



**National President Trish Ward
Visit Itinerary
April 6th – 11th, 2025**

April 6 th	7:03pm	Arrive Sky Harbor Dinner Presidents choice/Hotel
April 7 th	8:00am	Leave Hotel to Meet Dept. President Stacey
	8:30am	Leave Post 107 for Flagstaff
	12:30pm	Flagstaff State Veterans Home Lunch, Tour, Activities with Residents.
	6:00pm	Dinner at a local establishment
April 8 th	9:00am	Montezuma Castle
	10:00am	Old Fort Verde
	11:00am	Post 93 meet and greet/Post Museum
	12:30pm	Alcantara
	1:30pm	Hotel
	5:00pm	Post 25 Dinner
April 9 th	8:30am	Leave Hotel
	1:00pm	Post 44 Scottsdale Meet and Greet
	3:00pm	Hotel
	5:00pm	Post 107 Dinner
April 10 th	9:00am	Tour Wesley Bolin Plaza/ Capitol Museum
	12:30pm	Luncheon Post 62 Peoria
	3:00pm	Hotel Time
	5:30pm	Meet and Greet Post 26 Finger foods
April 11 th	6:30am	Depart hotel for Sky Harbor

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE, ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



Dinner Honoring NATIONAL PRESIDENT TRISH WARD

April 8, 2025

**5 to 6pm Happy Hour/6 to 9pm Dinner
Chicken Strips or Chicken Fried Steak**

RVSP: 928-634-3004 (\$15.00 @ door)

**American Legion Post 25 - 480 S. Calvary Way
Cottonwood AZ 85326**

Dress Code: Smart Casual, Branded Shirts/Blouses

Dept Finance approved pricing



THE AMERICAN LEGION
UNIT 107 AUXILIARY

Cordially Invites You

FOR DINNER WITH THE NATIONAL
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, TRISH WARD!



WHEN:

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 9**

COCKTAIL HOUR:

5:00 PM

DINNER:

6:00 PM

PLEASE RVSP BY 3/31!

TO STACEY MAYBERRY
[702] 403-4903

MAYBERRY.STACEY@GMAIL.COM

\$25.00

DINNER INCLUDES:

- FETTUCCINE ALFREDO
W/ CHICKEN OR W/O
CHICKEN
- GARLIC BREAD
- SALAD
- DESSERT

THE AMERICAN LEGION
POST 107, IRVING B. SELMER
20001 N. CAVE CREEK RD.
PHOENIX, AZ 85024

**DINNER RVSP DUE BY 3/31
NO HOST BAR**



*Join John J Morris Unit 62,
Peoria in Welcoming our
National President Trish Ward*

APRIL 10TH 12:30 PM

*Lunch provided
Chicken Salad or Ham Salad on
Croissants
Pasta Salad
Fruit Sald
Dessert Bar*

*Donations accepted will benifit President
Wards Veterans Project Fund*

**RSVP TO
ALAAZUNIT62@GMAIL.COM**

Hands to Help, Paws to Save

March 2025

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Membership is everyone’s job. Thank you to EVERYONE who renewed, recruited or rejoined members. 2025 membership renewals, rejoins and new members can be sent to the Department. Don’t hold on to membership, please send in weekly.

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We have received word that Past Department President Joyce Arent (2000-2001) passed away a few months ago. Joyce also served as a National Historian (2009-2010). The family asks that no cards be sent.

**ALL YEAR-END REPORT FORMS ARE
NOW AVAILABLE IN TRADITIONAL AND FILLABLE FORMATS ONLINE**

aladeptaz.org MEMBER RESOURCES TAB #5

under their proper program.

Due to Department HQ by May 1, 2025

The American Legion Department of Arizona will be posting the 2025 Convention Link sometime around April 7, 2025. We will Link to it on the Auxiliary website as soon as we receive it.

2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Type or Print using blue or black ink.
Non-legible forms will be Returned.

A FILLABLE PDF IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE
www.aladeptaz.org

If your unit will be making a change in your 2025/2026 dues, please complete this form.

The dues amount indicated below will be printed on the 2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES that is mailed to senior members in your unit. Also requested is the address to be printed on each renewal notice showing where and whom to mail the dues for your Unit.

Completed forms for 2026 dues must be returned to Department Headquarter on or before Thursday, May 1, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

You can mail or email the completed form to secretary1@aladeptaz.org OR mail to Department Headquarters, 4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015.

If your unit fails to return the needed information by the due date, the current information on file with the Department will be sent to National.

Units making Changes after May 5th, 2025, will be charged \$30.00 FEE!

UNIT NUMBER: _____

2026 Junior Dues \$ _____

2026 Senior Dues \$ _____

Address where membership dues will be mailed to.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____

ZIP CODE: _____ **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ **DATE:** _____

Name of Person Completing this Form: _____

TITLE: _____ **DATE:** _____

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Arizona**

SUBJECT: Names and addresses of elected 2025-2026 UNIT OFFICERS

NOTE: Since this mailing will be sent to the OUT-GOING OFFICERS, it is THEIR responsibility to send the requested information to the Headquarters Office. Even if you are REPEATING an office or if you have recently sent a list of officers, *it is necessary to complete and send in this form for the Department Directory.*

Please TYPE or PRINT

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER _____

Unit Mailing Address _____

Meeting day/s _____ **Time** _____ **Place** _____

PRESIDENT: _____ **ID#** _____
Phone/Cell _____ **Work Phone** _____ **Publish** **YES** **NO**
e-mail address _____ **Publish** **YES** **NO**

SECRETARY: _____ **ID#** _____
Phone/Cell _____ **Work Phone** _____ **Publish** **YES** **NO**
e-mail address _____ **Publish** **YES** **NO**

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: _____ **ID#** _____
Phone/Cell _____ **Work Phone** _____ **Publish** **YES** **NO**
e-mail address _____ **Publish** **YES** **NO**

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING CHAIRMAN (if different than Membership Chairman):
MEMBERSHIP PROCESSOR: _____ **ID#** _____
Phone/Cell _____ **Work Phone** _____ **Publish** **YES** **NO**
e-mail address _____ **Publish** **YES** **NO**

Please complete and return this form. We must have this information to prepare the Department Directory and notify National. **Must be into Department no later than June 20, 2025.**

Mail or email to Department and District:

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

You can email the information to secretary1@aladeptaz.org instead of mailing the form.

If we cannot read the handwriting your Unit's information will NOT be in the directory.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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Please TYPE or PRINT

DISTRICT NUMBER _____

District Mailing Address _____

Meeting day/s _____ **Time** _____

PRESIDENT: _____ **ID#** _____
Phone/Cell _____ **Work Phone** _____ **Publish YES NO**
e-mail address _____ **Publish YES NO**

SECRETARY: _____ **ID#** _____
Phone/Cell _____ **Work Phone** _____ **Publish YES NO**
e-mail address _____ **Publish YES NO**

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: _____ **ID#** _____
Phone/Cell _____ **Work Phone** _____ **Publish YES NO**
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Chaplain Report March 2025
March is Community Service



March Madness Prayer Book Time, I hope by now you have started your prayer books, and they are more than half way completed. If you haven't started your prayer book yet and having trouble getting started this bulletin will help you jump start your creative side.

The fall conference packet to the Chaplains is attached to the Chaplain Bulletin located on our website <https://www.aladeptaz.org/5.--monthly-bulletins---program-information.html> . Find Chaplain Lynda you have National Chaplain Resources and November 2023 and Fall Conference 2023. Everything you need in one Click.

- Get your juniors involved in helping you put a prayer scrapbook together.
- Working with our youth, middle age, and Senior's we can all learn from each other.
- Did you know you can also use the same prayers you use for your Units can also be sent to yours truly me for your Department President Stacey Mayberry Prayer books.

Provide ideas for "Universal" prayers such as:

- Help my friend who is: struggling in her family life, recently lost a loved one
- Forgive me for doubting you, hurting another
- Be with me when I doubt my abilities, when others hurt me.
- Help me to be more patient person, achieve my goals, put my faith in you
- The prayer will become part of their Unit President's prayer book, and potentially include in the District or Department President's Prayer Book. As them to print as neatly and legibly as possible, sign and date the prayer, adding any position they may hold in the Auxiliary.

Chaplains: Check out the prayer books rules at [www.aladeptaz.org](https://www.aladeptaz.org/5.--monthly-bulletins---program-information.html) website:
<https://www.aladeptaz.org/5.--monthly-bulletins---program-information.html>

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



Education March 2025



The 2nd semester is under way! Each month I am focusing on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.**

There are several ways that Members and Units can assist military children with educational opportunities:

- Identify and reach out to military children in your local classrooms.
- Encourage Junior members to contact their school guidance counselor and volunteer to be a mentor to new military children at their school.
- Offer individual tutoring/assistance to a military child who is struggling.
- Provide your local school with a copy of the *Educator's Guide to the Military Child During Deployment*:
[Educator's Guide to the Military Child During Deployment | National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments \(NCSSLE\)](#)
- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children: [Free Tutoring for Military Spouses & Families - Tutor.com & more \(mymilitarybenefits.com\)](#)
- Assist schools in working with military children. Resources are available at www.militarychild.org
- Organize a classroom recognition event for military children to share the accomplishments of their relative who is serving.

I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary education programs throughout the school year.

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

Julie Vietri

Education Chairman
Department of Arizona
jvietri@msn.com
480-495-1558

Finance

March 2025

This is your reminder that your Finance Report for 2024-2025 is due on May 1. Please furnish the required information as stated on the Finance Report. Report forms are available on the Department website, aladeptaz.org and click on the Monthly Bulletins and Information tab. Scroll down to Finance and there you will see the Form under the Finance section. Should you have any questions or comments, please reach out to this Chairman at yodobo@msn.com or call 602-989-3321.

As clearly stated on the report form:

This information is a requirement for maintaining compliance with the National organization, Internal Revenue and the Arizona Corporation Commission for Non-Profit Organization status. This information is ONLY USED FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES and will become part of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona files after review by the Finance Committee.

**Yolanda Bonilla, Chairman, 602-989-3321, yodobo@msn.com
Penny Maklary, Member, 520-364-5038, ahhpenny@aol.com
Barbara White, 602-908-2980, barbara.white99gmail.com
Members by Virtue of Office: Stacey Mayberry, President,
NEC, Rose Ficklin, Sec/Tres. (no vote)**

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GIRLS STATE ORIENTATIONS 2025

District 1 Saturday, May 3, 2025 11:30 am

Yuma Schools

American Legion Post 56

1490 W. 3rd St.

Yuma, AZ 85364

Contact Kim Woodward 928-200-9142 kimberkitti@roadrunner.com

District 2 Saturday, May 10, 2025 10:00 am

Tucson Schools...Sahuarita...Oro Valley...Marana...Vail

American Legion Post 36

5845 E. 22nd St.

Tucson, AZ 85711

Contact Jennifer Turner-Jones 520-475-9662 al36family@gmail.com

District 3 Sunday, April 27, 2025 2:00 pm

Cochise County...Benson...Douglas...Tombstone...Sierra Vista

American Legion Post 45

150 W. 5th St.

Benson, AZ 85602

Contact Dolores Chavez 928-386-0841 cheebjejs@cox.net

-OR- Maggie Montijo 520-904-1814 maggiemontijo@gmail.com

District 4 Sunday, May 4, 2025 3:00 pm

Coolidge...Florence...Casa Grande...San Tan Valley...Queen Creek...Maricopa...Blackwater

American Legion Post 54

408 N. Main

Coolidge, AZ 85128

Contact Becky Ruiz 520-723-7557 b13ruiz13@gmail.com

District 5 PENDING

Safford...Willcox...Morenci

Contact Kat Sticklin 928-322-1550

-OR-

Globe...Miami...San Carlos PENDING

Contact Patty Nolan 928-812-3027 thenolans127@hotmail.com

District 6

Show Low...Blue Ridge...Holbrook...Snowflake...Overgaard

Conducted by school counselors

Unit 86 will make their own arrangements

Unit 86 Contact Robyn Hansen 602-999-3486 robyn.hansen@jrhie.com

District 7 Saturday, May 3, 2025 1:00-2:00 pm

Kingman Area

American Legion Post 14

225 E. Oak St.

Kingman, AZ 86401

Contact Rebecca Faris 928-715-4926 rebeccafaris3@gmail.com

District 8 Saturday, April 19, 2025 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Prescott...Prescott Valley...Bagdad...Sedona...Mayer

Camp Verde Library

130 N. Black Bridge Rd.

Camp Verde, AZ 86322

Contact Jeri Strande 928-301-9581 jeristrande21@gmail.com

District 11 Sunday May 4, 2025 1:00 pm

Phoenix West Valley...Peoria...Buckeye...Tolleson...Sunnyslope...Dysart...Willow Canyon

North West Schools...Surrounding Areas

American Legion Post 62

9847 W. Desert Cove Ave.

Peoria, AZ 85345

Contact Nicki Cruz 602-292-0960 noreennickerson@cox.net

District 12 Sunday April 27, 2025 registration begins at 12:30 pm; presentation begins at 1:00 pm

Phoenix East Valley...Apache Junction...Fountain Hills...Chandler...Mesa...Gilbert...Tempe

Scottsdale...North East Schools...Surrounding Areas

American Legion Post 35

2240 W. Chandler Blvd.

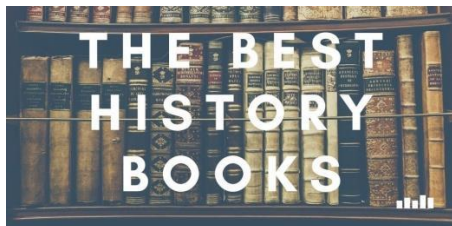
Chandler, AZ 85224

Contact Cindy Queen 602-316-7647 cynqueen53@cox.net

Delegates and their parents are invited to attend one of these Orientations. All Orientations have the same information. If unable to attend the closest one, any of the others is available-just reach out to them. Units will be sending invitations to the delegates they are sponsoring with information on where to attend.

THIS SCHEDULE WILL BE UPDATED IF NEW INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.

Historian Report February 2025



Happy March Everyone

HOW ARE YOUR HISTORY BOOK COMING ALONG? DO YOU NEED A LITTLE REVIEW?

A. Appearance – 10 - points.

1. Cover: Soft cover binder for loose-leaf paper, preferably blue with 2.5 inch gold foil American Legion Auxiliary seal centered on the cover or a regulation binder with imprinted seal.
2. Paper: Plain white, 8 ½ x 11 inches.
3. Page Setup: a.
 - a. Margins - Left and right margins should be 1.25 inches; top and bottom margins should be 1 inch.
 - b. Pagination - Page numbers should begin on the first page of the Historical Content They should be centered and placed 0.5 inches from the bottom of the page.
 - c. Spacing: Double-spaced with the exception of the introductory pages. (i.e. Title Page, Foreword or Dedication ...), which shall be centered in the middle of the page. Paragraphs may be indented or in block form.
 - d. Text: 12 point font Times New Roman or Arial Style font. Paragraphs may be indented or in block form.
 - e. Technology: Computer preferred, however a typewritten or handwritten history is permissible. If typewritten or handwritten, the page set up should not vary from what is required of computer users.

B. Arrangement – 10 points

1. Written in third person.
2. Clear, concise language with correct spelling.
3. No decorations, computer graphics, pen or ink drawings, illustrations, extra materials, or newspaper clippings.
4. Be original and unique in thought and presentation.

C. Introduction – 10 points

1. Title Page:
 - a. History of Unit (Name and Number).
 - b. Department of Arizona.
 - c. Date (2024 - 2025).
 - d. Total Membership:
 - e. Unit Historian Name and Address should be in the lower right hand corner of this page.

D. Historical Content - 70 points

1. List of elected and/or appointed Unit Officers for current administrative year.

2. List of Unit Chairmen and committee appointments for current administrative year.
3. List of Department Officers and Chairmanships held by Unit members.
4. List Department Awards and Citations won by the Unit at the previous Department Convention.
5. The History shall be written as factual narrative in chronological order of events beginning with the Installation of Unit Officers at Department Convention and follow through the end of the administrative year as closely as possible.
6. The signature block of the Unit President and Unit Historian on the last page, placed under the end of the last paragraph of the history.
7. Index (optional).

History books are due no later than noon Friday at Arizona Department Convention!

Please email me a picture of your Charter if you haven't already sent me one. This is for the National President's Trish Ward project! President Tish is trying to see how many different National President's signature she can collect.

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

Lynda Griffin
AZ Department Historian
Lynda4ala@gmail.com
(623) 349-3979

Leadership/Arizona Mission Training\ March 2025

We are on the last quarter of the Auxiliary year. I hope that your unit is well on its way to accomplishing All that you planned and hoped to do. Remember that the year end Reports are due on May 1st! The Awards in this program are also due to this chairman on the same date. They include “Unit Member of the Year,” “LaVan Erickson Leadership Plaque” and “Vickey Zwall Mentor of the Ye3ar” Plaque. Information On awards is available on the department website aladeeptaz.org Please be sure to follow the criteria of each Award exactly. It is the responsibility to your program chairmen with the help of your members to write about all of your amazing accomplishments! **Pictures are very welcome, also.** Work together to track the activities, hours and money spent. All of this information is invaluable to the department chairman who then send activities and totals to the national chairmen. It’s a process, but so important to record all that you do.

Year End Reporting submitted by Jill Layton, Central Division Chair: (suggestions)

Bruce Lee said: “if you spend too much time thinking about a thing, you’ll never get it done.” So, stop thinking about writing your report, sit down, and let’s get started!

Here are some suggestions. At the top of the page in the center, put the chairmanship⁰, the date, and your name. For the first paragraph, list your Unit’s name and number and where you are located.

2nd paragraph-you are doing great! Start writing about all the wonderful things your Unit has done throughout the Auxiliary year. List names of members who participated. Check the Secretary’s minutes for decisions made. Also, the Treasurer[‘s report for money spent. If you had members who kept tracking sheets this will help you.

DO NOT BE HUMBLE! Toot your horn. Let others know the incredible things your Unit did.

See, it isn’t so hard, just keep writing. Show your enthusiasm. Give details. Something you think is an average activity might be something another Unit had not considered doing.

Share how you planned and promoted the activity. Brag about your success.

Fantastic job! Now³, attach pictures of all these awesome events. Pictures must be attached as a jpeg to the report. Department and National cannot use pictures embedded in the report, they can only use them if they are attached to the report.

Before you hit the “send” button, double-check if a cover sheet is required. If so, a cover sheet must be included.

You did it! You just wrote a fantastic report on your chairmanship.

I hope that this will help your Units and Unit Chairman as we work together to report all of the activities that you worked so hard on throughout the year. As always, if you have questions, please email or text and I will be happy to help you.

Karen Smith, Chairman

520-249-1119

ksmith111@cox.net

1133 Carmelita Drive

Sierra Vista, AZ

85635

SCHEDULED ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING EVENTS

3-29-25 Unit 62 Peoria Kathy Amery

623-640-0134 Luv2p8@gmail.com

5-17-25 Unit 91 Chandler (Level 2 Training)

Rae Hopf 480-296-3556 raehopf@cox.net

MEMBERSHIP MARCH 28, 2025

		UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
01		0100	Phoenix	193	5	149	154	79.79%
		Total		193	5	149	154	79.79%
	Total			193	5	149	154	79.79%
		0019	Yuma	216	7	167	174	80.56%
		0046	Bouse	58	2	57	59	101.72%
01		0056	Yuma	80	1	68	69	86.25%
		Total		354	10	292	302	85.31%
	Total			354	10	292	302	85.31%
		0007	Tucson	45	0	33	33	73.33%
		0036	Tucson	279	4	219	223	79.93%
02		0059	Tucson	145	3	114	117	80.69%
		0066	Green Valley	900	0	846	846	94.00%
		0068	Tucson	61	1	53	54	88.52%
		0073	Tucson	35	1	20	21	60.00%
		0109	Vail	390	11	370	381	97.69%
		0125	Tucson	16	1	14	15	93.75%
		0131	Green Valley	580	0	577	577	99.48%
		0132	Oro Valley	85	1	76	77	90.59%
		Total		2536	22	2322	2344	92.43%
	Total			2536	22	2322	2344	92.43%
03		0011	Douglas	145	2	114	116	80.00%
		0016	Bisbee	64	0	47	47	73.44%
		0024	Tombstone	415	10	411	421	101.45%
		0045	Benson	50	1	35	36	72.00%
		0052	Sierra Vista	210	3	175	178	84.76%
		0141	Pearce	22	0	20	20	90.91%
		Total		906	16	802	818	90.29%
03	Total			906	16	802	818	90.29%
		0008	Casa Grande	35	0	21	21	60.00%
		0009	Florence	125	1	124	125	100.00%
		0051	Coolidge	70	8	59	67	95.71%
		0054	Coolidge	93	1	78	79	84.95%
		0097	San Tan Valley	40	2	34	36	90.00%
		0129	Queen Creek	21	1	21	22	104.76%
		0133	Maricopa	35	1	22	23	65.71%
04		Total		419	14	359	373	89.02%
	Total			419	14	359	373	89.02%

05		0004	Globe	40	2	35	37	92.50%
		0028	Clifton	85	1	76	77	90.59%
		0032	Safford	155	0	116	116	74.84%
		0095	Solomon	82	5	75	80	97.56%
		Total		362	8	302	310	85.64%
	Total			362	8	302	310	85.64%
06		0030	Springerville	90	0	83	83	92.22%
		0037	Holbrook	25	0	28	28	112.00%
		0069	Payson	130	0	50	50	38.46%
		0086	Overgaard	415	2	408	410	98.80%
		Total		660	2	569	571	86.52%
	Total			660	2	569	571	86.52%
07		0003	Flagstaff	73	4	48	52	71.23%
		0013	Williams	50	2	48	50	100.00%
		0014	Kingman	145	3	121	124	85.52%
		0022	Golden Valley	150	4	134	138	92.00%
		0042	Grand Canyon	38	6	27	33	86.84%
		0057	Ash Fork	80	2	58	60	75.00%
		0081	Lake Havasu City	670	7	680	687	102.54%
		0087	Bullhead City	132	3	121	124	93.94%
		0088	Dolan Springs	10	0	38	38	380.00%
		0103	Meadview	43	0	47	47	109.30%
		0123	Seligman	40	0	26	26	65.00%
		0136	Yucca	15	0	13	13	86.67%
		Total		1446	31	1361	1392	96.27%
	Total			1446	31	1361	1392	96.27%
08		0006	Prescott	263	7	266	273	103.80%
		0025	Cottonwood	306	9	279	288	94.12%
		0040	Chino Valley	95	0	86	86	90.53%
		0078	Humboldt	160	2	136	138	86.25%
		0079	Yarnell	183	0	159	159	86.89%
		0090	Black Canyon City	75	1	58	59	78.67%
		0093	Camp Verde	112	0	111	111	99.11%
		0108	Prescott Valley	38	3	28	31	81.58%
		0135	Cornville	47	8	33	41	87.23%
		0140	Prescott Valley	23	4	12	16	69.57%
		Total		1302	34	1168	1202	92.32%
	Total			1302	34	1168	1202	92.32%

11		0001	Phoenix	127	1	93	94	74.02%
		0005	Phoenix	65	4	53	57	87.69%
		0012	Wickenburg	220	5	197	202	91.82%
		0029	Glendale	250	8	187	195	78.00%
		0053	Buckeye	30	0	33	33	110.00%
		0061	Avondale	215	3	217	220	102.33%
		0062	Peoria	1000	31	977	1008	100.80%
		0105	Phoenix	215	7	231	238	110.70%
		0115	Glendale	35	3	23	26	74.29%
		0145	Peoria	14	0	16	16	114.29%
		Total		2171	62	2027	2089	96.22%
	Total			2171	62	2027	2089	96.22%
12		0002	Tempe	111	2	98	100	90.09%
		0026	Mesa	235	2	211	213	90.64%
		0027	Apache Junction	1920	4	1916	1920	100.00%
		0034	Cave Creek	320	1	266	267	83.44%
		0035	Chandler	316	7	269	276	87.34%
		0039	Gilbert	520	11	533	544	104.62%
		0041	Phoenix	350	11	284	295	84.29%
		0044	Scottsdale	340	0	291	291	85.59%
		0058	Fountain Hills	405	8	379	387	95.56%
		0064	Phoenix	25	0	16	16	64.00%
		0065	Phoenix	350	12	279	291	83.14%
		0084	Sacaton	50	9	47	56	112.00%
		0091	Chandler	275	19	253	272	98.91%
		0107	Phoenix	210	2	196	198	94.29%
		0114	Scottsdale	25	0	3	3	12.00%
		0117	Phoenix	265	3	223	226	85.28%
		0124	Guadalupe	30	4	16	20	66.67%
		0138	Mesa	54	0	94	94	174.07%
		Total		5801	95	5374	5469	94.28%
	Total			5801	95	5374	5469	94.28%
Total	Total			16150	299	14725	15024	93.03%

Public Relations 2025 Flow Chart

A chart to creating and working PR for your event!!



WV UNIT EVENT

PRESS RELEASE

Gather all relevant details: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How.
Write a clear and engaging press release about the event.

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SEND TO MEDIA

Send to Media Outlets:
Local newspapers,
radio, TV stations, etc.
Post on Social Media:
Share on the program's
respective social media
pages for wider reach.

Ensure all communications
align with the mission and
values of the American
Legion Auxiliary. Include
high-quality photos, if
available, to accompany
press releases.

PRESERVE THE LEGACY

Preserve the legacy by saving copies of
all materials and including a brief story
with your releases. This ensures your
unit's history is accurately documented
for future generations.

FOLLOW UP

Follow up with media outlets to
confirm receipt and offer
additional information if needed.

Following up with media
helps build lasting
relationships, establishing
trust and rapport. Strong
connections with media can
position you as the go-to
expert in your community
for matters involving
veterans, active service
members, and their families.

*Created by
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CREATIVE ARTS

APRIL 2025

The Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities use the Creative Arts program as one form of rehabilitation treatment to help veterans recover and cope with service-related trauma (PTSD) and physical disabilities. It enhances their quality of life and benefits their family relations. Veterans eligible to receive care through Department of Veteran Affairs are enrolled at a VA Medical Center, Outpatient Clinic, or reside in a state veterans home.

The veterans compete in local creative arts competitions where veterans exhibit their creativity which helps their sense of pride and self confidence.

The Phoenix Creative Arts Festival will be held on May 8, 2025, at the VA Medical Center, Topaz Clinic (in the basement) from 10 am to 1 pm.

The Tucson Creative Arts Festival will be held August 12-15, 2025.

The Prescott Creative Arts Festival will be held in September at the County Fairgrounds. The exact date will be provided later.

I urge you to attend these competitions and be impressed with the artistic achievements of our veterans. You will feel rewarded that your donations make this rehabilitation program possible.

The American Legion Auxiliary's purpose is to support veterans, military, and their families. Our Unit donations are very important since The American Legion Auxiliary and Department of Veterans Affairs are the only two sponsors for this program. When sending donations to Department, please specify it is for your local VA festival or it will be forwarded to the National Creative Arts Festival. Poppy funds can be also used for the Creative Arts Program.

Additional information can be found at www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact me or a team member in your area:

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NATIONAL VETERANS
CREATIVE ARTS
COMPETITION

Phoenix VA 19th Annual CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2025

Event Date: Thursday May 8th, 2025

Location: Recreation Therapy Topaz Clinic

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**To participate call 480-524-5036
between the hours of 9-11 am or 1-2 pm
from April 7-18, 2025.**

**Or attend Open House at the Topaz Clinic
on April 9 from 10 am - 1 pm**

For info about categories and requirements visit:

www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Phoenix VA Health Care System

AMERICAN
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American Legion Auxiliary VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
2-28-25

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

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

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

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

ALA is working with CLC therapists and the new Bingo machine has been ordered. Donations will be appreciated.

ALA will be sponsoring refreshments for the NVCAF medal winners on April 15, 2025.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025 is \$5,251. Thank you Unit 131 and Unit 136 for your generous donations to support our programs.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025 is \$23,243.00. Thank you Unit 24, Unit 39, Unit 66, Unit 131, Unit 132 and Unit 73 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Eight registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025 is 888.25. Twenty occasional volunteers have contributed 265.55 hours as of February 28, 2025. The Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE formerly Voluntary Service) is bringing back many volunteers

This chairman has volunteered 161.25 hours and logged 1,920 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of February 28, 2025. This chairman has now logged over 4,900 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was privileged to present the honorary check to the directorship of SAVAHCS in the amount of \$2,199,900 representing value of volunteer hours and donation this past fiscal year. This chairman finished a three year term on the VAVS Executive Committee. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. This chairman is working with the Homeless Program to ensure that our Homeless Veterans and those in Transitional Housing have the food and beverages that they need. This chairman is actively supporting the Patriot Pantry at SAVAHCS. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. NVCA Festival was held October 12 through October 15th with the first place winners going to Tucson Mall for display for a month. ALA purchased steel mesh screens for displaying entries. Annual Joint Review was held on November 26, 2024. VAVS Committee voted to support the Patriot Pantry, Building 95 Recreation and Fisher House with donations on July 31, 2024. VAVS voted to fund NVCA in the amount of \$3,000 which was the total requested on February 26, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

Phoenix State Home Birthday list March – May 2025

Questions? Contact Candy Neagle at candy.neagle@gmail.com; 623-826-9580 (call or text)

March

Kenneth T	3/6
Miguel Y	3/8
James H	3/9
John M	3/9
Gregory G	3/13
Leslie B	3/17

April

Richard B	4/1
George G	4/7
Doyles G	4/12
Jonathan S	4/16
Rex G	4/20
James W	4/21

May

William E	5/1
John M	5/2
Edward N	5/4
Steve D	5/6
Cecil B	5/31



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

ALAMIS Access

Mail this form and check to the below address

Each Unit and District is eligible to have up to two ALAMIS (ALA Membership Information System) users. The cost of ALAMIS is set by National. Only members that are paid up for the current year will be given access to ALAMIS.

Type of Access	Benefits	Cost per User
Unit Full Access	Pay Dues Online, Rejoin Former Members, Edit member data, Add new Members for your Unit	\$20
Unit Write Access	Edit Member Data and Add New Members for your Unit	\$15
Unit View Access	View your Unit, No Change Capabilities	\$10
District View Access	View All Units, No Change – limited to Dist Presidents Only	\$10

User #1 Name _____ Member ID# _____

Unit # _____ District # _____ Email _____

Type of Access _____ Replacing User? _____

User #2 Name _____ Member ID# _____

Unit # _____ District # _____ Email _____

Type of Access _____ Replacing User? _____

Cost of User 1 _____ + Cost of User 2 _____ = _____
(amount to be sent to Department)

Check # _____ Date of Check _____

The above members have been selected to have access to ALAMIS for the current year for our Unit or District.

Signature of President

Earmark Check: ALAMIS
Make checks payable to ALA, Dept of AZ
Include Unit and/or District number on all checks

REORDER FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES

PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AS NEEDED AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY
MAIL TO: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100
Phoenix, Arizona 85015
ATTENTION: SUPPLIES

ALLOW 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE ORDER INTO DEPARTMENT
OFFICE

Send to Name & Unit Number: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone: _____

Select and Indicate Amount Needed

Junior Activities Handbook (online download at National Auxiliary website or buy at Emblem Sales)

VA&R Rehab Guide (online download at National Auxiliary website or buy at Emblem Sales)

Emergency Fund _____

Auxiliary At A Glance (membership application) _____

The American Legion Family (all entities application) _____

Unit Guide Book (\$10.00 ea. plus shipping) _____

Membership Blank Cards 8 cards/sheet (**\$1.00 per sheet**) _____

Youth Programs _____

***Youth Programs now include Girls State and Youth Activities

Note: The above supplies are free **except for** the membership cards and Guide Books. If you are asking for a bulk supply of these items, please order them from Emblem Sales. Any other items such as certificates, National Constitution and Bylaws and many other resources can be downloaded from legion-aux.org.

There will be no phone orders accepted.