

**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE
NOVEMBER 2019**

Target Date 75% by November 16, 2019.

As we prepare for the Department of Arizona's Fall Conference. Our Department Chairmen are busy preparing useful information that you can take home to share with your members. I hope you are planning to attend.

I look forward to sharing the great work you have been doing. I admire the amazing job that is being done by the members in carrying out our mission.

As we continue to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. I look forward to participating with you in the various activities that are planned.

I am amazed by the welcome reception the spouses of our female veterans are receiving by our members. My unit, Tony F. Soza/Ray Martinez Unit 41 welcomed our first male member at our October meeting.

Thank you all for the way that the President's Special Project is being received. A meeting will be held at Fall Conference to update everyone about the Statewide projects being held. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to the Units that have invited me to your meetings I have enjoyed participating with you at your meetings

How can I Become A Better Auxiliary Member?

"What do you mean a better Auxiliary member? I pay my dues. I attend some (none or all) of our meetings. I'm an officer (chairman or member). What more can I do?" Even if you do attend all Auxiliary events (Unit, District, and/or Department), serve as an officer (Unit, district, and/or Department), we all can still become a "better Auxiliary member" and leader.

"For true success ask yourself these four questions: Why? Why not? Why not me? Why not now?" How would you answer those questions? Perhaps the following answers might encourage you to become a better Auxiliary member.

1. Why? — Not only to keep up on what is happening on the District/Department level but keep up with what is happening nationally. The national chairman provides information on all of the programs so we can become a more informed Auxiliary member.

2. Why not? — It should be obvious — not to miss out on the latest in this largest patriotic organization!

3. Why not me? — That's right! Why not me. I can become a better informed and successful Auxiliary member to contribute to the mission.

4. Why not now? — This is a great opportunity to schedule a mission training in your area that can benefit you in learning more about the American Legion Auxiliary and what you can do to make it THE organization everyone will want to belong to! Contact the Leadership Chairman to schedule a Mission Training Class at your unit.

Let's take pride in our American Legion Auxiliary Membership!

Patricia Lugo – President
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Serving Those Behind The Badge FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH NOVEMBER, 2019

Greetings,

Fall conference is just around the corner. There will be a packet with information for each Units Children and Youth Chairman and a mid-year report form. Please send to me by 12/15/2019. If you need a form, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Holiday Ideas

- Perhaps you can take time just to be with children, giving them a smile and hug.
- Have a movie marathon or a game night with your family or block-party that would include community activities.
- Adopt military families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are many families that can use assistance around the holidays.
- Clothing drives to help families and children.
- Run a canned food drive for families with Juniors assisting with shopping, collection, sorting and delivery.
- Plan activities at your Post to benefit families.
- Bake holiday treats with Juniors to give to Veterans and their families.
- Sponsor a toy drive to provide toys for military families and our community families.

Mark your Calendar

Mid-Year: December 15, 2017

Children & Youth and National Security Workshop: TBD

Purple Up for Military Children: April 3, 2020

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!



For God and Country

Lynda Griffin – Chairman

Rebecca Gulley – Committee Member



Chaplain

November 2019

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary members and happy Thanksgiving to you all!

If you have prayers to send me for Madam President's Prayer Book, I'd love to start receiving them. As always, if you would like me to send a card to someone, my contact information is listed below. Please send me an e-mail or text message and I'll get a card sent out right away. I'd be happy to send any kind of card – get well, condolences, thinking of you, motivational, encouragement, great job, etc.

Dear Heavenly Father,

When I have food, help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer.

And remembering,

help me to destroy my complacency;

be concerned enough to help;

By word and deed,

Those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.

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Community Service

October 2019

Hello Ladies,

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others” -
Muhatma Gandhi

What have you and your units been doing? I challenge every unit and member to do a “Good Deed” a day. I would love to hear about some of your good deeds and highlight them in upcoming bulletins. I am excited for your mid-year reports and to see all that you have accomplished thus far! In the meantime, please feel free to email or text me some things you are doing so I can share them now.

Some ideas for a “Good Deed” are, bring some baked goods to your local fire or police department. Help someone load their groceries into the house. Drop off old magazines to the VA home or your local senior citizen center.

Veterans Day is fast approaching and is an awesome day for your unit to plan a community service event. Thanksgiving is also just around the corner with lots of opportunities to help in the community.

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Creative Arts

November 2019

Please open your packets from Fall Conference. There is valuable information in these packets and a lot of work goes in to preparing them for you.

Please encourage veterans you know to enter their creations in the local Creative Arts Festivals. They don't need to be "artists" to enter. They will find out other veterans share similar interests. Veterans should contact their local VA Recreation Therapy Department for information about applications. Information is also available at, creativeartsfestival@va.gov.

VA&R funds and Poppy funds can be used for Creative Arts. Most units have raffles, 50/50 drawings, or dinners to raise funds. Some units have craft sales. Think creatively. I know there are a lot of crafty ALA members out there. Have a "paint night" or card making party. Have a "class" with a unit member teaching others a craft. Have a karaoke night or a creative writing contest. How about a play or skit. All donations should be sent to Department.

Plan now to attend your local Creative Arts Festival in February. More info coming.

Your Department Creative Arts Team is here to help you.

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Education November, 2019



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

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

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

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

Be sure to review all the material in the Education packet distributed at the Fall Conference. It contains the rules and application forms for all of these scholarships, as well as the report forms for the mid-year and year-end reports. Don't forget *American Education Week*, November 18-22, 2019.

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

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

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
JUNIOR PROGRAM
November 2019-2020**

“Serving Those Behind the Badge”

Suggested activities:

Junior Activities Patch Program: American Legion Auxiliary Junior members and Sons of The American Legion youth members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she/he belongs to an active Junior group or squadron, Junior Auxiliary members and SAL youth members can serve their communities and veterans and receive a Patch when the all the requirements are met.

If you would like a presentation regarding the program, please let us know.

