



**Serving Those Behind The Badge
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
January 2020**

Greetings Fellow Auxiliary Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for the second half of the 2019-2020 Auxiliary year. There's a lot of work to be done over the next several months to achieve our programs goals.

Mark your Calendar

Mid-Year: December 15, 2017

National Security / Children & Youth Workshop - To Be Determined

Purple Up for Military Children: April 3, 2020

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

For God and Country,
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- Rebecca Gulley – Committee Member
- Shirley Cannon-Johnson – Committee Member

**Centennial Celebration
Report Form
Due May 1, 2020**

Please mail or e-mail report to Karen Smith at: 1133 Carmelita Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 or ksmith111@cox.net.

Unit Name: _____ No. _____ Membership _____

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1. Number of Unit/District members participating in 100 year Celebration activities: _____ (Count all activities throughout the Centennial year.)

2. American Legion Family members participating in 100 year Celebration activities: _____ (Did other Unit's in your District support your activities?)

3. Number of activities in which Unit/District planned and executed during Auxiliary year: _____

4. Did your Unit post pictures of your activities on Social media? _____
(How many pictures/etc. did you post?)

Please describe any and all Centennial Celebration Activities your Unit/District held and how you went into the Community to promote and celebrate this event. This can be in any format. Please include an estimated number of members involved. Also, any funds raised for specific projects. If you have fliers, pictures available, please include with this report. Please continue report on additional paper if needed.



I hope that your Christmas was blessed and a Happy **Centennial** New Year to everyone! Continue to celebrate our birthday through August, 2020. The celebration of the anniversary will conclude at National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. However, we need to continue to promote our message into the next hundred years. We all celebrated the Legion birthday last year, now we need to promote and publicize the **American Legion Auxiliary**. We should be proud to be members of this positive, powerful and forward thinking organization.

“Let them eat cake!” Hotel rules did not allow us to share cake with you at Fall Conference. But, you can share a **Centennial** cake at planned events in your Post. Let the community know who and what we are in this way. I know that many of you are celebrating and posting on social media. I would really appreciate it if you would e-mail or even text high points of your centennial activities. Pictures and fliers are most welcome also. You can do that now as I will be sending in a mid-year report to the National Chairman soon.

Have you compiled a history of your Unit/District yet? What a year to collect all of your activities to send to our Historian Rose. It is important every year, but especially so this **Centennial** year.

If you do not have my contact information, here it is, I do hope to hear from you!!

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Chaplain

January 2020

Greetings American Legion Auxiliary members and happy New Year 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. Thank you also to all the Units who submitted Mid-Year Chaplain reports to me.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We praise You with a new song and declare Your glory and great works among Your people. For everything under the sun, there is a plan and purpose. So, we pray that the plans You have for those who call upon You will be manifested.

Help us to believe in ourselves as know that whatever happened in the past is done. We are new creatures in You and will move beyond past events. With you, we will walk uprightly because You direct our steps.

We declare new beginnings and we opportunities as we place You at the center of our lives.

Amen.

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Community Service

January 2020

Hello Ladies,

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." ~Mother Teresa

Happy New Year! I hope your Holidays were filled with love and family.

Thank you to everyone who turned in Mid-year reports in a timely manner.

Now that the Holidays are over, it is a great time to reevaluate what kind of Community Service your Unit and members did in November and December.

Did you shop for a gift to give someone in need? Did you give to a food drive or make a meal? Did you volunteer in your Church or Community? All your time and energy, even doing the little things, adds up. Please bring it up in your meetings and offer to share your experiences. Ask your members to log these precious hours so you are able to report them in your End of Year reports.

Community Service Month is April! And it's right around the corner! What will your Unit and members be up to? NOW is the time to start planning and promoting Community Service Month.

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Creative Arts

January 2020

Thank you to all the units who sent a mid year report. I see very little activity towards creative arts in your reports, but that's okay. Know that the veterans appreciate all that you do for all the programs.

I know there are lots of creative, crafty auxiliary members out there. If you have a passion for creating something, be it music, dance, writing, painting, ceramics, woodworking, leather, drawing, knitting, sewing, or paint by number, you can understand what this program means to veterans dealing with physical and mental trauma. You can help. If creating is your passion, help your unit develop a program to support the Veterans Creative Arts. Your Department Creative Arts Team is here to help you.

Mark your calendars for your local CAF, Jan 28-29 Tucson, Feb 10-12 Prescott, Feb 12-13 Phoenix. Come help, or simply come enjoy!

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Prescott: Sally Fine mightyfine123@gmail.com

Tucson: Kathy Szakonyi N3SAD@aol.com

JUNIORS

National President Nicole Clapp is coming to Arizona in January 6-10, 2020. Her official dinner will be Thursday, January 9, 2020, at Post 41. I would like to invite you to join me that evening at a table reserved especially for juniors and Miss Poppies. In addition, I am including information on The CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PATCH. It would be nice if we could award this patch to you while she is here.

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' PATCH The National Presidents' Scholarship provides scholarships to deserving children of our nation's veterans and servicemembers who have sacrificed greatly due to their parents' dedication to defending America and our values.

A special Junior patch has been created for our Junior members and SAL youth to be involved in raising money for the National Presidents' Scholarship Fund. Help get the word out to all our members! We hope every Junior and SAL youth will be involved in some activity to raise money for scholarships, which are funded by the Educating Children of Warriors Fund. Most Juniors and SAL youth will become eligible for this scholarship, so they may be personally impacted by their fundraising efforts.

Any Junior or SAL youth can earn this patch if they raise at least \$5 for each year old. For example, a 17-year-old would raise a minimum of \$85 ($17 \times \$5 = \85 .)

Donations can be raised a variety of ways. Juniors and SAL youth can solicit donations from family, friends, Legion Family members or contribute themselves. Fundraising activities can be coordinated, such as bake sales or other sales, etc. Funds can be raised individually or as a group, but each Junior or SAL youth receiving this patch needs to have raised the required minimum funds for their age. The goal is for the youth of our organization to be involved and aware of the scholarship project. Checks should be made out to National Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary with National Presidents' Scholarship in the memo line. Get involved today!

To receive the patch, complete the following and send it with the donation to: Lexis Escudero at:

Name of Junior/SAL: Age:

Address: Unit/Squadron:

City: State: ZIP: Phone:

Amount raised: \$ (\$5/year of age) Department of:

Optional: Tell us about how you raised the money (You may use the back of the page if needed):

If you are interested in attending, please contact me as soon as possible. Lescudero@camdenliving.com

Have questions? Contact us at:

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Legislative

January 2020

Greetings,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays!!!!!!

First and foremost thank you to the Units that sent in their Mid-Year Reports in a timely manner. Three of which, their Chairmen had health issues or injuries and they made sure their reports were sent in. **OUT OF 80 Units, I only received 10 Mid-Year Reports.** I am going to stress that it is absolutely imperative that these reports are turned in. National needs to know about the work the Units are doing to report to Congress. We are wanting legislation to be passed to help our veterans but in turn, we need to report on how we are promoting the program and how we are getting the word out to members and the public. Enough for my rant.

On November 26th, Michael Bloomberg filed to qualify for Arizona's presidential primary with the Arizona Secretary of State's Office.

On December 2nd, Senator Elizabeth Warren held a town hall meeting in Iowa City, Iowa.

On December 12th, the House of Representatives unanimously approved to extend the Older Americans Act, but still needs to be passed by the Senate. This Act provides funds to states to help about 11 million persons 60-plus each year.

On December 13th, the House Judiciary Committee voted on two articles of impeachment against President Trump. It will now go to the House to be voted on, then to the Senate. The House is planning to adjourn before Christmas.

Remember to write or call your members of Congress and ask them to vote for lower prescription drug costs. HR 3, Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

"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,

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I HOPE THS YEAR BRINGS YOU MUCH JOY, HAPPINESS, HEALTH AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS. WITH THE HOLIDAYS BEING OVER IT IS NOW TIME TO GO BACK TO FUOCUS ON THE REST OF THE YEAR. LAST YEAR DID YOU SIGN UP A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR OR THAT PERSON WHO SAYS "I AM TOO BUSY". THAT PERSON IS USUALLY THE ONE WHO FINDS TIME TO DO MORE BECAUSE OF BEING MORE ORGANIZED.

WE ARE NOT IN THE RUNNNING FOR BEING THE FIRST IN THE NATION BUT THIS IS NOT DISCOURAGING. I AM SURE AS IN THE PAST WE START OFF SLOW BUT CATCH UP AND PASS THEM ALL. LET US SHOW OUR TRUE COLORS AND DEDICATION TO BEING NUMBER ONE. REMEMBER THIS IS NOT ONLY TO THE NATION BUT TO OUR LOCAL LEGIONAIRES AND SONS WITH WHOM WE HAVE A MEMBERSHIP BET. REMEMBER WE MAY NOW HAVE SPOUSES OF OUR VETERANS JOINS OUR ORGANIZATION. TAKE THE TIME TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS. THINK OUT OF THE BOX IN ENTICING NEW MEMBERS. DID ANY OF YOU GIVE OUR A MEMBERSHIP AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT? ARE YOU CONSIDERING A VALENTINE MEMBERSHIP GIFT? WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SHOW YOUR LOVE.

THERE ARE STILL SOME UNITS SHOWING ZERO MEMBERS AND I HOPE THEY WILL SEND IN THEIR TRANSMITALS SO THEY MAY BE ADDED INTO THE COUNT SENT OUT EVERY TWO WEEKS. AS OF DEC 13 WE ARE AT 62.27%. AS OF THE TIME OF THIS WRITING WE WILL HAVE HAD TREE MORE WEEKS TO BRING UP THAT TOTAL TO AT LEAST 90%. YOU CAN DO IT!!!! WHY? BECAUSE WE ARE STAYING ALIVE, STAYING ALIVE OOOH, OOOH, OOHH STAYING ALIIIIIVE.

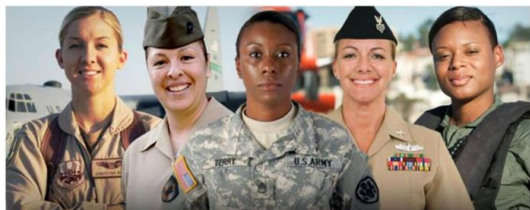
CONTINUE WITH ALL THE WORK YOU DO, GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

JENNIE MOLINA, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
VICE PRESIDENT DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

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ARIZONA MILITARY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON 2020

In celebration of Women's History Month



We are opening this up to all women for the first time -- whether they have worn the uniform or not-- so please share this information with all of the women you know who are veteran supporters.



WHEN: Saturday , 21 March 2010, 10am until 2 pm

WHERE: Phoenix VA Medical Center, Lower Level - 650 E. Indian School, Phoenix, AZ.

Benefits are for Veterans First, Ltd. and the Salt River Military Women Across the Nation and the Saguaro Chapter of the WAC/Army Women United. All proceeds support women veterans.

We will hold a 50/50 raffle, chances for some really great prizes, and door prizes.

WIMSA (Women in Military Service to American) Ambassador Rocio Rivera Kary will also be presenting information in addition to our keynote speaker Dr. Connie Mariano - the Whitehouse Doctor. Meet new friends, catch up with old ones – socialize!

Please send in registration w/check or money order not later than February 28, 2020.

LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Select one please: shaved chicken, _____ shaved turkey, _____ or veggie _____ on multi-grain bread (served with salad and a cupcake).

Email Address: _____

Phone () _____ I have never served in the military ____ or I am a veteran ____

Make your check or money order out to **Arizona Military Women's Luncheon** and mail with this completed form* to: Martha Alderman, Treasurer 6343 W. Cochise Drive, Glendale, AZ 85302.

Payment Type: Cash _____ Check _____ Money Order _____ Zelle** (623-243-3116) _____

If you are a female veteran who needs help with the fee, please contact Martha at mmkrokum@gmail.com or (623) 810-9328. There are a limited number of scholarships available.

**You can write the info on a piece of paper and mail it in with your check, if you don't have a printer available.*

*** Zelle payers may call to register: Martha 623-810-9328 or Debra 623-243-3116*

ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP

DATE	TRAINING		TIME	WHERE
	4 HR	8 HR		
Jan 11			10:00 - 2:00	District 5 at Unit 32
Jan 12				OPEN
Jan 19		√	9:00 - 5:30	Green Valley Unit 131 ***
Jan 25		√		Las Vegas
Feb 2				OPEN
Feb. 9				OPEN
Feb. 15				OPEN
Feb 16				OPEN
Feb 22		√	8:00 - 4:30	Phnx Unit 41
Feb 23				OPEN
Feb 29		√	8:00 - 4:30	Yuma Unit
Mar 8				OPEN
Mar 14				District 5 mtg
Mar 15				OPEN
Mar 21				OPEN
Mar 22				OPEN
Mar 28		√	pending time	Humbolt Unit 78
Mar 29				OPEN
April 5				OPEN
April 11				OPEN
April 12				OPEN
April 18				OPEN
April 19				OPEN
April 25				OPEN
April 26				OPEN

Reporting for this year due by May 1st

*** time revised

ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING / LEADERSHIP



We, it is now January and half of the year is already over. Many thanks to those Units who were able to provide a mid-year report. Tracking and reporting are always the hardest parts of what we do.

My thanks to all of you for not scheduling any training around the holidays. I am currently recuperating from a “wipeout” (fall) and am back on my feet again (battered, bent and bruised but not broken); but trying to catch up like the rest of you at this time of year.

Please check the updated calendar for open training dates and for those scheduled in case there is one close to you. *Please recheck the start times as I entered one wrong last month.* My thanks in advance for notice of number attending so appropriate number of training packets are available for use.

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. Please verify to me this has been accomplished or training will need to be canceled.

How many words (3 or more letters-no proper names) did you make from the word PREAMBLE? (61) LEADERSHIP? (153) AMERICANISM? (107) Can anyone beat these totals? Well, let’s try another. New word is PARLIAMENTARIAN.

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
NATIONAL SECURITY

JANUARY 2020

Hello ladies of the great state of Arizona!!! **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU!!!**

Did you have a wonderful 2019? Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Are you working on your ALA goals? Are you reading the bulletins your Unit receives each month?

ANSWERS? Yes to all of the above....right???

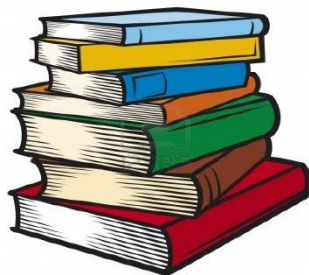
Thank you to all Units who sent me your mid-year report. This makes it easier for me when I turn my report into National.

This month I will share two items.

1. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Did your Unit hold a seminar? If not, don't worry this will be covered at our National Security workshop to be held on February 2, 2020 at Post 27. Look for the flyer in this packet.
2. ROTC/JROTC (is there a school near your Unit that provides this program?) The training a student receives in JROTC provides leadership development, military skills and career training.

Until next month with more news!!

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2019-2020
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THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
LEARNING SEMINAR

NATIONAL SECURITY WORKSHOP

Also featuring:

Americanism
Children & Youth
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Speakers to share their expertise regarding all of the above

DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM -2:00 PM

LOCATION: Apache Post 27:
1018 S. Meridian Road, Apache Junction, AZ 85220

Working Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

PLEASE RSVP by January 27, 2020

Cindy Queen: 602-316-7647 or cynqueen53@cox.net



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

**Children & Youth
National Security Workshop**

**Sunday February 2, 2020,
Apache Junction Post 27
1018 S. Meridian Rd
Apache Junction, AZ**

10 am to 2 pm

Informative Presentations are scheduled.

PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 11, 2019 TO:

Lynda Griffin, C&Y Chairman (623-349-3979), lgriffin@azdot.gov

Cindy Queen, NEC (602-316-7647) cynqueen53@cox.net

American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley

January 2020

Happy New Year!

We are entering the mid-way point in the year and there is quite a bit to do until June. There are many mentors out there involved in our future, helping the ALA to continue to grow. Everyone can do a little to achieve our goals!

Sadly, our organization lost a wonderful member, Sharon Doran, on November 16, 2019 who served as Department President in 2011-2012 and also as National Historian in 2013-2014. Her wit, humor, and go to attitude will be sorely missed. Fly with the Angels Past Madam President Sharon!

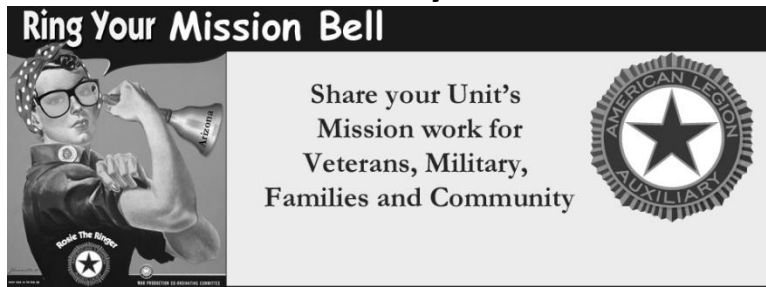
Attached this month is information on Past Presidents Nurses Scholarship and Past Presidents Healthcare Occupations. It is not too early to inform members in your Post as to the availability of these funds. Are you working on Nursing and Medical Scholarship applications? Let's get the word out! Please feel free to contact me with questions!

Mid-year reports were gladly received by this Chairman and hopefully, we will get an entire Department reporting activity on the Year End Report

Dual Auxiliary-Legion members continue to serve our organization and this month we honor Judi Beischel for her service to the ALA and the American Legion at Post/Unit 58. Judi served in the Coast Guard Reserves from 1973 to 1980 with the rank of Boatswain's Mate First Class. Judi has served as a Department Commander and currently serves as the National Executive Committeeman for the American Legion. In 2012 she was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Thank you for your service Judi!

**Yolanda Bonilla
Past Presidents Parley Chairman
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Public Relations: January 2019



Awards and Recognition

From Department

- *Lucy Quinn/Kitchen Publicity Plaque*: Press Book—basically a scrapbook of newspaper articles-- submitted on Friday of Department Convention.
- *Maxine Chilton Memorial Plaque*: A narrative about the Unit's PR work submitted along with the Press Book on Friday of Department Convention.
- *"Ring Your Bell"*: One Unit is selected by the Department PR Chairman based on quality of postings on the Ring Your Bell Facebook page. Demonstrating the use of the Auxiliary emblem in public and efforts to bring the "brand" into the public domain are key elements in selection of recipient. These postings are also a key source for photos sent to National by the Department PR chair for consideration in their presentation at the National Convention!

Critical information about these awards can be found on the Department website www.aladeptaz.com under the "Member Resources" tab (See Rewards and Recognition/Award Book). Please follow the instructions carefully and contact me if you have questions! I'm happy to help.

From National

- *ALA Brand Ambassador*: One Arizona member who consistently works to bring the ALA brand to the public will be submitted by the Department PR Chairman to National and member will receive a "National" brand ambassador lapel pin.
- *New website or Social Media Account*: All units developing a properly branded website or social media account during the current ALA administrative year will receive a mouse pad and recognition letter. Unit must apply to National for this award.
- *Most outstanding Public Relations Program*: One Unit in the Western Division will receive a plaque based on different media placements/coverage highlighting different ALA programs, featured in three different months. Unit must apply to National for this award. I'm happy to help!

Critical information about these awards can be found at the National Website www.alaforveterans.org under the "Members Only" tab. Look for the Public Relations Program Action Plan! Please follow the instructions carefully and contact me if you have questions!

Your participation in "awards and recognition" can serve to encourage others, jazz up your volunteers and bring attention to the work being done in Arizona. It's not bragging when it's true!

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

New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

JANUARY 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

eUnits

Electronic units (eUnits) allow members to communicate and conduct meetings via teleconferencing, email, and in virtual groups. There is no difference in how an eUnit would charter or operate, except for how they choose to meet. Starting an eUnit involves the same procedure for a traditional unit with one exception: Check your state's law on voting electronically. In addition to electronic communication, eUnit members may meet in person as required by their unit constitution and bylaws.

Some traditional brick-and-mortar American Legion Auxiliary units may choose to utilize an eUnit/hybrid meeting structure in which members sometimes meet in person and sometimes online. Or, the in-person meetings are held in a physical location, but some members Skype or FaceTime into the meeting, or votes are taken outside of the in-person meetings via an emailed poll.

Examples of virtual meeting platforms might be via email to allow members to vote by using a site like Doodle, or members remoting in live FaceTime or Skype types of apps, or conducting meetings via online platforms like Google Hangouts.

Jan Cushing
New Units/ UD&R Chairman
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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

January 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Holiday with family and friends.

Thank you to the Units who sent in their Mid-Year reports! It was great to read about what the Units have done the first six months of the year.

Valentines Day is right around the corner. Have you thought about sending Valentine cards to the veterans at the VA Home or VAMC. What about your own veterans in your Post home. What a nice surprise that would be for them.

You could work with your local school and see if some of the students could make cards. The younger children enjoy making cards for the veterans. If you do make Valentine cards, please send me pictures and where they were distributed. It doesn't have to be at a VA Home or VAMC.

Remember to Thank a Vet when you meet one. They truly do appreciate it. I was recently out of town and when I came across a veteran, I made sure I thanked them. It is very rewarding when they smile at you and thank you for acknowledging them. A very simple gesture to make their day!

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

Until next month . . .

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ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

JANUARY, 2020

Happy and a Prosperous New Year!

Units hosting monthly Birthday Cake & Ice Cream Socials are as follows: Unit 7 – Jan, Unit 36 and Feb, Unit 24 – March (tentative). Please contact Terry Soto to schedule your day soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ASVH-TUCSON RESIDENTS

BEST WISHES ALWAYS TO YOU

<u>January:</u>	J. Bick	1	L. Cutler	1	R. Johnson	1
	R. Mears	5	R. Mott	5	M. Cordland	11
	G. Cadava	13	N. Adams	21	R. Freeman	29
<u>REMINDER:</u>	Second Monday monthly Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson, Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel Room, Bldg. #1					
	Third Tuesday monthly		Auxiliary hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m. Set up is at 1:00 p.m.in the Chapel Room in Bldg. #1			
	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.”					

Thank you American Legion Family Auxiliary Units 24, 59, 62, 66, 109, 131, 132, and 133 for all your gift donations for the residents gift bag and stockings and volunteering to ensure another successful Christmas Party and even dropping off the residents' gifts room by room for those who couldn't make it. THANK YOU AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY who attended ASVH-Tucson Annual Christmas Party. The residents were so happy to see all of you. You all made a difference!!!!

What started as a recommendation ended as a reality! The residents, staff, volunteers, and guests welcomed their new transportation for VA appointments. The residents were so excited they even met Santa one by one steering into the cart. What a perfect time to present at the American Legion Auxiliary Christmas party. There were over 150 guests at the party. Family members of the residents were also very thankful and said to pass on their heart-warming thanks. Tommy Morrow, SAL Chapter 68 thank you for volunteering to provide us with music. Karen Lipphardt, Unit 132 thank you for playing the piano – we caught you – beautiful talent. There was plenty of food and dessert for everyone. Thank you Art Romo you were a caring and loving Santa Claus. All the residents enjoyed your beautiful heart and love. See us on FACEBOOK either under: Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA, Area "A"-Department of Arizona-American Legion, or American Legion of Tucson Az Cocio Estrada Post 59. Also, on top of all the puzzles and player, Sam Nanez, Recreation Manager and Chairman of the ASVH-Tucson Steering Committee was given 12 movie theatre tickets to be given to those residents who are able to be transported to Harkins Theatre. You see there is a Santa in every heart!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WISH LIST

To be scheduled and/or announced in February bulletin. However, upcoming is Valentines' distribution of candy, and the Rodeo Parade and lunch.

For God and Country,
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HAPPINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT IS ALWAYS NUMBER 1 THERAPY!