

HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE

August 2017

IN THIS PACKET...directory, mandates list, poppy order form, bulletin order form, new emblem use form,

Department President's OFFICIAL VISITS...The District will be responsible for furnishing lodging, meals and mileage from her home Unit for the official visit of the Department President to their respective District. The District **MUST** provide for this in their annual budget. **Units may still invite the Department President to their meetings or special affairs but the Unit MUST bear the expense.**

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

DISTRICTS...(1)**You are required** to send a copy of the District meeting minutes to Department Historian and Department. (2)We requested from the Districts a copy of their IRS Tax filing to complete the form for the Secretary of State. Still waiting for this. **Every Veterans Service Organization in the State of Arizona is required to do this.** **UNITS did you do yours?** UNITS do not send me copies of your meeting minutes.

MEMBERSHIP... “WE CAN-CAN increase membership, YES WE CAN”. Membership is everyone's job. Membership numbers are starting for 2017-2018. **We needed 4000 more members to make our 2017 goal. Guess what still needs those members.** Our last all time high was 2007-2008, it has gone down every year since. Stop the slide. Please do not hold membership. **DUES RENEWAL** ...Notices will come from National September 15th. **2016-2017 CREDIT VOUCHERS...**you have until November 1, 2017, to use your current membership credit vouchers. You have not used it; it will go into the Department General Fund. After this year the deadline will be July 31.

REPEAT...ALAMIS ACCESS...the information that you see on this system is confidential. You are not to share it with anyone not even your sister. If you do not abide by the rules set by National you will lose access to the system.

LOGO use...there is a new form on the backside of this that you “must start using now” for permission to use the American Legion Auxiliary Logos.

Everyone...

We encourage you to work hard and watch deadlines...it takes both to be a winner and make membership meaningful.

“High Heels & Spurs”

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

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NOTE: There is no Bulletin in July. Bulletins are automatically sent to all Department Officers; Past Department Presidents; Department Chairmen; District Presidents; District Secretaries, Unit Presidents and Unit Secretaries.

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**American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans
President's Message**

August 2017

A very warm hello to Team Arizona as our Legion Family prepares to stand United!

Thank you kindly for attending the Installation of our 2017-2018 Officers at the Carefree Resort in Carefree, Arizona. I stand humbly with you and look forward to serve each and every one as your Department President. We can do this as a Team standing United in High Heels Spurring on our Programs.

Also, thank you for attending the Officer/Chairman Workshop which was held on July 8, 2017 at Mathew B. Juan Post 35 in Chandler. This fact finding workshop was very well attended with lots of good information and audience participation.

A reminder that my Special Project is Girls State and my theme is High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans. Girls State is the premier programs of the American Legion Auxiliary and it is my goal to build our reserve funds. And you may ask why? As with everything else nowadays, the cost to support and maintain the elite quality of our program continues to rise at an increasingly fast pace. Every year, charges to housing and feeding the close to 300 delegates increases. The University of Arizona, where we hold Girls State. raises costs and is adding new fees, sometimes yearly. Arizona Girls State has maintained the delegate fee for each girl at \$300 and our Units do not need an increase in the delegate fee. Hopefully, with goal of building reserve funds, ALA Arizona can keep the same quality and continue to maintain the same services to our program without raising the delegate fee. Thus, our High Heels will Spur this Program!

On another note if you chose to invite me to your Unit or District please send invitations to me at:

**15606 South Gilbert Road, Lot 103
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Or email to yodobo@msn.com

I look forward to hearing from you and if you were at the Officer/Chairman Workshop remember that "Sharing is Caring" and I do care about US!

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American Legion Auxiliary

Approval Request – American Legion Auxiliary Emblem Use

The American Legion owns the names and trademarks of the American Legion Auxiliary. The American Legion Auxiliary is entrusted by The American Legion to protect the name and official marks of the organization. Use of the emblem must be approved by the ALA national secretary for printing. The following information must be completed in full and submitted to natlsecy@ALAforVeterans.org.

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- ☐ Recommend Approval
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Department Secretary
National Secretary File

The American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona

AMERICANISM

August 2017

American patriotism is a fundamental value of the American Legion Auxiliary. Americanism programs teach respect for our country and our nation's flag. Patriotism is learned by seeing it in action. Patriotism is rooted in our character by practicing it throughout our lives. The Auxiliary creates opportunities that all Americans can do to show their respect and set positive examples of living as grateful, patriotic citizens.

The Auxiliary provides learning opportunities and instructional resources for important things every good citizen should know, such as learning about the Constitution and flying the flag on patriotic holidays. They also fold pocket flags to send to our troops overseas and present flags to local schools and businesses. The Auxiliary is a member of the *Citizens Flag Alliance* and advocates for a constitutional amendment to protect the flag by supporting federal legislation and encouraging other people to do so. More information on the *Citizens Flag Alliance* can be found: <http://www.citizensflagalliance.org>.

To help our country's most promising young citizens learn firsthand the principles of our free republic guided by the principles of democracy, the Auxiliary promotes many patriotic youth programs, including the Auxiliary sponsored **Americanism Essay Contest**, which is conducted in local school systems. We believe promoting a spirit of patriotism by teaching about it develops lifelong respect for what we hold dear – our country and her flag. All entries need to be received by this committee before April 1, 2018 for the opportunity to be submitted to National, if chosen as Department winner.

Other ways to promote **Americanism** and **Patriotism** is by supporting the following:

- American Legion Baseball
- Oratorical Contest
- Junior Shooting Sports
- Help recruit candidates in JROTC

Upcoming Patriotic Days:

8/4 Coast Guard Birthday
8/7 Purple Heart Day
9/11 Patriot Day

9/15 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
9/17 Constitution Day & Citizenship Day
9/24 Gold Star Mother's Day

Reporting dates to remember:

Mid-year reports due 12/15/2017
American Essay Contest due 4/1/2018
Year-end reports due 5/1/2018

The U.S. had no official flag during the early years of the Revolutionary War, and troops carried flags of different designs and with different colors into battles. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed a resolution authorizing the red, white, and blue flag with stars and stripes as the official flag of the United States. A later resolution said the colors were chosen to designate:

Red for hardness of courage; White for purity and innocence; **Blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice**

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Chaplain

August 2017

I am honored to serve as Chaplain for the Department of Arizona this year. If you would like a card sent to someone, send me an email, call or text me. Contact information is below.

Let us remember the 16 service members killed in a plane crash on July 10 in Mississippi. Two joined the Marines more than 23 years ago, others served for less than two years. Several had overlapping tours of duty in Afghanistan. All of them were highly decorated, with the awards and medals to show for it. **Let us remember them and their families and friends.**

Please send me your prayers for President Yolanda's Prayer Book. You can email and snail mail them to me anytime.

Let us pray for our Veterans

O Lord, today I thank you for our veterans, for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety. May they find the honor and recognition they truly deserve. I pray that you will heal the physical, spiritual, and psychological wounds some of these veterans have suffered. Bring a lasting peace to those who mourn the loss of comrades. Help them to find your love and mercy so that they may cope with the actions they may have had to take while they served our country. Make them realize that the rules of engagement I wear do not always follow the laws of Christianity, but give them solace by Your scripture passages that show them that sometimes battle is necessary for the common good. Amen.

Remember those who have served, who are currently serving and their families in our daily thoughts and prayers.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

AUGUST 2017

Here we are at the beginning of other new Auxiliary year 2017-2018, how time flies.

The Community Service Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's visibility within our localities through our commitment to community, state and nation.

Being visible in our communities demonstrates who we are, what we do and why we matter.

As we go thru the Plan of Action for Community Service and Centennial Strategic Plan

We will be sharing additional resources with you and your units in future bulletins to promote Community Service within your area and will be adding a report form in the September packet.

Debbie Aguirre and I look forward to working with every unit this year. Please feel free to contact either one of us if you have any questions.

High Heels & Spurs in Service to Veterans.

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CREATIVE ARTS

Put on your high heels and spurs and start dancing for Creative Arts!

The Creative Arts Program is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Legion Auxiliary. Through local art festivals at VA Medical Centers across the country, veterans show their accomplishments in all forms of creative arts. Art is used as a rehabilitative treatment at VAMCs to help veterans deal with both physical and emotional wounds and illnesses. Categories range from oil painting to paint by number kits, leather work, pottery, creative writing, poetry, music and dance. In Arizona, local festivals are held in Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson each year in February. Winning entries in each category are then sent for judging by a national selection committee and select winners are invited to the National Creative Arts Festival. This year's national show will be held in October in Buffalo, New York. There are *at least* two winners from Arizona that I know of who are invited this year, one from Phoenix, and one from Prescott. This program needs your support. The American Legion Auxiliary is the *only* sponsor of this program other than the Department of Veterans Affairs. Start planning now for a fun event to raise funds for this program. Many Units hold a local Craft Show and there are many talented Auxiliary crafters out there! Poppy funds can also be used for Creative Arts as this is a rehabilitation program for veterans.

So be CREATIVE and let your Creative Arts Team know what ideas you come up with!

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CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM

AUGUST, 2017

Greeting Ladies,

Thank you, Madam President Yolanda for this appointment. It is hard to believe that we have completed another year. My committee and I are looking forward to an exciting year for The Children & Youth program.

What is this Program and why do we have it: The Children & Youth Program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families

What can you do?

My committee and I would like to hear from each Unit on what you are doing to promote this program, we will be happy to help you with projects and fundraisers ideas. Here are a few ideas to get you started: 'Star Spangled Kids: Educate children and youth on the history of the United State.

1. Celebrate Constitution Day (also known as Citizenship Day) on September 17, this day is set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.
2. Hold a scavenger hunt in the post that revolves around the Constitution for Children
3. Distribute patriotic coloring book for children in primary grades

I will be going to Indianapolis for the National Children & Youth Conference in September. I am looking forward to sharing additional information with you when I return.

Mark your Calendar MORE information to come:

Midyear reporting is due by December 15, 2017.

Children & Youth National Security Workshop January 27,2018 at Post 1 9am-1pm

For God and Country,

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August 2017

This year the Action Plan is the same as last year; so, if you saved that one, you have a head start on this year. This year we are focusing on providing assistance to schools, scholarships, and essay contests.

Each month a different item is featured to work on; so, put on your “heels and dig in your spurs” and get a head start on this program. We need to start the Scholarship part at the beginning of the year so students have enough time to gather all the necessary information. Last year some students did not complete necessary testing prior to the due date of the Children of Wounded Warriors Scholarship, and therefore were marked down or incomplete. There will be a check list provided to ensure all items are in the scholarship packet. The new scholarship packets are usually given out at Fall Conference; but should be available on line after the National Convention. The information needed is the same, so you can use last year’s paperwork as a guide and provide updated applications when they become available.

The President’s Special Project this year is Girls State. This will make a good educational topic at the schools and in the community, bringing more focus on this program.

AUGUST – gather school supplies for needy children; provide money for school items directly to the schools; talk with your schools about doing special cards or short essays in support of the local fireman and police. This year is 16 years since the 2001 attack. Work on the scholarship part of the Education Program and talk with students to see how many applications you need to provide.

SEPTEMBER – remember the local police and fireman with a special ceremony, a meal, or other recognition for 9-11. Don’t forget POW day at the end of the same week. We will be asking for Proclamations just like last year and will forward copies as they are received.

Thank you to those that sent in reports last year and for the narratives. When I was asked to head up this Chairmanship again this year, I asked Past Presidents of District 5 to be on the committee for this year. Although some of them served last year, it was a learning year and hopefully this year will go more smoothly now we know what to expect.

For God and Country in Service to our Veterans

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"A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR"
August 2017

.....BUT BASIC FINANCES NEVER CHANGE only your Budgets and Operating recommendations submitted and approved by the membership of the individual Units may be updated.

Each Unit should be making plans for the operation of their group for the coming fiscal year. The Dept. Convention for 2017 is behind us and the delegates approved the submitted Budgets for the General Fund and Welfare & Rehabilitation - now we must earnestly endeavor to fulfill the approved obligations. The Presidents Special Project is the AZ Girls State program. Director Penny Maklary continues to keep the registration at the minimum fee but we all know costs of everything have risen, thus the need for some additional funds to operate this program. We know you all will do your best as you have done in years past. "YOU CAN, WE KNOW YOU CAN!"

????? QUESTIONS asked by several Units at the Convention - the same old SCAM is being sent to Units that they must pay an exorbitant amount of money to a group that some Units think is the AZ Corporation Commission (IT IS NOT). The only time you pay to the ACC is to file your yearly report (\$10.) or if making an original application you follow instructions and proceed accordingly. Don't let these people Scam you! You all have been warned about these things year after year. If you aren't sure, call me.

Membership costs from the National organization may be raised at the coming National Convention. You will be informed when our Delegates return from that Convention. You can begin collecting 2018 membership dues. PLEASE, PLEASE, ANY UNIT THAT IS NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR CREDIT MEMOS WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTALS - DO THIS RIGHT AWAY AND WITH ALL CREDIT MEMOS ISSUED TO YOUR UNIT. AFTER NOVEMBER YOUR FUNDS WILL GO INTO DEPT. FUNDS. This was set in place by Resolution at the Convention.

Thank YOU ALL for your time, money and hours spent on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans and their families and your Communities! As Barb says, "You Are Awesome!"

Your Finance Team - Helen Stout, Chairman, Dept. Pres. Yolanda Bonilla, NEC Jan Cushing, Penny Maklary, Sharon Doran and Secretary-Treasurer Barbara Matteson (without vote)

HISTORIAN BULLETIN

AUGUST 2017

LADIES IT IS TIME TO MAKE HISTORY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA. WE WILL BE HITTING SO MANY GOALS AND HAVING SO MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT WE WILL NEED A GREAT BIG SCORE BOARD. I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING A WONDERFUL YEAR AS YOUR HISTORIAN AND I HOPE YOU WILL ALL SEND ME INFO SO I CAN DO THIS.

FIRST AND FORMOST, MEMBERSHIP GOALS ARE GOING TO BE MET AND SURPASSED BY EVERY UNIT.

EVERY YEAR WE SUPPORT OUR PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AND DO A GREAT JOB. THIS YEAR I KNOW WE WILL DO BETTER THAN WE HAVE EVER DONE. WHY? YOU ASK. GIRLS STATE IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. WITH THE WORLD CHANGING AS IT IS CURRENTLY DOING WE NEED TO HAVE OUR FUTURE LEADERS WELL TRAINED AND EDUCATED ON THE PROPER WAY TO RUN OUR GOVERNMENT. AND REASON NUMBER TWO, WE HAVE A VERY DEDICATED, SERIOUS AND PROMISE KEEPING SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRMAN. IF WE REACH THE GOAL SHE HAS SET 30 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION SHE WILL WEAR A DRESS, WIG AND HEELS. THIS IS HISTORY IN THE MAKING AND I AM SURE WE ALL WANT TO SEE IT. ROSE, START SHOPPING BECAUSE WE WILL MEET YOUR CHALLENGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SO NOW -----WHAT IS HISTORY AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT.

THE HEART OF ANY ORGANIZATION IS ITS HISTORY. THIS CONSISTS OF RECORDS, ITEMS THAT OFFICERS, MEMBERS, DIRECTORS STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE PRODUCED AND COMPLETED OVER THE YEARS. THEY PROVIDE UNIQUE TESTIMONY TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AN ORGANIZATION. WE CAN LOOK BACK AND SEE WHERE OUR EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL, OR UNSUCCESSFUL AND WHY. THIS IS A WAY TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN ASSIST IN DETERMINING A FUTURE STRATEGY.

SO LADIES WRAP YOUR ARMS AROUND EACH OTHERS AND KICK UP THOSE FEET AND HEELS, PRETEND YOU ARE AUDITIONING FOR THE RADIO CITY HALL ROCKETTES BECAUSE IT IS TIME TO DO THE **"YES WE CAN CAN DANCE"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!

JENNIE MOLINA

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DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA HISTORIAN

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I thought I would start the year by introducing you to the new Honorary Dept. Junior Officers

We have special things planned for this year and I will be sending more details next month.

ELECTION

American Legion Auxiliary elects junior officers

By Marge Christianson

SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Department of Arizona announced its honorary junior leadership team for 2017-18 as elected at the Junior Convention held in Glendale.

Emily Quigg, member of the Peoria John J. Morris Auxiliary unit, was elected President of the Arizona Junior Program. Ms. Quigg, 12, has been a member since 2013. She has held numerous positions at the local unit and state level, including poppy princess, Unit President, Department Historian and Chaplain. Based on her volunteer work with veterans and military, Ms. Quigg recently was selected as the Western United States Division Poppy Princess. Ms. Quigg attends Desert Springs Preparatory School in Scottsdale and will be attending junior high school next year.

Five honorary Junior members from the Travis L Williams Unit 65 in Phoenix were elected to leadership positions for the Department of Arizona ALA Junior program.

Each of these young ladies has held leadership positions at Unit 65 and each has participated in numerous programs, including UOMOM, an organization that assists homeless families.

Aliya Coleman, 14, was



From left to right, Jasmine Perry, Stashanique Stewart, Alexis (Lexi) Coleman, Jan Cushing, Emily Quigg, Aliya Coleman, Jada Perry, Dayzsa Hernandez. [Courtesy of American Legion Auxiliary]

elected Department Vice President. Ms. Coleman attends Canyon Breeze Elementary School where she plays basketball, cheer leads, and is in the drama club. She is an active Junior member of Unit 65 and volunteers for programs that feed the homeless.

Alexis Coleman, 17, was elected Department Secretary. Ms. Coleman is a senior at West View High School. She is active in sports and dance and mentors younger ALA Junior members.

Jasmine Perry, 16, was elected Historian. She is a sophomore at Washington High School.

Jada Perry, 14, was elected Sergeant at Arms. She also attends Washington High School.

Stashanique Stewart, 15, was elected Sergeant at Arms. Ms. Stewart is a sophomore at Pinnacle High

School. She is involved in Top Teen of America and is part of the Praise Team at her church.

Elected as Chaplain was Dayzsa Hernandez from the Tony F. Soza-Ray Martinez Unit 41 in Phoenix. Unit 41 recently won National accolades for their homeless lunch program.

"We are proud to have these young women as members of our organization—they represent not only our future, but the future of this country" said President Jan Cushing.

Also at the convention, nine honorary junior members received leadership certificates having demonstrating knowledge about the Auxiliary's programs and activities. Plans for the coming year include a focus on the Auxiliary's Patch Program. To earn a patch, participants must complete activities in cate-

gories such as Americanism, Community Service, Education and Leadership among others.

Engaging the next generation in the American Legion Auxiliary's mission to support veterans, military and their families is the purpose of the Junior Activities Program. Junior Auxiliary membership is open to girls from infancy through age 17. The Junior Activities Committee prepares girls to become active adult volunteers by providing positive volunteer experiences that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary. These girls develop leadership skills while having fun. For more information, membership or volunteer opportunities, email aladeptazpr@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Ms. Christianson is a Public Relations Volunteer for American Legion Auxiliary.

**AZ MISSION TRAINING
LEADERSHIP
AUGUST 2017 BULLETIN**

Hello Auxiliary Members of Arizona,

The AZ Mission (Leadership) team is ready to bring you the information you need to be a successful and knowledgeable Auxiliary member. Many Units have new officers and new chairman and we must provide the much needed information for these individuals to accomplish their duties and success for our new Auxiliary year. An eight hour Mission training is the answer to these needs.

Your AZ Mission team looks forward to hearing from you to schedule a date. You say, "we don't have the minimum number (10) to book a Mission (Leadership) training". Call other units and invite them to attend or a great idea is to have all units in a district provide a day of training.

The AZ Mission (Leadership) team is anxious to work with you. Please give this chairman a call to book a workshop as soon as possible. New members, new officers and new chairman are hungry for information. Let this team fulfill the needs of all your members.

Scheduled Workshops to-date: Watch for workshops on the Department web site as well as "Ring Your Bell" site.

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Committee Members:

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SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>WORKSHOP PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
6/22/17	9			
8/12/17	8-4:30-	Unit 41	Post 41 Phoenix	Maria Perkins 602-561-7713
8/19/17	8-4:30	Unit 135	Post 93, Camp Verde	Phyllis Kennedy 928-300-7411
9/9/17	8-4:30	Unit 35	Post 35, Chandler	Stacy Soto stacy.snider@sbcglobal.net
9/23/17	8-4:30	Dist. 5	Safford Post 32	LaDonna Nieman poohbear1012@cableone.net
9/30/17	9-5	Dist 6	Concho School, Concho	Lesia Ward lesa.ward@yahoo.com
10/14/17	8- 4:30	Post 109	Vail	Pam Goreckie pmgoreckie@yahoo.com
10/21/17	8-4:30	Post 107	Phoenix	Cathy Barrick cjbarrick@centurylink.net

LEGISLATIVE 2017 – 2018

Welcome to a new fiscal year. The Legislative Program provides information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of the American Legion.

(Please provide this bulletin to your Unit Legislative Chairman)

As your Unit Chairman you can do this by encouraging your members to:

- Subscribing to the Legion's Legislative Action Alerts to receive notifications when they call on all Legion Family members to take immediate action on a topic. Visit www.capwiz.com/legion/mlm/signup to subscribe. Report to your unit chairman when you have done so.
- Subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Update to stay informed on veteran and military legislative issues. Report to your unit chairman when you have subscribed.
- Order a copy of the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide through your unit or your department headquarters and follow the suggestions it contain to help build legislative awareness in your community. The guide can also be download from www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- Visit the Legion's legislative website, www.legion.org/legislative, to keep current on legislative priorities. The site also contains the Legion's legislative priority sheets and point papers, available for download.
 - The priority/dropdown sheets outline the Legion's priorities and you can "drop" these in your elected official's office.
 - The point papers provide more information on the issues and the Legion's position.

This is just a starting point for your Unit's members involvement with legislation. More information to follow as the year goes on. The monthly bulletin will provide more ways to be involved with local and national government officials. We must take an active stance to make a difference for our Active Duty Military, Veterans and Community.

As your Arizona Department Auxiliary Chairman for the Legislative Program I want to keep in touch with you, the Chairman of your Unit, so I encourage you to provide me your email address so that I can provide you with legislative links. The information you will receive will need to be shared with your unit through your Unit's monthly meetings. I encourage you to write a paragraph a month on this program stating how the unit has participated or on when you, the Chairman, provide information to your membership to keep them aware of legislation actions. The monthly reports will help you compile your mid-year and year-end reports.

When you email me please type "ALA Legislative - Unit (your unit's number)" in the subject line.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS” IN SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS
MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

August 2017

Hi Ladies!!! What an honor to serve as Membership Chairman this year for the great state of Arizona. I know that we “Can-Can” increase membership this year. How? Each one of us within our own Units just need to make a commitment in helping each other, (a) ask Legionnaires at your home Post if their family are members, and if not, offer to sign-them up, (b) if a member hasn’t paid her dues, give her a call and find out why, (c) wear your Auxiliary shirts with our logo.

SO, WHO IS READY FOR “ALL TREATS, NO TRICKS AWARD?”

*National has offered Departments the above award with guidelines. So, let’s talk about the State of Arizona. If we have all of our Units that **DO NOT** show a “0” membership standing as of **October 1, 2017** (our due date) we will win. What is the award????? **How does \$1,000 sound for the Department of Arizona?** Can we do this? Yes, we CAN-CAN. More about this will be explained at your District Membership meetings.*

So---are we going to increase membership? Yes, we CAN-CAN!!!!

Your first target date is 60% by October 11, 2017, so please try to get your members renewed, or make phone calls to encourage members to rejoin. And, of course, invite new members to join this wonderful organization!!

WHAT’S IMPORTANT?

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY

For more information about membership, please go to www.alaforveterans.org and link on “members only” and click on Membership Program Action Plan.

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ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING LOG

Name: _____

Address: _____

Member #: _____

Unit: _____

DATE OF TRAINING	COURSE	TRAINER	HOURS	ACCUMULATED HOURS	SIGNATURE OF TRAINER
EX: 01/01/2016	EX: Officers Duties	EX: Jane Doe	EX: 1	EX: 1	

When Complete send to: American Legion Auxiliary
Department of AZ
4701 N. 19th Ave, Ste 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

Course = Training; Seminar; Workshop

Total Hours = EX: (a) = 1.5 + (b) = .5 Total Hours=2.0



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS”
MUSIC REPORT
AUGUST 2017**

WELCOME ABOARD!

Congratulations to all the incoming Department, District, and Unit officers and chairmen. It's going to be an exciting year working with President Yolanda for “High Heels and Spurs in Service to our Veterans.” This is Convention month and hopefully many of you will be traveling to Reno to enjoy the sights and the camaraderie of your Auxiliary sisters.

As you begin planning and organizing for the year, keep in mind that music should always play a part in our gatherings. A patriotic song during the opening or closing of the meetings is especially meaningful. During regular meetings we honor our Flag, recite the Pledge of Alliance, recite the Preamble to our Constitution, and sing the Star Spangled Banner or another patriotic song. Music sets the mood and puts us in the right frame of mind to conduct the business of the Auxiliary.

If your Unit doesn't already have a Music Chairman, I'd like to suggest that you appoint one or several to take turns leading the songs during meetings. It's a great way to get new members involved in what we do.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who participated in the Choir at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning during the Department Convention in June. The Memorial Choir performs on Sunday mornings during the Fall Conference and the Convention. I'd appreciate your support in encouraging members to be a participant in the Choir. It's very rewarding.

It's not too early to start planning ahead for the Fall Conference. Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents. Click on ALA Department Awards Book and go to page 48. This will list the rules and the scoring for the awards.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

NATIONAL SECURITY

AUGUST 2017

This year I am your Department National Security Chairman which falls under my responsibilities as National Executive Committeewomen.

What is this program, and why do we have it?

The National Security Program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

In the next bulletin there will be ways as to what you can do to work this program. I am looking forward to a great year and receiving many reports from all the units. In the next bulletin I will provide the due dates for the mid-year report and year end report.

Information will be provided in the next bulletin on the Children & Youth/National Security workshop to be held in January.

Jan Cushing
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National Security Chairman
2017-2018

THANK YOU

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I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S,
DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE GIFTS THAT
WERE PRESENTED TO ME AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, WORDS CAN'T
EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE.

THANK YOU FOR AN AWESOME YEAR AS YOUR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.

PAWS IN SERVICE,

JAN CUSHING

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

2016-2017

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

August 2017

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past Presidents Parley committee, women who have served as unit, department, and national presidents have an opportunity to continue in active service to the Auxiliary, helping ensure strong future leadership for the organization. The Past Presidents Parley also recognizes and honors outstanding unit members through Unit Member of the Year, and, female veterans through the Salute to Servicewomen awards.

What can you do?

1. Promote mentoring opportunities of unit members. As former leaders, past presidents at all levels are encouraged to continue their support to the organization by accepting responsibility to contribute their experience, knowledge and wisdom. As ambassadors for the organization, there is much information to share in achieving a stronger organization, at each level, by sustaining growth through positive actions.
2. Promote and submit nominations for the Salute to Servicewomen Award. The Past Presidents Parley will continue to recognize the military service of female personnel, including the National Guard and Reserve components, representing each branch of service at the national convention.

Past Presidents Parley Reporting: An annual report is not required; however, a year-end summary and a mid-year progress report are suggested as tools to gauge the direction and effectiveness of department activities. Both narratives should be forwarded to the national chairman by January 5, 2018, for midyear and May 1, 2018, for year-end.

Hello Ladies !

Presidents !

Please make sure you have a Poppy chairman and she receives my monthly bulletin promptly each month.

The Poppy Program is a fun filled program with awards, poppy posters and Miss Poppy riding in parades and assisting you in events and fund raisers.

However, it is also a serious program. In these monthly packets you'll also be receiving information on how and why our poppy came to be and what it represents. Please educate your Unit members, friends, family and the general public while out collect donations. If donors understand the significance they may dig deeper in to their wallets. Enclosed this month is a copy of the poem "In Flanders Fields". A suggestion is you put a copy of it in a photo frame and place it near your poppy display. It makes a good conversation starter, doesn't take up much space and also educates.

May 2, 1915 a young Canadian officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer was killed. His friend and military doctor, John McCrae, conducted the burial service as the Chaplain had been called away. Later that night he wrote the following poem.

In Flanders Fields
by John McCrae

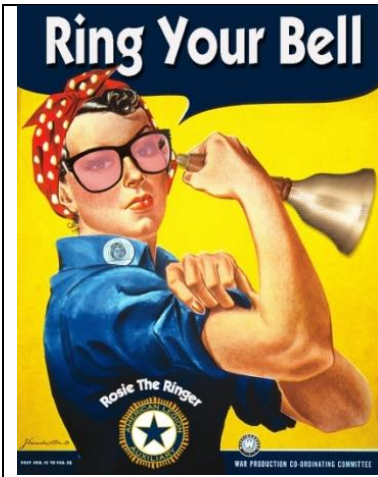
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved,
and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

United We Stand, for God and Country,
Julie Ross
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Public Relations: August 2018



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Facebook Group: Search for "Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA"

- Units post activities of pride or interest to each other and department.
- Posts from this page "feed" the Department webpage—get your activities & photos on the Department website!
- Get help from other Units/Department
- Also "Ring Your Bell" central for the contest. Request membership today!

Ring Your Bell Contest 2016-17 Winner – H.H. Donkersley Unit 19 Yuma!!!

Congratulations Unit 19! Keep on ringing your engraved bell!

2017-18 Ring Your Bell Contest

That was so much fun, we are doing it again...only easier!

- Beginning in August, earn 10 points for every photo posted on the Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA Facebook group or emailed to aladeptaz@gmail.com. To ensure credit, make sure you post your unit number and tell us your story! Maximum 100 points per month.
- Extra (one-time per month) 25 points if any post is about the ALA program of that month--check the ALA wheel on the Department webpage www.aladeptaz.com
- Extra 25 Points (one-time per month) if any post is about the President's Special Project: ALA Girls State
- If needed, we will have a tie-breaker "specialty post" periodically.
- Winner gets an engraved hand bell!! Did you see Unit 19's?
- Not a member of the group? Open up your Facebook app; where the "spy glass" search icon is, type in: ring your bell arizona ala; click on "request membership"—that's all there is to it!

July PR Highlights

- New Department Officers highlighted in 6 valley newspapers
- Safford Unit 32 long-time member featured in local paper
- Tucson radio station KGVY 1080 posted ALA Firefighter appreciation event taking place at Post 7 on their Facebook page and announced in on their morning show!
- Unit 41, 54 and 84 had their photos/stories added to the Department webpage.

Marge Christianson- Public Relations Volunteer & Chair
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PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT GIRLS STATE

As most of you heard at convention, President Yolanda's special project is Girls State. After this was announced I heard some positive remarks, but I heard a lot of negative remarks. Let me take this time to CLEAR THE AIR. Not all special projects have to be for veterans; after all we as an organization have four pillars: VA&R, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. Girls State falls under two of these pillars, Americanism and Children and Youth. With this being said, we need a buffer in the Girls State account so that we can keep the cost at \$300.00 per girl.

THIS PROJECT IS SEPARATE FROM GIRLS STATE. WE ARE RAISING MONEY TO KEEP COSTS THE SAME TO UNITS, WE ARE NOT RECRUITING GIRLS, AND I AM NOT IN CHARGE OF GIRLS STATE. I AM IN CHARGE OF FUNDRAISING. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME 602-628-4088.

With all that being said, on to the fun. If you were at convention you also heard that if we, as a Department can raise \$50,000 for Presidents Special Project. I would do my presentation at convention next June **IN A DRESS AND WOMANS SHOES**. This information has already prompted units to start working immediately. I know of \$1236.00 that will be sent in to Department.

I am willing to come to District meetings, and if I can swing it, Unit Meetings to talk about Presidents Special Project.

My area chairman are: Area A,	Area B	Area C
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For God and Country

Rose Ficklin	602-628-4088	auntwosie1990@yahoo.com
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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

AUGUST, 2017

Ladies,

Upcoming schedule for Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials hosted by Auxiliary Units are as follows:

August	Unit 59
September	Open
October	Unit 24
November	Open
December	Open

We are in dire need of units to host the monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials for September and on through next year. **Please contact Fran Johnston at 520-599-4786 to host a social.**

At the recent Cinco de Mayo event, there is a past commander of Post 59 who had tears in his eyes during the event and when we dedicated a song to him as there were 4 volunteers from Unit 59 on that day. He told me to pass on to all of the units (while patting his heart), "Thank you from my heart for never forgetting us and keeping us going." Wow we couldn't get a better 'thank you' for all that we do to help at the Arizona State Veteran's Home - Tucson. Ladies what an honor!

There are plans of having the home's sports lounge open for the residents to enjoy refreshments and games, or watch sports on TV and enjoy the lounge. Sort of a place where the residents can group and mingle and have their place. Anna Marie provided two beer signs and Unit 132 provided a Coors light Up. The recreation program director would like to have another couple of beer, etc light ups. If you can donate one please call Anna Marie at 520-404-7646.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The following schedule is upcoming events at the Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson (ASVH-Tucson). Please remember we always need donations to have these monthly events and really need volunteers especially in transporting the residents from their rooms to the events. The events are held mostly in the Chapel room or outside in front of Bldg. #1 at ASVH-Tucson.

A. August Events

August 15	Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social hosted by ALA Unit 59 at 1:30 p.m. In
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B. September Events

September 15	Home will host Dia de Septiembre with mariachis and food
September 23	Bike Show 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. hosted by American Legion Post 7. Hoping Post 24 also participates as they were the first to have the show at the home. ALA to host lunch. Menu is sloppy joes, Anna; Macaroni Salad, Fran; Beans, Mary Shaffer; Tommy, Kay, and Terry assigned desserts. <u>Need buns, chips, soda, pickled spears, and paper goods.</u> Tommy will DJ.

C. October Events

October 17	Steering Committee will meet on the 17 th as original date is a paid
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holiday for the home. Will resume the regular date on November 13, 2017

October 17 Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social hosted by ALA Unit 24.

October 20 Fall Festival – Tentative Date
ELKS and ALA Unit 24 to bring pumpkins which are used to paint and carve for the Fall Festival
Need paper goods and 60 to 70 cakes, pies, etc. for cake walks which the residents and their families participate.

D. November Events

November 24 ELKS to decorate for the holidays in Bldg. #3
ALA to schedule date to decorate during August Steering Committee meeting

E. December Events

December 13 ELKS Holiday Party
December 24 Purple Heart Party
December 15 ALA Christmas Party – tentative date will approve in August.

ITEMS NEEDED – WISH LIST

Sam Nanez, Recreation Director, at the home also advised the committee on additional needs, for example:

Cribbage boards	Velvet art painting
Water colors	Art paper
Batteries needed i.e., AA, AAA, C, and D sizes	CD players
Puzzle Books	Word Search Books
Arts and crafts – supplies	Crossword Puzzles
Audible Books	

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

A toast for your blessed life!!! Salute!!!! And, one of the residents will be celebrating his 101st birthday.

Aug 4 Paul	Aug 13 Paul	Aug 18 Edward	Aug 21 Paul
Aug 23 Nellie	Aug 26 Efren	Aug 30 Donald	Aug 31 Lawrence

God bless the residents of ASVH-Tucson who have passed away recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
7-31-17

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

The American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday. We sponsored refreshments on May 16th & May 30th, 2017 and June 20th, 2017 and July 18th, 2017. We will be sponsoring refreshments on August 15th and August 29th, 2017. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 & 132 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. Previously these Veterans were bussed to and from residential shelters. This facility will allow for additional supervision of Veteran patients and it is felt that this will contribute to their success in the program. This facility is requesting clear backpacks (25 per month) and water bottles (25 per month). The staff requesting these donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need. Units 102, 131, 132, 109 and District 2 have responded to this need and we ordered 250 backpacks and water bottles in July. The donation was received August 1, 2017 and will be reflected in the August report.

Veterans Creative Arts meeting was held at SAVAHCS on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. This chairman attended the meeting with SAVAHCS personnel and members from the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance who will be collaborating with the committee in an effort to expand this program in Tucson. SAACA attended the quarterly VAVS meeting on July 26, 2017 to discuss their participation in this program and to encourage all service organizations to participate in this program.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 is \$1,822.00. Thank you Unit 66 for your generous donation. It was recorded on August 1, 2017 and will be reflected in the August report.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 is \$12,250.50. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Ann Reatherford, Unit 24, Unit 131, Unit 132, Unit 73 and Unit 109 members and unaffiliated volunteers for their constant support of VA programs through their donations. The Legion family is the largest supporter of the Arizona Fisher House. Currently, Arizona Fisher House is funded for the foreseeable future. Other programs are in dire need of donations (ie. Homeless, Building 95, Social Services, Bingo, etc.).

Fifteen registered hospital volunteers and ten summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 is 1,866; occasional volunteer hours are 24 donated by ten occasional volunteers. We are now down to fourteen registered volunteers at SAVAHCS. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have one new American Legion Auxiliary registered volunteer.

This chairman has volunteered 88 hours and logged 1,080 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of July 31, 2017. This chairman is on the Executive Committee as vice president for the VAVS

Committee at SAVAHCS. Deputy Ann Reatherford was elected to the Executive Committee at the quarterly meeting on July 26, 2017. Her term will begin in October, 2017 and she will be serving for two years.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

August 2017

Our work is to enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families provides our members opportunities to serve in volunteer leadership roles within their local Veterans Affairs hospital.

The following is what we can do.

1. Provide opportunities for Auxiliary members to serve veterans and their families as volunteers at VA health care facilities through the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS).
2. There isn't a VA hospital close to your community? Find opportunities for Auxiliary members to serve veterans in your area. These hours will count toward your Service to Veterans pin and hour bars.
3. Assist veterans in accessing VA benefits including, but not limited to, health care. This should include coordinating with the local American Legion Post Service Officer.
4. Assist in activities that help homeless veterans.
5. Support rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts and hobbies.
6. Help The American Legion, State Department of Veterans Affairs and Chamber of Commerce promote job fairs for veterans and their families.
7. Assist and support caregivers of veterans.

In the months to come I will be providing ideas and resources that will assist you in working the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program for the year 2017-2018.

Patricia Lugo, Chairman
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

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