



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
FALL CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022**

**PRE - REGISTRATION - \$10.00**

**REGISTRATION AT CONFERENCE - \$20.00**

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

**ALA DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA**

**4701 N 19<sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015**

UNIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 18, 2022**

**NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS**

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**YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AT REGISTRATION**

**YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR REGISTRATION BADGE WITHOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CARD**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
2022 FALL CONFERENCE  
WDNVP EVA WALLACE  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022**



**MENU**

**CHEF SALAD  
Choice of 2 Dressings  
Roll and Butter  
Chocolate Cake  
Ice Tea  
Cost \$28.00**

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

**MAIL TO:**

**ALA Department of AZ  
Attn: WDNVP EVA WALLACE  
4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85015**

**Seating is limited to 90...Please make your reservation before October 18, 2022**

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**PUT ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK.**

**\$28.00 X number of tickets = \_\_\_\_\_**

# **VERTERANS Our Hometown Heroes**

October 2022

**THIS OFFICE IS OPEN...PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE YOU COMETO DEPARTMENT OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE...THIS IS STILL DUE TO COVID-19. Did you know there has been a spelling error in this bulletin since the Corvid hit and someone just found it. Congratulations to Barbara White for finding it...**

**DUES NOTICE...The National portion of the dues will be going up next year 2023-2024. The National per capita dues shall be eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per annum for Senior members beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, with a one dollar (\$1.00) increase in FY 2026 (\$19.00), FY 2028 (\$20.00) and FY2030 (\$21.00) National Junior member dues remain at two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per annum with a \$.50 (fifty cent) increase in FY2026 to three dollars (\$3.00) per annum, FY2028 (\$3.50), and FY2030 (\$4.00) **That means starting dues for 2023-2024 will be \$18 for National and \$7 for Department...\$25 to Department for Seniors no increase for Juniors at this time.****

**FALL CONFERENCE...Registration and Luncheon paperwork in the packet. We will have out Western Division National Vice President here. Eva Wallace from the Department of Washington.**

**STATE VETERANS HOME...This is President Barbara's Special Project this year. You need to identify the state home because there will be 4 very soon...Phoenix...Tucson...Yuma...and Flagstaff coming soon.**

**FISHER HOUSE ...You need to identify your Fisher House donation for Tucson or Phoenix starting now.**

**POPPY...Did you get your Poppy Order in? Just a FYI...we have crew here at Department ready to count poppies and bring to Fall Conference.**

**EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ... Did you get one? Did you know that there were red tickets in Membership Packets signed for at Dept Convention? No One has said they got one.**



## DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS ...

Phoenix Gift Shop...Joyce Livingston...520-525-2261 ✓

Tucson State Vet Home...Bonnie Distler...[alabonnidistler@gmail.com](mailto:alabonnidistler@gmail.com). ✓

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**MEMBERSHIP... "RACHING TO OUR GOALS".** Membership is everyone's job. **Legion Act** has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. **The Department Goal this year 14700.**

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

**2023 DUES RENEWALS SEND IN NOW...**National turned on the **GREEN LIGHT** to process **ALL NEW 2023 MEMBERS.**

**SIMPLE MATH...**Can you do simple math?



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# **President's Message**

October 2022

## **VETERANS Our Hometown Heros**

The year is gearing up.

National Convention was great. Seeing old friends and meeting new friends. It is always great to see and hear about other Units what great ideas they have for fundraisers and what they have applied for through the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation.

Interested in applying for a grant through the Foundation, the information can be found on the National website.

I made official visits to District 11 and District 12. The Units that reported are doing OUTSTANDING activities and fundraisers for the programs.

On thing I have learning during my visits how many members DO NOT log on to the National or Department websites. There is so much valuable information on our programs, etc on both websites. Encourage members to log on to the National website and create their account.

National: [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

Department: [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org)

My calendar is filling up fast. Please reach out to me, in writing, if you would like to schedule a visit. My current schedule is on the back.

Share with your members the articles the Chairwomen have written, your Unit members/chairperson will be kept updated on what's happening! Also, the monthly packets are uploaded to the Department website. [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

Until next month . . . .

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## President's Schedule 2022-2023

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 30, 2022	Officer and Chairman's Workshop	Post 35
August 6, 2022	Agent Orange Event	Post 58
August 25 - September 5	National Convention and Vacation	Milwaukee, WI
September 11, 2022	District 11 Official Visit	Post 29
September 17, 2022	District 8 Picnic	Prescott
September 18, 2022	District 12 Official Visit	TBD
September 28 - October 2	Personal	
October 8, 2022	Personal	
October 15	Honor Chandler Police Force Dinner	Post 35
October 21-22	Post 32 Early Bird Dinner and District 5 Official Visit	Post 32
October 23 - 26	National Commander Visit	
November 3 - November 7	Fall conference	Oro Valley
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day	
November 15, 2022	Unit 131 Office Visit	Post 131
November 19, 2022	PSP Fundraiser Dinner	Post 35
November 20, 2022	District 2 Official Visit	Post 66
December 7, 2022	Pearl Harbor Day	
December 14, 2022	Whipple Gift Shop	
January 7, 2023	Department OpenHouse	
January 8, 2023	District 3 Official Visit	Post 45
January 21, 2023	District 8 Official Visit	Post 90
District 11, 2023	PPP Luncheon	Post 62
February 11, 2023	Unit 2 Official Visit	Post 2
February 16 - 19	National President's Visit	
February 26 - March 10, 2023	Sailing the Seven Seas	
March 25, 2023	Car Show	Post 81
April 20, 2023	Unit 35 Award Banquet and Official Visit	Post 35
May 13, 2023	Homecoming	

## 2022-2023 DISTRICT MEETINGS

AS OF 7/12/22

Dis.	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location	Date/Location
1	9/15/22 Post 70 / 1:00 pm	12/18/22 Post 46 / 1:00 pm	3/19/23 Post 19 / 1:00 pm	5/21/23 Post 56 / 1:00 pm	
2	9/18/22 Post 109 / 1:00pm	11/20/22 Post 66 / 1:00 pm	1/15/23 Post 36 / 1:00 pm	3/19/23 Post 109 / 1:00 pm	5/21/23 Post 66 / 1:00 pm
3	9/11/22 Post 16 / 1:00 pm	11/06/22 or 11/13 Post 24 / 1:00 pm	1/08/23 Post 45 / 1:00 pm	3/12/23 Post 141 / 1:00 pm	5/13/23 Post 52 / 11:00 am
4	8/18/22 Post 9 / 2:00 pm	11/5/22 @ Fall Conference If needed	1/15/23 Post 54 / 2:00 pm	3/18/23 Post 97 / 2:00 pm	5/21/23 Post 8/2:00pm
5	9/17/22 Post 95 / 12:00 pm	10/22/22 Post 32 / 12:00 pm	1/14/23 Post 4 / 12:00 pm	3/11/23 Post 28 / 12:00 pm	5/20/23 Post 49 / 12:00 pm
6	10/15/22 Post 25 / 1:00 pm	1/21/23 Post 90 / 1:00 pm	5/13/23 Post 40 / 1:00 pm		
7	9/24/22 Post 87 / 11:00 am	11/19/22 Post 81 / 11:00 am	1/28/23 Post 22 / 11:00 am	4/22/23 Post 14 / 11:00 am	
8	10/15/22 Post 25 / 1:00 pm	1/21/23 Post 90 / 1:00 pm	5/13/23 Post 40 / 1:00 pm		
11	9/11/22 Post 29 / 2:00 pm	11/20/22 Post 105 / 2:00 pm	1/8/23 Post 62 / 2:00 pm	03/12/23 Post 61 / 2:00 pm	5/21/23 Post 53 / 2:00 pm
12	9/18/22 Post 27 / 2:00 pm	11/20/22 Post 2 / 2:00 pm	1/15/23 Post 91 / 2:00 pm	3/19/23 Post 34 / 2:00 pm	5/21/23 Post 65 / 2:00 pm

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American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona  
**Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)**  
October 2022

Fall Greetings!

As we enter Fall, now is the time to consider end of the year donation requests. You may consider contacting local, regional, and national companies for donations to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

This is a great time to use those brochures you ordered as a tool to communicate the program to organizations that may not know how they can assist veterans and their families. The donations do not have to be great to make an impact.

**A word from the National website:**

*Since the Auxiliary Emergency Fund was established, more than \$6 million has been awarded to over 6,500 members. To continue providing the assistance, we need your generous support. Please donate today and know that you are helping make a better tomorrow for your fellow Auxiliary members.*



As a Unit, you might consider establishing an on-going fundraiser such as having each member collect loose change for a month, quarter, 6-months, or a year. At the end of the designated time of your choosing, deposit the coins, write a check made out to the Department of Arizona Auxiliary, and send it to Department with 'AEF' or 'AEF Donation' in the memo section of the check and on the envelope. PLEASE! DO NOT send coins!

Awards are given by National for the Unit that donates the most per capita and to the Department that donates the most per capita.

For God & Country,

Jonnie Maddox

Department AEF Chairman

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## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2023 Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) after convention.

**Essay Title:** *"What does patriotism mean to you?"*

**Essay Classes:**

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

**Essay Checklist:**

- ☐ Class competing in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Sponsoring ALA unit \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- ☐ Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- ☐ Word count of essay \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Due date for student to return to ALA unit \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):**

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit winner due to Department on: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Department Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

*Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2023*

**Chaplain Report**  
**October 2022**

At the 101<sup>st</sup> National Convention, Karen Peel, from the Department of Ohio, was elected as the National American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain. For daily inspiration and news from the National organization, join the National Chaplain Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALACHaplains>

**October is Education month**

Please pray in your own way:

Dear God,

Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small—yet incredibly important – ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift they share with our children. Bless them, father, and may they see even a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

Remember, as a Chaplain, you can send cards for joyous occasions, too! Special Anniversaries, childbirth, new job, good report card (Juniors are members, too!).... And please remember your Gold Star and Blue Star families.

**If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call from the Department of Arizona, please let me know:**

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# Community Service

## October 2022

Hello, Arizona ALA members –

Unit Community Service chairmen should now be looking at the requirements for the Department Community Service awards. If your Unit does not have the Department Awards Booklet, the information can be found by going to [aladeptaz.org](http://aladeptaz.org), then to Member Resources, then to Department Awards Rules Manual, pages 20-22.

For this program, Arizona has the following awards:

**Carlotta Pace Community Service Award** (all eligible Units)

For a community improvement project in conjunction with the Post or in cooperation with other organizations.

**Fred Hilburn Activities Plaque** (eligible Units with membership of 151 and over)

**Sunnyslope Activities Plaque** (eligible Units with membership of 150 and under)

The purpose of these two awards is to stimulate interest and activity in a well-rounded program.

**Zeita M Johnson Memorial Plaque** (all eligible Units)

For outstanding Community Service to older citizens.

“Eligible Units” means the Unit has ordered poppies this year.

Department has indicated that mid-year reports will not be required this year, but please be sure to keep a record of your hours, costs, and mileage as you work your community service activities so that when you prepare your annual reports and narratives, you have the information needed.

“When we all lend a hand in helping in the community, we improve everyone's quality of life.”

— Germany Kent

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## Education October 2022



Everyone is well into the school year. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.**

Information on the Veterans in Community Schools program is available in the publications, *Veterans in the Classroom: History in the First Person*, on the Legion's website at <http://archive.legion.org/handle/123456789/1664> and <http://archive.legion.org/handle/123456789/1663>. They contain helpful hints on starting this program in your area.

- Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present this program in your schools.
- Contact your local school teachers to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in the Classroom event.
- Provide information to the teacher hosting your program about the challenges facing today's military families.
- The teacher can introduce the topic before your unit's presentation. It may be helpful to reference the article that was published in the Legion's magazine at <https://www.legion.org/magazine/162500/hardest-year>.
- Promote your Veterans in the Classroom event through local media and on your own social media accounts.
- Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in the classroom.
- Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit classrooms.

"The American Legion believes that our military veterans are living textbooks of American History. Their accounts of experiences in a uniform of the United States Armed Forces should be preserved and shared with others, especially with students in America's schools." (American Legion Publication No. 23-015, Rev. 1-2012)

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

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

*Julie Vietri*

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## **Finance**

**October 2022**

**The Department of Arizona Finance Committee is working to**

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**Members by Virtue of Office: Barbara White, President, Jennie**

**Molina, NEC Barbara Matteson, Sec/Treas. (no vote)**



History  
Oct. 2022

What is History? What does our legacy consist of? What should members promote to people unfamiliar with our organization?

Are we marketing the American Legion Auxiliary moving forward into the next century? Several veteran support organizations exist nationwide. The American Legion Auxiliary just happens to be one of the biggest and oldest. Our resources may be decreasing in the form of losing members every year—it's a tough fact—but there are ways to fix that! We must ask ourselves: What makes the ALA special?

"Every member who contributed to the aims, purpose, and principles of the American Legion Auxiliary has had a part in making History. We share in the pride of our magnificent record of loyalty to God and Country, unselfish service to humanity." —*National Historian Dorothy Kellerman, 1947*

I didn't have any answers to my Sept. bulletin question? "On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ALA, the Department Presidents were known as "\_\_\_\_\_"  
First answer I receive will have a prize at Fall conference.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self  
For Our Hometown Heroes,  
God and Country

# Legislative

## October 2022

Greetings Members,

Not a whole lot has been going on, as stated in my last bulletin on August 10<sup>th</sup>, President Biden signed the PACT Act, which will deliver critical health care and other benefits for veterans. The PACT Act was named in honor of Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson, a decorated combat medic who died from a rare form of lung cancer. The PACT Act will provide high-quality health screenings and services related to potential toxic exposures, codifies VA's new process for evaluating and determining presumption of exposure and service connection for various chronic conditions, the legislation removes the need for certain veterans and their survivors to prove service connection if they are diagnosed with one of 23 specific conditions. The PACT Act also requires the VA to conduct new studies of veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War and analyses of post-9/11 veterans' health trends. The bill also delivers critical resources to the VA to ensure it can deliver timely access to services and benefits for all eligible veterans. In short, this is historic legislation for our veterans and legislation that was on the top of the list for the American Legion.

In late August into early September, members of the Legion Family convened in Milwaukee, WI for National Convention. Our new leadership team for the year was duly elected. The new National Commander for the American Legion is Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, the new National Commander for the Sons of the American Legion is Chris Carlton, and our new National President is Vickie Koutz from the Department of Indiana. Her focus this year is to honor our veterans every day, and her project will be on National Veterans Creative Arts Festival companions. Her project on companions is triple tiered – money for a meal plan, travel, and/or separate hotel room if needed for non-family member companions. Koutz is also working to raise awareness on our country's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

Also in Mid-August members of the American Legion and other VSO's went to Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. to urge members of Congress to pass legislation on the Afghan Adjustment Act. This bipartisan legislation will expand the Special Immigrant Visa to Afghan allies that stood shoulder to shoulder with our troops during the Afghan War.

To date, there are three proposed bills relating to veterans that have been introduced and sitting with the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. Those bills are: SB4838, SB4841, and SB4797. For more information on these bills, you can go to <https://legiscan.com/US/pending/senate-veterans-affairs-committee/id/2333>. In short these bills are relating to bills for beneficiary travel, and for other purposes, improving benefits and services for surviving spouses, and designating the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Mishawaka, Indiana, as the Jackie Walorski VA Clinic.

See you at Department Fall Conference!!!!

For God and Country,

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# MEMBERSHIP

## October 2022

National started processing membership on September 7<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing the Department of Arizona is at 14.58% or 2,064 members have paid their 2023 dues.

We have one Unit already at 101.82% and that unit is Bushmasters Unit 114 in District 12. Congratulations. Unit 51 is at 95.24% and in third place is Unit 84 with 85.48%. Way to go!

Here are some ideas to help get those renewals:

- **Personal connection!** Too often the only contact a member receives is her Dues Renewal Notice sent by the national headquarters office. Reach out and make a personal connection with your members and ask them to renew their membership:

- **Personal phone call** – Remind members why they joined the American Legion Auxiliary. Share the ways your unit has made a difference in the lives of veterans in your community, state and country. Encourage them to become a part of activities. If transportation is an issue, maybe your unit members can offer to provide a ride, this may be the key to increasing involvement! How about offering to pick up their dues at a scheduled time?

- **Personal letter** – Send letters out to all of your members now! Outline the events on a calendar for all of the exciting things your unit is planning throughout the year and let members know that their membership is important to the mission of the organization. We have sample letters for you to use!! I know that several Unit Presidents sends out emails to their members almost weekly to remind them of things coming up and events that they can volunteer for!

See you all soon.

For God and Country

Rose

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# UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 2023

YTD 9-16-2022

75% 11-7-2022

		UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
		0100	Phoenix	158	30	18.99%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>158</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18.99%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>158</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18.99%</b>
01		0019	Yuma	198	12	6.06%
		0046	Bouse	54	6	11.11%
		0056	Yuma	63	11	17.46%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>315</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9.21%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>315</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9.21%</b>
02		0007	Tucson	71	3	4.23%
		0010	Ajo	25	10	40.00%
		0036	Tucson	278	11	3.96%
		0059	Tucson	157	21	13.38%
		0066	Green Valley	929	172	18.51%
		0068	Tucson	60	3	5.00%
		0073	Tucson	29	11	37.93%
		0109	Corona	341	52	15.25%
		0125	Tucson	16	0	0.00%
		0131	Green Valley	534	22	4.12%
		0132	Oro Valley	82	15	18.29%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>2522</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>12.69%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>2522</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>12.69%</b>
03		0011	Douglas	175	19	10.86%
		0016	Bisbee	73	19	26.03%
		0024	Tombstone	414	19	4.59%
		0045	Benson	50	0	0.00%
		0052	Sierra Vista	174	45	25.86%
		0141	Pearce	10	0	0.00%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>896</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>11.38%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>896</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>11.38%</b>
04		0008	Casa Grande	41	12	29.27%
		0009	Florence	89	3	3.37%
		0051	Coolidge	63	60	95.24%
		0054	Coolidge	107	10	9.35%
		0097	San Tan Valley	25	18	72.00%
		0129	Queen Creek	17	3	17.65%
		0133	Maricopa	37	7	18.92%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>379</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>29.82%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>379</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>29.82%</b>
05		0004	Globe	48	0	0.00%

06		0028	Clifton	76	54	71.05%
		0032	Safford	121	7	5.79%
		0095	Solomon	74	29	39.19%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>319</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>28.21%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>319</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>28.21%</b>
		0030	Springerville	79	2	2.53%
		0031	Saint Johns	10	0	0.00%
		0037	Holbrook	41	0	0.00%
		0069	Payson	142	7	4.93%
		0076	Show Low	30	8	26.67%
07		0086	Overgaard	301	57	18.94%
		0130	Concho	10	1	10.00%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>613</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12.23%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>613</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12.23%</b>
		0003	Flagstaff	92	3	3.26%
		0013	Williams	42	7	16.67%
		0014	Kingman	123	27	21.95%
		0022	Golden Valley	109	5	4.59%
		0042	Grand Canyon	25	6	24.00%
		0057	Ash Fork	70	3	4.29%
08		0081	Lake Havasu City	559	113	20.21%
		0087	Bullhead City	144	10	6.94%
		0088	Dolan Springs	16	2	12.50%
		0103	Meadview	57	27	47.37%
		0136	Yucca	14	0	0.00%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>1251</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>16.23%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1251</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>16.23%</b>
		0006	Prescott	229	54	23.58%
		0025	Cottonwood	265	56	21.13%
		0040	Chino Valley	102	2	1.96%
11		0078	Humboldt	152	20	13.16%
		0079	Yarnell	152	25	16.45%
		0090	Black Canyon City	44	1	2.27%
		0093	Camp Verde	97	7	7.22%
		0108	Prescott Valley	41	3	7.32%
		0135	Cornville	64	17	26.56%
		0140	Prescott Valley	27	0	0.00%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>1173</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>15.77%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1173</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>15.77%</b>
		0001	Phoenix	115	7	6.09%
		0005	Phoenix	71	4	5.63%
		0012	Wickenburg	208	19	9.13%
		0029	Glendale	296	37	12.50%

		0053	Buckeye	19	1	5.26%
		0061	Avondale	185	14	7.57%
		0062	Peoria	787	29	3.68%
		0105	Phoenix	209	4	1.91%
		0134	Phoenix	18	1	5.56%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>1908</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>6.08%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1908</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>6.08%</b>
12		0002	Tempe	100	21	21.00%
		0026	Mesa	242	49	20.25%
		0027	Apache Junction	1815	258	14.21%
		0034	Cave Creek	316	23	7.28%
		0035	Chandler	305	57	18.69%
		0039	Gilbert	411	88	21.41%
		0041	Phoenix	315	37	11.75%
		0044	Scottsdale	309	18	5.83%
		0058	Fountain Hills	295	34	11.53%
		0065	Phoenix	286	105	36.71%
		0084	Sacaton	62	53	85.48%
		0091	Chandler	200	28	14.00%
		0107	Phoenix	213	63	29.58%
		0114	Scottsdale	55	56	101.82%
		0117	Phoenix	188	48	25.53%
		0124	Guadalupe	17	0	0.00%
		0138	Tempe	35	2	5.71%
		<b>Total</b>		<b>5164</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>18.20%</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>5164</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>18.20%</b>
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## **Leadership/Arizona Mission Training**

**2022 October**

Greetings to all of you as we continue to be of “Service, not Self.” I hope that your Unit meetings will be exciting and full of plans for this year working for “Veterans – Our Hometown Heroes.”

Our Units and Districts have many past and present officers to serve as **MENTORS**. If your members are unable to host or attend an Arizona Mission Training this year seek out those who have been and probably still are **LEADERS** in your area.

The concept of mentoring can be dated centuries back. A mentor can be defined as a counselor who helps our members evolve into a promising and active member. Some of our units incorporate a brief mentoring into each meeting. It can begin with your history and continue through to current programs. A good and reliable mentor is indeed a blessing and we in the Department of Arizona have a great many who qualify for great mentoring. Seek them out and **ASK** questions about some of the challenges that you may be facing. A mentor is crucial in all aspects of your Unit. Learning from a good mentor revolves around your activities and contributing back to your community. **EMPOWER YOUR MEMBERS!**

I would like to hear from you and your experience with a Mentor in the Auxiliary. I will award Prizes at Convention 2023. The short narrative could be read at Convention and included in Western Division Reports. The deadline for this Prize/Award will be the same as all of the reports on April 1, 2023.

Mission Training scheduling has been slow, we have one coming up on October 29<sup>th</sup> in District #8. Contact Patti Harfiel at 320-282-0896 if you are interested.

Karen Smith, Chairman

ksmith111@cox.net

520-249-1119 (text if I don't return your call)





American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Arizona  
**MUSIC REPORT 2022**

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**October 2022**

Greetings Melomanos (“music lovers”),

Well members, September was Music month. I hope you enjoyed finding ways to promote music within your Unit and Post. I promote music every month and everyday. Please continue to promote music within your Unit and Post. Let’s get the love of music out to everyone. Let’s do this together. Use your imagination and spread the love of music and our Country.

Fall Conference is approaching very fast. I’m researching music choices for the Memorial Choir. I have some great songs in mind, but will urge suggestions. Please let me know about your ideas. Please join us in the Memorial Choir and please invite men and Juniors. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you as well as the men and Juniors. What an amazing sound having so many in the choir will produce!

Melinda Nay from Oro Valley has offered some songs and lyrics to Units interested. If you would like these, please let me know so I can relay your contact information to her. Please don’t hesitate to use her offer. I’m pleased she wants to share her love of music with you. What a wonderful way for her to share her love of music and love of our Country!

See you at Conference!

“Music education stimulates, challenges, and enriches our young people during their formative, school years; it’s value lasts a lifetime.”

Tammy Baldwin

With a song in your heart.

For God and Country,

Alma Mattingly, Department Music Chairman

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**NATIONAL SECURITY October 2022**

The American Legion Auxiliary program includes supporting not only our veterans but also active-duty military members and their families.

The American Legion Auxiliary recognizes that natural disasters and crime can threaten our national security. Auxiliary members can be trained to act in emergency response in times of disaster. Think about possible scenarios in your community and take steps to develop plans and resources to address these needs. Offer assurance to deployed members by sending letters and cards offering them thanks and your prayers.

Auxiliary members are encouraged to support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve and transitioning military service members and their families through activities such as Operation Comfort Warriors, Family Readiness Groups or National or reserve Units. Members may give support by completing Community Emergency Response Training (CERT).

National Security can also grow and improve by your interaction and communication with your government officials. Take time to learn who they are and let your senators and representatives know your stand on services and programs for our military personnel.

Please remember our President's Special Project this year of Hometown Heroes And how our actions in their support will increase national security.

Thank you for all you do and God Bless you and God Bless America.

JENNIE MOLINA    NEC

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NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN

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## New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

October 2022

### **CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF A CHARTER**

Under the national Constitution, Unit charters may become non-operative either through cancellation, suspension or revocation.

Cancellation is in order when two or more Units merge or when a **Unit voluntarily ceases to function**.

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

The Department Executive Committee may order the suspension of a charter for a period not to extend beyond the closing of the next succeeding Department Convention as a disciplinary measure of pending action relative to final revocation.

**HEADS UP, WE DO HAVE SOME UNITS AT THIS STAGE. MORE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT FALL CONFERENCE.**

Jan Cushing  
New Units/UD&R  
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623-544-0797

## Oct 2022

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Try to encourage your veterans to make poppies. Perhaps those retired could get a group together to meet at the Post or elsewhere to make them while having a fun social time with friends.

Be sure you keep track of any activities and donations you make as I'll need your information for the whole year for my year end report.

For God and Country.

Julie Ross  
Dept of Az. Poppy Chairman





**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT  
OCTOBER 2022  
ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOMES**

Wow, exciting times! Madame President and I were privileged to tour the new Yuma Arizona State Home. It is **state of the art!!** Phoenix will be so jealous. They are admitting the first residents October 3, about as you read this!! Both Barbara and I took lots of pictures, so if you want to see some, just let me know! Flagstaff will be the same design and it is beautiful. There is lots of light and a cheerful, comfortable atmosphere. We have heard that they need a bingo machine, a popcorn machine, and a karaoke machine. These are the kinds of things we hope to provide with your PSP donations.

The Phoenix State Home needs new outdoor furniture. The residents love to have time outdoors and that area can use some sprucing up. Tucson has asked for theater seats. Each State Home was gifted a wonderful theater projection system by the Cooties, (offshoot of the VFW). It would be nice for the residents to be able to relax in more comfortable seating and watch movies. They also need seat belts for the golf carts that transport the residents to their appointments across the VA campus.

At National Convention, we heard about a system for memory care residents, and both Madame President and I got very excited. This interactive projection gaming system is designed specifically for cognitive development. There are three levels of games, those for early stage, middle stage, and late stage. These games provoke thought and social interaction encouraging normally distant persons. They also may be used by family members who may visit with residents. The company is Lucynt and you can look them up online. This is another valuable tool that we hope to provide.

So keep supporting the individual State Homes like you have been doing. But help support these high dollar items through the President's Special Project.

October is Physical Therapy Month. Your Units could do something special for the Physical Therapists who work at the State Homes. These skilled professionals get little recognition for the important roll they play for our veterans.

Honor our Home Town Heroes who are residing in our Arizona State Veterans Homes!

For God and Country,

Margaret Ellis, Chairman [mellis3166@gmail.com](mailto:mellis3166@gmail.com) 480-818-3166

President's Special Project Committee

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Area C: Terri Doran [theadora70@yahoo.com](mailto:theadora70@yahoo.com)

VA & R

October 2022

Hello fellow members!

As a reminder, Poppy/Welfare/VA & R monies may be used for donating to the President's Special Project which supports our Hometown Heroes at the VA State Homes in AZ. The VA homes in Phoenix and Tucson are long-standing and always in need of donations and support. Keep in mind that there are two new homes opening up soon which will also be seeking donations and support; One in Yuma which should be opening very soon (2022) and the other is in Flagstaff (early 2023). You can follow their progress on Facebook:

Facebook Pages:

- Arizona State Veteran Home – Flagstaff
- Arizona State Veteran Home – Yuma - \*\*\* They are now taking applications for new residents so will be in urgent need of donations. Please work with your Units to develop fundraisers for items they will need, such as:
  - Soda, snacks, and other similar items
  - Puzzles, games, books, and other entertainment items
  - Electronics

The new State Veterans homes are accepting applications at [www.azstatejobs.gov](http://www.azstatejobs.gov). I urge all of you to visit their Facebook pages.

#### Veterans' Suicide Prevention

It is important to check in on your friends, family, and community members. We know that everyone has a role to play in suicide prevention and that sometimes simply asking someone, "How are you, really?" and listening for their response can make all the difference. Suicide Prevention lines are dialing 988 and press 1, text 838255 or visit [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net). Please share this important contact information with you members.

Let's change the narrative. Instead of talking about the staggering number of daily suicides, BE THE ONE to save ONE veteran. Learn more: [www.Legion.org/betheone](http://www.Legion.org/betheone).

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry

Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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Address: 9139 W. Harmony Ln Peoria, AZ 85382

## OCTOBER 2022 News From The Creative Arts Chairman.....

Fall is in the air and things are happening in the area of Creative Arts. I look forward to giving my full report at Fall Conference in November, but I wanted to give you some quick updates from the ALA National Convention.....

Our New 2022-23 National ALA President is Vickie Koutz and the theme for her program year is to “Honor our Veterans Everyday”, her Project is on the **National Creative Arts Companions!** Yay! She is hoping our nation’s units will assist her in raising funds to help the Artist’s companions travel with their artist to the National Creative Arts Festival. This year the event will be held in St Louis, MO. Maybe your unit has helped an Artist in this way. Some Artist’s health does not allow for them to travel across the country with out a companion. This keeps some artists from participating in the National CAF due to expenses, these donations can assist those in need of funds to travel. This will be so very meaningful to our local CAF 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. Please consider doing fundraising for our CAF both Local and National.

Good News for our SAVAMHC Artists.....we had an awesome turn out to the CAF held Sept 14-15. Some beautiful work! and we send best wishes to both the Phoenix and Tucson area Veteran winners that now move forward to the National judging that may bring them to the St. Louis CAF in April. Thank you to all the ALA volunteers and supporters who travel to cheer on our Veteran Artists using the arts to be healthy and happy.

For God and Country, in Service not Self-

Dawn Davidson, [aladawndavidson@gmail.com](mailto:aladawndavidson@gmail.com)

Creative Arts Chairman 2022-23



VA&R REPORT  
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
8-31-22

All events are suspended until further notice. There is communication that some volunteer activities will be restarting. No specifics as of this date. Thank you volunteers for your help!

Second booster shots (fourth shot) are also now available for those over 50.

Southwest Blind Rehabilitation Center is now open and is resuming outings. Visitation at SAVAHCS is still limited. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time.

There is a new program to assist Veterans patients with food insecurities. A separate food pantry is filling this need. Thank you to Unit 132 for their generous donation to this program. Thank you to Auxiliary Unit 131 who donated \$1,000 to benefit this program. We had a lot of fun purchasing and delivering the food items.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 is \$6,595.00. Thank you to Units 66 & 131 for their generous donations. Through their help, we were able to support the Wheelchair Games, the Community Gardens program and the Gathering of American Indian Veterans program.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 is \$3,431.85. Thank you Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 109, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Four registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 is 349. We are in the process of onboarding two new volunteers whose hours will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary. We are in the process of bringing on a new Deputy Representative for the American Legion Auxiliary on the VAVS Committee. Thank you Dawn Davidson for volunteering to fill this position.

This chairman has volunteered 59 hours and logged 600 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of August 31, 2022. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was re-elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 12, 2021. This chairman has been elected to fill 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 worked with all Units to provide beverages and snacks for staff, patients and volunteers who were manning the COVID-19 vaccination sites. 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 during this time of enormous stress on all community resources. 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. National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is planned for September 14 & 15, 2022. Annual Joint Review was completed November 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR VETERANS**

**American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona**

**Carl T. Hayden Medical Center Gift Shop**

**September 2022**

**We have not forgotten all that you have done to make the gift shop a success over the years. Each unit contributes in their own way. If your Unit sends a check to the Department of Arizona or if your Unit decides to shop for yourself, both are greatly appreciated. if you do shop for yourself, please bring your receipts in to me and I will give you receipts. I need the original receipts for the auditor. Thanks in advance.**

**The set up date for this year is Sunday December 4th. from 10 am until we are done. Opening ceremony will be December 5th at 9am. Everyone is welcome. The Veterans will shop on December 5th, 6th and 7th from 9am until 3pm. The place we will meet is LUKE GREENWAY POST #1. We cannot meet at the hospital again as they are still on lockdown. If there is any change we will meet there. We serve lots more veterans at the hospital because we have no transportation from the hospital to the post and back. We are trying to work that out this year.**

**Volunteers are needed every day we are open. If you have never helped out at the giftshop, you don't know what you are missing. Come check it out. You will be glad you did. It is a wonderful way to thank the veterans for service to our country. It also makes your Christmas seem brighter.**

**Thank you all in advance. I can't wait to work with all of you again this year. Your unit may advertise about the giftshop. All veterans are welcome to shop for their immediate family for free. Be sure to tell the veteran, To enter the building they must show their VA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CARD. We need volunteers every day. Hope to see you there.**

**Once again please feel free to call me. Leave me a message, I will return your call,**

**My number is 520-525-2261.**

**I will have more information for you next month.**

**For God and Country, Joyce Livingston, Chairman.**

AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX  
October 2022

Happy Fall Everyone,

I was wondering, how much do you really know about the Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix [ASVH-PHX]? Their mission is to provide professional skilled nursing and rehabilitative care for the geriatric and chronically ill veteran and dependent/surviving spouses throughout the State of Arizona.

ASVH-PHX provides nursing, therapeutic, recreation, and social services to those who have served our nation. Rehabilitative therapy is provided seven days a week. Physical therapy is designed to improve movement and function. Occupational therapy is designed to improve daily living skills, while Speech therapy is intended to improve memory and swallowing disabilities. The Namaste program is a person-centered approach to late-stage dementia care.

Long-term care provides a vibrant, independent lifestyle personally customized to best suit each person. They enjoy comfort, dignity, and warm social connections. A variety of recreational activities are planned to promote a sense of community and belonging for each resident.

The recreation therapy staff is gearing up for the cooler weather and expanded activities. They are allowing outside groups to return for a variety of activities. With covid protocols still in place, we are requesting all Units coordinate with me and the Recreation Therapy staff for any activities you'd like to participate in. This helps reduce confusion and conflicts in schedules. With Veterans Day approaching, we'd love to schedule members of your Unit to visit our Veterans.

Thank you to everyone participating in the birthday card program. These cards truly make a difference! They can be sent once per month in a group package directly to the State Home or to Department. Those sent to Department will be delivered monthly. Mailing addresses for each are below. October and November birthdays are:

October:

4<sup>th</sup> - Pat H. 4<sup>th</sup> - Roman C. 4<sup>th</sup> - William M. 13<sup>th</sup> - Henry H. 19<sup>th</sup> - Peter S.  
21<sup>st</sup> - Rico D. 24<sup>th</sup> - Clifford S. 29<sup>th</sup> - John Bl.

November:

8<sup>th</sup> Rudy B. 17<sup>th</sup> Gregory H. 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary S. 25<sup>th</sup> Don A. 27<sup>th</sup> Bob L. 30<sup>th</sup> Debbie S.

Mail cards to either:

AZ State Veterans Home c/o Brittany Tashner Recreational Therapy Director 4141 S. Herrera Way Phoenix, AZ 85012	American Legion Auxiliary Dept of Arizona Attn: Birthday Card Program 4701 N. 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85015
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Thank you all for your continued support of our Veterans,  
Cat Ludwick, Chair ASVH-PHX  
480-226-3967  
[Cat4vets@gmail.com](mailto:Cat4vets@gmail.com)

## AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON

OCTOBER 2022

I would like to introduce myself; I am Bonni Distler. I'd like to say a big Thank You to President Barbara White for honoring me with the Chair to the AZ State Veterans Home in Tucson for 2022-2023. I only hope I can do some good, but I have really big shoes to fill (you are missed Anne Marie). It's been a slow start, but we are ready to roll now.

You can reach me by phone and/or text messaging 360-317-4708 or with an email to [alabonnidistler@gmail.com](mailto:alabonnidistler@gmail.com). I will try to respond to any messages within 24 hours, but I am busy at Madera Unit 131 as the Secretary.

Sam advised that they need volunteers to assist with some of their bigger events. Apparently one of the Big Events they have monthly is the "Birthday Party". I know we have had a number of Units sign up for this event in the past, HOWEVER, due to COVID-19 a lot of the "parties" have NOT occurred in the past 2 years! I would like to try and get a Unit to sign-up and be responsible for a monthly delivery of cupcakes and individual ice cream cups. Your Unit can pick which month, or if you have already been doing a specific month, please reach out to me as soon as possible so I am able to begin getting this back on track.

Sam would also love to have a VOLUNTEER assist with the **library**! They have over 5,000 books, CD's and movies. Shelves need to be organized since they have no one there to keep them in order. You do not have to be a Librarian – just organized. Ideally this volunteer would be there at least once a week but twice would be even better. Please contact me if you are interested.

There is also a need for volunteers to assist in the **Gift Shop**. Right now, they are only open Tuesday & Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. due to staffing issues. This Gift Shop is where the residents can buy "slightly used clothing", popcorn, candy, soda, chips (individual size) and other items. If interested, please contact me.

There is a great need for gift cards! Donation ideas would be Walmart, Target, Netflix, Amazon or any of the local movie theaters. The residents like to go on outings as a group to places like Reid Park Zoo, the Gaslight Theatre, local restaurants or even some of the museums such as the Titan Missile Museum. If your Unit is able to help with any of these it would be greatly appreciated. This is above and beyond what you will be doing for President White's Special Project!

**MASKS** are still a requirement to be in the residence. There are certain protocols still in place to volunteer at this time. It could change in the next few months. Please contact me for details.

**Our Hometown Hero's**

**Bonni Distler**

**Department Chairman – Arizona State Veteran Home – Tucson**