

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

Community Service Program

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Year-end Report 2023 - 2024**

The Arizona American Legion Auxiliary is a very proud organization that focuses on veterans and their families as well as local communities. Members have put in countless hours volunteering and many miles on their vehicles to support our veterans. Each unit raised money to support many projects within the American Legion family.

Thirty-two of the eighty-seven Arizona units turned in reports on the community service they provided. The programs that many units worked on were helping at local homeless shelters, VA hospitals, and nursing homes. Units also supported local schools, churches, and food banks. Units gave countless hours volunteering in many others ways too.

Many units worked with their American Legion family to support school supply drives, adopt families during holidays, help local food banks, cook and deliver dinners, and other various events.

Unit 42 knitted and crocheted hats and scarves for the students in their local school district. This is a yearlong event.

Units 1, 27, 31, 61, and 78 spend countless hours on the beautification of their communities.

Units 25, 26, 44, 64, and 81 made troop boxes for active duty members overseas. These boxes included personal care items,

games, puzzle books, and snacks. Each box was sent with handmade cards from local students.

Units 25, 45, and 135 members volunteered many hours to their oratorical contests. They volunteered as judges, tabulators, timekeepers, and contestant escorts.

Unit 107 had a music therapy program called 'Instruments for Success.' People donated several small musical instruments that are given to veterans who are transitioning through long-term care facilities or veterans who are home. The goal of this program is to create an artistic remembrance for a veteran who loves music or once played a musical instrument.

Unit 91 participated in numerous community service projects; 'Canine for Companions,' 'Check for lumps,' and 'Booby Bunco.' Donations from these programs were given to three of their members and Arizona breast cancer awareness.

Unit 35 supported their local police and fire departments. The money donated to this project goes back to the community to help families in need when they are displaced due to a fire in their home or families in need due to domestic violence and drug abuse.

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Total Mileage: 58,277

Total Donations: \$64,863.00

Total Volunteer Hours: 40,459

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