For the Troops: Receiving a care package and a Christmas card from home can be a real morale booster for a deployed service member. Can you imagine what it would mean if they knew it came from The American Legion Auxiliary Junior Members from Arizona? We have boxes from the Post Office that you can use to send a care package. Please let us know if you want to participate in this activity.

How can Junior members participate in the Poppy Program?

- Have a Poppy making party.
- Encourage Junior members to serve as Miss Poppy.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Have questions? Contact us at:

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

Juniors Program 2019-2020

Dear Unit, Junior Chairmen: Thank you for your commitment to the Junior program of the American Legion Auxiliary for the year 2019-2020. As a senior member who graduated from the Junior program, I know how important it is to have chairmen who believe in preparing girls to become active adult members of the organization by providing positive volunteer experiences that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary.

Throughout the year through this bulletin I will post ideas of projects you can do with your Juniors. I would also like it if you have any ideas that you share with the rest of us, by sending them to me. In as much as we are celebrating the 100th birthday let's make it a fun year!

Ideas:

- ❖ Get your school or unit involved in making Pocket Flags for Veterans Day, see if you can have all the classes in your school fold flags for military personnel. Talk to your principal or counselor and explain that you are a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Explain that you want to teach classmates about Veterans Day and that they can make a difference in a military service member by doing little projects like folding Pocket Flags. You could also use this as an opportunity to work towards a patch. You could give a presentation about what the flag represents and the meaning behind it. Your school may not be able to pay for the flags, so talk to them about fundraising ideas. You could sell suckers at lunch on every Friday for a month. Visit the link <http://www.pocketflagproject.com> for more information.
- ❖ Write thank you letters. Contact a nursing home or veteran's home near your unit and ask how many veterans live there. Then get other Juniors in your unit or friends together and write thank you letters to them. To tell how much you appreciate their service and sacrifice they gave to our country. You can even include drawings of flags, or a picture of poppies.
- ❖ Collect items for the Give 10 to Education project. With other Juniors in your unit or with friends collect items for students in your school who has a parent in the military or National Guard. Work with your teacher or school counselor on how to get the items to the students.

We are in the planning stages of the Junior Fall Conference. The date and location will be announced in next month's bulletin.

Lexis Nicole Escudero, Chairman
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Legislative

November 2019

Greetings,

On October 2nd, Vice President Mike Pence landed in Phoenix, hoping to bolster the election prospects of Senator McSally. He attended a high dollar fundraiser for her and to highlight the administration's economic policies.

On October 4th, Senator Bernie Sanders suffered a heart attack. Was admitted to a Las Vegas hospital, while on his presidential campaign. He returned to his home in Burlington, VT that Saturday and is expected to recover and get back to work. His campaign said that he would attend the next Democratic debate to be held near Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 15. Also on October 4th, The President visited with wounded warriors at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

On October 7th, The President participated in a briefing with senior military leaders. President and First Lady participated in a social dinner with senior military leaders and spouses.

On October 8th, The President presents the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Edwin Meese. Also on October 8th, From ALA Legislative Facebook Page: "HR 553 Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act is a top priority. Have you checked to see if your representative is a cosponsor? Many are back home and this is a great time to encourage them to support this bill. If they are a cosponsor thank them and encourage them to do what they can to bring this bill to the floor of the house for a vote. There are 377 cosponsors. Remember go to congress.gov and put in HR553 to find the cosponsors."

On October 9th, The President signs Executive Orders on transparency in Federal guidance and enforcement.

On October 10th, President Trump held rally in Minneapolis. This was the first rally he held since the impeachment probe. Also on October 10th, both the House and Senate Appropriations Committee's Democratic leaders urged greater discipline and transparency from Trump Administration regarding ICE funds.

On October 11th, The President delivers remarks at Keep America Great Rally in Louisiana.

On October 12th, The President delivers remarks at Values Voter Summit in Washington D.C.

I think that is about all for now, except I will be providing information as well as the Mid-Year Legislative Report Forms at Fall Conference in Tucson.

"A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?" - George Washington

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen. Chairman

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY for 2020

Membership Standings For October 4, 2019

75% By November 16, 2019

DISTRICT**PRESIDENT: PATRICIA LUGO**

| Unit | City | Totals for District 0 | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
|------|---------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 100 | Phoenix | PATRICIA LUGO | 108 | 24 | 22.22% |
| | | Totals for District 0 | 108 | 24 | 6.56% |

DISTRICT 1**PRESIDENT: DENISE JUNGEN****VP: NOLA HOLLAND**

| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
|------|-------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 19 | Yuma | TAMMI CHAMPLIN | 251 | 27 | 10.76% |
| 46 | Bouse | SUE HERRON | 59 | 2 | 3.39% |
| 56 | Yuma | LINDA CLARK | 72 | | 0.00% |
| | | Totals for District 1 | 382 | 29 | 7.59% |

DISTRICT 2**PRESIDENT: JAN CHRISTENSEN****VP: ROSIE SALAS**

| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
|------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 7 | Tucson | KAREN ALFF | 102 | 23 | 22.55% |
| 10 | Ajo | SANDRA HARMON | 41 | 16 | 39.02% |
| 36 | Tucson | SHELLY SPERL | 328 | 59 | 17.99% |
| 59 | Tucson | ROSIE SALAS | 137 | 33 | 24.09% |
| 66 | Green Valley | DIANE HELSER | 1007 | 290 | 28.80% |
| 68 | Tucson | CECILIA GUTERREZ | 78 | 15 | 19.23% |
| 73 | Tucson | ROXANNE RUIZ | 33 | 13 | 39.39% |
| 109 | Corona | MICHAEL CHAPMEN | 287 | 34 | 11.85% |
| 125 | YOEME | | 19 | | 0.00% |
| 131 | Madera | CLEONE MAGNUSON | 560 | 194 | 34.64% |
| 132 | Oro Valley | ROSE GONALEZ | 82 | 30 | 36.59% |
| | | Totals for District 2 | 2674 | 707 | 26.44% |

DISTRICT 3**PRESIDENT: NANCY BERG****VP: CHRISTINE KITSENBERGER**

| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
|------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 11 | Douglas | ILIANA SOLIS | 141 | 58 | 41.13% |
| 16 | Bisbee | LAURA CHAVEZ | 22 | | 0.00% |
| 24 | Tombstone | JOY WESTIN | 268 | 63 | 23.51% |
| 45 | Benson | ALISSA MONTIJO | 57 | 10 | 17.54% |
| 52 | Sierra Vista | CHRISTINE KATZENBERGER | 173 | 23 | 13.29% |
| | | Totals for District 3 | 661 | 154 | 23.30% |

DISTRICT 4**PRESIDENT: LOIS THOMAS-HOMEWYTEWA****KATHLEEN RIKLI**

| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
|------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 8 | Casa Grande | DONNITE EGLE | 57 | 21 | 36.84% |
| 9 | Florence | TERESA WHITTEN | 25 | 4 | 16.00% |
| 51 | Blackwater | PAMELA THOMPSON | 69 | | 0.00% |
| 54 | Coolidge | NATALIE BAGNALL | 106 | 27 | 25.47% |
| 97 | SanTan Valley | LINDA MOORE | 27 | 15 | 55.56% |
| 129 | Queen Creek | PAM WOJTKUN | 12 | 3 | 25.00% |
| 133 | Maricopa | GABBY POTTER | 31 | 15 | 48.39% |
| | | Totals for District 4 | 327 | 85 | 25.99% |

| DISTRICT 5 | | PRESIDENT: LINDA LOPEZ | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | | VP: PATTY NOLAN | | | |
| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
| 4 | Globe | CARISSA KNAUSS | 43 | 6 | 13.95% |
| 28 | Clifton | AMY SAMMITO | 40 | | 0.00% |
| 32 | Safford | KATHY STICKLIN | 144 | 22 | 15.28% |
| 95 | Solomon | FRANCES LOPEZ | 78 | 14 | 17.95% |
| Totals for District 5 | | | 305 | 42 | 13.77% |
| DISTRICT 6 | | PRESIDENT: KATHLEEN CHAMBERLAIN | | | |
| | | VP: | | | |
| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
| 30 | Springerville | JULIE SHEPHARD | 58 | 4 | 6.90% |
| 31 | St Johns | RENDY LEYBA | 18 | | 0.00% |
| 37 | Holbrook | MANDIE SHAW | 43 | 7 | 16.28% |
| 69 | Payson | CATHY ALSTON | 124 | | 0.00% |
| 76 | Show Low | KATHLEEN CHAMBERLAIN | 27 | 12 | 44.44% |
| 86 | Overgaard | CHRISTINE BOYER | 276 | 42 | 15.22% |
| 126 | Snowflake-Taylor | ANITA VANHASSEL | 18 | | 0.00% |
| 130 | Concho | LAURA LEFFOW | 24 | | 0.00% |
| Totals for District 6 | | | 588 | 65 | 11.05% |
| DISTRICT 7 | | PRESIDENT: ELLEN HAMPTON | | | |
| | | VP: DANA BROCK | | | |
| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
| 3 | Flagstaff | WILDINE RODRIGUEZ | 122 | 14 | 11.48% |
| 13 | Williams | DARLENE FOSTER | 47 | 5 | 10.64% |
| 14 | Swaskegame | ROBIN ELSNEER | 126 | 26 | 20.63% |
| 22 | Golden Valley | TAMMY SMITH | 90 | 7 | 7.78% |
| 42 | Grand Canyon | REBECCA ROCHA | 35 | | 0.00% |
| 57 | Robert Fulton | LOJRAY ALVAREZ | 74 | 36 | 48.65% |
| 81 | Robert A Eckert | KATHY SAMMONS | 457 | 89 | 19.47% |
| 87 | Bullhead City | CAROL CROUGH | 133 | 4 | 3.01% |
| 88 | Dolan Springs | NANCY ESTENSON | 61 | | 0.00% |
| 103 | Meadview | MARY DOWDY | 52 | 28 | 53.85% |
| Totals for District 7 | | | 1197 | 209 | 17.46% |
| DISTRICT 8 | | PRESIDENT: SUSIE KING-SANDERS | | | |
| | | VP: TRISH FELKER | | | |
| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
| 6 | Prescott | MARY ANN COLE | 258 | 70 | 27.13% |
| 25 | Cottonwood | LISA YOUNG | 228 | 57 | 25.00% |
| 40 | Chino Valley | LIZ PIPER | 107 | 10 | 9.35% |
| 78 | Humbolt | PATTI HARTFIEL; | 135 | 28 | 20.74% |
| 79 | Yarnell | KATHY HOLLE | 212 | 61 | 28.77% |
| 90 | Black Canyon | SHELIA MEYER | 28 | 1 | 3.57% |
| 93 | Camp Verde | SUZAN BRUCE | 175 | 21 | 12.00% |
| 108 | Prescott Valley | BARBARA PIDGEON | 58 | 26 | 44.83% |
| 135 | Cornville | JONNIE MADDOX | 69 | 22 | 31.88% |
| 139 | Crown King | SHELIA COLEMAN | 42 | | 0.00% |
| Totals for District 8 | | | 1312 | 296 | 22.56% |

DISTRICT 11**PRESIDENT: TINA GANADOS****VP: DOTTY FRENCH**

| Unit | City | | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | Phoenix | JAN CUSHING | 139 | 25 | 17.99% |
| 5 | Phoenix | CHARLOTTE MARTIN | 78 | 7 | 8.97% |
| 12 | Wickenburg | KATHY BERKA | 236 | 22 | 9.32% |
| 29 | Glendale | VERA ROBERTSON | 375 | 66 | 17.60% |
| 53 | Buckeye | TRINA STARK | 27 | 9 | 33.33% |
| 61 | Avondale | TINA GANADOS | 202 | 26 | 12.87% |
| 62 | Peoria | TAMMY EARLY | 750 | 159 | 21.20% |
| 105 | Phoenix | VICKY STOKES | 165 | 30 | 30.00% |
| 134 | Laveen | HOLLY BERGERON | 31 | 9 | 29.03% |
| Totals for District 11 | | | 2003 | 353 | 17.62% |

DISTRICT 12**PRESIDENT: REBECCA GULLEY****VP: CHRISTEL ROMERO**

| Unit | City | President | Goal | Year-To-Date | % of Goal |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2 | Tempe | KTHERINE KRANTZ | 101 | 24 | 23.76% |
| 26 | Mesa | CAROL GROEGER | 243 | 74 | 30.45% |
| 27 | Apache Junction | CINDY QUEEN | 1877 | 217 | 11.56% |
| 34 | Cave Creek | DIANNE STEVENS | 229 | 16 | 6.99% |
| 35 | Chandler | STACY RIEBOLD | 310 | 58 | 18.71% |
| 39 | Gilbert | CAT LUDWICK | 369 | 62 | 16.80% |
| 41 | Phoenix | ROSITA HERNANDEZ | 349 | 76 | 21.78% |
| 44 | Scottsdale | JUNE MOYER | 387 | 85 | 21.96% |
| 58 | Fountain Hills | CARRIE MARTINEZ | 275 | 42 | 24.00% |
| 65 | Phoenix | TOYE STOKES | 296 | 75 | 25.34% |
| 84 | Sacaton | CARLETTA MCDANIELS | 51 | 48 | 94.12% |
| 91 | Chandler | CRYSTAL BEAUVAIS | 180 | 54 | 30.00% |
| 107 | Phoenix | SANDRA MANN | 285 | 91 | 31.93% |
| 114 | Scottsdale | JOYCE SAMMARIPA | 48 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 117 | Phoenix | RACY SQUIRES | 165 | 50 | 30.30% |
| 124 | Guadalupe | RAQUEL PEREZ | 22 | 6 | 27.27% |
| 138 | Scottsdale | SANDRA HURLEY | 61 | 9 | 14.75% |
| Totals for District 12 | | | 5248 | 987 | 18.81% |

TOTAL**14805****2951****19.93%**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP

NOVEMBER 2019

AS THE MEMBERSHIP PATROL MOVES ON WE KEEP PROVING AS IN THE PAST, THE LADIES IN THE WEST ARE THE BEST!!!!

I AM NOT A FACEBOOK USER BUT AS I CAN SEE FROM ALL THOSE ENTRIES ON OUR ALA RING YOUR BELL RING YOUR BELL I AM GONG TO HAVE TO START USING. I AM AMAZED BY ALL THE WORK OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING TO CELEBRATE OUR CENTENIAL. WHAT WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITES TO REACH OUT TO OUR MEMBERS THAT NEED TO BE REENGAGED AND BROUGHT BACK INTO OUR ORGANIZATION. THIS IS ALSO GREAT TIME TO INVITE IN NEW MEMBERS.

EVERYTIME I WRITE THIS BULLETIN I FEEL LIKE I AM PREACHING TO THE CHOIR. YOU LADIES HAVE PROVED TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT WE START OFF SLOW BUT CATCH UP FAST. WE HAVE SO MANY NEW THINGS COMING INTO PLACE THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFCIULT BRING IN NEW MEMBERS. THESE INCLUDE NOW HAVING SPOUSES OF OUR FEMALE VETERANS BEING ABLE TO JOIN AND THE CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY FOR OUR VETERANS.

ON TOP OF ALL THIS, HAVE YOU TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE AWARDS AND INCENTIVES BEING OFFERED BY NATIONAL? THERE IS STILL TIME FOR THE 10X10 FOR NEW JUNIOR AND OR SENIOR MEMBERS BY NOVEMBER 10, 2019 =\$100; RECRUIT/REJOIN 5 GIVES YOU A CHANCE WITH DEADLINE ON PRESIDENT'S DAY (2/17/20).

ARIZONA WE CAN DO IT!! LET'S HELP OUR DEPARTMENT WINN \$250 BY ACHIEVING 75% BY PEARL HARBOR DAY AND ANOTHER \$250 BY ARMED FORCEC DAY IF WE HAVE 95% GOAL. IF WE CAN REACH THESE GOALS, WE CAN ACHIEVE 100% BY 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION OUR DEPARTMENT WILL WIN \$500. BY DOING ALL THIS OUR DEPARTMENT CAN WIN A TOTAL OF \$1000. LET'S DO IT. REMEMBER MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S JOB AND I KNOW YOU ALL KNOW HOW TO WORK. AS I HAVE BEEN CALLING UNITS I AM FINDING OUT THAT SOME ARE HOLDING ONTO THEIR RENEWALS. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE SEND IN AS SOON AS YOU GET THEM OTHERWISE THEY CAN NOT BE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL FOR TOTALS.

AS ALWAYS THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO AND DANCING TO **OOH OOH OOH OOH STAYING ALIVE, STAYING ALIVE, STAYING ALIIIIIIIIIVE.**

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Membership chairman

ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP



We are in the middle of October with the fall conference and holiday season coming up. There a limited number of dates available during this time of year. It may seem like I am repeating the same dialog over and over, but policies were put in place for a reason, so reminders are given for a reason also.

The following dates are still available: Oct 27th, November 3rd, 16th and 17th, December 8th and 15th, January 4th, 11th and 12th. National Training is scheduled the last weekend in January in Las Vegas.

Training Scheduled:

Unit 35 hosted a mini session on October 5th with 15 attendees

Unit 107 – October 26th, mini session cancelled

Unit 131 – January 19th, full session

Districts 3, 6 and 8 have expressed interest but have not scheduled

TEN RULE – 10 signed up and paid to Department ten days in advance of training. 8-hour course is \$10 each; 4-hour course is \$5 each.

How many words (3 or more letters-no proper names) did you make from the word PREAMBLE? I got 61 with no problems. Let's try another word. How about Leadership (same rules apply).

For God and Country in Service to Veterans

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Open, Northern Co-Chair

Pending Approval, Southern Co-Chair

Open, Central Co-Chair



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”
MUSIC REPORT
NOVEMBER 2019**

Greetings:

This Chairman would like you to encourage your Unit members to participate in the choir, which sings two selections at the Memorial Service held the Sundays of Fall Conference and Department Convention. American Legion Chaplain, Trish Carlisle, has selected as her theme for the Memorial Service “Hands.” The Memorial Choir at Fall Conference will be singing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” and “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.”

Mid-year Reports are due to this Chairman by December 15. The form for submitting reports is included.

Information regarding the Music 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.

Department Music Awards will be handed out at Convention in June as follows:

MUSIC PLAQUES

**Frances Aros Memorial Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 151 and over
Millicent Kasun Music Plaque awarded to Unit with membership of 150 and under**

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”
MID-YEAR MUSIC REPORT FORM**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

It's that time of year when our thoughts stray to good food and spending valuable time with our families. It's also a wonderful opportunity to spread some cheer to our many Veterans who are not as blessed with "All Good Gifts" as we might be. Let's make a vow to get out there and give thanks to the many service men and women we honor by providing music at Veteran functions in our area. I am asking that each Music Chairman from all Units and Districts fill in this form telling me how music was used in your activities thus far this year.

1. Does the Unit/District have a Music Chairman? _____
2. If so, does that person choose the songs for all the meetings? _____
3. If the Unit/District does not have a Music Chairman, who decides which songs to sing or play? _____
4. How is music incorporated into the various functions in the Unit/District?

5. Do members regularly participate in music programs in their individual houses of worship and communities? _____. If so, give some examples: _____

6. Are regular visits made to hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? _____. If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? _____

Mid-year music reports are due to me no later than **December 15, 2019**. Either email/mail to me.

Unit No./District No.: _____/_____; No. of Unit Members: _____

Unit President: _____

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL SECURITY

NOVEMBER 2019

Hello ladies of the great state of Arizona!!! This month I want to share with each of you about Blue Star and Gold Star Banners, Yellow Ribbons and USO information.

Blue Star Banner. Rich in their significance and history, Blue Star flags were originally displayed starting in World War I and were used as a symbol to recognize the family member or members that were away, in service of their country. The blue stars, amidst the white field, represent **each member of the family that is in active duty.**

Gold Star Banner. The gold star represents a family member killed during active duty and stands for sacrifice made for honor and freedom. Banners, also called [service flags](#), containing gold stars indicates service members from that particular family were **killed in combat.**

Yellow Ribbons began appearing in large numbers after the Gulf War when we began sending large numbers of troops overseas to the Middle East. What is the history behind the display of ribbons? For a long time, ribbons have been kept as a symbol of remembrance of men and women who served in places far from home. Yellow ribbons continue to be a symbol of support for troops.

USO. *The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation.*

For over 77 years, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side. USO airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families.

Until next month with more news!!

Cindy Queen
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American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley

November 2019

Do you have plans to attend Fall Conference in Tucson? Please do take time to review your packet and ask questions about the Past Presidents Parley. You will find pertinent information about all plaques:

- **Arizona Active Past Presidents Plaque**
- **Cora Griggs Past Presidents Parley Plaque**
- **Jarvis Plaque Auxiliary Member of the Year**
- **Unit Member of the Year**

You will also find information about honoring

- **Women veterans**
- **Women currently serving in the military**
- **Outstanding unit members who do the hard work of service**

Does your Unit have dual Auxiliary-Legion members? If so, please forward some information about those members and their Branch of Service. Each month one member will be recognized with a short bio about their Military Service and service to the ALA and the American Legion.

This month, Jami Gavigan, past Mathew B. Juan Unit 35 President is our honoree. Jami served in the US Army Reserves for eight years and finished her military career as a Staff Sergeant. She is an eleven year member of the ALA and has been a Legionnaire for four years. She is currently serving Mathew B. Juan Post 35 on the Executive Committee. Thank you for your service Jami!

**Yolanda Bonilla
Past Presidents Parley Chairman
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POPPIES

NOVEMBER 2019



Hi ladies,

So, the holidays are creeping up on us and so much to do! Poppies are the perfect color for a Holiday Arrangement. The season is such a great time to remember our Veterans especially the ones with out family in a home. Adopt a Veteran for the Holidays. Have the person sign a holiday card for a Veteran, give them the holiday colored poppy for a donation. It's a Win Win for every ones heart for the Holiday.

Mid -Year Reports can be picked up at conference.

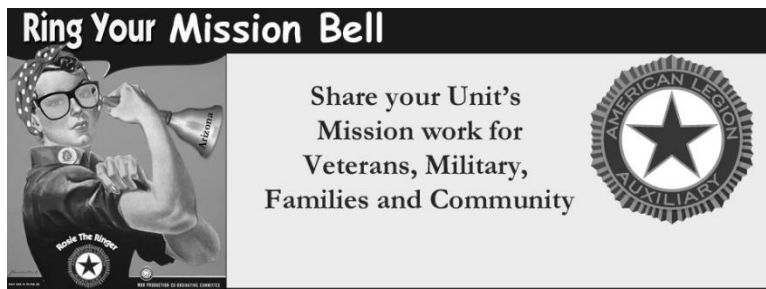
See you at Fall Conference!

For God & Country

Nita Kimball- Poppy Chair



Public Relations: November 2019



Promote our 100 Years!

As you know, we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Fall Conference (**November 10, 2019**).

If your Mayor issued a Proclamation, please bring it to conference!!!

If you still want to request a proclamation and need some wording, please let me know. Most Mayors can turn the request around in short order.

Any activities surrounding the 100th can be posted on the Department Facebook page "Ring Your Bell" and on the National "American Legion Auxiliary 100th Anniversary Celebration" Facebook page. Whenever you post something, remember to use **#ALA100Celebration** or **#ALA100**. That enables anyone to search and find your post wherever it's posted!

- Tell your story by promoting positive pictures and words explaining your activities.
- Share your page with friends, family, and others to promote our organization.
- Select few pictures that are in focus and clearly show the event and what it was about rather than use many photos that are just called candid shots with no particular meaning.
- Please don't post pictures that show Legion Family members drinking alcohol, or have alcohol drink in the picture.
- Make sure to post your unit name, unit number, city and state.
- SMILE in your pictures and put your best Auxiliary face forward.

Keep track of your activities for mid-year reporting!

Who we are, what we do and why we matter!!!

Marge Christianson, Department of Arizona PR Chairman- aladeptazpr@gmail.com 763-234-9852

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
100 CLUB
SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE

NOVEMBER 2019

Our First Responders put their physical and mental health at risk every day. The 100 CLUB has aided First Responders since 1968. They have aided with Line of Duty Injuries, Line of Duty Deaths, On Duty Deaths, Non-Line of Duty Deaths, to name a few.

A meeting will be held at the Department of Arizona Conference on Friday, November 9, 2019 following the Executive Board meeting at approximately 3:00 P.M. We welcome The Legion Family to come and hear about the upcoming events that are scheduled for the special project. We welcome your ideas.

We would also like to hear about other activities that are going to be held throughout the state.

Thank you all for your support of the President's Special Project.

"HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL"

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Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System

American Legion Auxiliary

Tucson VA Gift Shop

7,8,9,10,11,16,19,24,28,32,36,45,51,52,54,56,59,66,68,73,95,97,109,125,129,131,132,133

Important dates to remember: Gift Shop set up will be Tuesday, December 3rd, 1pm -4pm in Bldg. 60 in the conference room (new location this year). Official opening is Wednesday, December 4th at 10am-3pm, with the start of the ribbon cutting ceremony, and Gift Shop will be open on Thursday, Dec. 5th at 10am -4pm and Friday, Dec. 6th at 10am-2pm.

Volunteers are asked to bring a sack lunch, because the canteen is under construction at this time, there is a nice patio area where you can eat your lunch, also parking will be in **Lot L** which is close to Bldg. 60

Any donations by units can be brought on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd to Bldg. 60 (except monetary donations) those donations need to be sent to Dept. Secretary/Treasurer, please send asap so the Committee can start shopping for items in time to have Gift Shop ready to open Dec. 3rd.

Gifts that are donated must be new or homemade. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING FOOD, MIRRORS, ITEMS THAT ARE GLASS, RAZORS.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED DAILY; Please, if anyone in your unit is available and wishes to volunteer, please contact me by email or leave me a message on phone and I will get back with you asap.

Dolores Chavez
Tucson VA Gift Shop, Chairperson
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Trophies and Awards

November, 2019

Ladies, Ladies in the last packet you received, I sent out a request to have all Trophies and Awards turned in for redistribution. Unfortunately, there was only one (1) unit that responded, and that was Unit #131.

Come on, take a look around your post and see if there are any Trophies hiding behind a corner or in an old box.

Thanks for your cooperation in this search.

Carol Groeger email @ carolgroeger@yahoo.com

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For God and Country

Carol

UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
5 OCTOBER 2019

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Dylan Dalzotto and the opening ceremony was conducted. Guests were introduced.

Sam Young, President VMLC reminded everyone of the upcoming 17th Annual Heroes Patriotic Luncheon, Friday, November 8th, 2019. The luncheon will be held at the Arizona Biltmore, Biltmore Ballroom, 2400 E. Missouri Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.. Keynote Speaker: Peter MacDonald, Sr. USMC VETERAN, Navajo Code Talker. To register online, visit: www.arizonavmlc.org. Point of contact: Sam Young, email: sam.young74@ymail.com. Cell: 602-540-7648.

Secretary Carol Culbertson took the roll call, a quorum was established. A motion was made and second to approve the minutes from the last meeting, approved.

Treasurer Ray Boucher gave the treasurer's report.

Prayers for the Family of Aloysius "Al" Radlinski, born in 1918, US Army veteran, AVHOF 2010; who passed on Sept 5th. The Memorial Service for Aloysius F. Radlinski is scheduled for Monday, the 24th of October 2019 at 10 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix.

The following individuals are recovering from surgery: Pat Farrell, Kevin Haegele, Rob Welch.

Anthony Saucedo from Congressman Gallego's office gave a report.

Rima Nelson said her good-bye, she is being transferred to the Midwest to supervise the VISN program. She reported that 10,000 more veterans have been added to the Phoenix veteran's rolls in the last 3 ½ years, over 300 a week. Dr. Alysha Smith will be the interim director.

Jennifer Harris for ADVS gave a legislative update. There is legislation pending to make June 12th Women's Veteran Day at the state. Veterans groups planning on putting in for grants need to get them in.

Rachel Charles from the National Cemetery reported that the National Secretary for Veterans Services will be at the Cemetery October 22-23.

Terry Araman, Legislative Chair reported that the Legislature is out of session. They are scheduled to return in January 2020. Hope to have a Veteran's Caucus on October 10th or 11th. One proposal working on is that 3% of State Contracts be put aside for Veteran Owned Businesses. The UAV is trying to sponsor a debate between Senator McSally and Mark Kelly.

Reggie Yates announced that the “early bird” registration for AVHOF is closed. Tickets for the upcoming AVHOF Induction Ceremony are available until October 15th at a cost of \$75.00 There is a breakfast for new inductees and current members to welcome the new members starting at 8:00 a.m.

Reggie presented the nominations for the upcoming year’s officers for the UAV. Elections will be next month (November) since the UAV will not be meeting in December due to Pearl Harbor Day.

Judy Hatch gave a report on Pearl Harbor Day. The program will start at 10:30 a.m. this year with the flyover being at 10:55 a.m. A list was provided for the organizations to review to see if their group had submitted the paperwork to participate in the wreath laying ceremony. Groups are encouraged to get the paperwork in by November 10th.

Saturday, November 2nd there will be an AVHOF Nominations Workshop, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. following the UAV November meeting. The workshop is open to veterans and the public. During the workshop, the following information will be presented:

- a. Brief history and purpose of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Program.
- b. Brief discussion of Eligibility Requirements applicable to veterans being nominated.
- c. How to fill out the Nomination Form correctly.
- d. Preparing the Nomination Packet, step by step.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith Hatch



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NOVEMBER 2019

Cancellation, Suspension, and Revocation of Charter

Under the national Constitution Article X, unit charters may be cancelled, suspended, or revoked. Cancellation is in order when two or more units merge or when a unit voluntarily ceases to function.

UNIT CHARTERS

Section 1. The Department Executive Committee may suspend, cancel, or revoke unit charters for good cause to it appearing.

Section 2. Any unit that a) fails to meet the obligations imposed upon it by the governing documents, policies, or requirements of the National Organization or department, or b) ceases to function as an American Legion Auxiliary unit from one department convention to the next, shall surrender its charter at the direction of the department president. When a unit so directed to surrender its charter fails to do so, the Department Executive Committee may take steps to revoke the charter.

Section 3. An American Legion Auxiliary unit whose charter has been suspended, cancelled, or revoked by the department may appeal the decision of the Department Executive Committee, as provided in the Standing Rules.

Section 4. Upon suspension of an American Legion Auxiliary unit charter, the Department Executive Committee is, authorized, empowered, and directed, by and through its duly authorized agents, to take possession, custody, and control of all records, assets, property, and belongings of the unit and to provide for the governance and administration of the unit during said suspension.

Section 5. With regard to suspensions, cancellations, and revocation of unit charters, in no event shall the department organization be required to assume any financial obligation with regard to records, assets, property, and belongings.

Section 6. Cancellation of a unit charter shall be in order when two or more units merge, when a unit ceases to function, or under such other conditions as might make such action necessary within a department. In the event a unit charter is canceled or revoked without the consent of such unit, it shall have the right of appeal to the national Executive Committee as provided in the Standing rules.

Section 7. The National Executive may prescribe rules of procedures to be followed in the revocation, suspension, or cancellation of unit charters, with full power from time to time to revise or amend such rules, provided, however, that until such rules have been adopted, the procedure currently in existence shall be applicable. All rules and procedures shall be in accordance with the principles of due process of law.

Found in the new unit guide book pages 23-25

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

NOVEMBER, 2019

Auxiliary Members,

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

AMVETS– October

November 68 and 132

Unit 131 – December

Please contact Terry Soto to schedule your day soon. Now scheduling for January through next December 2020. For questions call Terry Soto at 520-551-3628. We honor you for your time and commitment in seeing the ASVH-Tucson residents enjoy themselves.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ASVH-TUCSON RESIDENTS

BEST WISHES ALWAYS TO YOU

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| <u>October:</u> | H. Brown Otter 4 | M. Lewis 11 | M. Aaronson 12 | N. Stout 14 |
| | T. Thompson 21 | H. Jelle 23 | J. Hinrichs 23 | P. Adams 28 |
| | M. Sinquefield 31 | V. Adams 31 | | |
| <u>November:</u> | D. Levesque | B. Bell 3 | H. Clifford 11 | S. Mahan 28 |
| <u>December:</u> | E. Zahm 3 | J. Janacek 4 | K. Chenoweth 4 | S. Garza 5 |
| | F. Romo 10 | R. Budak 10 | M. Johnston 11 | R. Nanna 11 |
| | C. Angus 13 | E. Zabel 15 | G. Jelten 19 | R. Huskey 20 |
| | L. Rushing 21 | L. Levine 21 | C. Sells 22 | V. Guerrero 24 |
| | A. Pettway 24 | F. Flores 25 | R. Moreno 25 | A. Ostrander 30 |

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| <u>REMINDER:</u> | Second Monday monthly | Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson, Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel Room, Bldg. #1 |
| | Third Tuesday monthly | Auxiliary hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m. Set up is at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Room in Bldg. #1 |
| | Second Tuesday monthly | Pizza and Beer Party – Cost is \$120 which includes pizza and chicken wings – need sponsors. Yup, cost decreased with a vendor. |
| | Third Wednesday monthly | Bingo in Bldg. 2 hosted by Fred H Humphreys Auxiliary Unit 8 |

Please advise if your unit is donating items to ASVH-Tucson so that the steering committee can recognize you in these monthly bulletins. The steering committee is great to attend as we plan out monthly and future events. And, yes by all means we greatly support, “Adopt a Building.”

DONATION - Modified Golf Cart – Transport Residents in Wheel Chairs to VA - Status

Steering Committee is continuing to search for donations for a stretched handicapped golf cart. Currently, there is approximately \$7,000 donated or pending. To date, staff assists in walking the residents in wheelchairs to the VA in all weather conditions. It is a long walk and it would be easier to transport them using a stretched modified golf cart to carry the driver, and the resident in a wheel chair (secured). The cost for the modifications is not cheap. Steering Committee Member John Mandaloni, American Legion Riders Chapter 132, talked to a vendor and with the special modifications and secured belts the estimate is approximately \$10,000 with a \$4,000 down payment. American Legion Riders Chapter 132 is continuing to find ways to reach the goal to purchase the modified golf cart. We commend John Mandaloni and the American Legion Family of Oro Valley Post 132 as they have remained active in fundraisers towards this needed cart. Also, hoping for a response soon from Mr. Jim Click’s office.

Wish us luck as we are hoping to provide ASVH-Tucson with this golf cart as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you have any recommendation in acquiring this modified golf cart, contact Anna Marie Arenas or Terry and we will forward your information to John.

ASVH-TUCSON – October 2019 - Continued

Special Thank You to those who have or plan to donate: American Legion Oro Valley Post 132, American Legion Riders Oro Valley Chapter 132, American Legion Auxiliary Oro Valley Unit 132, Combat Vets Motorcycle Group, Southern AZ Mustang Club, Catalina ELKS Lodge 2815, and American Legion Green Valley Sons of American Legion Oro Valley 66.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Dates subject to change or be added.

October

- Oct 8 Pizza and Beer Party – 5:30 pm
- Oct 15 AMVETS will cover hosting monthly Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social 1:30 pm Set up at 1:00 pm (unable to reach original scheduled host for this day)
- Oct 25 Fall Festival from 5:30 to 9:00 pm Vendors to set up by 5:00 pm. Need cake donations for cake walk and candy to hand out to residents and their families, and employees and their families. Call Anna Marie or Terry to coordinate donated items. All organizations participate.
- Oct 31 ELKS annually hosts Halloween Party at 2:00 p.m.

November

- Nov 4 ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in Chapel Room, Bldg 1
- Nov 8 Veteran's Day – ceremony and brunch start at 10:00 a.m. (change of date due to holiday observance)
- Nov 9 POWWOW – Set up at 7:00 a.m. and distribution start at 8:00-11:00 a.m. Need volunteers
- Nov 10 Marine Corp Birthday – cake and display
- Nov 12 Pizza and Beer Party – 5:30 pm
- Nov 29 Decorate for the holidays at ASVH-Tucson buildings – meet at 9:00 a.m. in Building 1. Want to continue hanging wreaths around the buildings (inside). This was started by ALA in 2018. ALA units are encouraged to participate per these meeting minutes. ELKS decorating Bldg. #3.

December

- Dec 14 ALA hosting Christmas party at 2:00 p.m. Handing out Christmas gifts and providing desserts. POWWOW – Set up at 7:00 a.m. and distribution starts at 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- Dec 18 ELKS hosting a Christmas party – Handing out Christmas gifts.
- Dec 19 AMVETS hosting bingo at 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 21 The Military Order of the Cootie of the United States, aka Cootie hosting a Christmas party
- Dec 24 The Military Order of the Purple Heart hosting a Christmas Eve party
- Dec 31 Knights of Columbus hosting a New Year's Eve party

WISH LIST – UPDATE – REMAINS THE SAME

Recreation therapists are still in need of 300 piece puzzles (residents specifically want 300 pieces only) and CD players (portable or boom box style). Also, need batteries AA, D, and C. Chocolate candy bars plain or with almonds a Number 1 request, also Milky Way, Kit Kat, and Reese's Cups. Candy used as prizes for bingos hosted by ASVH-Tucson Recreation Department. **Also, oodles of colored foam noodles (aka pool toys). Need candy and cakes for annual Fall Festival on October 25th. Contact Anna Marie or Terry.**

HAPPINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT IS ALWAYS NUMBER 1 THERAPY!

For God and Country,

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

November 2019

Are you going to Fall Conference? Hope to see many of you there.

Thanksgiving and Christmas is right around the corner. Has your Unit adopted a veteran family(s) for either or both holidays?

Do you have plans to visit a VAMC or VA Home? If you don't have either near you, are the Skilled Nursing Facilities where veterans live? I'm sure they would LOVE to have you visits them.

Do you follow the National VA&R Facebook Group? There is good information on the group shared by other Units on how to honor our veterans.

Did you hear? Arizona Honor Flight had their first group of Vietnam veterans go to Washington DC. The pictures are amazing, looks like all had a wonderful time. What an honor to honor our Vietnam veterans.

IMPORTANT - Midyear reports are due December 15. They can be emailed to me or send snail mail.

Please send me pictures on what you have been doing with veterans. I would like to include them in my midyear report to the Western Division Chairman.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Until next month . . .

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
9-30-19

Upcoming Events (Volunteers & Monetary Donations Needed):

Bingo parties which are held on the **third Saturday of each month at 1:30PM in Building 60** at the VA hospital. Volunteers are needed to assist with this activity, which is much appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans. Please consider sponsoring the Bingo program. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos. Thank you Unit 54 & Unit 7 for your generous donation to support the Bingo program. Many thanks to the new Bingo volunteers, Kathy & Marilyn. Thank you Unit 68 for volunteering and providing funds for the August Bingo. Unit 68 sponsored and conducted the September Bingo.

Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the **third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday**. We sponsored refreshments on September 17, 2019. We will be sponsoring refreshments on October 15, 2019 and October 29, 2019. Unit 131 will be sponsoring the October 29th refreshments. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 & Unit 68 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman (Ku Istan) and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

The President's Special Project presented a check in the amount of \$12,500 for Veteran patients at the Southwest Blind Rehabilitation Center.

Wish Lists

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

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

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. The staff requesting donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 is \$18,101.70. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Unit 7's 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.). Units 58, 62, 75 and various other Units forwarded funds in the amount of \$7,295 for the Fisher House with their year-end donations. Total monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 are \$20,245. Thank you Unit 7 for your donations to support social services, July parties, mental health and Creative Arts.

Nine registered hospital volunteers and three summer youth volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 is 2,880.25. Occasional hours are 76 donated by twenty volunteers. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time.

This chairman has volunteered 125.5 hours and logged 1,680 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of September 30, 2019. This chairman was elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 1, 2019. This chairman volunteers at all the monthly Bingos and coordinates the refreshments for the Bridging Ceremony celebrations on the third Tuesday of each month. This chairman is responsible for entering all material & activity donations and acknowledging all donations, monetary and material, for SAVAHCS each year. These donations were in excess of \$1,000,000 for the last two years.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative