

Serving Those Behind The Badge

June 2021

THE OFFICE IS OPEN, PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE YOU COME TO DEPARTMENT OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE...THIS IS DUE TO CORVID-19.

MANDATES...DEPARTMENT...As of this bulletin the following Units have not paid their Department Mandates. They must be paid 30 days before Department Convention and that is MAY 25, 2021. Unit 3,9,10,19,31,37, 84,97,114,117,126,134. Districts Mandates are also due on this date. Contact your District to find out what they are.

PSP SHIRTS...we have them here in the office for sale. RED and BLUE tee shirts and polos wicking material...Get yours at Convention.

GIRLS STATE...It's happening...this month...virtual.

NEW UNITS...has been "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" and will have an exciting announcement at Convention.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS...non this month.

EXTRA... EXTRA ... "RED TICKET" ...if you have received a red ticket since last Fall Conference please contact Department again so that we can mail out your prize asap. Watch for them and get an award.

MEMBERSHIP... "MEMBERSHIP PATROL Part 2". Membership is everyone's job. Legion Act has opened the window of eligibility from 12-7-1941 thru now. Be a life saver and get a renewal and a rejoin. ARIZONA is at 83.69%...need to work on that...WE CAN DO IT

RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY PHONE...Call National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570 with your member ID and debit or credit card ready. If you would like to pay multiple members' dues at the same time, please call them, as this is the easiest way to accomplish this task.

Applications MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE

- **The original application is sent to DEPARTMENT not copies of them.**
- **Be eligible & USE BLUE INK, SEND ORIGINAL APPLICATION and COMPLETE INFO.**
- **Unit number**
- **Name of Veteran related to and only 1**
- **NEW “ANYTIME AFTER” Veteran Served...MUST IDENTITY CONFLICT...CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**
- **DIRECT DESCENDANT... No longer on NEW application**
- **Only 1 relationship and do not add any**
- **Now you have spouse in place of wife, you have to identify female or male spouse**
- **Must be signed by a Post Officer unless it is woman veterans joining on herself**
- **Half sheet transmittal both white and yellow copies**
- **Do not pay for paid online and PUFL members on your transmittals...They are already paid for.**
- **NO NEW women veterans special offer for 2021.**
- **USE THE FORMS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING.**
- **DO NOT RECREATE THE FORMS.**

Please say a little prayer or wish that all are safe.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
JUNE 2021
"SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE"

Despite the obstacles thrown at us by the Pandemic we were able to accomplish the Mission of Service Not Self!

It has been a privilege to be elected President of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona. As I traveled the state during the past two years, I have had many cordial welcomes and friendly receptions.

To the Executive Board, thank you, it was a pleasure working with you this year. I look forward to continuing working with you next year as National Executive Committee woman.

To Barbara and Pat, I can never repay you for your dedication to the task. I appreciate you more than you know.

To the Advisory Committee, thank you for agreeing to be there and for your contribution to our organization this year. Your knowledge is valuable.

To the chairman of the various programs, thanks for your commitment to bring information and ideas to the units every month and to be there if members needed help or had questions about a program.

I want to thank every Auxiliary member for your work on behalf of our Veterans, their families, and the military. Your commitment to the task at hand made a big difference in their lives. We are approximately 13,000 strong and we will not be ignored. Let us unite our voices advocating for the needs and rights of our veterans on Capitol Hill. Let them know that we want them to do what they were elected to do; represent those who served as they deserve to be represented, 100%.

Thank you, wholeheartedly for your support of my special project "The One Hundred Club of Arizona". Thank you for the donations and for the creative ways that were used to raise the funds during such trying times. Thanks to the entire Legion Family for the support of such a worthwhile cause.

It was a pleasure serving with the American Legion Commander Ken Queen and Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Chuck Treat.

I look forward to seeing you at the Department of Arizona Convention, June 24 – 26, 2021 at the Delta Marriott hotel in Mesa, Arizona.

Patricia Lugo, President
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona 2019 - 2021



**Serving Those Behind The Badge
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
June 2021**

Greetings Fellow Auxiliary Members,

Where has the time gone its June already? I want to thank all the Units that submitted their year-end reports and narratives. All your hard work for the Children and Youth program has been submitted in my report to Department for the book of reports for Convention in 2021, as well as to our West Division Children and Youth Chairman Lisa Williamson for her National Report, in 2021.

I look forward to working with everyone next year and to celebrating all your hard work and success.

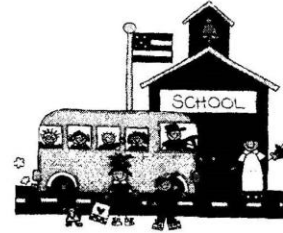
For God and Country,

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- Rebecca Gulley – Committee Member
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Education June, 2021



I wish to express my thanks to all the Units who participated in the Education Program this year, especially those who took the time to turn in a report and/or narrative. I look forward to recognizing some of your Units for their hard work at the Department Convention in June.

As the Auxiliary year comes to a close, please continue to keep the Education Program in mind. The future success of our schools and children depends on you.

Hopefully, we have all helped National achieve their goals for this year:

1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.
2. Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships, and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.
3. Build a relationship with your local schools — focus attention on “Give 10 to Education,” American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.
4. Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.
5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

Thank you all for everything you have done to make my year as Chairman of the Education Program a success.

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

Julie Vietri

Julie Vietri, Chairman

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HISTORIAN

June 2021

Happy June,

By the time you all get this packet reservations will have been made for, do I dare say it?? CONVENTION!!!!!! Yes we get to see one another again in person, and I cannot wait.]

On to business, out of 85 units I had 26 reports and 1 District report. Thank you to all that reported. To the rest of you, I hope you turned in your Unit impact reports.

If you are writing a history remember this is a narrative and the only picture should be of your unit president or the whole officer team. If you turn in a scrapbook looking history to me, it will be disqualified. The instructions are on the department website under awards.

Thank you all for your hard work in the craziest 2 years of our lives.

For God and Country

Rose Ficklin

Department Historian

JUNIORS
JUNE 2021

WE ARE HAVING A
ZOOM MEETING
AT 10:00 AM
JUNE 20, 2021
WATCH FOR EMAIL
WITH THE LINK!
THANK YOU!

Legislative

June 2021

Greetings,

I hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits, as we are closing in on our Legion year. As of the writing of this bulletin, Governor Doug Ducey lifted restrictions, including seating capacity. Many are still wearing masks and socially distancing. Others are getting vaccinated. Masks are still required in State and Federal buildings. Johnson and Johnson have resumed manufacturing production of their one dose COVID-19 vaccine.

President Biden said that he is bringing all troops home by September 11th in Afghanistan. He also laid out his plans for gun control regulations and the border. There is also talk of a possible fourth stimulus for COVID-19. President Biden also halted all travel to and from India due to the surge of the COVID-19 pandemic in that region.

As many of you know the Governor and President, are still giving daily briefings on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Protests and demonstrations in Washington DC as well as State Capitols including ours have died down somewhat, but strict security restrictions are still in place due to threats on elected officials and COVID restrictions. Our State Capitol will soon have a permanent non scalable fence surrounding the Executive Tower, House, Senate and Museum. The State Legislature is currently working on passing bills from last session, as well as the budget. At the writing of this bulletin, the State Legislature is winding down the session and we will soon have a, "Sine Die".

Your Year End Reports were due to me by May 1ST!!!! Out of 86 Units, I received 21 reports. Two of which were after the May 1st deadline. My report to National was due by May 15th.

In closing, please stay healthy and positive. Remember, we are all in this together. Please remember, to be kind and patient with one another. I miss you all and care deeply about you and hope to see you soon. If there is anything you need to talk about, call or email me. I am but a few clicks away. **See you at Convention!!!**

For God and Country,

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMBERSHIP JUNE 2021

WELL LADIES' IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR. EVEN THOUGH IT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN TWO YEARS IT SEEMS AS IF IT HAS JUST STARTED. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE EFFORTS YOU HAVE MADE TO MAKE ARIZONA NUMBER ONE. WE MIGHT NOT BE THERE YET BUT WE STILL HAVE A FEW DAYS. LET'S DO IT!!! AT THIS TIME WE ARE AT 89.30%. WE CAN STILL DO IT.

ARIZONA CHALLENGED NEW MEXICO FOR \$25 TO GO TO THE JUNIOR PORGRAM FOR HAVING THE MOST NEW JUNIORS. ARE WE GOING TO DO IT??? CALIFORNIA CHALENGED ARIZONA \$25 TO JUNIOR PROGARM FOR OVERALLL NEW MEMBERS BY NATIONAL CONVENTION. WE DID NOT HAVE CONVENTION LAST YEAR SO THE CHALLENGES CARRIED OVER TO THIS YEAR.

DO NOT GIVE UP AND KEEP THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND WILLINGNESS YOU HAVE SHOWN TO KEEP OUR ORGANIZATION GOING. THERE IS NO DOUBT WE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW INTO OUR NEXT ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO CONVENTION AND HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE GREATEST GROU[OF LADIES I KNOW.

AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO, FOR WHAT YOU GIVE OF YOURSELF AND FOR JUST MAKING THIS A BRIGHTER WORLD BECAUSE OF YOUR EXISTENCE. OUR FIRST RESPONDERS NEEDED THE EXTRA YEAR TO GET MORE OF YOUR SUPPORT AND THIS CHAIRMAN NEEDED IT TO KEEP ENCOURAGING AND SINGING STAYING ALIVE, STAYING ALIVE, STAYING ALIIIIIVE!!!

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BELSS AMERICA.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“SERVING THOSE BEHIND THE BADGE”
MUSIC REPORT
June 2021**

Greetings:

This Chairman would like you to encourage your Unit members to participate in the choir, which sings two selections at the Memorial Service held the Sundays of Fall Conference and Department Convention. As of this date I have not met with American Legion Chaplain, Trish Carlisle about her theme. However, I will meet with her soon and discuss possible options.

Information regarding the Music Awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org 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.

Department Music Awards will be handed out at Convention in June as follows:

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces at Convention in June. Stay healthy and keep those vocal chords tuned.

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**

With a song in your heart

For God and Country

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**American Legion Auxiliary
Past Presidents Parley**

June 2021

Thank you Arizona for your continued support of the Past Presidents Parley Program and in spite of all roadblocks and challenges we are now at end of year, unlike no other? Thank you for contributing to the Department Fund for Past Presidents Parley for Nursing Scholarships and Health Care Occupation Scholarships. You made a difference.

This chairman is looking forward to Department Convention and the PPP Luncheon on June 26. Please let's break bread and honor Past Presidents. Remember that seating is limited and to forward your check and completed form to Department by June 19.

And in this extended year, which I repeat like no other, the program will have time to honor Past Presidents who passed from the virus. Would you like to share in this experience? Please provide this information via email to me at yodobo@msn.com or call me at 602-989-3321.

See you at Department Convention!

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PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

2019 - 2021

“THE ONE HUNDRED CLUB OF ARIZONA”

SERVING THOSE WHO WEAR THE BADGE

Thank you to all that contributed to this Special Project. It was a pleasure working with everyone that held fund raisers, came up with ideas on how to raise funds and the units that supported the First Responders with a special breakfast and luncheon in their honor.

The final amount will be announced at the Department Convention in June and a check will be presented to the 100 Club of Arizona. As a reminder, all the money raised will remain in Arizona to assist Arizona's First Responders.

It was a pleasure working with Linda Welch our Southern Area Chairman. Thank you, Linda!

Josie Herrera, Chairman

New Units/Unit Development & Revitalization

JUNE 2021

Naming the New Unit

The unit must take the exact same name, number and location of The American Legion Post to which it is attached, and these appear on the charter.

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU AT STATE CONVENTION!!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

June 2021

It's been a rough year+ however, YOU continued to do what you do for OUR veterans despite the pandemic! Gift yourself a round of applause!



It has been a pleasure serving as YOUR VA&R Chairman the last two years. This chairman is amazed at the work ALA members have done for veterans. Donating money, making lap blankets, making cards for various occasions, are just a few examples of YOU did this past year.

Hope to see many of you at Convention in Mesa!!

Keep up the excellent work serving our veterans!

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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
4-30-21

All events are suspended until further notice. There is communication that some volunteer activities will be restarting. No specifics as of this date. Thank you volunteers for your help!

Moderna vaccine has arrived and all staff who desired vaccination have been vaccinated. All Veterans and caregivers have been offered the two dose vaccine. Current numbers are encouraging according to Director.

Southwest Blind Rehabilitation Center is now opening back up. There is limited visitation at SAVAHCS. Monetary donations are being accepted at this time. American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop was done differently this year.

There is a new program in start-up process to assist Veterans patients with food insecurities. Once implemented, a separate food pantry will fill this need.

The grand total of monetary donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 is \$800.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for February 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 is \$41,114.42. This amount includes the Christmas Gift Shop donation for 2019. Thank you Unit 7, Unit 24, Unit 66, Unit 68, Unit 131 and Unit 132 for your generous donations to support our programs.

Four registered hospital volunteers donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 is 1,012. **S AVAHCS is in the process of bringing back volunteers. Volunteers will be phased in as needed and the process will be closely monitored by the Director. Volunteers will be contacted by the Voluntary Service office as their services are needed. One more Auxiliary volunteer has been called back.**

This chairman has volunteered 145.5 hours and logged 1,980 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of April 30, 2021. This chairman has now logged over 4,000 hours in service to SAVAHCS. This chairman was elected to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the VAVS Executive Committee at the meeting on October 8, 2020. This chairman has attended every Executive Committee meeting and every VAVS meeting this year. The audit of the books was completed. 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 during this time of enormous stress on all community resources. This chairman is working with the Recreation departments to purchase needed supplies for the National Veterans Creative Arts Program and other recreational activities. Annual Joint Review was completed November 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative