jan Cushing, PPP Chairman

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POPPY PROGRAM

Mid-Year Report due no later than Dec. 15th, 2018

Please send to : Nita Kimball, 3400 S 4th Ave. # 62, Yuma, AZ 85365

Email: nitastreehouse@gmail.com

As Dept. Poppy Program Chairman I'm required to send a narrative to the Western Division Poppy Chairman. This narrative should encompass information from all Units in Arizona. Please provide a brief description of the following information for me. Also include anything you think would be interesting or informative that isn't on the list. Even if you haven't done anything with poppies except order them, please send me a report. I should receive something from every Unit. Thank you for your co-operation with this report.

Unit Name and Number _____

Unit Chairman name _____

Contact information _____

How many Poppies did your Unit order? _____

How did your members promote the Poppy program?

How did members increase poppy revenue? _____

How did your Unit promote the Poppy Poster Contest? _____

How did your Unit promote Little Miss Poppy? _____

So far this year, has your Unit used Poppy funds to assist Veteran's / families? If so, how many and what dollar amount?

Did your members increase the number of poppy makers? _____ How? _____

Year End Poppy Program Report Form

Please complete and return by May 1, 2019 to : Nita Kimball 3400 S 4th Ave. #62, Yuma, AZ 85365

Email: nitastreehouse@gmail.com

Unit Name & Number: _____

Unit Chairman: _____

Contact Information: _____

Number of poppies you unit ordered _____

Did your Unit increase your order from last year? _____ By how many? _____

Did your Unit decrease your poppy order from last year? _____ By how many? _____

Because: _____

Did your Unit sponsor a Poppy Poster Contest? _____

How many posters were received by each class?

Class I Grades 2-3 _____ Class V Grades 10-11 _____

Class II Grades 4-5 _____ Class VI Grade 12 _____

Class III Grades 6-7 _____ Class VII Special Needs _____

Class IV Grades 8-9 _____

Were the posters used in conjunction with window/public display contests? _____

How? _____

Did your Unit publicize Poppy Days or other publicity about the Poppy Program? _____

How? _____

How many Certificates of Appreciation did your Unit present? _____

Did your Unit send/present Poppies to elected officials? _____

Total contributions received from your Unit's 2018 distributions \$ _____

Did your Unit have a Miss Poppy 6-12 years of age category? _____ How many? _____

Did your Unit have a Miss Poppy 13-18 years of age? _____ How many? _____

Did your Unit use the Poppy in creative ways? _____ Please explain: _____

How many Veterans/families did your Unit assist through Poppy funds? _____ \$ _____

Will your unit be competing for the Marie Cooney Memorial Plaque? _____ Marie Townsend Plaque? _____

Patriotic Poppy Plaque? _____ Nita Kimball Community Poppy Awareness Award? _____

Did your Juniors compete for the Miss Poppy Plaque? _____

Did your Unit do anything to encourage Poppy Making? _____

Total hours your Unit members worked with Poppies _____



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT 2018-2019

JANUARY 2019

Visually Impaired Veterans

I BELIEVE

Next month, February, is the month for the Creative Arts Festivals here in Arizona. What better time to talk about a visually impaired artist. Sculptor Michael Naranjo, a Viet Nam war veteran blinded by a grenade, lives in Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico. His sculptures are "meant to be touched." His works are displayed at the Smithsonian Institute where tactile aids and verbal descriptions help visually impaired to enjoy art. His sculptures are also in the White House and the Vatican. You can view one of his sculptures at the Heard Museum in Phoenix. Mr. Naranjo says; "being blind makes the pace of life slower, you can't walk fast or grab things quickly. Life is more gentle."

October 6 is Blind Sports Day in the US. This last September, 5 blinded veterans took Kayaks down the Colorado River, traveling 226 miles from Lees Ferry, Colorado, to Diamond Creek near Flagstaff, Arizona. The trip took 12 days.

An 83 year old legally blind Korean War veteran has accumulated over 800 skydiving jumps thanks to a Father's Day gift from his daughter in 2017!

These are major accomplishments for visually impaired veterans. Loosing ones sight is not only a physical impairment; emotionally it can take a heavy toll. I have seen personally blind individuals withdraw into a world of self-consciousness feeling helpless and worthless. Loved ones often are not prepared to deal with the emotional challenges. With help like the VA Low Vision programs, visually impaired veterans can overcome their fears and live meaningful lives.

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SERVICE TO VETERANS

January, 2019

Greetings Ladies. REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.

Well, the holidays are over, it's a brand new year and we should all give thanks that we survived 2018.

As of December 14th, only 14 units reported in. I would like to thank Units 5, 7, 12, 25, 26, 27, 62, 73, 78, 90, 124, 126, 131 and 135 for reporting in. Good job ladies. Keep up the good work.

I was impressed with the variety of events and opportunities each Unit participated in. There was lots of hard work from every Unit reporting. Remember, even if your Unit is small, you are mighty in what you accomplish.

Whenever you get new members, remember to instruct them on how to report their numbers and impress upon them how important that is...we all literally hold the life of a veteran in our hands when turning in our member tracking report each and every month. As always, if you have questions or concerns please contact me.

I wish you a healthy, productive and successful New Year.

For God and country,

Mary Ann Anderson Jaymes, 502 S. 80th Place, Mesa, AZ 85208

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX

JANUARY 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A big thank you goes to Unit 26 for reporting their activities since June, And A Big Busy Bee shout out goes to Unit 61 and 81 for their generous donation. Also, thanks to our Department, each Veteran received a Christmas card and \$2.00 to spend in the snack store. From what I have heard, Units donated gift cards, snacks and sodas, magnifying glasses, remote control cars, s. umbrellas, large nerf guns with extra bullets, and new clothes. I am overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity. I will have more information on the December activities in the February bulletin. But I do know with all the donations and activities at the home made for a swell Christmas. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

Thank you Units 26 and 1 for sending Birthday Cards in December. Remember if your Unit is sending monthly Birthday cards, please let me know. They really appreciate the cards.

I will have more information on the December activities in the February bulletin. But I do know with all the donations and activities at the home made for a swell Christmas.

Make sure you check the Wish List in February for any changes. There were a lot of items purchased in December so the list might have some deletions and maybe some additions.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

9 th Christopher B.	31 st Clayton M.	15 th Clifford C.	26 th Elmer B.	25 th James C.
15 th James W.	17 th Kenneth P.	22 nd Linda P.	16 th Melvin H.	9 th Robert B.
8 th Robert T.	7 th Vincent B.	31 st Wayne S.		

I wasn't able to get the February Birthday list but the names will be in the next issue and you will have plenty of time to get the Birthday cards to the Veterans.

Here is the Wish List for needed items. These can be purchased and donated anytime of the year.

- Gift Cards: Visa, Walmart, Amazon, Wendy's, Applebee's, Chili's, Dunkin Donuts, Harkin's, Starbucks, Phoenix Art Museum Gift Card/Vouchers
- OdySea Aquarium Tickets
- SeaLife Tickets
- Remote Control Cars- Large Cars with easy to use remotes.
- Large Nerf Guns (10) and extra bullets
- Chips (Individually Packaged)
- Soft Snacks (Applesauce Pouches, Twinkies, SOFT cookies, Smoothie Pouches, Yogurt Pouches)
- Soda (Regular & Diet)
- Trivia Books
- Portable Bluetooth Speaker

- Umbrellas (20)
- Large Duty Thermal Roll Laminator
- Postage Stamps
- Magnifying Glasses
- Watch Batteries
- DVD Players for Veterans' Rooms

As always, we are unable to use glass, toiletries, date expired food items, or medical supplies. All food items donated must be purchased at a store.

Please let me know if your Unit participates in monthly ASVH activities by emailing me at lbubbles@cox.net If you have any questions, please call me at 602-312-9245.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs
ASVH (Phoenix) Chairman

Joyce Livingston
ASVH (Phoenix) Co-Chairman

BELIEVE EQUALITY EXIST SUPPORTING
EVERY VETERAN

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

JANUARY, 2019

Ladies,

We are so happy to announce that as of November 1, 2018 Terry Soto; Cocio-Estrada Unit 59, Tucson, Arizona has accepted the position as our Birthday and Ice Cream Social coordinator. Please contact Terry at 520-551-3628 to schedule your unit in hosting this monthly event at ASVH-Tucson. Thank you Fran Johnston for creating this event known as the Monthly Birthday and Ice Cream Social, since 2012. You have continued to ensure that e this event is hosted monthly. And, thank you for your continued dedication to the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson.

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

January – Unit 24	February – Unit 36	March – Unit 132/68
April – Unit 7	May – Unit 59	

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

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

December	Edward 3	David 4	Joseph 4	Katharyn 4	Francisco 10	Robert 10	Michael 11
	Anacieto 13	Charles 13	Eugene 15	David 19	George 19	Carl 20	Howard 20
	John 21	Lawrence 21	Leona 21	Claude 22	Francisco 25	Arthur 30	

January	Linda 1	James 1	Robert 1	Ralph 5	Ronald 5	Craig 9	Morris 11	Geraldo 13	John 13
	Sam 18	Reynaldo 26	James 27	Robert 29					

<u>REMINDER:</u>	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
	Third Tuesday monthly	Pizza Party – Cost is \$140 which includes pizza and chicken wings – need sponsors

Remember to let Nancy or I know when you are having an activity at one of the buildings, donating items to ASVH-Tucson so that the steering committee can recognize you in these monthly articles. 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 FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Units 131 and 132 for your donation we greatly appreciate it and have great plans for the residents. Units 8 thank you for adopting a building and provided entertainment for the residents at ASVH-Tucson. You all are awesome and we are so grateful to have you on board. Please remember, to keep us posted as to your activities because we want you to be recognized for all your support. We still are waiting to see when the ceramic workshop commences, however; we will be able to support this activity once we hear from the program manager's activation plan. Thank you American Legion Department of Arizona for the crispy \$2 bills. The residents were so happy to find an envelope in their stockings. Christmas party was so successful. Each resident received a stocking and lap blanket. The women received a bracelet. Thank you Unit 131 for the additional stockings as we plan to use them for next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Events

January 14 ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Chapel Room
January 15 Birthday and Ice Cream Social hosted by Unit 24

February Events

February 3 Super Bowl Tailgate Party at 2:00 p.m.
February 11 ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Chapel Room
February 14 Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary. Heart of candy for each resident
with a breakfast burrito event from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
February 19 Birthday and Ice Cream Social hosted by Unit 36
February 21 Rodeo Parade and BBQ (after the parade). The parade passes by ASVH-
Tucson

WISH LIST – UPDATE

Recreation therapists are still in need of 300 piece puzzles (residents specifically want 300 pieces only) and CD players (portable or boom box style). Also, need batteries AA, D, and C.

HAPPINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT IS ALWAYS NUMBER 1 THERAPY!

For God and country,

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
11-30-18

Upcoming Events (Volunteers & Monetary Donations Needed):

Bingo parties which are held on the **third Saturday of each month at 1:30PM in Building 60** at the VA hospital. Volunteers are needed to assist with this activity, which is much appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans. Please consider sponsoring the Bingo program. Thank you to the past & current District presidents who volunteered at the June Bingo. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos. Thank you Unit 68 for volunteering to fund and work the November Bingo.

Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the **third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday**. We sponsored refreshments on October 16, 2018 and October 30, 2018. We will be sponsoring refreshments on November 20, 2018. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 (loved your Halloween costumes) & 68 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

Had a great time at the ALA Christmas Gift Shop. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful.

Christmas Train Show by Garden Train Society. There will be a model railroad train show on December 26 & December 27, 2018 in the Auditorium from 9AM to 4PM.

New items for Wish Lists

Golf clubs, Gloves, Gift Cards and Meals for PGA Hope Golf Program POC Scott Strzyzewski (520) 792-1450 X6367

Yuma CBOC (Community Based Outreach Clinic) is seeking donations of gift cards to local food stores (Fry's, Walmart, Albertsons, Sam's Club, Food City). These donations will support a collaboration between American Legion Post 19 and the Yuma CBOC. The Registered Dietician, Kelly Hamlin, MA, RDN is coordinating the effort to provide a cooking class for Veterans who would benefit from these skills. Many Veterans at the Yuma CBOC suffer from diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure and kidney issues due to a diet of processed foods. They want to teach these Veterans to prepare some healthy, simple meals to help improve their health. POC: Kelly E. Hamlin, MA, RDN; phone (520) 403-0217; mailing address 3111 S. 4th Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364. Should you decide to support this effort, please make sure that you submit a donation form to Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System.

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. The staff requesting donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need. We ordered 150 backpacks and water bottles and provided colored pencils in June, 2018. The Building 95 donation was made possible largely by a very generous donation from Unit 66.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018 is \$1,400.00.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018 is \$32,347.00. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Ann Reatherford, Unit 24, Unit 131, Unit 132, Unit 73 and Unit 109 members and unaffiliated volunteers for their constant support of VA programs through their donations. The Legion family is the largest supporter of the Arizona Fisher House. Currently, Arizona Fisher House is funded for the foreseeable future. Other programs are in dire need of donations (ie. Homeless, Building 95, Social Services, Bingo, etc.).

Sixteen registered hospital volunteers and nine summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018 is 3,913.25. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time.

This chairman has volunteered 172.5 hours and logged 2,580 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of November 30, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative