CHAPLAIN

Happy March

I want to thank the 22 units and 2 districts that sent in mid-year reports. I sent all the information from those reports to National Chaplain Deborah, for her reporting. I do hope that we get more participation from units and districts for of year reporting. One quarter of our total units reporting isn't good at all. I think the Units of this Department can report 100%. In fact, I want to see how many people actually read this bulletin. If I can get 100% reporting from ALL units in the Department of Arizona, and 100% of the Districts to report at year end. I will wear a dress all day on the Friday of convention. So that means **District Presidents need to rally your Units Presidents who in turn need to rally the unit chaplains.** If I only get 99% reporting then too bad ladies, there will not be a reward for that.

I also need more prayers for President's Cindy's prayer book. Please send them sooner rather than later.

For God and Country

Rose

MEMBERSHIP

MARCH 2019

Your dues make a difference in the American Legion Auxiliary's success in serving our mission to help our nation's veterans, military, and their families. Whether or not you're able to actively participate in ALA service projects or attend meetings, your dues make our mission outreach possible and help ensure the future growth and prosperity of the ALA.

As we look forward to celebrating 100 years of service, let us focus on making a stronger impact on those we serve by continually pushing the value of our ALA members volunteer service over the \$1 billion mark.

NEXT TARGET DATE

95% BY MAY 05, 2019

WE ARE CURRENTLY AT 54.97%

Ladies, as you can see, we have some work to do. I would like to thank everyone that has attended our membership events. Please let us know if you would like the "BEES" to make a visit.

Remember: You can renew your membership in multiple ways!

- Mail a check to your unit.
- Visit www. ALAforVeterans.org to renew online. You must log in to pay your dues.
- Pay by phone to ALA National Headquarters at (317)569-4500, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST

*******Visa/Mastercard or Visa/MasterCard Debit are accepted when renewing online or by phone.

In the spirit of Service Not Self, please renew your American Legion Auxiliary membership today and help us continue our mission outreach and advocacy efforts in serving our nation's 20 million veterans.

(Please share this information with your members.)

Your Membership Team:

Patricia Lugo, Chairman, 602-475-0208, Barbara Matteson, Secretary 602-241-1080 & Pat Stanaski, Membership Processor 602-241-1080

ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING Believe Equality Exists Supporting Every Veteran



We are now into March with just two more months in this reporting year. *Must bee the wings that is causing this year to fly by so quickly.*







I have a tendency to assume everyone knows what I am talking or writing about just because I might have mentioned it way back when; so, I might have created some confusion about the Auxiliary Senior Basics Course changes mentioned last month. This course is the first part of the National on-line Courses and has been placed on the Arizona Department Website for easier access to complete.

An Auxiliary member has asked if the National on-line Courses could be combined with on-site training of those areas not covered. We are still researching this option and hopefully will have an answer for the next newsletter.

Congrats to Kathy Szakonyi!!! She was the first instructor to complete ALL the on-line National Courses with certificates of completion, the course on the Arizona website and sending in an answer sheet; combined with hosting a Mission Training and assisting with conducting a full day of training. And, she never skipped her Tucson VA commitment to Veterans! Way to go Kathy!!!

<u>Calling all members</u> who are considering being Mission Training Instructors or feel that someone would be a good instructor. Two positions are awarded each year to members. Courtesy dictates you ask the person you are nominating if they would like to be an Instructor prior to sending in the nomination.

After reaching out to the District Presidents we now have these trainings scheduled. March will be a busy month, but there is still room to put your Unit or District on the schedule in March or April. Please keep in mind the following dates are taken: March 23 is District 8 at Post 6 in Prescott 20the 24th is a travel day; and March 31st is a half session for District 3 at Post 45 in Benson; Although District 2 and 11 have returned communications they are not yet on the schedule. *Please be aware I cannot schedule your training, as Units or Districts are responsible for coordinating a host Unit, location, notifying members, ensuring the 10 list and money for same is paid and received by Department 10 days prior to the training. Note: Although the reporting period for this year ends the last of April, the year goes on until Convention. Let's get on the schedule so we can report the upcoming Mission Training even if it is scheduled in May.*

Please remember the cost of the entire 8-hour course is now \$10. A mini-session (4 hours) is \$5. You must have a list of the 10 members signed up to attend and your money for the attendees to Department 10 days prior to the actual training. Any <u>additional</u> attendees may pay at the time of the training. The Leadership Pin is now \$15 (pay when ordering upon course completion).

For God and Country in Service to Veterans

Kat Sticklin, Department Chair Arizona Mission Training 928-428-7431 / 928-322-1550 <u>gsticklin@cableone.net</u> 1519 S. 2nd Avenue Safford, AZ 85546 Rebecca Faris, Northern Co-Chair <u>rebfar@npgcable.com</u> /928-757-8590 Sherrie Tucker, Southern Co-Chair <u>sherrietul@cox.net</u> / 918-808-7540 Barbara White, Central Co-Chair Barbarawhite99@gmail.com /602-908-2980

ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING/LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT REPORT FORM 2018-2019 <u>DUE May 1st 2019</u>

Please forward report form to: Kat Sticklin at 1519 S. 2nd Ave; Safford, AZ 85546; <u>gsticklin@cableone.net</u>; 928-322-1550

Unit Numbe	r:	Unit Name:	Total Membership:			
Chairperson	ı:	Address:	Address:			
1.	How m	any members have filled out the Na	tional Data Survey this year?			
2.	How m	any members have taken the Nation	al ALA on-line courses?			
		ALA 101 - Senior Basics				
	b.	Establishing an ALA Culture of Go	oodwill			
	с.	ALA Communication Methods				
	d.	ALA Branding and Why it Matters	to Me			
		ALA Leadership-Living our Motto				
		Junior Basics				
3.	How m	any Unit members have attended a s	short session of Mission Training?			
	a.	First Session	-			
	b.	Second Session				
4.	How m	any Unit members have attended a f	ull session of Mission Training?			
5.	How m	any Unit members are working as m	entors with other members?			
	a.	What areas are being covered?				
	b.	Hours spent mentoring?				
	c.	Number of members assisted?				
6.	Constit	ution/bylaws and Standing Rules Re	view:			
	a.	Did you conduct a review as a Unit	?			
	b.	Hand out copies to members for rev	view?			
	с.	Provide a copy for members to revi	ew as time allows?			
	d.	Do you have a copy of the District	documents?			
		Did you conduct a review of these				
7.	Poppy	Making Training:				
	a.	Number of members who attended	this training?			
	b.	Number of members who are making	ng poppies?			
8.	Goodw	ill:				
	a.	What does your Unit do to promote	goodwill within the Unit?			
	b.	Do you have an initiation ceremony	y and give out information?			
	c.	How does your Unit promote itself	in the community?			

- 9. National "Shoutout" Campaign asking for Units to send in information about what they do:
 - a. Are you participating in this?
 - b. How many times has the unit sent in information for this?
- 10. National Leadership Video Contest:
 - a. Are you submitting information for this?
 - b. How many participated in a video?
 - c. What was your subject?

Please use an additional sheet or the back side of this form as needed.



"BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN" MUSIC REPORT MARCH 2019

Fellow Music Chairs:

March is Community Service month and there are lots of opportunities to give service to Veterans. If you are living in an HOA-run community, work with the Activities Director to organize activities for the Veterans in your community. Work with the Vets on a clean-up or beautification project. Afterward, why not treat the Veterans to a potluck? Entertainment could include singing patriotic songs. Maybe someone would volunteer to bring a karaoke machine and everyone could sing along. Do you sing in the car while driving? Everyone does! So while you're driving a veteran to his or her doctor appointment, grocery store, etc., work out your vocal cords at the same time. March 20 is the first day of Spring and a great time for new beginnings. Opportunities are everywhere. Just open your eyes and your heart.

Don't forget that the Legion Family Choir sings at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning during the Department Convention in June. I'd appreciate your support in encouraging members to be a participant in the Choir. It's very rewarding.

Information regarding the Music Awards can be found on the website: <u>www.aladeptaz.org</u> 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.

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

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman 11533 E. Kilarea Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209 steinent@cox.net 480.272.1255 cell



"BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN" YEAREND MUSIC REPORT FORM

Greetings:

It's not too early to start thinking about Yearend Reports! Hopefully units turned in the Mid-year Report which will help with the completion of this form. 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 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? ______

To qualify for an award, a typewritten narrative of not more than 1,000 words must be included.

Yearend music reports are due to me no later than May 1, 2019. Either email/mail to me.

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

Unit/District President: _____/____/

Music Chairman/person providing information:

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman 11533 E. Kilarea Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209 steinent@cox.net 480.272.1255 cell

American Legion Auxiliary National Security

March 2019

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

And our job in our Mission Statement clearly states that we as Auxiliary support the American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families. Therefore, we are honor bound to report our activities. <u>And again, please do so on the Year End Report which is due May 1, 2019</u>.

Would you like to expand your reporting by writing a report? This chairman encourages that you take the time to review the criteria for the Department Awards for the National Security Program. The rules are listed on the Department website, aladeptaz.org. Click on the Member Resources section and then go to Department Awards, pages 49 and 50.

National Security Plaques

- Steffen Memorial Plaque units with membership 150 and under
- Speth Plaque units with membership 151 and over
- Helen Johnson Bone Civil Preparedness (CERT) Plaque

This Chairman attended the 2019 Mid-Winter National Executive Committee Meeting in Indianapolis February 22-24. However, our deadline for this newsletter is mid-February and I will report on the meeting in your April Newsletter. Questions and comments are always encouraged with a telephone call or email.

Yolanda Bonilla National Security Chairman 602-989-3321 yodobo@msn.com

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona National Security Annual Report Form 2018-2019

Please complete and MAIL or E-MAIL:	
Yolanda Bonilla	
15606 S. Gilbert Rd. Lot 103 Chandler, AZ 85225 or <u>yodobo@msn.com</u> <u>REPORT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT - MAY 1, 2019</u>	Membership:
UNIT NAME AND NUMBER:	
UNIT CHAIRMAN	
ADDRESS:	

1.	Did your Unit participate in Welcome Home Projects?
	No of EventsNo of Members No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs Cost
2.	Did your Unit off Child Care to Troops? Did your Unit Cook Meals for Troops? Did your Unit do yard work for Troops?
	No of EventsNo of MembersNo of LegionnairesNo of SALTotal HrsCost
3.	Did your Unit participate in Military Family Readiness Groups?
	No of EventsNo of MembersNo of LegionnairesNo of SAL Total Hrs Cost
4.	Did your Unit contribute to the USO?
	No of Events No of Members No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs Cost
5.	Did your Unit participate in the POW/MIA program?
	No of EventsNo of Members No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs Cost
6.	Did your Unit participate in the Blue Star Banner program?
	No of EventsNo of MembersNo of LegionnairesNo of SAL Total Hrs Cost
7.	Did your Unit participate in the Gold Star Banner program?
	No of EventsNo of Members No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs Cost
8.	Did your Unit participate in the Yellow Ribbon program?
-	No of Events No of Members No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs Cost
9.	Did your Unit/Legion Family attend the National Security/Children and Youth Workshop?
	No of Events No of Members No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs Cost
10	Did your Unit participate in Operation Comfort Warriors?
	No of Events No of Members No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs Cost
11	Did your Unit support the JROTC/ROTC program?
• • •	No of Events No of Members No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs Cost
12	Did your Unit participate in the CERT program?
12.	Did your Unit participate in the CERT program? No of Events No of Members No of Jrs No of Legionnaires No of SAL Total Hrs
	Cost
13.	Is your Unit entering a narrative for the Department Plaque? YesNo
14.	Is your Unit entering a narrative for the National Awards? YesNo

If so, please contact me for further information since National Awards have different requirements.



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT 2018-2019

March 2019

Visually Impaired Veterans

I BELIEVE

Why do I believe?

On January 18, 2019, President Cindy and I visited the Blind Rehabilitation Center in Tucson and officially presented a brand new tandem side-by-side bicycle purchased with funds collected so far to this project. One of the veteran students there remarked to me that he had been an avid cyclist until he began losing his sight. His words to me were, "you have given me back my freedom." I hope each of you can feel the special gratification of receiving that comment from a veteran who sacrificed to insure **OUR** freedom. Yes, I believe!

And this is just the beginning. As donations come in, there will be other stories of the gifts we will give to our visually impaired veterans. Keep up the good work! **THANK YOU ALA!**

Margaret Ellis	Chairman	maggylou@cox.net	480-818-3166
Kathy Szakonyi	Southern	N3SAD@aol.com	520-400-5839
Patti Eames	Northern	pattya6103@gmail.com	928-821-3891

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA PUBLIC RELATIONS MARCH 2019



BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN

Reporting:

We made it through the Mid-Year reporting, according to the Western Division Public Relations Chairman, the Western Division had 100% reporting. I want to thank those of you who took the time to send your units report. To those that did not please take the time to send your year-end report, it is due to me by **May 1, 2015**.

Awards:

The Department of Arizona has two Public Relations awards, they are:

LUCY QUINN PUBLICITY PLAQUE/KITCHEN PUBLICITY PLAQUE

This award is for the **PRESS BOOK.** The **PRESS BOOK** must be in to the Department Public Relations Chairman by the morning of the opening date of the convention.

MAXINE CHILTON MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Report to cover Publicity, Press Book, and written narrative. The purpose of this award is to stimulate interest in good publicity and public relations to the Unit which makes the MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF ALL AVAILABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS.

Suggestion:

To make your reporting easier, take the time to sort out what the unit did monthly, then jot down bullet points of the activities, you do not need to send a narrative.

Josie Herrera, Public Relations Chairman

jherrera268@aol.com

REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR SPRING CONFERENCE

MARCH 30-31, 2019

UNIT NUMBER	_ LOCATION				
CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER				
NAME		JR	AGE	SR	\$10
TOTAL					\$

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO DD VAUPEL NO LATER THAN MARCH 22, 2019 BY EMAIL (<u>ddvaulpel@gmail.com</u>) or CALL 623-221-7132 WITH THE NUMBER OF YOUR ATTENDEES

IT IS EASIER IF WE KNOW HOW MANY PERSONS TO PLAN FOR. THANK YOU

President's Scrapbook



February 2019

Greetings Ladies;

Please don't forget to send me any pictures, articles and keepsakes for President Cindy's Scrapbook. This will be an ongoing project so any pictures or mementos to help commemorate President Cindy's year would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have been sending in pictures along with posting on Facebook.

Please make sure you are capturing Cindy's official visit to your unit and posting on Facebook if you have access to do so. Posting these pictures on Facebook helps us both capture these memories. Please make sure you include location, names, and event information.

Don't forget to send me your pictures for them to be included into Cindy's Scrapbook. You can either email or mail them directly to me.

Sincerely;

Cheryl Miller

Cheryl Miller Scrapbook Chairman 10732 E. Ananea Ave. Mesa, AZ 85208 602-885-2782 cherbears@cox.net

SERVICE TO VETERANS

March, 2019

Greetings Ladies. REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.

I need to correct the time frame I listed in the February bulletin. You will need to turn in your volunteer hours, miles, expenses and donation amounts for May 2018 up to and including April 2019. I do need your information by May 1, 2019 latest.

I hope the tracking form I gave you has helped make it easier for you to maintain your records and compile your numbers for year end reporting.

PLEASE CONSIDER DOING A NARRATIVE FOR YOUR PROGRAMS TO EARN AWARDS FOR YOUR UNIT. You all work hard and deserve the recognition.

HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY

For God and country,

Mary Ann Anderson Jaymes, 502 S. 80th Place, Mesa, AZ 85208

Apache Unit 27 480-209-6332 mandyfbls@gmail.com

VA&R BULLETIN

MARCH 2019

Spring is in the air and the bees are flying and fluttering around as they spread their pollen to bring joy and beauty to the world. Does this sound familiar? Of course it does!!! WHY? Because this is what we do for our veterans. Spring is the time for a good shake up for housecleaning and dusting off of our cold wraps and hibernating trends. I say this because it fits me like a glove.

Ladies of our beautiful state of Arizona this is a time to support not only our veterans but our active duty persons. Whether we do or do not believe in the current political status and all the conflict it is causing in our world and especially in our state we need to remember our men and women are following what has been ordered and is expected of them. We must show them we do not judge them but honor them for willing to make sacrifices in their lives in their hope that they are working to make this a better world for all of us. Please understand I am not advocating for any political stand but I am thinking back to past conflicts our military has had to endure from the public upon their completion of their assignments.

Now, how will we be supporting our veterans? You ladies have been doing awesome work with the volunteer hours and donations made to our VA Hospitals, hosting bingo games, supporting Fisher House, sending birthday cards and gifts to the veteran homes. Some Units are making poppies and having community members help in learning about them. I was especially glad to see reports of fund raising, volunteer and participation by our Juniors. YAY!!! These are only a few activities that are being done. You all have done a great job so continue doing it and let it GROW.

REMEMBER we are celebrating our Centennial this year so shake hands with our veterans and thank them for their service **Believe Equality Exists Supporting every Veteran**.

Thank you for all you do and God Bless America

Jennie Molina	(520) 220-8460
VA&R Chairman	truelepa@gmail.com

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX MARCH 2019

HELLO EVERYONE:

DON'T FORGET: The National President, Kathy Dungan, will be having dinner and visiting with the Women Veterans at the State Home on March 27, 2019. This should be a wonderful evening. If you would like to attend please contact me at 602-841-4770.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Veterans at the State Home. I would like to acknowledge Unit 44 has been sending Birthday cards to the Veterans for over a year now. (Great job ladies!) Unit 35 has donated \$250.00, and Unit 135 has donated \$150.00 for snacks in February. Thank you so much! Unit 5 reported send @25.00 sending \$25.00 in merchandise as well as Birthday cards.

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

1 st Edwin K. 20 th Richard G. 31 st Syide N.	7 th Allen T. 20 th Harold S. 31 st James S.		14 th Robert E. 27 th Michael R.	14 th George P. 29 th Billy S.	
APRIL BIRTHDAY'S					
17 th Charles C	26 th Daniel B	27 th Elroy	M 9 th Harol	d B	
26 th John A	13 th Joseph L	. 20 th Linda (G 7th Mary	F	
2 Robert L	8 th Ronald k	C 2 Tom B			

<u>Just a Reminder</u>

Due to some health issues, I am asking each Unit to please mail the monthly birthday cards directly to the ASVH. The address is: Arizona State Veterans Home Attention: Kayla Uptine 4141 N S. Herrera Way Phoenix, AZ 85012

I received a call this morning about how to donate funds to the State Home. Answer: Send your donation check to: American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona 4701 N 19th Ave #100 Phoenix, AZ 85015

On the memo line write, ASVH Phoenix or ASVH Tucson donation. Once received, Barbara Matteson will send a check to the respective State Home Chairman with your Unit number on the check.

Here is the Updated Wish List:

- DVD Players with remotes for Veterans' Rooms (Doesn't need to be expensive)

- Universal Programmable Remotes
- Visa Gift Cards
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Wendy's Gift Cards
- Applebee's Gift Cards
- Chili's Gift Cards
- Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards
- Harkins Gift Cards
- Starbuck Gift Cards
- Phoenix Art Museum Gift Cards/Vouchers
- OdySea Aquarium Tickets
- SeaLife Tickets
- Remote Control Cars Large Cars with easy to use remotes
- Chips (Individually Packaged)
- Soft Snacks (Applesauce Pouches, Twinkies, SOFT cookies, Smoothie Pouches, Yogurt Pouches)
- Soda (Regular & Diet)
- Trivia Books
- Portable Bluetooth Speaker
- Large Duty Thermal Roll Laminator
- Postage Stamps
- Magnifying Glasses

As always, we are unable to use glass, toiletries, date expired food items, or medical supplies. All food items donated must be purchased at a store.

Please let me know if your Unit participates in monthly ASVH activities by emailing me at lbubbles@cox.net If you have any questions, please call me at 602-312-9245. Make sure you are keeping track of your activities for your annual report.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs ASVH (Phoenix) Chairman Joyce Livingston ASVH (Phoenix) Co-Chairman

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PROUD TO BE A MEMBER THE BEE TEAM