

*In Loving Memory*



*Jennie Molina*

**Jun 28, 1951 - Nov 1, 2024**

Viewing will be held on Friday, Nov 8 from 3pm - 6pm and a Rosary from 6pm - 7pm at the Brown Page Mortuary in Douglas, Arizona.

Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Nov 30 from 10am - 2pm at the American Legion in Douglas, Arizona.

## PRESIDENT STACEY'S SPECIAL PROJECT

### Our Mission Statement

P.A.W.S.S. (Pups And Warriors Side by Side) is a veteran owned and operated non-profit organization that helps disabled Veterans, First Responders and their family members train their own dogs to become their certified service dogs. We strive to empower our students by building confidence, encouraging open, honest and supportive relationships with a judgment-free approach in a safe training environment, all while raising awareness on the impact that PTSD has on our Veterans and First Responders, as well as the Secondary PTSD it causes their loved ones.

### HOW DOES MY UNIT DONATE??

- **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
**ALA DEPT. OF AZ, IN THE**  
**MEMO LINE WRITE, PSP**  
**(PRESIDENT SPECIAL**  
**PROJECT)**

## Pups And Warriors Side By Side



### WHERE WILL MY MONEY BE SPENT?

- **FOOD**
- **TRAINING SUPPLIES (LEASHES, HARNESSSES, TREATS)**
- **AIRPORT TRAINING**
- **LIGHT RAIL TRAINING**
- **VETERANARIAN BILLS**

### IN KIND DONATIONS:

TOWELS, BLANKETS, DOG BEDS ETC. DONATE DIRECTLY TO P.A.W.S.S.

480-742-6333

[jannanewman@pupsnwarriors.org](mailto:jannanewman@pupsnwarriors.org)

[pawss4vets@gmail.com](mailto:pawss4vets@gmail.com)

**DO NOT: BRING ITEMS TO THE OFFICE**

**ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AT  
aladeptaz.org**

**(Just too many pages to print them all. Ask a Junior to help you with the computer !)**

- 1. The complete Department History from the previous year (2023-2024).**
- 2. Many of the Report Forms due on May 1, 2025, have been uploaded (not all). They will not be made available as fillable pdfs until all have been received. Until then look for the word “Traditional” under a program heading in Member Resources Number 5. Click on it to view the form**
- 3. Report Writing Power Point Presentation from Conference under the Office Heading in Member Resources Number 5.**
- 4. VA&R Power Point Presentation from Conference under the VA&R heading in Member Resources Number 5.**
- 5. Fall Conference Education Packet under program heading.**
- 6. Fall Conference Public Relations packet under program heading.**
- 7. Link to National “Salute to Service Members Award” under National Security heading in Member Resources Number 5.**

**As we move into the late fall month of November, just wanting all to be safe. If you burn the wonderful smelling fall candles. Please be mindful to keep an eye on the melting wax for fire.**

**The weather is getting colder please make sure if you have wood burning heat to have the chimney cleaned to avoid having a flu fire.**

**Hoping you all are well this month.**

**Katherine Pittman AEF chairman**

**Email [ibkate4u@yahoo.com](mailto:ibkate4u@yahoo.com)**



# Americanism November 2024

MEMBERSHIP  
OF ALL TYPES  
WELCOME

Happy  
VETERANS  
Day



Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours! Please let us remember those who are away from home this season especially our Military members and their family members. I will be attending Fall Conference, the information gathered is invaluable. Please take what you have learned and share it with your units.

National has asked that those who are participating in any Americanism activities to please email me information about the event. It doesn't have to be lengthy but a small paragraph and some pictures!!

Veteran's Day is day for every Unit to promote Americanism, please share!!



## Auxiliary Pins

How do you wear them? Where do they get placed? Can anything be placed above it? These are questions that we all ask ourselves. Pg 65 on the ALA Unit Guide, states It is customary to wear the ALA Pin over your heart. The Flag is the only symbol that should go above it. It has also become customary to have a solid background behind it. I have seen members use a blue ribbon or red. Please share this information with all Unit members.

AMERICAN  
LEGION  
AUXILIARY

## STAR-SPANGLED KIDS KITS 1ST - AMERICANISM CHALLENGE



Who will win this challenge?  
The Central Division?  
The Eastern Division?  
The Northwestern Division?  
The Southern Division?  
The Western Division?

The Division that reports the most Star Spangled Kids Kits Promoted in schools by May 15, 2025, will receive a Trophy at their Division Caucus at the 2025 National Convention. Your National Americanism Chairman will surprise the Division that won, the winner will not be announced until National Convention  
"So Who Will It Be?"



Essays  
Due  
March 1st

Proud to announce the new  
Americanism Essay Theme.

"What does America the Beautiful mean to me  
(regarding veterans and our military)?"



## FALL CONFERENCE

Thank you all Districts and Units that brought your flags!  
The stage always looks awesome with the flags in the background!



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Children and Youth  
October 2024 Bulletin

The Fall season is upon us and our Children & Young program continues to offer ideas to assist units to become the community “go to” that makes an impact for our children, I would like to focus on the activities for the coming month of November. Stay in communication with and coordinate with your local school. What is the one thing that you do that touches and makes a difference for the military families and children of your community?

What can you do?

Create banners, posters, and thank you cards with the children for your Veteran’s Day celebrations. If it is possible, ask for some volunteers to help hang and distribute the collected items.

Promote your Veteran’s Day in the classroom by posting on your social media and by contacting your local media for coverage.

Plan and implement activities that work with the community and the schools – example: find a contact at the local high school ask if they need gently worn formal wear and accessories for the various high school dances and events.

Schedule a pickup for the special handmade holiday cards for our deployed troops.

Continue to participate with the PTO, by discovering and fulfilling their needs. Volunteers are always needed.

Fall Conference and future bulletins will include more recommendations and information on activities and awards for the Children and Youth Program.

In the Spirit of Service, not Self,  
Daphne Coleman  
Children & Youth Chairman  
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Participate in your unit’s holiday package from home program. Collect needed items such as: toothbrushes, floss, toothpaste, socks, prepackaged foods with longer expiration dates, and small stuffed animals. Place the handmade cards and various artwork from the children in the care package. This will be a welcome gift from home.

Promote your local school’s program such as: “Cookies with Santa” by inviting volunteers to be elves and Mrs. Claus and handing out candy canes, or their “Holiday Chorus Recital” by volunteers offering to usher families to their seats. Remember by posting on your social media and by contacting your local media for coverage we are staying in the spotlight of how we help our military families here at home.

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**Chaplain Report November 2024  
November is Membership Month**

## **Be Thankful For All You Have!**

We have much to be thankful for. No matter how bad our situation is, we only have to look around us to see that there are others far worse off, than we are.

I am thankful that in late September, I had the privilege of attending the National Combined Americanism and Chaplain's Conference in Indianapolis. The weekend was filled with worship and fellowship as well as some other important information regarding Girls and Boys State, Girls and Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, Children and Youth as well as Oratorical. I was the only Auxiliary Department Chaplain to attend, and I learned a lot. I would like to thank Madame President Mayberry and the Department of Arizona for this opportunity. It was a worthwhile experience that I encourage others to attend as well if they are able. One of the projects we did as a group was to break down the Lord's Prayer, and to give our own interpretations of it. We always recite it from memory in church services, but do we really understand the words behind it? That is one thing to think about.

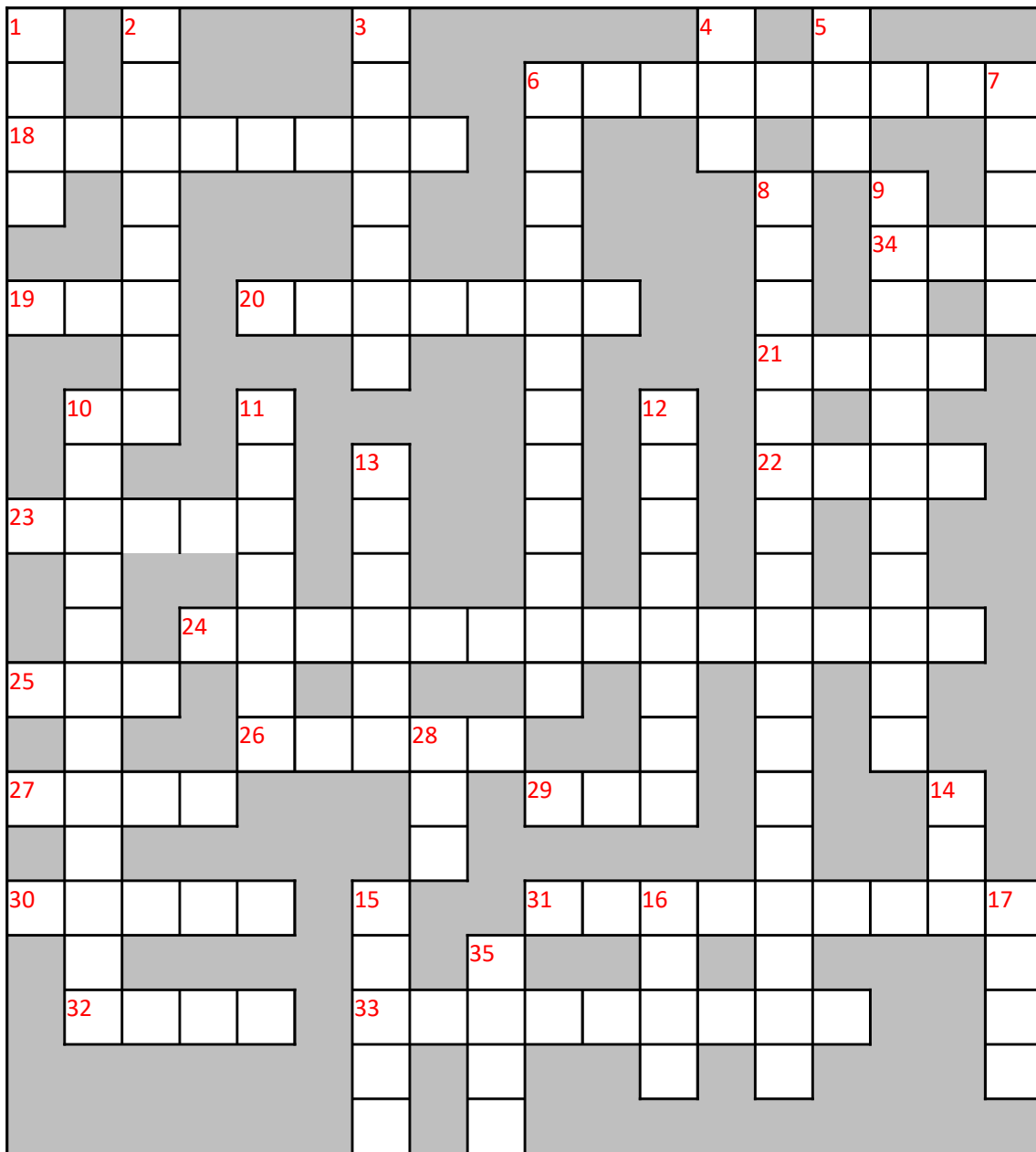
Look for more information about your role, awards, reports, and prayer books in your packet from the November Fall Conference. I hope I see you there -and please, if we haven't met, introduce yourself!!!

We only need to look around us to see our life as a gift. Often, we overlook the gifts we have given us, all the things we take for granted. We grumble and wish our life was different. All of life is an underserved gift. We may have hardships to overcome, more trials than victories, but remember, there is a gift in every day. There are blessings in every day.

As we bow our heads in reverence, thank you for all that I have. Thank you for my family, my friends, and all the gifts you have given to me. Help me be more aware of all that I have to be thankful for. When I am sad, give me laughter when I am lonely, let me turn to you. You are my hope, my strength. Thank you for never leaving me. Amen.

**If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call, please let me know:  
Stephanie McMullen Chaplain, [stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com), (623) 910-4716**





**DOWN**

- 1. How we refer to a new Unit and the gift they receive
- 2. What we share and why we're here
- 3. Our future
- 4. The Supreme Commander
- 5. Who comes knocking if you don't file your 990
- 6. Department's social media mission page
- 7. The Fischer House provides this overnight to families
- 8. National's ALA website address
- 9. They wear red coats at the VA Medical Centers
- 10. Department's Website address
- 11. Special guest, Beverly Eads, is the National VP from this Division
- 12. The "C" in VCAF
- 13. Information from this report goes to Congress
- 14. The Program designed to help ALA members in-need
- 15. Our mission: enhancing the "this" of our veterans, military...
- 16. Woodcarving, painting, ceramics to name a few categories
- 17. What you eat at a Legion on Fridays
- 28. Those with this training get special recognition on 9-11
- 35. Stars on a field of this

**Across**

- 6. Websites/social media are examples for help
- 10. Twice in ASAP
- 18. Suicide Prevention theme
- 19. TAL, SAL, ALR and this
- 20. SAVAHCS 2024 Volunteer or the year
- 21. Celebrated every June 14th
- 22. By any other name, she would be as sweet
- 23. Department President's Special Project
- 24. The "R" in VA&R
- 25. Ginger, Penny, Cindy and others are members
- 26. This would be easier if you had taken some
- 27. Where vets often seek health care
- 29. Name something the Membership processor and the Dept President share
- 30. ALA symbol of remembrance
- 31. Our newest State Veterans Home
- 32. The Holiday Shop AKA this
- 33. Veteran Affairs \_\_\_\_\_ Services
- 34. Reports are due the first of this month to Dept



## Education November 2024



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

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

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

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

Be sure to review all the material in the Education packet available on the Department website following the Fall Conference. It contains links to the rules and application forms for all of these scholarships, as well as the report forms for the year-end report. Don't forget *American Education Week*, November 18 - 22, 2024.

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

In the Spirit of Service, not for self,

*Julie Vietri*

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## Finance November 2024

Hello ALA Arizona!

Here's some helpful information for your Unit:

Use your Unit legal name, hint, this information is found on Unit Charter.

You are a Unit, 501 C(19) National Group #0964

Create a recording keeping system, either manual or computer. Keep a copy of every check or cash disbursement and attach invoice. Set up a filing system, either manual or computer.

Financial Reports, share with Executive Committee Meeting and General Meeting. Keep copies of all monthly check book reconciliations.

Checks should be deposited within seven working days if physically possible. Payroll invoices with a check. Cash transactions should have a petty cash receipt.

Keep copies of 990s and Corporation Commission Filings.

Annual Audits of all Auxiliary accounts is recommended. Work with Unit President to set up an Audit Committee, with Unit Treasurer available to answer questions. Remember that the purpose of an Audit is to review transactions within the year.

Work with your Unit President to set up a Budget Committee, using last year's budget, income, expenditures and program expenses for the new year.

Remember that records need to be kept for seven years

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Members by Virtue of Office: Stacey Mayberry, President,  
NEC, Rose Ficklin, Sec/Tres. (no vote)



June 1-8, 2025

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona

*Stacey Mayberry*  
*President*

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
ARIZONA GIRLS STATE COMMITTEE

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**Governor of Arizona Girls State 2025**

Michelle Afanou – Tolleson

**Secretary of State 2025**

Abigail Othman – Glendale

Girls State is a citizenship education program **privately sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona** open to junior girls in high school. The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is a nonpartisan participatory program that teaches eligible high school females responsible citizenship. It educates young women on the privileges, rights and duties of American citizenship in order to grasp an understanding of the responsibilities they will assume as adults. Girls State is a positive and tangible program in Americanism.

American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State was established by the American Legion Auxiliary in 1947, and is an annual program designed as a practical experience in self-government, based on Arizona State Government. Girls State is non-partisan and non-political, in that no existing party is promoted.

The purpose of American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State is threefold:

- \*\*\* To emphasize the importance of government in modern life.
- \*\*\* To educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.
- \*\*\* To awaken a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is vitally needed to protect and preserve our American institutions and our democracy.

These goals are achieved by actual participation in a simulation of the political and governmental process.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is designed so that each citizen may participate in the programs electoral process, have an opportunity to hold public office and be encouraged to share in the formulation of public policy within the program. Each citizen can be a definite and integral part in the function of American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and will have an opportunity of learning for herself that government is what she makes of it. It is the hope that American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State citizens will complete the program with a mature appreciation for the basic strengths and weaknesses of the American system of government. It is further hoped that these young women will have a firm resolution to make government an effective and responsible servant of the people, and that as citizens, they will exercise the many rights accorded them.

It is an honor and privilege not a **right** to be selected to attend Arizona Girls State. **A girl selected has the right to decline the invitation if uncomfortable with requirements and objectives/observances of the program. A girl is not forced to attend this Auxiliary program and attends with the full knowledge of what will be expected of her as a delegate.**

The 2025 American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State program will represent 198 high schools in Arizona. The girls will live as self-governed citizens **with adult supervision** during the full period of Arizona Girls State. Arizona Girls State personnel are in attendance throughout the entire session. Capable women and counselors will supervise the delegates.

Citizens will not be allowed to leave the campus area assigned to Arizona Girls State as they are covered by Girls State insurance only when in these designated areas.

Any girl guilty of misconduct or leaving a designated area, except with the permission of the Girls State Director, will be subject to immediate dismissal and school notified of girl's action. Security of all participants is most important and practiced through established American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State rules, policies and code of conduct.

### Eligibility

Although Arizona Girls State is a program privately sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, eligibility to attend is not confined to daughters or relatives of The American Legion family, military dependents or former alumnae.

**A girl in the junior class of high school that meets the necessary qualifications and requirements is eligible TO BE CONSIDERED as a citizen of Arizona Girls State.**

The basic qualifications for Arizona Girls State selection are leadership, scholarship and community service. Selection should also be based on **character** and excellence in leadership, scholarship or extra-curricular activities and achievements.

**Girls State is strenuous, both physically and emotionally; therefore, ability to adequately cope with these conditions should be seriously considered.**

### Qualification Requirements

- A junior (11<sup>th</sup> grade) who will complete her senior year of high school and have at least one semester of high school remaining.
- May not have participated in a previous session of American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.
- Must be able to participate fully in all phases of the fast-paced program.
- Must remain for the entire session including the awards ceremony on Sunday morning.
- Should indicate an interest in government; be cooperative and have the ability to follow directives and established rule. **Must** attend one of the scheduled orientations.
- Notarized signature of parent /guardian on registration card. Signature of parent on medical form and media/bullying policy.
- **Required to report to her sponsoring Unit in writing or in person after attending.**
- Must provide own transportation to and from Arizona Girls State. Citizens driving cars to Arizona Girls State must turn their car keys into the Director and purchase a University of Arizona parking permit.
- **WILL NOT** be excused during the session or early for **testing, activities, appointments or classes.**
- The Director, **prior to registration**, must approve all special requests.

**The Board of Directors of American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State may accept or reject any application for Girls State participation.**

Since American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State is a privately funded/sponsored program receiving **NO** government funds, whose preamble states "For God and Country", citizens participate in flag ceremonies and non-denominational activity/prayer. Respect should be given for those that choose to participate in these activities. **If a girl has a problem with respect or these requests, maybe this is not the program for her.**

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| <b>Medical Requirements</b> |
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**Medical information must be on file with Arizona Girls State Medical Personnel for each Delegate in case of illness or the need for emergency treatment.** Each girl will have a wellness check-up by a health care provider **within the 3 weeks prior to attending** Girls State; the results recorded on the proper form and **turned in at registration. Sports or other physical examinations not done within 3 weeks of the session are not acceptable.** Appointment for the check-up can and should be made in advance. A girl **may** not be admitted without this medical form and if not in good health at the time she presents herself for admission.

Precaution will be taken to avoid accidents and illness. There will be registered camp nurses on duty 24 hours a day. In case of illness, or need to be seen by the nurse, the parent/guardian and/or doctor will be contacted immediately. Limited sickness and accident insurance coverage is provided. Arizona Girls State, and University of Arizona waives all liability for any illness or injury.

Upon arrival each Delegate is a Citizen assigned to a mythical City, County and Political Party.

The Citizens are instructed in the duties of various public offices; learn the function of each office, its powers and limitation, including the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches. The citizens then nominate and elect the various City, County and State officials from their peers. **It is learning by doing.** Arizona Girls State conforms to the structure of state government as specified by Arizona's state constitution.

Campaigning, pictures, Glee Club, Talent Show, Newspaper/Yearbook/Blog and Pizza Party are some of the scheduled activities.

Climaxing the Arizona Girls State program is American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation. Arizona elects two Citizens to attend this program on the Federal government process. The two Citizens elected as Girls Nation Senators will attend a week-long trip to the Nation's Capital.

The fee is \$500 for the week of Girls State. This fee includes **2 shirts, meals, housing, room and all educational materials as well as insurance.**

**NO ONE** on staff receives any compensation from this fee. Registration and the fee which is **non-refundable** must accompany each application and sent to Unit Sponsor or Penny Maklary, Director of Arizona Girls State before **March 1, 2025.** Registrations received after March 1st may be charged a late fee and subject to limited bed space. Alternates are used as delegate replacements when necessary and are vital to the program. **All checks should be made payable to the AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OR ARIZONA GIRLS STATE.**

Samsung Scholarship information:  
[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

## SCHOOL CONTACTS FOR MAILING

On this form please supply the following information by December 15, 2024

Send to: Arizona Girls State  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona  
4701 North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suite 100  
Phoenix, Arizona 85015

Unit Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Girls State Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School...Name of person to receive Girls State packet, otherwise it will be sent to Principal/Counselor. We have the school address unless a recent change was made. Most information will be sent by email.

School \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Historian Report November 2024**  
**By Lynda Griffin – AZ Department Historian**

Attention all District, and Units 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 [secretary@aladeptaz.org](mailto:secretary@aladeptaz.org) and to the Department Historian, at [Lynda4ala@azdot.gov](mailto:Lynda4ala@azdot.gov).



**I want YOU**  
**in the Department History**  
Be sure to post on Ring Your Bell  
And send me your meeting minutes!

Share your activities on Ring Your Bell Arizona, ALA Facebook pages and send it to me at [Lynda4ala@gmail.com](mailto:Lynda4ala@gmail.com).

**Lynda Griffin**  
**AZ Department Historian**  
**(602) 349-3979 – Text me**

## **Leadership/Arizona Mission Training**

**November 2024**

I wish many blessings to all of you for the coming Holidays. We have so much to be thankful for, our families, friends, health and this great organization of “Service not Self.” I commend those of you who have stepped forward and scheduled a Mission Training this year. We have held two with great success and have seven more planned throughout the state. I encourage all attendees to take information gained back to your unit members and work with it. The training gives us important knowledge and how to listen to each other and work together for the best result. Each meeting you could share a lesson learned. If you wish to schedule a training, please call (text) and I will return your call. Dates are filling up so early scheduling is best. Remember the rule of 10 – 10 members minimum, \$10 each sent to department 10 days prior training.

The department also encourages everyone to visit the Academy on the national website: [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org). They offer a wide variety of learning for our members; they are self-paced and easy to understand. Please let me know when you do complete a course so that I can include in my reports.

I am asking for Units/Districts to send pictures of any Leadership activity that they hold during the year. Also, a small blurb about the activity. PRIZES will be awarded at Convention. Leadership can be a part of everything that you do!

*“Share what you know - be a MENTOR!”*

Most of our Units have either current or past Officers and Chairman. They have a wealth of knowledge for sharing. They are leading by example and can assist newer members with any of the programs. They are also good at LISTENING! So be encouraged to ask for help. This is also a part of leadership. We want to KEEP our members engaged and enthused.

Please share Bulletins with your members and remember to share Leadership activities with me.

*Karen Smith, Chairman*

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## **SCHEDULED ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING EVENTS**

1-11-25 Unit 26 Mesa Mary Dunn  
602-999-7481 auxiliary@mesapost26.org

1-18-25 Unit 29 Glendale Kerry Jean Ward  
623-341-1219 kjwardunit29@gmail.com  
(CORRECTED DATE)

1-25-25 Unit 5 Phoenix Advanced Training  
Kim Lindsey 602-574-1318  
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2-22-25 Unit 41 Phoenix Virginia Romero  
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3-8-25 Unit 25 Cottonwood Dede Dexter  
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3-22-25 Unit 16 Bisbee Ria DuBois  
860-508-7330 texasct2@gmail.com

3-29-25 Unit 62 Peoria Kathy Amery  
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*Information added as available*

# Legislative Bulletin

## November 2024

Put Arizona in the Challenge!

National Legislative has sent out a challenge! The challenge is for each department and division to have the highest percentage of correspondence numbers based on 2025 paid memberships each quarter in response to the Legion's Action Alert. This challenge will begin on November 10, 2024.

### Example of Department Data for Quarterly Challenge Using data as of 11-6-2024 Membership Report & 10-23-2024 Legion Quarterly Action Alert Report

| Department | Correspondence Per Action Alert as of 10-23-24 | Paid Members as of 11-6-2024 | % of Correspondence to Paid 2025 Membership | Department | Correspondence Per Action Alert as of 10-23-24 | Paid Members as of 11-6-2024 | % of Correspondence to Paid 2025 Membership |
|------------|--|------------------------------|---|------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| AK         | 10   | 1253                         | 0.80%                                       | MT         | 6  | 1342                         | 0.45%                                       |
| AL         | 31   | 1887                         | 1.64%                                       | NC         | 39   | 3318                         | 1.18%                                       |
| AR         | 18   | 785                          | 2.29%                                       | ND         | 5  | 3480                         | 0.14%                                       |
| AZ         | 82   | 8068                         | 1.02%                                       | NE         | 26   | 8674                         | 0.30%                                       |
| CA         | 123  | 10156                        | 1.21%                                       | NH         | 18   | 3479                         | 0.52%                                       |
| CO         | 27   | 2135                         | 1.26%                                       | NJ         | 118  | 4861                         | 2.43%                                       |
| CT         | 13   | 1653                         | 0.79%                                       | NM         | 16   | 1453                         | 1.10%                                       |
| DE         | 12   | 2131                         | 0.56%                                       | NV         | 15   | 183                          | 8.20%                                       |
| FL         | 186  | 23970                        | 0.78%                                       | NY         | 101  | 18498                        | 0.55%                                       |
| GA         | 25   | 2973                         | 0.84%                                       | OH         | 131  | 17339                        | 0.76%                                       |
| HI         | 1  | 81                           | 1.23%                                       | OK         | 27   | 1147                         | 2.35%                                       |
| IA         | 27   | 10814                        | 0.25%                                       | OR         | 15   | 1887                         | 0.79%                                       |
| ID         | 7  | 732                          | 0.96%                                       | PA         | 52   | 19808                        | 0.26%                                       |
| IL         | 74   | 9844                         | 0.75%                                       | RI         | 5  | 252                          | 1.98%                                       |
| IN         | 88   | 20683                        | 0.43%                                       | SC         | 31   | 1851                         | 1.67%                                       |
| KS         | 22   | 4065                         | 0.54%                                       | SD         | 9  | 4753                         | 0.19%                                       |
| KY         | 20   | 1972                         | 1.01%                                       | TN         | 28   | 1912                         | 1.46%                                       |
| LA         | 9  | 1951                         | 0.46%                                       | TX         | 92   | 6943                         | 1.33%                                       |
| MA         | 16   | 2232                         | 0.72%                                       | UT         | 12   | 444                          | 2.70%                                       |
| MD         | 30   | 11308                        | 0.27%                                       | VA         | 35   | 2717                         | 1.29%                                       |
| ME         | 11   | 2518                         | 0.44%                                       | VT         | 9  | 2632                         | 0.34%                                       |
| MI         | 30   | 14013                        | 0.21%                                       | WA         | 13   | 2384                         | 0.55%                                       |
| MN         | 39   | 14485                        | 0.27%                                       | WI         | 135  | 10249                        | 1.32%                                       |
| MO         | 44   | 3781                         | 1.16%                                       | WV         | 24   | 2286                         | 1.05%                                       |
| MS         | 9  | 933                          | 0.96%                                       | WY         | 6  | 1268                         | 0.47%                                       |

We need you to get these numbers up! It helps Arizona plus it helps our Veterans. Please sign up for Action Alerts. You can get them on you phone as well as email. And click away! Let them know we have a voice! <https://www.votervoice.net>

Did you host a candidate night or some type of get out the vote? If so please send me pictures of what you did, with a small discription. Email me at [alalegislativeaz@gmail.com](mailto:alalegislativeaz@gmail.com).



CHECK OUT THE BILLS THAT ARE ON THE TABLE FOR OUR VETERANS.

[HTTPS://WWW.VOTERVOICE.NET/AMERICANLEGION/BILLS](https://www.votervoicenet.com/americanlegion/bills)

Did you know tht is a shortfall in the VA Funding? Please let you Senator and Congressman know that our Veterans need funding!

Thank you for supporting the Arizona Legislative Program and all that you do for our Veterans.

Kathy Amery

Legislative Chair 2024-2025

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623-640-0134

## MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 22, 2024

|    |              | UNIT | CITY           | OBJECTIVE   | JUNIOR    | SENIOR      | TOTAL       | PERCENT       |
|----|--------------|------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
|    |              | 0100 | Phoenix        | 171         | 1         | 106         | 107         | 62.57%        |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>171</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>106</b>  | <b>107</b>  | <b>62.57%</b> |
| 01 |              | 0019 | Yuma           | 216         | 6         | 119         | 125         | 57.87%        |
|    |              | 0046 | Bouse          | 58          | 0         | 8           | 8           | 13.79%        |
|    |              | 0056 | Yuma           | 80          | 0         | 38          | 38          | 47.50%        |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>354</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>165</b>  | <b>171</b>  | <b>48.31%</b> |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>354</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>165</b>  | <b>171</b>  | <b>48.31%</b> |
| 02 |              | 0007 | Tucson         | 45          | 0         | 19          | 19          | 42.22%        |
|    |              | 0036 | Tucson         | 279         | 3         | 148         | 151         | 54.12%        |
|    |              | 0059 | Tucson         | 145         | 3         | 74          | 77          | 53.10%        |
|    |              | 0066 | Green Valley   | 900         | 0         | 552         | 552         | 61.33%        |
|    |              | 0068 | Tucson         | 61          | 1         | 29          | 30          | 49.18%        |
|    |              | 0073 | Tucson         | 35          | 1         | 15          | 16          | 45.71%        |
|    |              | 0109 | Vail           | 390         | 5         | 229         | 234         | 60.00%        |
|    |              | 0125 | Tucson         | 16          | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0.00%         |
|    |              | 0131 | Green Valley   | 580         | 0         | 410         | 410         | 70.69%        |
|    |              | 0132 | Oro Valley     | 85          | 1         | 59          | 60          | 70.59%        |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>2536</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>1535</b> | <b>1549</b> | <b>61.08%</b> |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>2536</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>1535</b> | <b>1549</b> | <b>61.08%</b> |
| 03 |              | 0011 | Douglas        | 145         | 0         | 59          | 59          | 40.69%        |
|    |              | 0016 | Bisbee         | 64          | 0         | 23          | 23          | 35.94%        |
|    |              | 0024 | Tombstone      | 415         | 8         | 299         | 307         | 73.98%        |
|    |              | 0045 | Benson         | 50          | 0         | 10          | 10          | 20.00%        |
|    |              | 0052 | Sierra Vista   | 210         | 0         | 74          | 74          | 35.24%        |
|    |              | 0141 | Pearce         | 22          | 0         | 1           | 1           | 4.55%         |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>906</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>466</b>  | <b>474</b>  | <b>52.32%</b> |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>906</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>466</b>  | <b>474</b>  | <b>52.32%</b> |
| 04 |              | 0008 | Casa Grande    | 35          | 0         | 11          | 11          | 31.43%        |
|    |              | 0009 | Florence       | 125         | 1         | 54          | 55          | 44.00%        |
|    |              | 0051 | Coolidge       | 70          | 0         | 2           | 2           | 2.86%         |
|    |              | 0054 | Coolidge       | 93          | 0         | 43          | 43          | 46.24%        |
|    |              | 0097 | San Tan Valley | 40          | 1         | 29          | 30          | 75.00%        |
|    |              | 0129 | Queen Creek    | 21          | 0         | 3           | 3           | 14.29%        |
|    |              | 0133 | Maricopa       | 35          | 1         | 11          | 12          | 34.29%        |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>419</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>153</b>  | <b>156</b>  | <b>37.23%</b> |
|    | <b>Total</b> |      |                | <b>419</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>153</b>  | <b>156</b>  | <b>37.23%</b> |

|              |              |                      |             |            |            |               |               |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| 05           | 0004         | Globe                | 40          | 0          | 2          | 2             | 5.00%         |
|              | 0028         | Clifton              | 85          | 0          | 38         | 38            | 44.71%        |
|              | 0032         | Safford              | 155         | 0          | 87         | 87            | 56.13%        |
|              | 0095         | Solomon              | 82          | 5          | 53         | 58            | 70.73%        |
|              | <b>Total</b> |                      | <b>362</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>180</b> | <b>185</b>    | <b>51.10%</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>362</b>           | <b>5</b>    | <b>180</b> | <b>185</b> | <b>51.10%</b> |               |
| 06           | 0030         | Springerville        | 90          | 0          | 42         | 42            | 46.67%        |
|              | 0037         | Holbrook             | 25          | 0          | 2          | 2             | 8.00%         |
|              | 0069         | Payson               | 130         | 0          | 12         | 12            | 9.23%         |
|              | 0086         | Overgaard            | 415         | 1          | 238        | 239           | 57.59%        |
|              | <b>Total</b> |                      | <b>660</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>294</b> | <b>295</b>    | <b>44.70%</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>660</b>           | <b>1</b>    | <b>294</b> | <b>295</b> | <b>44.70%</b> |               |
| 07           | 0003         | Flagstaff            | 73          | 3          | 23         | 26            | 35.62%        |
|              | 0013         | Williams             | 50          | 1          | 35         | 36            | 72.00%        |
|              | 0014         | Kingman              | 145         | 1          | 60         | 61            | 42.07%        |
|              | 0022         | Golden Valley        | 150         | 1          | 76         | 77            | 51.33%        |
|              | 0042         | Grand Canyon         | 38          | 5          | 14         | 19            | 50.00%        |
|              | 0057         | Ash Fork             | 80          | 1          | 30         | 31            | 38.75%        |
|              | 0081         | Lake Havasu<br>City  | 670         | 5          | 383        | 388           | 57.91%        |
|              | 0087         | Bullhead City        | 132         | 0          | 51         | 51            | 38.64%        |
|              | 0088         | Dolan Springs        | 10          | 0          | 10         | 10            | 100.00%       |
|              | 0103         | Meadview             | 43          | 0          | 27         | 27            | 62.79%        |
|              | 0123         | Seligman             | 40          | 0          | 15         | 15            | 37.50%        |
|              | 0136         | Yucca                | 15          | 0          | 10         | 10            | 66.67%        |
|              | <b>Total</b> |                      | <b>1446</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>734</b> | <b>751</b>    | <b>51.94%</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>1446</b>          | <b>17</b>   | <b>734</b> | <b>751</b> | <b>51.94%</b> |               |
| 08           | 0006         | Prescott             | 263         | 5          | 184        | 189           | 71.86%        |
|              | 0025         | Cottonwood           | 306         | 6          | 199        | 205           | 66.99%        |
|              | 0040         | Chino Valley         | 95          | 0          | 49         | 49            | 51.58%        |
|              | 0078         | Humboldt             | 160         | 2          | 71         | 73            | 45.63%        |
|              | 0079         | Yarnell              | 183         | 0          | 103        | 103           | 56.28%        |
|              | 0090         | Black Canyon<br>City | 75          | 0          | 31         | 31            | 41.33%        |
|              | 0093         | Camp Verde           | 112         | 0          | 83         | 83            | 74.11%        |
|              | 0108         | Prescott Valley      | 38          | 1          | 19         | 20            | 52.63%        |
|              | 0135         | Cornville            | 47          | 1          | 22         | 23            | 48.94%        |
|              | 0140         | Prescott Valley      | 23          | 4          | 10         | 14            | 60.87%        |
|              | <b>Total</b> |                      | <b>1302</b> | <b>19</b>  | <b>771</b> | <b>790</b>    | <b>60.68%</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>1302</b>          | <b>19</b>   | <b>771</b> | <b>790</b> | <b>60.68%</b> |               |

|              |              |                 |              |            |             |             |               |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 11           | 0001         | Phoenix         | 127          | 0          | 16          | 16          | 12.60%        |
|              | 0005         | Phoenix         | 65           | 1          | 20          | 21          | 32.31%        |
|              | 0012         | Wickenburg      | 220          | 0          | 73          | 73          | 33.18%        |
|              | 0029         | Glendale        | 250          | 4          | 123         | 127         | 50.80%        |
|              | 0053         | Buckeye         | 30           | 0          | 28          | 28          | 93.33%        |
|              | 0061         | Avondale        | 215          | 1          | 141         | 142         | 66.05%        |
|              | 0062         | Peoria          | 1000         | 31         | 639         | 670         | 67.00%        |
|              | 0105         | Phoenix         | 215          | 5          | 146         | 151         | 70.23%        |
|              | 0115         | Glendale        | 35           | 2          | 14          | 16          | 45.71%        |
|              | 0134         | Phoenix         | 22           | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0.00%         |
|              | 0145         | Peoria          | 14           | 0          | 3           | 3           | 21.43%        |
|              | <b>Total</b> |                 | <b>2193</b>  | <b>44</b>  | <b>1203</b> | <b>1247</b> | <b>56.86%</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |              |                 | <b>2193</b>  | <b>44</b>  | <b>1203</b> | <b>1247</b> | <b>56.86%</b> |
| 12           | 0002         | Tempe           | 111          | 0          | 58          | 58          | 52.25%        |
|              | 0026         | Mesa            | 235          | 1          | 149         | 150         | 63.83%        |
|              | 0027         | Apache Junction | 1920         | 3          | 1258        | 1261        | 65.68%        |
|              | 0034         | Cave Creek      | 320          | 1          | 132         | 133         | 41.56%        |
|              | 0035         | Chandler        | 316          | 7          | 180         | 187         | 59.18%        |
|              | 0039         | Gilbert         | 520          | 7          | 322         | 329         | 63.27%        |
|              | 0041         | Phoenix         | 350          | 8          | 178         | 186         | 53.14%        |
|              | 0044         | Scottsdale      | 340          | 0          | 185         | 185         | 54.41%        |
|              | 0058         | Fountain Hills  | 405          | 8          | 298         | 306         | 75.56%        |
|              | 0064         | Phoenix         | 25           | 0          | 0           | 0           | 0.00%         |
|              | 0065         | Phoenix         | 350          | 11         | 133         | 144         | 41.14%        |
|              | 0084         | Sacaton         | 50           | 9          | 47          | 56          | 112.00%       |
|              | 0091         | Chandler        | 275          | 12         | 152         | 164         | 59.64%        |
|              | 0107         | Phoenix         | 210          | 1          | 111         | 112         | 53.33%        |
|              | 0114         | Scottsdale      | 25           | 0          | 1           | 1           | 4.00%         |
|              | 0117         | Phoenix         | 265          | 2          | 132         | 134         | 50.57%        |
|              | 0124         | Guadalupe       | 30           | 4          | 13          | 17          | 56.67%        |
|              | 0138         | Tempe           | 54           | 0          | 34          | 34          | 62.96%        |
|              | <b>Total</b> |                 | <b>5801</b>  | <b>74</b>  | <b>3383</b> | <b>3457</b> | <b>59.59%</b> |
| <b>Total</b> |              |                 | <b>5801</b>  | <b>74</b>  | <b>3383</b> | <b>3457</b> | <b>59.59%</b> |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>Total</b> |                 | <b>16150</b> | <b>192</b> | <b>8990</b> | <b>9182</b> | <b>56.85%</b> |

# PUBLIC RELATIONS

*November 2024*

## TIPS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICES

It's important to efficiently utilize social media to share the ALA's message of who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Here are a few general best practices for social media when posting about the American Legion Auxiliary on pages the public sees, such as your unit/district/ department pages:

### **Think before you post**

Use common sense. Think twice before posting something that may hurt the image of the American Legion Auxiliary or compromise your privacy, and never post confidential or proprietary information. Be aware that courts may judge certain material as proprietary, copyrighted, defamatory, libelous, or obscene.

### **Start talking ... er, posting**

Social media is meant to be social — think of it as an ongoing conversation. Engage with others by including a call to action such as sharing, retweeting, liking, or commenting on your posts to encourage social sharing. Comment where appropriate to keep the conversation going.

### **Know the etiquette**

Ever get an email written in uppercase letters and find yourself taken aback? In social media, there are also cultural norms, expectations, and conventions that govern user interactions. Failure to observe them may compromise your credibility or make you come across as a negative person when that never may have been your intention.

### **Get the ALA out there**

Talk about the American Legion Auxiliary, our programs, volunteers projects, and mission. Share examples of activities going on in your unit or department, keep your content fresh, and update it often.

### **Graphics help get you noticed**

Your followers see a lot of text when they sign in to Facebook or Twitter — you want to stand out! Research has shown that using visuals such as photos and videos with social media posts greatly increases engagement. See what software is available online — apps like Canva offer free, attractive templates to design, collaborate, and share on social media.

### **Celebrate!**

Share good news, celebrate milestones, congratulate members, and post other happy occasions. Audiences want to celebrate your victories with you, no matter how small.

**Shannon Mead, PR Chairman**  
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I hope all of you are having a great fall so far this year. I like spring and summer the best. The Fall Conference was the best in a long time. I learned a lot this time around. Hope you did to and brought it back to your units and shared. The VA&R presentation by department 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president Marge Christianson was fantastic.

We are moving right along with activities. We had a great Veterans Day celebration at the Veterans Home on the 8<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank my co chair Dawn Davidson for coming out and bringing goodies & Theresa Morrow and Yolanda Villas for coming and bringing goodies both unit members from Cocio-Estrada 59. Jan Bernal and her husband from Vicente Manzo post and unit 45 for coming out & helping and bringing goodies . Also want to thank my brother Charles (Tommy) Morrow Sons of the American Legion Detachment assistant Sargent at Arms and Sons of the American Legion Commander for post William D. Aviles Sahuaro post 68 helping us out. Mostly want to thank our district 2 commander Al Young for coming and supporting me and our veterans. Al is a big supporter of the veterans and is always there when I need him,

The birthday are going great thanks to the units that have helped out this year and this month we have unit 24 from American Legion Roy Fourr post 24 coming and helping out. Shall be a good time. December we have members from John P. Burns unit 36 stepping up and volunteering. January we have members from unit Morgan McDermott 7 coming. From February until December of 2025 we have no one signed up. This doesn't have to be just a auxiliary thing. If your sons or legionaires or ALR wants to host to great let Dawn or I know.

There are two important dates to keep open and a eye on. November 29<sup>th</sup> is decorating of the State Home and Christmas trees 9am to when its done. The yearly American Legion Auxiliary Family and Friends Christmas Party is December 21<sup>st</sup> set up at 10am and party will be 11am. We are looking for desserts and snack foods and ideas for the main food. If you would like Dawn and I to speak at your post meeting or unit meeting or sons or district meeting please feel free to reach out to us . We can explain what the State Home is and what needs to be done and what is going on and more.

Everything we do is put up on Ring Your Bell page found on Facebook. This is the digital age. Please once a day look at page and find out what the Veterans Home is up to and what other units are doing . Amazing stuff is happening in Arizona. WE ARE THE BEST IN THE WEST!

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THERE IS NO I IN TEAM- SERVICE TO VETERANS NOT TO SELF





**Arizona State Veteran  
Home Tucson  
CHRISTMAS TREES  
DECORATING**

**November**

**29 @ 9am  
th**

**ALL AMERICAN  
LEGION ENTITIES  
ARE WELLCOMED**

**555 East Ajo Way,  
Tucson, AZ 85713**





ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME  
TUCSON

*American Legion Auxiliary  
and Friends*

*Merry*

# CHRISTMAS PARTY



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DEC



**The Grinch | Gifts | Food**

**Set up 11:30 am starts at 1 pm**

American Legion Auxiliary VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
10-31-24

We are working very hard with the Recreation therapists to get our traditional events back up and running. We have wonderful volunteers for the second Saturday for Bingo at the Community Living Center but can use more help.

Ward W2 (Dementia Ward) in Building 60 is currently seeking twin size blankets for their patients (this is an ongoing need). They request that the blankets be different colors/patterns so each patient will recognize their personal blanket.

Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center (SWBRC) is continuing going on outings where they are invited. They would like to request support for outings which are not direct donations such as going to the movies, Pima Air & Space Museum, Botanical Garden, etc. These outings must be financed by donations of the purchase of tickets directly by the sponsor. They currently have a population of twenty.

Patriot Pantry is up and running at is currently supporting 40 to 50 Veterans with food insecurities. The current monthly cost for this program is estimated at \$1,500. VA funds can now be used to purchase the food and different donors are shopping and delivering the items to SAVAHCS. There is also a Patriot Pantry program at the Sierra Vista CBOC.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024 is \$5,251. Thank you Unit 131 and Unit 136 for your generous donations to support our programs.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024 is \$12,389.14. Thank you Unit 24, Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 131 and Unit 73 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Eight registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024 is 568. Twelve occasional volunteers have contributed 75 hours as of October 31, 2024. The Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE formerly Voluntary Service) is bringing back many volunteers

This chairman has volunteered 88 hours and logged 1,080 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of October 31, 2024. This chairman has now logged over 4,700 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was privileged to present the honorary check to the directorship of SAVAHCS in the amount of \$2,199,900 representing value of volunteer hours and donation this past fiscal year. This chairman finished a three year term on the VAVS Executive Committee. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. This chairman is working with the Homeless Program to ensure that our Homeless Veterans and those in Transitional Housing have the food and beverages that they need. This chairman is actively supporting the Patriot Pantry at SAVAHCS. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. NVCA. Festival was held October 12 through October 15<sup>th</sup> with the first place winners going to Tucson Mall for display for a month. ALA purchased steel mesh screens for displaying entries. Annual Joint Review is scheduled on November 26, 2024. VAVS Committee voted to support the Patriot Pantry, Building 95 Recreation and Fisher House with donations on July 31, 2024. Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

## FLAGSTAFF Donation Wish List November 2024

- Visa Gift Cards
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Chick-fil-A Gift Cards
- Olive Garden Gift Cards
- Outback/Red Lobster Gift Cards
- Dunkin donuts Gift card for weekly socials
- Pizza Gift Cards
- Harkin's Gift Cards
- Starbucks Gift Cards
- Sams Club Gift cards
- Home Depot Gift Cards
- Safeway gift cards
- Hobby lobby gift cards
- Axe travel size shower items
- Bearizona Tickets
- Blankets/ Weighted
- Essential Oils
- Legos
- Chips (Individually Packaged)
- Snacks (Individually Packaged) (soft cookies, Cheez-its, crackers)
- Soda (Diet & Regular, individual cans)
- Postage Stamps
- Magnifying Glasses
- Men's Belts
- Men's Suspenders
- Men's Jeans all sizes
- Plain White Men's T-Shirts in Sizes 2XL-4XL
- Mylar Balloons (Christmas, Halloween, Birthdays, and branches of military)
- Nice Set of Serving Bowls and Platters (Plastic)
- Computer desk tops
- DVD Players with Remotes
- Universal Programmable Remotes
- Keurig K-cup Coffee Maker
- Amazon Echo Dots
- Roku, Firestick, or Chromecast
- Wireless Headphones
- Underwear
- White tshirts for ty dye
- White bandanas for ty dye
- Red, white, blue blankets
- CD's
- Magazines
- Newspaper subscriptions

### We **DO NOT** Need

- |          |                             |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| -Clothes | -DVD's                      |
| -Shoes   | -Books/Magazines            |
| -Puzzles | -Medical Equipment/Supplies |

Hi All,

I have the birthday lists for November, December, January and February. They are

**November:**

Alan(11/13)

Gregory(11/17)

Hans: 11/18

William: 11/25

**December:**

John(12/17(c1)

Mike:12/18(d2

Earnest:C2 12/23

**January:**

Porter: (C2) 01/05)

Gene:d1(01/19)

John :D2: 01/18

**February:**

Thomas:C1(02/02)

Leslie:C2: 02/12

Robert:D2:(02/16)

Leo:D1: 02//19

Bruce:c1: 02/20

Please mail them to:

Arizona State Veterans Home

4141 North S. Herrera Way

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Attention: Renee Metcalf

Social Services Director

Thank you and I apologize for the delay, but now we have them through Feb 2025. Thank you  
Renee for sending them.

Cat Ludwick

Chair ASVH-Phx, Dept of Arizona

ALA Unit 2 Tempe