BEES SUPPORTING VETERANS

April 2019

NATIONAL PRESIDENT KATHY DUNGAN...Did you get to meet her?

JUNIORS ...did your Juniors attend?

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION...Sheraton at Wild Horse Pass not the Casino. Same location as last year. Housing window is open. For Hospitality Room you must go thru the Legion Department office. You must register with the TAL, ALA or SAL to attend this function. **The cost of onsite registration** will be EFFECTIVE THIS CONVENTION \$20.00. Please use the registration form in this packet. Please do not use any forms previously sent <u>unless you understand</u> that the price increase for on site registration.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...

Unit 2...President Helen Griffin, Secretary Mary Zandee-Sampson 480-668-1346

Unit 5...Membership Charlotte Martin

Unit79...Membership Sally Rappolt, 602-614-1757, dane-sally@hotmail.com

Unit 114...President Dorothy Donahue, 480-334-5958 spiritmooneagle@eagle.com

Historian....Barbara White 602-908-2980

GIRLS STATE...Watch for Orientation information

LOGO USE FORM...National has issued a new for to use for permission to use the ALA Logo. You will be able to access it on the Department Website. Please read and please use correctly.

EXTRA EXTRA...there will something in someone's packet this month. If you find it contact Department.... reward to be given at Department Convention.

REPORT TIME...Don't wait...these are all due at the end of the month.

MEMBERSHIP... "THIS IS HOW WE DO IT". Membership is everyone's job. NEW FLASH! The American Legion is at 85% of the 2018-2019 membership goal. WE, the Auxiliary, are at 59.31% of our goal. AND that is a long way from our 95% goal by May. We need to BE BUZZING around doing membership. Let's show them "how we do it". Are there ALR's in your Unit make sure they have paid the 2019 Unit dues. They must be a current member (dues paid) before they can pay their ALR dues.

PAID ONLINE...It appears that many of you have not identified your paid online when you send in membership transmittals. It also appears that many of you have not used you paid online credits. WHY?

OK...this is here every month because these problems are still coming in...Please double check the information on the applications...have someone else check...we are spending too much time getting missing information and corrections. Applications must be sent in for all new members...don't understand why units just quit sending in applications for new members.

- Be eligible & USE BLUE INK AND SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION
- Unit number
- Name of Veteran related to and only 1
- Only1 time of service
- Only 1 relationship and do not add any
- Must be signed by a Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself
- Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies
- Only list names that paid online, do not send any money for them.
- Make sure you mark all of the NEW women veterans.
- Do not mark NEW women veterans when they are renewing.

Please let your members know that if they pay online, they need to let you know. Members can now also pay by phone using a credit/debit card. Call National at 1-317-569-4500 and tell them you want to pay your dues by phone. National will start sending out cards for the 2018-19 year until then they have to let you know. They can only pay the current years dues. If they owe 2018 or before they will pay 2019 first to be current...this will be a rejoin member.

- **Question**...What are we supposed to do with a member data form that has a name and "bad address" written on it"? If you don't know how are we supposed to?
- Silver Brigade, Recruit & Rejoin forms...Please send these in now.
- Did WE see you last month on our travels?

LOGO STICKERS & WOODEN NICKLES... yes, we still have both for sale here in the Department office.

MANDATES...Department Mandates are due 30 days before Convention.... MAY 21, 2019. The following Units have not paid their Department Mandates... 22, 28, 46, 57, 62, 68, 79, 88, 125 and 130. Units you need to verify with your District that the District Mandates have been paid also.

REPORT...REPORT...REPORT!

"BEES"

Barbara Matteson Dept Secretary/Treasurer secretary@aladeptaz.org Pat Stanaski Dept Membership Processing membership@aladeptaz.org



BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN President's Bulletin April 2019

Good Day Ladies!!! How are you doing in getting your Unit beehives filled with membership? Before you know it, our Convention will be here, and awards will be handed out.

From February 15th to March 14th I attended the following:

- ❖ February 15th, I was invited to attend Unit 97 meeting held at the home of their Vice President. Thank you, ladies for the tea and cake. It was an honor to present their revised charter reflecting their new name, Joe Foss.
- ❖ On February 19th, I attended the Creative Arts Festival held in Tucson. Always a pleasure to see the great works our Veterans do as part of their rehabilitation process.
- ❖ Also, on February 19th, I attended Unit 8's meeting in Casa Grande. Great job ladies for all you do for our Veterans!
- ❖ On February 22nd, I traveled to Indianapolis to attend the NEC meeting on February 23rd which was held at National's new headquarters. We were given a tour of the building and to share in the works of seeing everything come together. The meeting was most informative.
- ❖ On March 2nd, Post 2 in Tempe held their annual dinner/dance with the orchestra playing for the 25th year. A good time was had by all.
- ❖ On March 3rd, District 12 had their annual picnic held at Post 65 in Phoenix. Lots of great food, camaraderie. This president participated in the cake walk, and yes, picked two delicious cakes.
- ❖ March 9-11, I traveled to Lake Havasu for their annual Commanders Dinner on Saturday and participated in their annual "walk" visiting many other entities in the surrounding area. Definitely...got my steps in that day!

Ladies, AGAIN... we are so close to convention and our numbers are still not where they should be with membership. Now is the time to call all your members who have not yet renewed, call those who have not come for a while and encourage them to rejoin, and of course reach out to Post members to find out if they have a female family member and offer the application to join.

Finally: A huge thank you to everyone who have made contributions to my special project!!!! We have already started helping our visually impaired Veterans receive the rehabilitation they so justly deserve.

Reminder: Be sure to take the Pledge and thank a Veteran for their service!!!

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APRIL BULLETIN

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND ('AEF')

2018-2019

Good morning all my hard working BEES.

The season for busy bees is in full swing with spring flowers popping up right around the corner. As the saying goes "April showers bring May flowers". But not all showers are appreciated. Showers can turn into major storms, bringing floods and tornados.

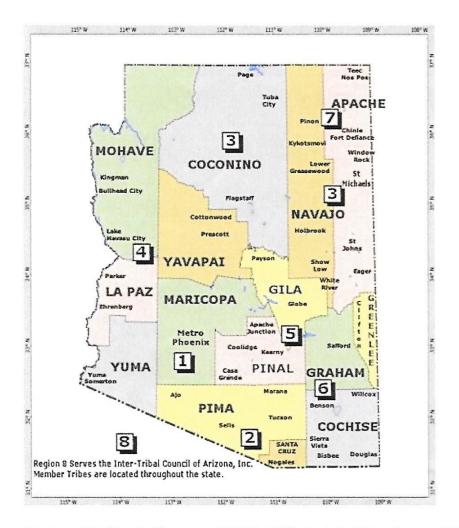
Help for those impacted by such disasters as well as everyday disasters: loss of a job, illness even death in the family, is just a "BEE'S WING" away. Let your members know how AEF can help them. Remind them that all information is confidential.

Included in this months bulletin is the form for your year end report. Remember all reports and narratives MUST be in to me by MAY 1st.

Good luck to all.

HAPPY EASTERBLESSED PASSOVER

For God and Country Shirley Kavis Chairman SKavis46@aol.com 602-679-0766



Inter-Tribal Council DAAS AAA Regions Map

Click on your county's link to go to thier website or click on Area Agency on Aging's Region links below for your AAA's contact information.

- 1. <u>Maricopa County (link is external)</u> <u>Area Agency on Aging, Region One</u> Phone: 602-264-2255
- Pima County (link is external) Pima Council on Aging, Region Two Phone: 520-790-0504
- 3. <u>Yavapai, Coconino, Navajo, Apache Counties (link is external)</u> <u>Area Agency on Aging, Region Three</u> Phone: 877-521-3500
- 4. Mohave, La Paz, Yuma Counties (link is external) Area Agency on Aging, Region Four Phone: 928-753-7038 (Mohave County), 928-217-7114 (La Paz, Yuma Counties)
- 5. <u>Pinal and Gila Counties (link is external)</u> <u>Area Agency on Aging, Region</u> Five Phone: 1-800-293-9393
- 6. <u>Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz Counties (link is external)</u> <u>Area Agency on Aging, Region Six Phone: 520-432-2528</u>

- 7. <u>Navajo Nation (link is external)</u> <u>Area Agency on Aging, Region Seven</u> Phone: 928-729-4520
- 8. <u>Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (link is external)</u> <u>Area Agency on Aging, Region Eight</u>

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

The program helps ensure families in Arizona have access to health care services and plans that will reduce their medical bills. The medical care insurance coverage provided by AHCCCS is available to thousands of Arizonans each year can include physical exams, doctor's office visits, prescriptions, immunizations, prenatal care, and hospital care. 1-800-654-8713

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND REPORT FORM 2018-2019

Unit Number	Total Membership
Chairman Name	
	Supporting the Program
Number of members invol	ved in support of the program
Number of juniors involved	in support of the program
Total dollar amount given t	to the AEF by Seniors Juniors
Did your Unit increase the	donation to AEF from last year? If so, by how much?
Did your Unit invite a guest	speaker? Is yes, who and what organization did they represent?
List the different ways your jars, etc.	Unit supported the AEF Program, such as different fundraisers, donation
Did your Unit involve the Leparticipated?	egionnaires, the Sons and the Legion Riders? How many of each group
What were the other comm	nunity resources you used to assist needy members?
You may use separate pape	r, if needed.
Please return this form to the Email skavis46@aol.com	ne AEF Chairman, Shirley Kavis, 2104 W Flint St, Chandler, AZ 85224
Reminder: A typed narrativ Patricia M. Lee – Gloria Ellio	e, not to exceed 1000 words, must be submitted to be eligible for the tt Memorial Plaque.
MID-YEAR REPOR	RT DEADLINE - DEC. 15th 2018 T DEADLINE - MAY 1ST 2019

American Legion Auxiliary National Security

April 2019

The proceedings of the 2019 Mid-Winter National Executive Committee Meeting in Indianapolis held on February 23 follows:

- The ALA Foundation reported on the growth of mission endowment, grants awarded, and awareness, and success to date. The Finance Committee reported that two meetings were held since convention and report a clean audit. The Budget is currently under review and final will be presented at National Convention in August. The Audit Report was presented by the Outside Audit Firm, Aldering CPA Group and continues to perform risk assessment to review financial statements, chart of accounts, internal controls of the Foundation and Finance Committee. They reported on the Foundation's growth and the continued ability of the Finance Committee to meet the Mission Statement with Governance by Transparency.
- National President Kathy Dungan reported on her travels. Interim National Secretary Linda Boone reported on the move to the new building and the ongoing efforts to decorate and make necessary improvements to the building. Linda reported that the search for the National Secretary is ongoing. She reported that salary adjustments and performance reviews were made to National Staff.
- The relationship with the TAL has been reviewed and the decision was made to have limited participation at the Washington Conference next year to include participation of the National President, Past National Presidents, and the Legislative Chairman.
- There will be a review of the Red Book. The Unit Guide will be available on April 15. The Finance Meeting held in mid-February had 79 participants from 44 Departments in attendance. Membership reported that as of February 19, the ALA had 534,929 paid members as evidenced by the Comparison Report of that date. As of August 2018 there were 8255 active units with 19 new charters and 14 reinstated units giving a sub-total of 8288 charters. At this meeting 33 charters were cancelled with a total of 8235 active units as of February 2019. Frank Perkins Unit 15 surrendered their charter in Arizona.
- All National Committees gave a short report with short briefings from National Staff. There were short messages from the 100th Anniversary and

Centennial Strategic Planning Committee. Changes to National Appointments were noted. The Consent Agenda was reviewed. The Endorsement Policy Statement was reviewed - that the ALA not endorse products, services, programs or activities of any other organization or allow products, services, programs, or activities other than member benefit providers to use ALA national trademarks. The Prepaid Expense Policy was reviewed stating that the ALA account for prepaid expense in a consistent and rational manner in accordance with accounting principles.

 Proposed changes to National Committee were presented. After a yearlong review and to optimize our mission and with a recommendation of the Future Focus Committee that incoming leadership found the number and quality of applications to be in decline and noting that they did not have enough applicants to fill the 250 appointment positions the committee recommends the following: The following National Committees will remain the same: Audit, Children & Youth, Finance, ALA Girls Nation, Junior Activities and Membership. The following will be moved to another committee and cease to exist at National: National History Committee will move under the National Historian. Liaison to American Legion Child Welfare Foundation will move to National Children & Youth Committee member position. National Past Presidents Parley Committee - Unit Member of Year Award will be move to Leadership. The Salute to Servicewomen Award will be move to National Security Committee. The following Committees will have a Chairman, Vice Chairman, a Division Chairman for each of the five Divisions (Central, Eastern, Northwestern, Southern and Western) - Americanism, AEF, Community Service, Leadership, Legislative, National Security, Poppy, Public Relations. VA&R and Education will have a Chairman, Vice Chairman (serving 2 years), a Member (serving 2 years) and a Division Chairman for each of the five Divisions (Central, Eastern, Northwestern, Southern and Western). Constitution & By-Laws would have a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. These changes will be considered by the 2019 Convention **Body** for review/approval/vote.

Yolanda Bonilla National Security Chairman

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Children and Youth Program

April 2019

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members,

Happy Spring fellow Auxiliary members! April is an exciting month as it is time to celebrate our Children and Youth! April is the month that our Auxiliary Units go all out working the Children and Youth program:

- Work with your Junior chairman to hold a bake sale, auction or garage sale
- Work with your Community Service chairman to do a 1 to 3 K walk or run at your local park. Provide prizes to the children that raise the most money for each distance they complete (and the kids get outside and get some exercise ©)
- Work with your Education chairman to bring a Veteran into the classroom to share their stories.

There are endless activities your Unit can participate in to celebrate our Children and Youth month in April so go for it everyone!

Enclosed is a copy of the year end Children and Youth report that is due to this chairman by May 1, 2019. There are three Children and Youth award that your Unit can send a narrative along with the report form to be awarded a plaque:

- AZ Child Welfare Plaque
- Jeanne McQuown Memorial Child Welfare Plaque
- Mary Bean Children and Youth Plaque

Please refer to the Department website for the rules and regulations of the Department awards. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. I look forward to seeing your reports and narratives.

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry – Chairman

Lynda Griffin – Committee Member

Rebecca Gulley – Committee Member

CREATIVE ARTS YEAR END REPORT ALA DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA SALLY FINE CHAIRMAN

During this past year we kept our Paws in Service making Arizona proud. Through all your hard work and keeping your members informed about the Creative Arts program. We have \$4,000.00 reported as donations this year to assist with this rehabilitation program. One unit gave gift cards to the artists at their local awards program so they could purchase art supplies. WAY TO GO!!!

I was fortunate to visit Creative Arts Shows and I was amazed at the talent and dedication our Veterans displayed at these shows. We indeed have many talented Veterans participating. Each show was supported by our dedicated ALA members who assisted in many ways such as set up and tear down of the shows, serving refreshments, supply prizes for the competitions, judge the show and do anything needed by the VA staff. A big thank to all of you for your volunteer activities to help our Veterans.

Each local show did a great job of educating the public about the Creative Arts

Program. Prescott VAMC had an article about one Veterans Art Work that

received 1st place and will be going to National. This Hopi Veteran is proud to be a

winner because he will be able to share the story of the Code Talkers who served
in World War II.

2.

Thank you for letting me serve on this committee I know we will have another successful year as we support the Veterans as they continue in their rehabilitation.

Respectfully submitted:

Sally Fine

ALA Creative Arts Chairman

Department of Arizona



Education April, 2019



The time to submit your reports and narratives for the Department awards is quickly approaching! There are two awards for Education: The **Jean Batley Plaque** for Units of membership 150 or under and the **Chrysteen Fritzinger Plaque** for Units of membership 151 or higher.

The rules are the same for both awards:

- Any Unit in the Department of Arizona may receive these awards in the appropriate membership category.
- Judging will be based on actual participation in Scholarships, both Loan and Gift, educational programs in both high school and grammar schools, and extra activity done.
- Unit Education reports must be into the Department Education Chairman on or before the deadline date for reports or date designated by the Department Chairman (May 1st).
- A narrative report of the work accomplished in this program must be included with the report to be eligible for these awards. The narrative must be typewritten, not to exceed 1,000 words. (Refer to the Department Awards Rules and Regulations manual for further details on writing the narrative.)

The Education Year-End report form was included in the packet distributed at Fall Conference, as well as previous Department newsletters. The report forms and narratives are due to this Chairman by May 1st.

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 480-947-1304

APRIL 2019 FINANCE

It won't too long now until that "dreaded day" arrives (INCOME TAX DEADLINE) but guess what – your next report deadline will be **MAY 1, 2019** for your finance report to be in to this Chairman. We don't ask for any monetary figures on this report, just answer the questions, then send to me. I live in hopes that we could have **100% reporting by ALL UNITS & DISTRICTS.**

<u>We are resurrecting the "MIGHTY FINE"</u> Certificate to be given to DISTRICT PRESIDENTS – rules are as follows: ALL UNITS & THAT District FINANCE REPORT FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN THE **MAY 1, 2019 DEADLINE**.

Now it will be up to the UNITS AS WELL AS THE <u>DISTRICT PRESIDENTS</u> to see that these reposts are all in. NO EXCUSES!!!

Now, have you all filed your reports with the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) in order that you can maintain your NON-PROFIT STATUS as a veterans organization with them? You must maintain this status as per our national organization. If you don't it is very costly to be reinstated as well as time consuming - \$850.00 plus completing a very time consuming report. It's better to do it right the first time than to have to contend with the form and spend your hard earned money unnecessarily. Also have you registered with the Secretary of State & filed any correction of officer?

When you receive the 2 Budgets (General Fund & Welfare and Rehabilitation), read them over as this Budget will be voted on at the JUNE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

Nothing else new just read and heed what has already been written and forwarded to you.

YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE TEAM

Helen Stout, Chairman
Cindy Queen, Department President
Yolanda Bonilla, National Executive Committeeman
Penny Maklary
Helen Griffin
Barbara Matteson, Dept. Secretary-Treasurer (no vote)



American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State

2019 Girls State Orientations

District Schedule

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9:00am HH Donkersley Post 19

2575 S Virginia Dr, Yuma, AZ All delegates in the District

are welcome. Breakfast will be served.

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10:00am John P Burns Post 36

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12 Theater Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ All are welcome.

Check in is at 8:30am

Questions...Call Sherrie Tucker 918-808-7540 cell

District 4 April 28, 2019

3:00pm William David Hood Post 54

408 N. Main St. Coolidge.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcomed.

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District 5 April 23, 24, 30, 2019

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531 11th Ave, Safford.

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You can attend any orientation.

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District 8 April 20, 2019

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202 S Pleasant, Prescott 928-778-6628

Lunch will be served. All Units in District 8 invited.

Questions...Call Lois Cyr 928-541-0119

District 11 May 4, 2019

10:00am Luke Greenway Post 1

364 N 7th Ave, Phoenix 602-253-5155 Question...Call Jan Cushing 623-544-0797

4:00pm John J Morris Post 62 – Bingo Hall

9847 W Desert Cove, Peoria 623-972-8372

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcomed.

Questions...Call Doris Theiss 623-606-8211

District 12 May 5, 2019

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2240 W. Chandler Blvd. Chandler, AZ. 85224

Post phone number: 480-821-0002 President Stacy Riebold 412-352-0110

1:00pm Sipe-Peterson Post 44

7145 E. 2nd Street Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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Department of Arizona Historian April 2019

Happy Spring!

Spring has sprung which means the Auxiliary year is coming to and end. Where did the year go?!

End of year reports are due to me on or before May 1. The can be snail mailed to me or send them via email. I am hoping to receive reports from every Unit. I KNOW you can do it!

Hope you all have been keeping track of all the events/happenings in your Unit this year. Let's brag about what your Unit and members have been up to. I know there have been some great events from what I read on Ring Your Bell and Unit Facebook Pages.

Remember to post on Ring Your Bell and your Unit's Facebook page.

Until next month

BEElieve you can report on your Unit's activities on the End of Year report form..

Believe Equality Exists Supporting Every Veteran

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LEGISLATIVE

April 2019

SB 1179 for the erection of a Buffalo Soldiers Memorial at Arizona State Capitol's Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza was approved. Donations are needed to meet the goal of \$440,436 to erect three life-size Buffalo Soldiers bronze figures.

SB 1481 The Senate approved to give Arizonans an extra two months to file their state income tax returns. Taxpayers will get additional time to decide whether to make donations that could be used to reduce their 2018 taxes. However, the deadline for filing federal income tax returns remains April 15.

HB 2093 Veterans Services; proposal to hire additional benefits counselors. To be heard by Senate Appropriations Committee on 3/12/19.

HB 2320 The House approved the vehicle registration fee of \$18 instead of the proposed \$32 and now needs to be approved by the Senate to become law.

HB 2446 Establishes military services' special license plates to include five new military branch seal designs. Transportation and Public Safety Committee hearing on 3/12/19.

HB 2488 Veterans suicides. Beginning January 2, 2020, the Department of Health Services shall annually compile a report on veteran suicides in this state.

If approved, HB 2523 would create a new category of "youth employment" in state labor laws which would allow businesses to pay a lower federal minimum wage to full-time students younger than 22 working no more than 20 hours a week. Those who fit in that new category would be paid \$7.25 an hour which is required by federal law instead of the Arizona minimum wage of \$11 now, increasing to \$12 next year.

HB 2702 Amidst the usual bustle of the legislative session is a sales tax bill garnering little attention, even though Arizona taxpayers will pay between \$190 million to \$293 million more in sales taxes with the passage this bill.

Governor Doug Ducey will choose the next justice on Arizona's Supreme Court from among five candidates to fill the seat left vacant by Justice John Pelander.

Your participation in our legislative process is important. We need our legislators to act in our best interests. Each legislative district has two House members and one Senator. It is important that we contact our legislators regarding proposed Bills and indicate whether you wish them to support or oppose the bill and provide them with reasoning for your position. If you live in their district be sure to indicate that you are a constituent. To find your legislator, go to https://www.azleg.gov, click on "House", choose "Members", and click on "Find my Legislator" on the right side of the page for instructions to find your district.

For God and Country

Stephanie M. McMullen, Chairman 15239 West Taylor Street Good Year, Arizona 85338 623-910-4716 stephanieemr@yahoo.com Anita Ritter, Committee Member 8020 East Thomas Road, Unit 128 Scottsdale, Arizona 85251-6668 480-941-4584 ritmar@cox.net

On February 6, 2019, the Senate Finance Committee hearing on the Caregiver Income Tax Credit was held. Senate Bill 1172 will allow some reimbursement of caregivers out of pocket expenses every three years. Reducing financial stress can help families keep loved ones home as they age, where they want to be. SB 1172 would allow caregiving families to apply for a grant, not greater than \$1,000, to help with expenses. Taxpayers with Arizona adjusted gross income less than \$75,000 (single) or \$150,000 (joint filers) would qualify for the credit. (Status????)

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Membership 2018-2019

Membership is the foundation on which the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary are built, and the success or failure of that program depends largely on how well the foundation is laid.

Membership is everyone's job, so let's go to work! Presidents, Vice Presidents, & Membership Chairmen, let's get busy we have very little time left to take Arizona to the top in membership.

Please inform your unit members of the next target date of 95% by May 5th, 2019. As of this writing we are at 64.12%, we need to bring our numbers up before our final target date of 100% by June 4, 2019.

Remember this is how we do it!

- ✓ Honor Our Female Veterans: Submit her application and department dues to department. Indicate on her application that this member is part of the "Honor our Female Veteran's program.
- ✓ Use the R5 Recruit & Rejoin form. For members who recruit or rejoin five (5) or more Junior or Senior Auxiliary members. Rejoined members must not have paid dues since 2016. One entry per recruiter.
- ✓ Recruit 10
- ✓ Recruit and involve Auxiliary Advocates. (See Flyer for more information.)

Yearend reporting: Due by May 1, 2019

The Membership Team

Patricia Lugo, Chairman 602-475-0208

Barbara Matteson, Secretary 602-241-1080

Pat Stanaski, processor 602-241-1080

ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING

Believe Equality Exists Supporting Every Veteran











Hello April, with the beautiful flowers and buzzing bees. Yes, we love our spring weather, but beware of the dangers with swarming associated with moving and creating the hive. Good thing we have the smiling friendly kind working on our hive.

UPDATE ON THE QUESTION OF COMBINING NATIONAL ON-LINE COURSES WITH IN PERSON TRAINING. Yes, we have been checking behind the bee line about the possibility of combining the National on-line courses with in person training. We have some answers from National which need to be further discussed at the Department level.

How many of you have even considered taking the on-line courses to obtain a certificate of completion? If you can't attend a training, this is a good option to keep your skills sharp while obtaining information that comes from another perspective.

With the writing of this update, the training at Prescott had to be canceled due to not having the required number of members signed up for the training. We all know it is hard to make commitments in advance especially due to the weather being experienced in some areas. However, members were able to get one together in Bullhead City, so not all is lost (thank you Rebecca). We still have the upcoming training in Benson on the 31st. Thank you to the District Presidents for polling the Units.

Unit 32 will host a mini-session on April 6th starting at 930 am. There will be a short break for lunch. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Kat Sticklin at the number listed below to sign up.

Members who would like to be considered for Instructor Cards, please forward a short narrative about yourself and why you would like to be considered for this position. There are only two positions which can be filled each year.

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

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN

MAY 2019

The Past Presidents Parley members who have served the Auxiliary as unit, department and national presidents are a valuable resource to the organization as members of the past presidents parley committee, they put their leadership experience to good use, offering guidance or counsel on any activity or problem requiring special support.

In the March bulletin I asked what two Past Department Presidents went on to become National President and Kathy Szakonyi was the winner. Answer: Wilma Hoyal and Maxine Chilton. I hope you all are reading those bulletins that are being sent out.

Below are awards presented at Convention in June, did your Unit submitting that special member?

*The AAPP Plaque

*Cora Grigg Past Presidents Parley Plaque

*Jarvis Plaque

*Unit Member of the Year

Please follow the rules outlined in the Department Awards www.aladeptaz.org

<u>2004-2005</u> + deceased		
Past Department President	Past Department Commander	Past Detachment Commander
Paula Burgess	Paul Griffin +	Fred Kvasnicka

We will be honoring female veterans who are now serving in the military. Please let me know (giving her name, branch of service, rank and current duty station. I will include it in my next bulletin. Thank you so much!

POPPIES

April 2019



Only have 1 Poppy Poster so far. Deadline is April 19th,2019. Please mail to;

Nita Kimball, 3400 S. 4th Ave. #62, Yuma, AZ 85365.

OK now for something NEW!

I would like every Unit to send in a small ornament of some kind made with Poppies in it. Please make sure to attach a nice size label on it with your Unit Name& Unit #. These can be mailed to the above address as well. I would like to have them no later than May 5th. Please and Thank You.

Hope every Unit is painting their communities Poppy!

Poppies go very nice with Easter Grass and can be very nice table arrangements along with some colored eggs.

Don't forget to spread your awareness with your items and submit them in to be judged at Convention. Please read all the Poppy Award Rules and please participate this year.

The Department is so looking forward to seeing some Amazing work this year. Until next month.

For God & Country



Nita Kimball- Poppy Chair



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT 2018-2019

April 2019

Visually Impaired Veterans

I BELIEVE

You should be working on your year-end reports now, or at least soon. Remember all you have to do to be eligible to win one of the two awards for the President's Special Project is write a narrative, 1,000 words **or less**, and submit it on time! Just write about how you raised funds for PSP, or any other activity you had during the year to promote the PSP. Pretty simple, you have nothing to lose and a very nice award to possibly gain. You did the work, now get credit for it! Deadlines are to enable the Department Chairmen to submit their reports to the next level, so please submit your reports **on time**. Thank you to the Units who have already submitted their reports.

It's not too late to raise more money! There are still a lot more things on the wish lists. Thanks to you, the ALA is making a difference in the lives of veterans served by the VA low vision programs of Arizona. I cannot express my gratitude enough! I look forward to sharing with you at Convention all the wonderful work that has been done this year!

Yes, I BELIEVE!

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 2018-2019

There is only one way to build a reputation for worthwhile work, and that is by doing things well and making sure the public is aware of both the effort and the result.

There are many ways to build goodwill and an active unit will take advantage of each of them, appointing a committee to make personal contact with newspapers, radio, and television stations, thus building a bridge from the unit to the media. There are interesting and important information that can be given to the public about all the Auxiliary programs. That is the work of the Public Relations Committee.

Question?

Has your unit contacted the media regarding the work they are doing in the community? Has it been reported to the Public Relations Committee?

So, here is the thing, the Department of Arizona Public Relations Committee would also like to know about the wonderful work your unit is doing in the community. Included in the monthly bulletin for the month of April you will find the report forms for each committee, if you could find the Public Relations report form and fill it out with the information about your activities, I in turn will report it to the Western Division Chairman. It would be nice if we could get 100% reporting from all the units in Arizona.

Reports are due to me by May 1, 2019.

If you would like to send it sooner, I do not mind. Also, if you nothing to report, please send the form to me and write no activities.

Reports:

The report can be just a few words about the unit's activities. Please take the time to let us know what the unit is doing. Thank you.

Josephine Herrera, Chairman

623-340-5936

jherrera268@aol.com

President's Scrapbook



April 2019

Greetings Ladies;

There is no Year End Report Form needed; however if you are planning on submitting a Unit Scrapbook at convention, please follow these instructions. Please go to the website, aladeptaz.org under member resources and department awards to follow the rules and regulations on submitting your Unit Scrapbook.

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 Annual Report Form

Please complete and return by May 1, 2019

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

480-209-6332 mandyfbls@gmail.com

Unit name and number			
Chairman			
Did the Unit/Members par	ticipate in:		
Stand Downs Hours	Where		Cost
Assist Homeless Veterans	Hours	s Cost _	
Participate in Salute to Ve	terans	_ Hours	Cost
Adopt a Veteran/How many		Hours	_ Cost
Please account for all hour	rs donated by th	ne volunteers listed	l below:
Volunteers	Hours	Number of Vetera	ns Served
Legionnaire's			
Auxiliary			
Sons			
Juniors			
Riders			
Non Affiliated			
Totals			
Total miles driven	Total e	expense	

MAKE SURE TO ATTACH YOUR NARRATIVE FOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS

SERVICE TO VETERANS

April, 2019

Greetings Ladies. REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.

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.

This month I have included the annual Service to Veterans report form which needs to be filled out by your second Vice President/Service to Veterans chairperson and sent to me by May 1, 2019.

For those of you who volunteer in the VA hospital program, you need to turn in the names of the volunteers and their hours to receive hour bars.

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

HAPPY EASTER

For God and country,

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

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



TO: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ARIZONA GIRLS STATE

Committee Chairmen and Members working the program

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for the excellent job you did this year in getting your delegate information in by the deadline. Most schools had completed delegate and alternate applications. Cards were properly signed, notarized, picture attached and forms signed by delegate and parent. This makes the processing job **SO** much easier. We are still working on a few issues with schools.

The March 1st deadline worked well this year. We will continue that date next year.

Thank You also to all the NEW chairman who did an excellent job for their first time. Everyone was a new chairman once and remembers what it was like I am sure. The Girls State meeting held at Fall Conference helped with knowing what to do and when. Chairman were not afraid to ask questions and reach out for answers. Thank you **ALL** for your attendance.

Next month, the delegates will be receiving the first mailing with Samsung Scholarship information, college credit participation, on their part should they choose, and need for any information that was not provided. Alternates **DO NOT** receive this information unless they were changed to delegate. In May the main packet of information with the Health Card, what to bring and time to register goes out to all delegates.

Please check the dates for Orientations. Please make sure your delegate/s, alternate/s and parents know these dates and when they will attend. Alternates are invited because they can become a delegate at any time and need to know what will be expected of them. All orientations have the same important information, so it does not matter which one they attend. It is **most important** that they attend one.

Again, I thank you so much for your participation in this program and for your **valuable time**. If you have questions, please continue to use your check sheet and ask.

Penny Maklary...Director

American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State...The Best State in the Land

VA&R

Department of Arizona

April 2019

These busy Bees have been working hard to provide service to our communities and our Veterans. As we focus on our children and youth let us not forget the struggles encountered by some very special persons. I am talking about the caregivers who are dedicated to ensuring our veterans or active military personnel are getting the care and support they need. There are many who fill this role. This includes family members such as parents, spouses, children, siblings and friends. Sometimes in their effort to be strong caretakers these persons find themselves, stressed, isolated and sometimes developing poor health. Remember to extend your hands to these persons who offer so much love and support.

This is covered under Service to Veterans. This support improves the quality of life to them so they can have a stronger relationship in their efforts to help their veteran.

Remember our Presidents special project. If you have ever had to care for a blind person you will understand how tiring, difficult and stressful it can be. I know from personal experience since I am a caretaker to a blind person.

So Ladies thank you for all you do and keep making honey for those bee hives. Remember to BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN. (and their families.).

Jennie Molina

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VA&R Chairman

(520) 220-8460

2nd Vice President Dept. of AZ.

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME - PHOENIX APRIL 2019

Good Morning,

REPORT REPORT

<u>Don't forget that the deadline for reporting is May 1, 2019</u>. By now you should be accumulating all of your Unit's activates and expenders which will make it easier to complete your report. If you need a copy please, contact Anna Marie Arenas, ASVH-Tucson Chairman or myself, Linda Hubbs, ASVH Chairman at the telephone numbers listed below.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Veterans at the State Home. I would like to acknowledge Unit 107 for donating \$250.00, and Unit 27 for donating \$100.00 last month. Thanks to all the Units who have sent Birthday cards for March. Speaking about that, I posted the April Birthdays last month, but when I asked for an updated list it was entirely different. So if you have already addressed your Birthday cards, just keep them on hand as I am sure those names will appear somewhere else.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

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27<sup>th</sup> Alexander M. 25<sup>th</sup> Dan P. 2<sup>nd</sup> David O. 30<sup>th</sup> Donna T. 4<sup>th</sup> Ernest H. 25<sup>th</sup> Gary C. 7<sup>th</sup> George G. 17<sup>th</sup> Gerald B. 8<sup>th</sup> Gordon W. 16<sup>th</sup> Ignacio C. 1<sup>st</sup> Jesse B. 15<sup>th</sup> Klaus G. 15<sup>th</sup> Lawrence S. 27<sup>th</sup> Odd S. 15<sup>th</sup> Reginald W. 1<sup>st</sup> Richard B. 26<sup>th</sup> Terrence O. 10<sup>th</sup> Thomas R.
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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 Speakers
- 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.

I cannot report on the National President dinner at the State Home, as it has not occurred yet. I give you a report in May issue.

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.

Thank you for sending you Units Birthday cards directly to the State Home. I am feeling better, just not 100% yet. Doctor said pain management or surgery. I have elected to start with pain management for injections and Medicine. My first injection is April 1st. Thank you for understanding and God Bless all of you who have prayed for me.

For God and Country,

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

BELIEVE EQUALITY EXIST SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN



PROUD TO BE A MEMBER THE BEE TEAM

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON) APRIL, 2019

Ladies,

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

March – Units 68 and 132 April – Unit 7

Please contact Terry Soto to schedule or confirm for the monthly event or for questions. Contact her at 520-551-3628.

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

A toast for your blessed life!!! Salute!!!!! (Sorry, did not receive further update to date)

April Virginia 10 William 22 Bruce 27

REMINDER: 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

May – Unit 59

Third Tuesday monthly Pizza Party – Cost is \$140 which includes pizza and chicken

wings - need sponsors

Third Wednesday monthly Bingo in Bldg. 2 hosted by Fred H Humphreys Auxiliary Unit 8

Remember to let Nancy or I know when you are having an activity at one of the buildings, donating items to ASVH-Tucson so that the steering committee can recognize you in these monthly articles. 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

Reviewed at a recent steering committee meeting the need for a handicap golf cart. Staff assistant in walking the residents in wheelchairs to the VA. It is a long walk and it would be easier to transport them using a golf cart to carry the driver, resident, and wheel chair. If interested, contact Anna Marie Arenas.

Thank you Units 132 for offering to donate cushions for patio in the Memory Care Unit. Fran Johnston, you are awesome. Fran recently had a bread sale fundraiser and donated for upcoming events.

RECENT EVENT - FANTASTIC!

Had a great Mardi Gras at ASVH-Tucson. Full house, hopefully you were able to see pictures on Facebook, which we shared with department. Memory Care Unit made homemade masks to share at the celebration. Elks provided the entertainment and the American Legion and Auxiliary (aka members of steering committee) hosted the event. We really felt we were in New Orleans! Thank all volunteers Linda (resident's daughter), Mary (Elks), Marcia (Unit 59), and AI (Post 59).

Also, a few residents visited Cocio-Estrada Unit 59's Thursday Tardeada at Post 59, 750 North Grande Avenue, Tucson, Arizona. Songs were dedicated to them and it was a historical moment as one of the residents was past commander of the Post. Memories and a fantastic dinner for the Unit's honored guests.

Steering Committee (Auxiliary) is hosting the monthly Tuesday Pizza Parties with donations from the various units from the Department of Arizona. Thank you all for your donations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April April 8	Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 am in Chapel Room, Bldg. #1
трії о	Cleaning Committee Meeting at 11.00 am in Chaper Noom, Blag. 1/1
April 13	POWWOW, 8:00-11:00 am. Need volunteers
April 21	Auxiliary units please donate plastic eggs with candy to pass out for Easter celebration.
<u>May</u>	
May 10	Steering Committee (Auxiliary) will host a breakfast for residents. Their favorite home made Mexican burros in recognition of one of their favorite breakfasts. This is an annual event.
May 12	Mother's Day celebration hosted by ASVH-Tucson. Steering Committee (Auxiliary) will provide flowers for each female resident to honor and recognize them as our special moms.
May 18	Spring Fling to be combined with open house, Oro Valley American Legion Post 132 to post colors, John to DJ 50's to 60's, and early 70's. \$15 donation for vendors (all set up outside around cul-de-sac around Bldg. #1. Steering Committee will have Sonoran hot dogs available.
May 24	ASVH-Tucson will host memorial services George Lipphardt, bugler, to perform taps. Services will be in Chapel Room at ASVH-Tucson, and Oro Valley American Legion

Bike and Car Shows to be planned for later dates

WISH LIST - UPDATE

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. Beverages for events (contact Anna Marie for recommendations). Chocolate candy bars plain or with almonds a Number 1 request.

HAPPINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT IS ALWAYS NUMBER 1 THERAPY!

Post 132 Color Guard to post colors

For God and country, Anna Marie Arenas Nancy Morrow

> ASVH-Tucson Chairman ASVH-Tucson Co-Chairman aarenas@cox.net nancymorrow52381@gmail.com

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VA&R REPORT TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER 2-28-19

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. Thank you to the past & current District presidents who volunteered at the June Bingo. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos. Thank you Unit 68 for volunteering to fund and work the February 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 February 19, 2019. We will be sponsoring refreshments on March 19, 2019. 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.

Veterans Creative Arts competition and display was held on February 19, 2019. Thank you to volunteers who assisted with the Popular Choice balloting. Thank you Unit 73 for providing refreshments.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon is still pending at the time of this report. Units are asked to donate salads and desserts for this activity. Volunteers are needed to help starting at 9AM on March 13th to prep and help serve. We will be serving between 11AM and 1PM.

Tucson Stand Down will be held March 13th through March 15th (flyer attached).

New items for 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. We ordered 150 backpacks and water bottles and provided colored pencils in June, 2018. The Building 95 donation was made possible largely by a very generous donation from Unit 66.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 is \$2,450.00.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 is \$48,307.05. 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.).

Sixteen registered hospital volunteers and nine summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 is 5,596.5. Occasional hours are 294 donated by seventy five volunteers. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time.

This chairman has volunteered 284.5 hours and logged 3,960 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of February 28, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative

BELIEVE EQUALITY EXISTS SUPPORTING EVERY VETERAN President's Bulletin April 2019

Good Day Ladies!!! How are you doing in getting your Unit beehives filled with membership? Before you know it, our Convention will be here, and awards will be handed out.

From February 15th to March 14th I attended the following:

- ❖ February 15th, I was invited to attend Unit 97 meeting held at the home of their Vice President. Thank you, ladies for the tea and cake. It was an honor to present their revised charter reflecting their new name, Joe Foss.
- ❖ On February 19th, I attended the Creative Arts Festival held in Tucson. Always a pleasure to see the great works our Veterans do as part of their rehabilitation process.
- ❖ Also, on February 19th, I attended Unit 8's meeting in Casa Grande. Great job ladies for all you do for our Veterans!
- ❖ On February 22nd, I traveled to Indianapolis to attend the NEC meeting on February 23rd which was held at National's new headquarters. We were given a tour of the building and to share in the works of seeing everything come together. The meeting was most informative.
- ❖ On March 2nd, Post 2 in Tempe held their annual dinner/dance with the orchestra playing for the 25th year. A good time was had by all.
- ❖ On March 3rd, District 12 had their annual picnic held at Post 65 in Phoenix. Lots of great food, camaraderie. This president participated in the cake walk, and yes, picked two delicious cakes.
- ❖ March 9-11, I traveled to Lake Havasu for their annual Commanders Dinner on Saturday and participated in their annual "walk" visiting many other entities in the surrounding area. Definitely...got my steps in that day!

Ladies, AGAIN... we are so close to convention and our numbers are still not where they should be with membership. Now is the time to call all your members who have not yet renewed, call those who have not come for a while and encourage them to rejoin, and of course reach out to Post members to find out if they have a female family member and offer the application to join.

Finally: A huge thank you to everyone who have made contributions to my special project!!!! We have already started helping our visually impaired Veterans receive the rehabilitation they so justly deserve.

Reminder: Be sure to take the Pledge and thank a Veteran for their service!!!

Cindy Queen, Department President 4718 S. Adelle Circle, Mesa, AZ 85212 cynqueen53@cox.net

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UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES 2 JUNE 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Chairman Jim Katzenberger, the opening ceremony was conducted and guests were introduced.

Lauren Hill gave an "Overview of Phoenix VA MOVE! And Nutrition Services". The program is more than an exercise class. It is a total wellness program dealing with diet and exercise. Anyone interested can contact the dietician in the Primary Care Office. You do not need a referral or appointment. The program is a 6 month commitment. For more information you can contact Lauren Hill at laren.hill@va.gov or call 602-277-5551 ext 4049.

Andrea Searle, Chief of Pharmacy Services, Phoenix VA Health Care System gave a presentation on how the medications are distributed and from where. The Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP) has 7 locations nationwide. 80% of all veteran's prescriptions are filled by CMOP. Last year they filled 1.7 million prescriptions. At the Phoenix VA they fill about 1,000 prescriptions from the window daily. There are a number of ways to obtain refills, by going to the VA Pharmacy, going on line through MyhealthE vet or by calling the 24 hour phone line. All prescriptions should be mailed within a few days to arrive within the 10 days advertised. For more information call 602-277-555 x7040.

David Lucier, President, Arizona Veterans & Military Leadership Alliance gave a presentation on attempts being made to the State Legislature to increase the number of Veteran Benefit Counselors (VBC) in our state. Currently the state of Louisiana has half the number of veterans of the State of Arizona but twice the number of VBCs. This is a money issue. The State Legislators are only looking at the amount of money that it will cost to pay these additional VBCs (about \$1.5 million) and not considering the over \$1 Billion of increased revenue from veterans receiving VA Compensation for the injuries they sustained in the military.

Providencia Morales, Facility MVP Coordinator and Expert on the Million Veteran Program (MVP) gave an update on the program and how veterans can help. It only takes about 20 minutes to enroll and a small vial of blood. This program is doing extensive research in attempts to cure illnesses such as diabetes and the many types of cancer. The goal of MVP is to partner with veterans receiving their care in the VA Healthcare System to study how genes affect health.

Patrick L. Shipley, FACHE, Southwest Regional Director, TriWest Healthcare Alliance updated the membership on the Choice Program. If you have any questions regarding TriWest contach pshipley@triwest.com or cell 7199-330-4158. Mr. Shipley advised the membership that when a referral has been sent to them and they try to call the veteran to set up an appointment, many times they do not answer because the caller ID shows an "866" number. He requests that everyone pay attention to the 866 number and answer. If it is TriWest, please save the number in your contacts so you will know who is calling and not ignore the calls for fear of telemarketers.

Vice Chair Dylan Dalzotto gave the treasurer's report as the treasurer had to leave. Currently there is \$63,816.25 in the account.

Chairman Jim Katzenberger covered the "Sickness & Distress" reminding everyone to send cards to Art Sloane and Jesse Gersten.

Dr. McCarthy, Chief of Staff for the Phoenix VA Medical Center gave a report on the selection for a new Secretary for the VA. Currently Robert Wilke is serving as the Acting Secretary. He can not be nominated for the Secretary while serving as the acting director, so he has stepped down from the position so he can be nominated for the position.

Judith Hatch gave a report on the Memorial Day Program at the National Cemetery on May 28th.

Terry Araman did not have a legislative report as the legislators are in recess. He did remind everyone that the deadline to submit nominations for the Copper Shield (for a legislator) and Copper Sword (for any non-veteran supporting veterans) Awards are due by September 31st, 2018. Information is on the AVHOF web page.

Reggie Yates gave a report on the WWI repair program being worked on. They have received \$5409 from the community and \$2,000 from the ADVS. They are working with some contractors and design individuals to complete the renovation.

Judith Hatch announced that there was some misunderstanding for Pearl Harbor Day and the flyover. The ADVS now says they can not accept funds specifically for the Pearl Harbor Day Program that would be separate from the \$4,999 grant they give for the flyover. She is working with the Commemorative Air Force to have donations go directly to them so they don't have to request so much from ADVS and the funds from ADVS can be utilized for the chair rental, portajohn rental and the printing of the programs. Checks can be made out to the Commemorative Air Force, with "for Pearl Harbor flyover" in the memo and mailed to her so she can keep track of the funds being donated and send thank you letters to contributors.

"Honor House" made an application to become a part of the UAV. The Board made a recommendation to accept the request, a motion was made to accept Honor House into the UAV, second and approved.

It was 12:15 p.m. and I had to leave for another meeting. I think the only thing I missed was the 50/50 drawing and closing ceremony.

Respectfully submitted

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