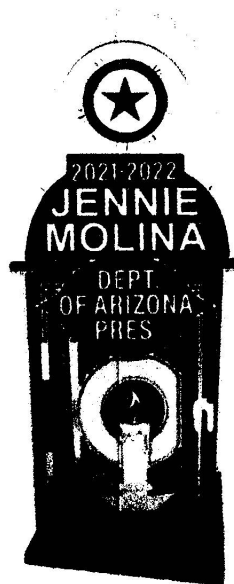


**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA**



**BOOK OF REPORTS
2021-2022**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

BOOK REPORT 2021-20222

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve the American Legion Auxiliary this year. The Department of Arizona has proven it is the best in the West. Arizona has continued to shine and make sure it has carried on this year's goal to "Make a Brighter World for our Veterans". We have done this through the dedication and passion of our members. There is so much information on activities and auxiliary involvement that would take many pages to report it all. Therefore, highlights of this year, in no order will be reported.

One of the most exciting events was the visit from our National President, Kathy Daudistel, in March. Arizona has been combining all our goals to serve. President Daudistel's Caring For those who Care For Others, Our Department theme of Building Awareness and Education for PTSD, and team building with our American Legion and Sons of the American Legion have all contributing to strengthening our organization. Membership started slow but we were fast to catch up and reach our membership of 100%.

The different programs overlapped to serve our veterans, families and communities. Members volunteered at shelters, food banks, VA hospitals and each holiday. Some small Units were limited by their size so special projects were made. Unit 11 in Douglas has worked with the Veterans Commemorative Project and members of Post and Unit have supported this display with volunteer hours and donations. A new project for Unit 11 was making cards given to family members of deceased veterans and handed out their funeral homes saying, "Hail and Farewell to another Veteran lost. Our Sincere Condolences. Please accept this Poppy as a remembrance.

Units participated in blood drives and Unit 26 filled every spot allocated by the Red Cross. Unit 27 did outstanding Community Service all year long collecting items for the Globe Fire Animal Rescue and Paws and Claws and processing over \$60,000 worth of coupons to send to bases overseas. Unit 35 collected over 20,000 lbs. of food and water and established a local food pantry to allow veterans or others from the community to receive immediate assistance when the need arises. One member has organized an Annual Agent Orange Awareness event to raise money and awareness. The town of Gilbert lights up the Gilbert water tower in orange in honor of our veterans affected by Agent Orange. Units adopted families during the holidays to ensure they had food and clothes.

Education covers a tremendous area and strong feelings for "putting it out there". Education is emphasized in making sure all areas of our programs are covered. This includes scholarships awards by the different programs such as the nursing scholarships from Past President's Parley. Education was a focus of our department. Education was presented at Mission Training Leadership workshops, holding creative arts to promote healing for our veterans, Flag Etiquette ceremonies, teaching the importance of our Constitution and By Laws and the legislative

process. All our programs for children and youth carried the importance of education. JROTC in the local schools covered education as well as national security. Auxiliary members also encouraged our Junior members to participate and be part of reading and mentoring programs at local schools. The Samsung Scholarship was stressed as part of the ALA Girl's State program.

Auxiliary members have done great work and have taken the role of building and developing strong relationships in the community through positive social media, Ring Your Bell ALA Arizona, monthly newsletters or bulletins and booths at local community events. Unit 62 was able to stream their Veterans Day event with the help of Centennial High School film department. Units also have used promotional materials such as jewelry, cups, slap ons and magnets for getting a conversation started on "Who we are and What we do".

This year's special project was to promote an awareness and understanding of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and how it affects our veterans their families and our communities. The Department of Arizona opened its heart and mind to support the PTSD Foundation of America. Members held fund raisers, workshops, family support groups and have raised money to support new chapters in Arizona.

Auxiliary members continued their work during the COVID pandemic and once able to restart they have had the desire to do even more. American Legion Auxiliary members practice that they have learned and know that their light will remain. We strongly believe in this saying:

There are Some who bring A light So great to the world
That even after They are gone
The light Remains. (Anonymous)

Jennie Molina

President American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

DISTRICT 1 UNITS 19,46,56

YEAR END REPORT 2021-2022

It's been a trying Year for some of us, trying to get thing's back up and running from the shutdown.

I was able to visit all unit's in October, thank you unit's Presidents for the invites. Everyone had ideas to get the Year off to a good start.

I was able to attend the American Legion College , what a wealth of information, a lot of learning and great teachers. Post 19 hosted the Veterans Day parade in Yuma. Fantastic turn out with the community. Post 19 and unit 19 hosted the American Legion Birthday Ball on March 19th. We had the pleasure of having several dept officers in attendance. I thank the following ALA members for coming, Barbara White, dept vice-president, unit 91 . Cindy Queen, P.D.P., unit 27 President. Shirley Kavis (Andy's beautiful wife) unit 12 and Stephanie McMullen, dept Leg chair, unit 62 President. And thank you all for attending the district meeting on the 20th.

Kay Jordan and myself were invited by the VFW post 2357 to join the memorial day service to rep ALA district 1. Looking forward to the convention, see you there.

Unit 19 -- unit 19 had a Valentine's day dance to raise money for the Presidents special project, PTSD awareness. President Tammie Champlin presented dept 1st vice-president Barbara White a check for 1818.00 Great job !! I'd like to give a shout out to two unit members, first to Shea Klingensmith, she has arranged special room rates for All members of the American Legion family, anytime you go to Yuma at the Shilo Inn . 928-782-9511. It sure helped us out. Next is Winnie Mohr. With Winnie at the helm of the Wreaths Across America project, she and her volunteers were able to raise \$38,344 for 3,033 wreaths to cover every veteran's grave. First year to do so, thanks to every veteran's organizations in Yuma that helped. Wreaths across America in Yuma is sponsored by the Rio Colorado Republican Women's club. During the birthday ball, commander Ben Headen, passed the hat and over 1,000 Was collected, with dept matching 1,000. So Winnie and her team are off to great start for 2022. Also, Yuma was recognised for being the number 1 sponsor in the State !!

Unit 46-- didn't receive a report. I do know that some members helped with the xmas dinner at the Booster Club for the community and helped host a bbq to raise funds for a splash pad in Bouse.

Unit 56—the unit and post hosted an open house(s), to educate the public about the American Legion family. This helped them get over 100% membership, great job !! The unit sponsored a food pantry to serve local veterans and their families with their needs. Unit members and the American Legion family of 56 held fundraising events to help raise money for the Wreaths Across America project. They hosted xmas and Easter dinners for the community. Unit 56 offered 6 local high school seniors scholarships.

For God and Country, Diane Patrick, district 1 President, unit 19

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
District 2
Units: 7, 10, 36, 59, 66, 68, 73, 109, 125, 131, 132
Year End Report for 2021-2022

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve this final year as District 2 President for FY 2021-2022. We have had some great meetings, activities, and fundraisers for our individual units, our Special Projects for Department President Jennie Molina and National President Kathy Daudistel over this past year.

As District 2 President, I had the honor of making my official visits to all Units except Unit 125. Our District Newsletter was emailed to Unit Presidents and interested members prior to each District Meeting, including updates from each of the reporting Units. For those units/members unable to attend, this helped keep the information flowing to each of our units for greater communication throughout our District.

Some of our Units have posted on Ring Your Bell ALA Arizona to let the rest of Arizona Auxiliary members in on the great things we've accomplished.

Units continue to support VA&R with individual cupcakes and ice cream cups for the Arizona State Veterans Home Monthly Birthday and Ice Cream Social. Although our Unit Members are not able to attend the events in person, we are happy to support the Arizona State Veterans Home with the supplies for their party. In the near future, we hope to be able to get back to attending in person.

With this year being the 75th Year (Diamond Anniversary) for Girls State, many of our Units were able to sponsor individuals to Girls State and to attend the Orientation held in Tucson prior to the event, which was able to be held in person this year.

I greatly appreciate the innovative ideas and encouragement our Units have given me and each of their members. It has been an honor to serve as your District 2 President.

For God and Country,

Diane M. Helser
District 2 President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

District 3 Year End Report

Unit 11 Unit 16 Unit 24 Unit 45 Unit 52 Unit 141

All units in District 3 had a busy year trying to all attain 100% from our District. All but 2 were able to achieve this with Unit 16 having a remarkable year!

This year all Units participated in the Memorial Services by placing flags on Veteran's graves and attending or help organize those memorial services. On Veteran's Day they attended parades and celebrations happening in their cities. Fourth of July Units also participated in parades and organized BBQs with their Legion Post. Each Unit was given a thousand poppies to make for Department. Units had poppy parties or did them at home with families and others recruited local high school students that, needed community service.

Units held breakfasts, bake sales, dinner fundraisers, Christmas gifts for needy families and Veterans in nursing homes. Units continued to promote Madam Presidents special project with information to those who they thought were in desperate need. We have a personal story out of Unit 24 of a soldier who was referred to the PTSD foundation and has since been receiving help and he is alive thanks to the quick actions of our auxiliary member. Units also used art to help those in need, we should see something special coming out of our district this year.

Units participated in memorial service for a MIA soldier out of Unit 11 who's remains were returned after 70 years. That unit is still missing 2, all 3 soldiers out of that unit enlisted together as friends.

Units lost close friends and family due to covid and natural causes. Funeral services were attended, by District 3 President and Unit members and charters remained draped all year long.

It has been a busy year for our District trying to recruit and stay healthy. We look forward to a new year with health, happiness, and continued growth.

Respectfully Submitted

Maggie Montijo

District 3 President

**President's Year-end Report
District 11, Department of Arizona
2021-2022**

Unit Presidents: Unit 1- Dottie French (resigned), Charlie Coom; Unit 5- Jenny Bradley; Unit 12- Lori Smee; Unit 29- Donna Aronoff; Unit 53- Trina Stark; Unit 61- Tina Ganados; Unit 62- Stephanie McMullen; Unit 105- Corinne Thompson; Unit 134 Amaris Jones.

District Officers/Chairs: VP-Linda West; Secretary-Jane Shoemaker; Treasurer- Connie Schwichtenberg; Chaplain- Doris Theiss; Historian- Katie Wojahn; ALA Girls State- Jan Cushing; Past President- Tina Ganados

District 11 had a successful year.

- District 11 held 6 meetings with representation from no less than 7 Units attending each meeting.
- District 11 organized a mission training session, graciously hosted by Unit 105, where over 30 members attended. Thank you, Cindy Queen, Stacey Mayberry and Rose Fickin for a fun and informative session!
- Unit 62 hosted Department President Jennie's official visit to District 11 where 25 members attended. In addition to reimbursing her travel expenses (\$175), District 11 raised just over \$100 in personal donations for her special project (PTSD Education and Awareness).
- All District (and Department) mandates were paid on time and District 11 came in under budget, despite having trimmed the budget extensively.
- Several housekeeping activities were completed including:
 - replacement of the missing Kathryn Thomson plaque
 - painting and labeling of the District Flag bases and eagles
 - removal of female pronouns from District 11 Governing Documents
 - adding the option for District Secretary and Treasurer to be two positions in the Governing Documents
 - making permanent the option for members to attend District 11 meeting virtually
 - putting District 11 Governing Documents on a thumb drive for the Department satchel
 - putting all 2021-2022 official documents on a thumb drive for retention purposes.
- The District 11 PPP Fundraiser hosted by Tina Ganados/Unit 61 was a great success raising over \$900 for Department Health Care Scholarships. District 11 used some of its under-budget funds to round the donation up to \$1,200.
- The President's Fundraising basket raffle program was a success with Units reporting raising more than \$500 from the donated baskets. (Units received up to 5 free raffle tickets for every member attending a District meeting. Each meeting a ticket was drawn for a basket that the winning Unit would use to raise funds).
- More than \$150 of District 11 50/50 proceeds were redistributed back to the Units via the President's Fundraising basket program.
- The HEAL HER Art Veteran Outreach program was piloted through District 11. Units 29, 53 (who held 2 sessions), Unit 62 and District 11 participated. Over 20 women veterans participated, compliments of HEAL HER Art, while Units had fun and raised more than \$1000 for their programs. District 11 held an event where women veterans could bring a child and ALA members could bring a Junior member to paint side by side. District 11 paid for the Junior members with its under-budget funds.
- **Together the District made its membership goal!** Special recognition to Units 29, 61, 62 and 105 for exceeding their goals.

Thank you, Unit Presidents and members, Officers and Chairmen for a successful year! Best wishes to 2022-2023 District 11 President Corinne Thompson and her team!

Respectfully submitted, Marge Christianson, President District 11, Department of Arizona, 2021-2022

**Department of Arizona
District 12
2021-2022 Annual Report
Units 2, 26, 27, 34, 35, 39, 41, 44, 58, 65, 84, 91, 107, 114, 117, 124, 138**

No words can express the privilege to serve as District 12 President and just how I have been humbled to have met the wonderful members in the seventeen Units that embraced the "Making a Brighter World for Our Veterans" spirit that embodies District 12.

The year began at the Organizational Meeting at Post 35. After a two year drought caused by the Covid 19 pandemic members were ready to get back to business. This President adopted a new approach to mentoring; **the goal was to promote ALA programs. Each Unit was asked to name a Mentor to suggest topics for discussion at monthly meetings. This President introduced "Bob" the Minion, an inquisitive/eager member with goal – to become a productive, positive Auxiliary Member. Bob visited many functions serving as an unofficial ALA Ambassador.**

They also participated in Fall Conference. Department President Jennie Molina made her official visit at the November meeting.

Americanism was stressed in all Units. Members distributed small flags in schools. Also, the Pledge of Allegiance comic books were given to children. Flag Etiquettes Books were made available to local teachers, Boys and Girls Scouts. Units participated in 9/11 ceremonies honoring First Responders. They honored Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Flag Day. Units honored Blue Star and Gold Star Mothers.

Units contributed to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund by holding fund raisers and raffles.

Children and Youth were included. Units support local schools by volunteering in libraries. Members held Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties for youth. They raised funds for abused children, handicapped youth programs, Boys and Girls Clubs. Units support military kids programs.

Units in District 12 were involved in local community programs. They held fund raisers for homeless families, food banks, held toy drives for underprivileged youth, purchased school supplies for special education programs, donated clothing for children in shelters, and participated in Christmas projects. They volunteered at senior center centers, in hospitals and local churches, donated to cancer research.

Units reviewed their Constitution and By Laws and made decisions to amend By Laws/ Standing Rules.

The Education program was stressed in the District. Units provided awards for local schools. Junior Auxiliary members participated in reading and mentoring programs in schools. Units donated to scholarship programs. The Samsung Scholarship was stressed as part of Girls State program. District 12 Units sponsored local youth at the Oratorical.

Finance was important by making all Units aware that they must file 990's with IRS. The importance of having a Unit Budget was highlighted. Units were reminded that to file State Incorporation paperwork.

Girls State, the premier program of the Auxiliary, is an enormous part of the District. Units sponsored local high school juniors for this program. The District held an Orientation to educate parents and delegates about the ins and outs of this program.

The juniors program is a huge part of District 12; juniors volunteered in local schools, community programs and veterans programs.

Districts 12 held a Mission Training seminar and are busily applying all skills learned in this session. Members were eager to learn about the auxiliary, protocol and generally – how to run a meeting.

The Legislative Program was supported in District 12 with Chairmen urging members to become more involved in the election process and legislation that involves all veterans' causes.

Music was a part of District 12 success. Units sung patriotic songs at their Post functions.

Membership was huge this year in District 12. As of this writing, nine Units are at 100% or more, four Units with over 90% and all Units are busily working to 100%. As of May 15 District 12 has 4947 members, sitting at 106.25%. Kudos to District 12 for working Membership goals.

National Security is important to District 12. Many Units supported JROTC and included local high schools in their programs by presenting awards to outstanding students. Units participated in block watch programs, held blood drives.

New Units and UD&R is a big part of District 12. Units are truly involved in revitalization.

Past Presidents Parley is vital to District 12. Several Units have active parleys that contribute to Nurses Scholarship and Women Veterans. District 12 continues to support involvement in fund-raisers to contribute to the nurse scholarship program.

Presidents Special Project information was shared at the September meeting by a visit from the Department Chairman who provided an overview of PTSD Foundation. Units threw their support by holding fundraisers and donating to her special project.

Public Relations information was shared. Units had articles in newspapers promoting Auxiliary programs. Units posted flyers in their Posts announcing Auxiliary programs, ie. Girls State Orientation, Children's Holiday Parties, 9-11 ceremonies, Veterans Day Programs at local cemeteries, Memorial Day and Flag Day ceremonies. Many Units contributed to "Ring Your Bell", a social media outlet on Facebook.

The Poppy Program is a huge part of many Units. They promoted the program by selecting a Miss Poppy to represent their Unit. One Unit promotes the Poppy by visiting their local City Council Meeting in May and distributes poppies to all in attendance. Members used poppies for table decorations, Christmas tree themes, and corsages.

VA&R, what can be said? District 12 members were involved with countless hours assisting Shockwave, DHEP and other local veteran-nonprofit organizations. They were there for the Creative Arts, Veterans Assisting Veterans, taking Veterans to the doctor, providing comfort items for hospitalized Veterans, and participating at Gift Shop in December.

These activities are a sample of Auxiliary programs in District 12. This year was an effort for a new normal and I would like to give a big THANKS to all Units, Officers and Chairmen; no one will ever take away from the joy and love that I have experienced as District 12 President. Each and every one of you educated me, humbled me. You are the greatest and "Bob" and I were so proud to be there for you.

Yolanda Bonilla, 2021-2022 District 12 President

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

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I want to thank all the members of Arizona for a job well done. Your hard work really paid off. As of May 25, 2022, a total of **\$10,000.00** was raised for the AEF Program.

This Chairman received MANY End Reports. Many AEF pins have been ordered from National for donations. The Unit awards for Department are:

Patricia M. Lee—Gloria Elliott Memorial Plaque
Paula Burgess "President's Plaque"
Paula Burgess "Per Capita Award"

The Covid-19 Pandemic raged on for a second year. The Units reported that they held funds raisers for their Unit's AEF funds and for National AEF donations. Some of the functions were meat raffles, auctions, special dinners for AEF and marathons. Other events included 50/50 raffles, lunches and dinners, Bingo, community garage sales. Good Job to all of you for ideas and efforts.

This Chairman has learned a lot about AEF and the kindness of the members of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona.

Thank you for sharing with me this year.

Jessica McComb – Chairman
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AMERICANISM ANNUAL REPORT 2022

2021 – 2022

38 UNITS FOR 5,609 MEMBERS REPRESENTED

PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR VETERANS DAY: SMALL AND LARGE PARADES, FREE DINNERS AND POTLUCKS, CAKE FOR POST MEMBERS, NEWSLETTERS, FLYERS, PANCAKE BREAKFAST, WORKED WITH GILA VALLEY VETERAN SERVICES FOR THE FIELD OF FLAGS HELD DURING VETERANS WEEK, AND A FLOAT IN THE PARADE, PRAYER, FUND RAISER, 50/50, LUNCH FREE FOR VETERANS, PARTICIPATED IN PRESCOTT VETERANS DAY PARADE, HELD SERVICE AT POST AND LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND, BAGGING COOKIES FOR VETS AND TAGGED WITH THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, PRECONVENTION ACTIVITIES, ASSISTED WITH RECEPTION AND INSTALLATION, WORKING WITH SCHOOLS, WALLS OF FACES IN DOUGLAS, THRIFT SHOP, PURPLE HEART ROOM, SPONSOR VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES, GIVE 10 WITH COATS AND CLOTHING TO STUDENTS IN NEED, PARTNERING WITH CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

PARTICIPATION IN REMEMBERING VETERANS IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR: YES, PARTICIPATED WITH THE CITY OF GUADALUPE IN DELIVERING POTTED PLANTS TO COVID FAMILIES, DONATIONS OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO LOCAL PANTRY, CARDS MONTHLY COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS FOR VETERANS WITH SERVICE OFFICERS TO HELP, CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS GIVEN TO NURSING HOME VETERANS AND AT EASTER AND VALENTINES, WELCOME HOMIES, MEMORIAL SERVICES, FLAG LINES, CDS TO VA HOSPITAL, PKGS TO VA HOSPITAL, -PUT FLAGS ON MAIN STREET, WREATHS AT LOCAL CEMETRY, VETERANS SERVICES IN AVONDALE, HELP WITH SHOPPING, CLEANING AND GIFTS FOR VETERANS, HERO CARDS, THANKSGIVING MEAL, ADOPT A VET PROGRAM, WREATHS AT GRAVES, HELPED WITH LOCAL FOOD BANK AND SCOUTING

OBSERVATION OF PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS: FLAG BURNING ON JUNE 14, VETERANS DAY, PARADES FOR MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY, PLACED THE FLAGS AT CEMETARY FOR LOCAL VETERANS, FLAG CEREMONIES, MEALS, DECORATED POST, SPECIAL DINNERS AND LUNCHES, COOKOUTS, ANGEL TREE, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, CARDS, RIDES, CEREMONIES, STREET FLAGS, PATRIOTIC T SHIRTS, 4 CHAPAINS SERVICE, MOMENTS OF SILENCE, POPPIES, POW/MIA CEREMONY

AMERICAN ESSAY CONTEST AND PARTICIPATION SUBMISSION WERE: UNITS CONTACTED SCHOOLS ONLY 4 RESPONSES

UNIT PARTICIPATION TO TEACH FLAG/PLEDGE ETIQUETTE AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WERE 10 UNITS ATTEMPTED WITH 435 CHILDREN

AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAMS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE UNITS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS: ASSISTED WITH ORATORICAL CONTEST, FUNDRAISER, PROVIDED ESCORTS AND JUDGES FOR AREA AND DISTRICT COMPETITION, BOY SCOUTS, STARTED CUB SCOUT PACK THAT MEETS WEEKLY

THE STAR SPANGLED KITS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WERE USED BY MESA AREA AND ASH FORK SCHOOLS.

UNIT MEMBERS DID WEAR AND DISPLAY AUILIARY EMBLEMS: ALL UNITS WEAR AND DISPLAY

ELEVATOR SPEECHES WERE WRITTEN OR GIVEN TO EXPLAIN THE AMERICAN LEGION BY ALL UNITS
SUBMITTING REPORTS FOR 200 ATTENDEES

JUNIORS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE AMERICANISM PROGRAM BY: POPPY PROMOTIONS, HELPED SETUP
AND PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS, GIRLS STATE SPONSOR, PLEDGING THE FLAG AND ORATORICAL

UNIT MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COLOR GUARDS IN PARADES, AT CONFERENCE, CONVENTION
OR OTHER ACTIVITES : 195 MEMBERS PARTICIPATED BY BEING FLAG BEARER AND RIFLEMAN, READS
THE FOLDS AND RING BELL BEFORE TAPS AT COLOR GUARD CEREMONIES, MARCH BEHIND COLOR
GUARD WEARING UNIT POLO SHIRTS, AT CONVENTION, VETERAN PARADE WITH PLANNING,
PREPARATION, COOKING AND SERVING THE MEAL TO COMMUNITY (250 PLUS), 9/11 REMEMBRANCE,
HONORUARD, FLAG LINES, VETERA NS DAY AND MEMORIAL SERVICES, JULY 4TH AND MEMORIAL DAY,
MEMBERS WERE PAGES AT NATIONAL CONVENTION, MEMORIALS, MOVING WALL, , DEPAT
CONVENTION, AZ MISSION TRAINING, NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADES, CLUB PATRIOTIC EVENS,
COLOR GUARD, FLAG CEREMONIES

INITIATIONS (18) WERE CONDUCT ED WITH 68 NEW MEMBERS AND WHAT DOES THE CHAPLAIN SAY
IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF AMERICANISM **ALL PARTICIPATING UNITS PROVIDED THE SECOND
PARAGRAPH CORRECTLY.**

**6 UNITS ENCLOSED A NARRATIVE FOR A DEPARTMENT COMPETITION AMERICANISM PLAQUE THIS
YEAR**

Chaplain--Book of Report 2021-2022

The Department of Arizona American Legion Auxiliary had a busy year doing their best to **"Make a Brighter World for our Veterans"** and **"Caring for those who CARE for others"** despite the challenges units had dealing with the ongoing pandemic of Covid.

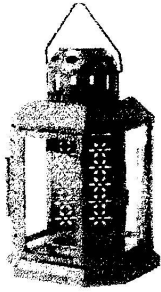
A sincere thank you to the 42 Units and 2 Districts who submitted reports.

- * Ninety-eight members passed away this year.
- * Twenty-four units reported they draped their Charter and twenty-two units held Memorial services.
- * Sixteen units reported having a Four Chaplain program and held a ceremony jointly with their Post.
- * 442 sympathy cards, 339 get well cards, 177 thinking of you cards, 762 birthday cards, 344 thank you cards, 261 other kinds of cards sent out by the units.
- * Thirty-five units, 2 District Presidents participated in Veterans Day Ceremonies.
- * Thirty-five units, 2 District Presidents participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies.
- * Twenty-three units, 2 District Presidents participated in 4th of July Activities.
- * 4-unit Chaplains attended the Virtual National Chaplain Conference.
- One unit reported they held a Flagpole Ceremony jointly with their Post and other units reported they had placed Flags on Veteran's gravesite, also placed flowers for Easter.
- \$720 for packages from home, containing Christmas cards and toiletries, sent to Veterans.
- * Nine units reported they will be submitting a Prayer Book.
- * Thirteen units, 7-unit Chaplains, 3 Past Dept. Presidents, 2 District Presidents, 2 District Chaplains, 1 Post Chaplain, 1 Past Post Commander sent in prayers for Madame Jennie's Prayer Book.

Your Department Chaplain participated in many functions throughout the year. The functions include Fall Conference- the invocation and benediction at the Executive meeting and at the ALA opening session, set up the Memorial table and gave the invocation at the joint Memorial Service held on Sunday morning, the invocation and benediction at the Dept. Committee Chairman meeting; the invocation at Post functions while attending the Northern Run with Madame Jennie; the invocation at Post 52 when they honored a WWII Veteran; the invocation and benediction at National President Kathy Daudistel's official visit dinner held in Green Valley, laying the ALA wreath alongside with Madame President Jennie at Pearl Harbor Memorial Service in Phoenix; the invocation at the Dept. Commander Ben Headen; Dept. President Jennie Molina and SAL Commander Dan Ashley homecoming in Douglas; attended the virtual National Chaplain Conference, attended funerals for Veterans, Auxiliary members, and Dept. President's husband.

Your Chaplain mailed out 39 Sympathy cards, 20 Get Well cards, 15 Think of you cards, 9 Birthday cards, 7 Thank You cards, one personal gift to a youth who lost her father, 2 personal prayers to Auxiliary members who reside out of state, 19 by social media and had personal visits with ill members and contacted members by phone. Also assisted in PGR Flag Lines for Veterans. Will be participating in the Joint Memorial Service at State Convention. This has been quite an adventurous year and I was honored to serve and represent the American Legion Auxiliary as your Dept. Chaplain.

For God and Country
Dolores Chavez
Dept. Chaplain 2021-2022



"Making a Brighter World for Our Veterans"

Cavalcade Of Memories

Book of Reports

June 2022

There are 86 Units in The Department of Arizona. Reports were received from 27 Units, with 14 reporting no activity for 31% reporting.

This chairman would like to thank all the units that took the time out to send me their reports in this time of pandemic going on.

Most Units have a display, the wall of honor where they have pictures of their past Unit and Present President and Past Department Presidents on display, and the year they served. Units have history books with their presidents in them.

Some Units have Past Department Presidents that are active members also, One Unit has a 11" x 14" printed copy of all their Past Presidents since 1934 and another Unit since 1948. Units have a plaque with their presidents on it.

One Unit has a Electric Display Board that has Pictures of the Auxiliary, Post, SAL., Past and Present Presidents Unit and Past Department Presidents and Past and Present Post Commanders, Past and Present SAL Commanders also A Legion Family.

One Unit has a wall with their Past Department Juniors Presidents on it.

All together we have received \$880.68 for Cavalcade of Memories. Awards will be given out at Department Convention. May God continue to bless you and be safe.

Paula Burgess - Department of Cavalcade of Memories Chairman

Children & Youth Book of Reports

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Children and Youth program was a huge success statewide. 41 units provided year end reports on their C&Y activities for the 2021-2022 year with a total of 9,191 volunteer hours, a total of \$64,356 spent, and estimated helping over 5,640 children and youth.

Based on the narratives provided, most units worked with the local schools to provide back to school supplies, participated in the "Give 10 to Education" project, worked with the JROTC programs at the local schools. Many units assisted the families at Luke Air Force base located just outside of Phoenix with Christmas gifts, school supplies and clothes and Thanksgiving meals. One unit noted hosting a Harvest Celebration for children, youth & their families and distributed materials to educate children on water, electrical, helmet, gun and child seat safety.

Many units hosted events to teach students how to fold pocket flags as well as to explain the meaning of each of the folds. Those pocket flags were then included in the "Boxes for the Troops" projects for deployed service members.

Despite the pandemic restrictions, many units still hosted events and were still able to maintain the CDC safety regulations including events for Halloween, Christmas in July, Veterans Day, and Easter and was a successful program.

Total Stats:

Unit Reports Received: 41

Hours Volunteered: 9,191

Dollars Spent: \$64,356

Dollars spent on goods for youth activities: \$38,142

Direct cash aid to help a needy child: \$6,631

Number of children and youth served: 5,640

Dollars donated to all other child service charities: \$23,774

Donations to the Child Welfare Foundation: \$1,075

Sara Ward

(520) 840-4585

C&B Book of Reports

Keeping in mind the National President's theme of "Caring for those who Care for Others" and the Department President's theme of "Making a Brighter World for our Veteran's"

The Department of Arizona's National Security program for the year 2021-2022, promoted a strong national defense in support of military service members, and their families.

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**Community Service
Book of Reports
2021-2022**

The American Legion Auxiliary members of Arizona provided many hours of their time and money to assist various people and organizations throughout the State of Arizona even through the pandemic. The members are proud of their accomplishments in serving their communities. Out of the 85 Units in Arizona, 48 units reported back.

Members are busy volunteering at shelters, food banks, Veterans Commemorative Project, VA Hospitals, Fisher House, MANA House, schools, Veterans Community Centers, House of Hope and in the community at large.

Unit 11 in Douglas, AZ has been hard at work at the Veterans Commemorative Project. The Veterans Commemorative Display is located in the historic Gadsden Hotel in Douglas. One member has spent countless hours keeping it going as it exists through donations and grants. With the help of more volunteers, this year it was open for extended hours to serve those visiting from afar. One member has donated over 800 hours for this project. Douglas is a very patriotic community; members of Post and Unit have supported this display with volunteer hours and donations from The American Legion Family. As schools began to open, the display was able to organize school tours. This display is a must for visitors.

Unit 11 started a new project this year of making up cards to be given to family members of deceased Veterans. The cards are handed out at the funeral homes and presented to families with a poppy at the funeral saying, ***"Hail and Farewell to another veteran lost. Our Sincere Condolences. Please accept this Poppy as a remembrance."***

Unit 108 is participating in Prescott Valley's new Adopt a Park program. The mission of the program is to protect and enhance the town of Prescott Valley's local parks, trails, and art pieces with ongoing volunteer support. A sign will be posted by Parks and Recreation recognizing Unit 108's commitment to keeping the park clean.

Unit 6 of Prescott focuses its' time on many areas of Community Service. Unit 6 members cook and deliver meals to the US Vets Foundation, transport veterans and family members to doctor appointments, shopping, church, and meetings. They held fund raisers for many events including Presidents Special Project, Stand Down, Cancer Research, Holocaust Survivors in Prescott, and PTSD Awareness along with many others.

Unit 26 held a Blood Drive. Members were able to fill every spot allocated by the Red Cross.

Apache Unit 27 continue to provide Community Service all year long. Unit 27 collected items for the Globe Fire Animal Rescue and Paws and Claws rescue, helped with Church rummage sales, helped coordinate a blood drive, collected, clipped, and processed well over \$60,000.00 worth of coupons to send to bases overseas. Unit 27 made donations to the Starbright Foundation, which helps victims of trafficking. They speak at schools, businesses and anywhere someone wants them to come to educate the community about what to look for regarding abuse, grooming and sexual abuse. They work with the local Genesis Project which provides meals to the homeless.

Unit 109 coordinated and hosted a Community Recognition Day along with other entities of 109, where they invited the community along with all local first responders to join them for the day promoting the American Legion Auxiliary and showing the community what we are about. Another activity 109 participates in is POW-WOW (Produce on Wheels- With out Waste) it is a monthly program that brings fresh fruit and veggies for bulk purchase to anyone in the community. (70 lbs for \$12) Volunteers from Unit 109 sort thru the produce and load it into vehicles. Every Saturday, over 200 cars are processed through.

Unit 32 in Safford continues its work with The House of Hope, a halfway house for males. Unit 32 members helped with a local cat rescue, volunteering to catch, transport and care for the cats that were either strays or unwanted. One such member who has fostered numerous cats, transports them from the area caught and ensures veterinarian appointments are kept and then helps with transportation to Tucson by either going or providing a vehicle for transport.

Mathew B Juan Unit 35 works year-round to exemplify its service of community, state, and nation. Unit 35 has a bi-annual event to collect food and water for Mathews Crossing Food Bank. In 2021 Unit 35 collected 20,000lbs of food and water. Unit 35 also established a local food pantry to allow veterans or others from the community to receive immediate assistance when the need arises. One of Unit 35's members hold an annual Agent Orange Awareness event to raise

money and awareness. This member gets the town of Gilbert to light up the Gilbert water towers in Orange in honor of our veterans affected by agent orange.

Many Units participated in community beautifications. Several of the small towns take pride in their clean up days. In addition to community beautification, plastic bottles and cans were collected; the money was used for various programs.

Units held community-wide drives for toiletries, personal care items, cards, games and munchies so care packages can be sent to deployed troops. This includes drives to send Girls Scout cookies to the troops. Many holiday cards were handmade and signed for our deployed Servicemen and sent overseas.

Several Units adopted families during the holidays. Many children had a nice Christmas thanks to the generosity of Post families.

Many Units hold school supply drives. Paper, pens, pencils, rulers, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues, scissors, crayons, colored pencils, and other supplies are collected from members. Post families donate to the fund and Auxiliary members do the shopping.

Wayne V McMartin Unit 91 holds many fundraisers during the year. For Easter, Unit 91 and 91 entities worked with Operation Easter Bunny to put over 300 easter baskets together for kids of all ages in shelters and hospitals. Some members crocheted many beautiful baby blankets and hats for the baskets. Unit 91s President was recognized by the Chandler Unified School District as an outstanding volunteer at Hartford Sylvia Encinas School for all of the Units hard work and donations. Unit 91 along with all 91 entities donate twice a year to Mathews Crossing Food Bank. This is a huge fundraiser with over 30,000lbs of food donated in 2021 alone. Unit 91 sends out an annual letter to all members asking for donations for their Poppy drive. This has had huge success. Unit 91 sets up booths at local restaurants and at the Chandler Ostrich Festival to hand out Poppies and talk to the public about the ALA mission.

Unit 6 in Prescott held rummage and bake sales. They help family members get to doctor appointments, shopping and running errands. Unit 6 members donate their time at the information desk at the Prescott VAMC. Members also volunteered at the blood bank and VA Pharmacy along with many other places. They assisted in Kids Vision USA and at the Creative Arts Festival along with many other volunteering opportunities.

John J Morris Unit 62 ran with President Kathy Daudistel's theme of, "Caring for those who care for others" along with Arizona Department President's theme, "Making the World a Brighter Place for our Veterans." Members donated a total of 12,159 volunteer hours along with donating \$39,603.00.

Flag raising ceremonies were held on Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day, and Pearl Harbor Day by Unit 62. Unit 62 in Peoria, donated to many charities including Heal Her Art program, Soldiers Best Friend, elementary schools, food banks, and other charities. Unit 62 has been remarkably busy in the community despite COVID restrictions.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, Unit members made masks and delivered them to the VAMCs. They also handed them out to members of the community who needed them. Members are checking in on those that cannot get out. Members are shopping, running errands and doing anything that they can including making phone calls and checking in with their members. It is truly heartwarming how much outpouring of love and kindness is being shared.

The numbers below show the dedication the members have to the American Legion Auxiliary and how Arizona ALA members are helping in the community.

Total Miles Driven: 67,484.2 Total Money Spent: \$196,868.10 Total Hours Spent: 93,291

Sara Decker
Community Service Chairman
Department of Arizona

EDUCATION Year-End Report 2021-2022

Despite the continued presence of COVID-19 with restrictions preventing visits in many classrooms again this school year, many Arizona Auxiliary Units managed to raise funds to assist our schools and students. Districts and Units received information regarding the Education program at the Department 2021 Fall Conference and Bulletins were included with the Department newsletters mailed out each month.

There were no mid-year reports required this year. Thirty-four Units completed year-end reports and reported 623 Auxiliary members, 72 Junior members, and 146 Legion members were involved. Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders also participated this year.

Several Units delivered Thank-You cards and treats to teachers and staff during *Education Week*. Juniors from two Units hand-made Thank-You cards for the bus drivers and school crossing guards also. One Unit treated teachers to breakfast, and presented them with Appreciation Certificates and door prizes.

Two Units provided snacks to bus drivers during *National School Bus Safety Week*.

Almost all Units participated in the *Give 10 to Education* program by providing a number of school supplies and educational materials such as backpacks, pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, notebooks, face masks, hand sanitizers, etc. A Unit donated backpacks for Children of Veterans and another Unit provided school uniforms. Riders from a Unit donated a flag and \$100 for school supplies. Cleaning supplies were also provided to a few schools. School supplies were provided to the Homeless Children's program and a Cub Scout Troop. One Unit donated an entire pallet of hand sanitizers to local schools and charities which was supplied by a local grocery store.

Several Units donated items to stock a school pantry and needy children received clothing and essential items.

A Unit provided Flag and Poppy education at a School Resource Fair. Another Unit delivered flags and books on flag etiquette to a school. Books were collected and donated to schools and a local library.

Riders held a "Ride for Love" and donated \$300 to a child with an incurable disease.

Several Units provided food baskets and/or Gift Certificates to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Units also participated in the Luke Air Force Base Operation Kids and provided items for the children. A Unit sponsors a needy family at Christmas each year and provides each member with a gift and funds for a holiday meal.

Veterans assisted six Units with "Veterans in the Classroom" program. They helped teach Flag etiquette, how to fold a flag, flag burning, and the military alphabet to students at several schools. Students made displays of what they learned and Veterans reviewed them with students and staff.

Unit, Post, and SAL members presented awards to JROTC members at their annual awards dinner. Another Unit informed a local high school of volunteer opportunities and recruited several JROTC cadets to volunteer at events and with clean-up.

Legionnaires assisted the Auxiliary by coordinating with Boy Scout Troops on their Eagle projects. The Scouts learned about the importance of service and citizenship. One Unit sponsored a Cub Scout Pack and donated mini flags, backpacks, and school supplies.

A Unit promoted Girls State at a Career Fair. Five Units will sponsor a total of 32 delegates to Girl State: two delegates, four delegates, five delegates, six delegates, and 15 delegates, each respectively.

One Unit participated with clean up teams on *Make A Difference Day*.

A Unit also donated to Spirit of Youth, Children's Miracle Network, Special Olympics, and The American Legion Baseball.

Fourteen Units reported the award of 53 Unit scholarships totaling \$23,680. Units raised funds for scholarships by holding dinners, raffles, sales, etc.

Department and National Scholarships were promoted in school classrooms, Unit meetings, and Unit newsletters. The Department of Arizona offers the **JEAN BATLEY PLAQUE** for Units with membership of 150 and under and the **CHRYSTEEN FRITZINGER PLAQUE** for Units with membership of 151 and over. The purpose of these awards is to stimulate interest in good participation in the American Legion Auxiliary Education program by giving recognition to the Unit which makes the most use of the available ideas in education, scholarship, and loan possibilities. The plaques will be presented at Department Convention to the Unit whose chairman submitted the report which best describes the promotion of the program. Four Units submitted narratives for these awards.

Department received one application for Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. The application was forwarded to the Western Division Education Chairman for consideration and it was then submitted to National. The Winner will be announced at Department Convention.

Members of the Department of Arizona recognize that our children require a good education for a successful future and are devoted to contributing to their success.

We appreciate all who participated in The American Legion Auxiliary Education Program and helped our schools, teachers, children, and parents in so many ways.

Thank you, Madame President Jennie Molina, for allowing me to be part of your year of Service to Veterans. It has been a rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ritter
Education Chairman



American Legion Auxiliary
Arizona
Girls State

One Hundred Eighty-four, young women from one hundred-forty High Schools throughout Arizona were scheduled to attend American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State at the University of Arizona in Tucson from June 5-11, 2022. Thirty-nine Units reported some form of Girls State Activity.

Forty-eight Units sponsored one or more delegates to attend the 75th session. Thirty-five Units did not sponsor or contribute. Nine High Schools without Unit representation sent delegates. These numbers are **down** from previous years.

You name a way to make money...members of the Auxiliary did it, to generate the funds needed to sponsor each delegate. Because of today's economic conditions, many Units needed contributions from other organizations, persons and agencies. Legion Posts, Junior Groups, Legion Riders and SAL Squadrons gave donations to support the program.

Again, major focus was placed on a standard Orientation with everyone receiving the same information through a power point presentation. Orientations were most successful when Units notified the delegates and **alternates** to attend. Because the last two years Girls State was virtually presented, it was most importance that Orientations for delegates and their parents/guardians were held to get latest information out and questions answered.

We are missing a membership opportunity by not asking delegates if they are eligible to become a member of the Auxiliary. Information on the Samsung Scholarship was sent to delegates again this year...to apply you must be a **DIRECT** descendant of a Veteran. Were girls asked?

Three Units submitted an entry for the **Yvonne Granger Plaque** and it was a hard decision for the judges to make. Girls State publicity was from local newspapers that covered the events as daily doings and from the Girls State website.

Units rewarded contributors with certificates, plaques and thank you cards. Several Units reported returning the money paid by the Delegate if they attended Girls State and reported back to the Unit.

Two pairs of white tube socks were requested from each Delegate as a Community Service Project. These socks will be divided among the VA Medical Centers, Veterans Homes, Veterans Homeless Shelters and standdowns.

The Girls State Yearbook is a success and we will be taking orders again. We will continue to promote enrollment for Girls State Alumni Association and "Friends of Girls State". This helps with funding of the two scholarships that are awarded each year.

REMINDERS: The political workings of the Department should not be a part of **Girls State**. The Units work within established Girl State guidelines and policy. This makes it fair for all schools and Units. Allotments and schools are changed each year to accommodate enrollments and bed capacity or Unit problems. Units should not decide or tell other Units what they should do. **ONLY SPONSOR** of Girls State is the American Legion Auxiliary. All **OTHERS** are **CONTRIBUTORS** to the program. Payment with one check and notarization of parent signature greatly improved. We still need to work on completion of forms, cards with pictures, school signatures and especially Unit certification. Application and media paper on each Delegate must also be returned.

We still need to work on the March 1st deadline. You don't have to wait until March to get started as packets are sent to school around January 15th each year. This year many Units did not contact schools or become involved. Many schools non participation was due to no Unit involvement. Hopefully we can work on this for next year.

We thank each of you for your **dedicated service and assistance** to the Girls State program. We more than appreciated that when asked to help with extra schools or delegates or take on other responsibilities, you were willing to do so for the program. We also appreciated your thoughtful contributions over the required fees.

There will be a Girls State update at Convention. **FLASH...FLASH!** Who will be elected Governor and Secretary of State at the 75th session? Who will be the Girls Nation Senators going to Washington D.C.? Who will receive the Samsung Scholarship? Until then...**Look to Girls State and you'll find...tomorrow's leaders of mankind.** Girls State...**The Best State in the Land!**

Penny Maklary...Chairman/Director

Committee Members: Judy Van Matre...Alisha Matteson...Mary Jo Ficklin

HISTORIAN
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2021-2022

I want to thank all of you for your commitment to our wonderful organization and here are the highlights for the past year:

- Units dedicated fundraisers to the President's Special Project, PTSD Awareness and Education.
- 15 Units reported holiday adopt a family events that served Veterans' families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The number of holiday cards sent to troops overseas numbers in the tens of thousands.
- 8 Units sponsored back to school supply drives with close to 750 students assisted with school supplies. Additionally, 3 Units held supply drives to assist the teachers in those particular schools.
- 11 Units reported working VA Gift Shops.
- 18 units reported donating to VA Gift Shops and Creative Arts.
- 4 Units reported Veterans Day parades in their communities.
- 21 Units and 2 Districts consistently sent minutes and reports to this Chairman.
- 8 Units have held monthly dinners as fundraisers one Unit held a cake walk
- 11 Units held services for the 4 Chaplains.
- 20 Units reported activities for poppy day.

For God and Country,

Stacey Mayberry

Historian, Department of Arizona

Book of Reports
Leadership/Arizona Mission Training
2021-2022

Members in our department were ready to get back to normal this year. Thank you members for signing up and taking the course. We need future leaders and knowledgeable members to complete our mission.

A huge thank you to the Leadership Instructors who stepped up to facilitate the training. We held nine eight hour trainings and one four hour mini training. All but one district held sessions. Unit #41 held a Unit training session. That is a total of approximately one hundred eighty members who learned and benefited from Arizona Mission Training.

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Leadership/Arizona Mission Training Instructors need to be recognized. They outdid themselves. They are Yolanda Bonilla, Rose Ficklin, Stacey Mayberry, Deb Munchbach, Kat Sticklin, Kathy Szakonyi and Cindy Queen. A grateful thank you to Department Secretary for her assistance when needed. The comments were very positive. It is an eight hour training but a wealth of material is to be covered.

This chairman received eight applications for the "Unit Member of the Year" award, one application for the "Vickey J. Zwall Member of the Year Plaque," and two applications for the "LaVan Erickson Leadership Plaque." The winners to be announced at convention.

Once again, thank you to all who contributed to this program.

Karen Smith, Chairman 2021-2022

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LEGISLATIVE 2021 – 2022

At the end of the 2022 year, the Department of Arizona had 35 out of 86 Units actively working the Legislative Program. There were 12 Units that had nothing to report but reported to the Chairman. One Unit did not work the program but sent in a report stating such. Out of the 35 reports, only two included some type of narrative. Out of those two, only one met the guidelines for an award. None were sent after the May 1 deadline.

The committee educated members in the legislative issues promoted by the American Legion, by sharing with members in the Department Monthly Bulletins upcoming legislation the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary supports, how to find polling locations, and newly elected officials and their contact information. Information was also shared on social media.

There was one special legislative meeting held, but the Unit that held the meeting did not provide further information. There were no legislative rallies held. There was one reported town hall meeting held by Congressman Paul Gosar. There were no Units that held a "Meet the Candidates Night". Two Units promoted and discussed the Dispatch at meetings and in emails. Twelve subscriptions were reported as being purchased.

There were 374 letters sent to US Senators, US Representatives, State Officials, Local Officials, and the White House. There were 200 other contacts with US Senators, US Representatives, State Officials, Local Officials, and the White House. There were 123 replies received from US Senators, US Representatives, State Officials, Local Officials, and the White House. Several Units and Posts also have members that are State and Local officials.

Members connected and made contact through phone calls, letters, and emails. Members discussed their concerns and issues they faced. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic with government restrictions, many Units had to contact their elected officials via phone calls, letters, and emails rather than in person visits and meetings.

Units in the Department promoted and supported women veterans by donating funds to charitable organizations, encouraged women veterans to join the Auxiliary with paid memberships for the first year, held luncheons and sponsored Heal Her Art events. Units in the Department made sun hats for women veterans with the branch they served on the hats, recognized them at meetings, special events, in newsletters, and on social media. They also supported women veterans by helping homeless women veterans in their area.

Twenty Units promoted voting, by telling members how important voting is and to get out and vote. Units made calling lists for members that needed rides to polls and provided information in online newsletters. Members helped distribute and put-up yard signs in local elections. Members also worked at polling places and helped members that needed assistance filling out mail in ballots. Units also held voter registration sessions.

Several Units participated in government and civic education by starting a Facebook page for the Unit, distributing pocket flags and flag books to students at a local elementary school. Counselors were educated about Girls State. Several members from one Unit attended a local school board meeting. One Unit promotes an after-school civics club. Several Units attended JROTC awards banquets. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions and CDC guidelines, many other Units are still not allowed into the schools.

As mentioned before, several Posts and Units have members that are Local and State officials. Many have been keynote speakers at special events.

In March members from the American Legion Department of Arizona and the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Legislative Chairman were to attend the National Conference in Washington D.C. Due to COVID restrictions, the conference was cancelled in person and held virtually once again. The only member allowed to address Congress, was American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard.

Department of Arizona Auxiliary members continue to advocate for veterans, active-duty military, and their family's rights.

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen, Legislative Chairman

Membership Book of Report

2021-2022

The Department of Arizona's membership theme for 2021-2022 was "Reaching for the Goal".

Members worked furiously rejoining, renewing, and recruiting members throughout the state.

Membership drives were held at Post homes, community events, or talking to people while out and about.

Early Bird dinners were held throughout the state for membership who paid their membership before November 11, 2021.

The year started out with Department Membership Chair presenting the membership theme at the 2021 Convention in Tucson, AZ.

The 10 District Vice Presidents received a binder with thermometers for each District meeting. One was for the District membership percentage and one was for the Unit membership percentage.

District Vice Presidents decorated the thermometers for their Districts.

A thermometer was posted at the Department Headquarters which was filled in weekly for the Department percentage. It was great to see the thermometers grow throughout the year.

Community events were held throughout the year and throughout the state.

The Post 91 Legion Family had a booth at the Annual Chandler Ostrich Festival.

ALA Unit 135 in Cornville, AZ held a Community Appreciation Dinner & Raffle event.

Membership information was also available when Units distributed poppies at various locations.

Units posted membership information on the *Ring Your Bell Arizona* ALA Facebook page.

The Membership Chair posted kudos, Units reaching 100% and cheered on membership on the awesome job members were doing with membership. Membership goals provided by Department were emailed to the District Vice Presidents. They assisted in contacting Units in their District to see if they could assist them with renewing, recruiting, rejoining members.

A membership packet was provided for each Unit, District President and Vice President, and Department Officers. The packet contained membership processing instructions, membership cards, membership goal dates, welcome letter from the Membership Chair.

Barbara White

Membership Chairman

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MUSIC 2021 – 2022

At the end of the year 2022, the Department of Arizona had 36 units reporting their participation of working the Music Program. From the units reporting, 15 reported incorporating some type of music at their Post or song youth in their community to sing with them.

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One has incorporated a kazoo band for a monthly dinner. Another Unit takes their love of music to the community by singing at events within their community. Some Units have bands play special events such as Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. Another Unit joined their Legion Family on Veteran's Day and Memorial day singing the National Anthem at their local cemetery and "Happy Birthday" at their 103th American Legion birthday party.

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With a song in your heart

For God and Country

Alma Mattingly
Music Chairman

NATIONAL SECURITY
BOOK OF REPORTS 2021-2022

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Patricia Lugo – National Security Chairman

Unit Development and Revitalization

Book of Report

2021-2022

REVITALIZATION is about identifying new and existing members with new ideas that breathe like into Units that are declining in membership and mission outreach. It is more than just organizing new unit sand trying to help keep their charters. Revitalization is also about providing mentors for struggling Units, providing training for new members, and finding leaders to replace long-time chairmen and officers. More importantly, revitalization is about finding, exploring and trying new ways for all members to become engaged in meaningful opportunities for mission outreach. While revitalization is not focused on solving Unit disharmony and personality conflicts with the Units, conflict resolution training can help members learn to solve many of the problems that damage the Auxiliary's reputation, discourage members and distract from our mission and purpose.

We did have three Units that had disharmony and personality issues and that did distract from working the mission and purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary. Another Unit had trouble with the Post but that was corrected right away. It would be wonderful if all members could just get along and work together. Please remember why we are members of this great organization.

There are three Posts that have requested information to start or restart a new unit in their area. They are in District 11 and District 6. We are here and ready to get them started and welcome them to our great organization.

I want to thank Madam President Jennie Molina for this appointment.

For God & Country,
Jan Cushing
New Units/UD&R Chairman
2021-2022



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY
2021-2022
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Thanks go out to all members who supported the Past President Parley program this year. Each month a bulletin was written, some recognizing those Units and Districts who held events.

This Chairman would like to share a few starting with Unit 41 who held in December a "Pasta with a Purpose" and raised a very nice amount of money for the program. They had great raffles.

Unit 27 held their annual PPP luncheon with 4 past presidents and 48 women veterans who enjoyed an afternoon of fun-filled events, one of which was trivia and the ladies did not want to leave, everyone was challenging each other.

District 11 held a Valentines event, with certificates handed out, a huge amount of raffle baskets. The Legionnaires also joined in for the fun dressed in various costumes to be judged. It was a great success!!

Unit 14 in Kingman held their PPP event with the theme, the roaring 20's. They had raffle tables, great food and it was very successful for the PPP program.

Only 32 Units sent in reports forms, so I hope next year all Units realize that even if you do not host an event, just sending in the form means you have reported.

The reports received with information mentioned Units paying dues for their women veterans, "Heal Her Art" event showing support to women veterans; some had luncheons and dinners; fundraisers, and quite a few Units have their past presidents' mentor new members.

There were several Units who submitted narratives for the awards handed out at Convention. Hope to see you there, is your Unit one of them?

The PPP program will hold their annual luncheon during the Department Convention.

The PPP Scholarship program brought in this year the amount of \$10,568 from Unit and District donations. Great job ALA members.

Cindy Queen
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Arizona Poppy Chairman Report

The state of Arizona participated tremendously in the poppy program from the years 2021 to 2022. The poppy program has been important to us because of the significant meaning after the end of World War I. The poppy began to flourish in Europe and thus created the symbol of the blood shed in war and memorialized the soldiers who risked it all and lost their lives.

Today, our departments distribute poppies and raise funds for veterans and their families. Our department stayed true to this message by collecting over \$22,000 in funds and distributed over 28,000 poppies. Units that had active juniors selected Miss Poppy's which represented the juniors of their units in parades, poppy distribution, and poppy making. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, many units did not have active junior membership but nevertheless, still honored our veterans and informed the public of the poppy program.

Our units held events that involved the community through events such as fundraisers at High School sporting events, Chick-Fil-A, Poppy stuffing and mailing parties, and music venues. Our units did what they could to promote our program and involve the community in a safe way.

Unfortunately, we did not have anyone submit posters for the poppy contest but some of the juniors helped in distributing poppies and what the poppy means to them. Below is a poem written by a fourteen-year-old junior from Unit 97 in the Department of Arizona:

"The 11th Hour by Alicia Sullivan.
Endless nights and endless days
Knowing friends may be gone,
All I can do is pray.
I am full of blood, sweat, and tears.
Going through this war,
I see a poppy on the rough ground,
I am no longer sad.
During this first world war
I see and remember the ones I fought with before.
My friends may be gone,
But they will never be forgotten.
On this sad day I place a poppy on their graves.
With this circle shape I know of the eternity.
The circle of life had come around
But I think of the red flower.
The red flower that may be small
But it's worth is great and tall.
With this hope and remembrance

Jessica Vaupel – Poppy Department Chairman

Public Relations
Book of Report 2021-2022

This past year has been a challenge for many Units with being able to go out into the community and work programs. With COVID slowly working its way out many have begun to get back out there and start promoting the American Legion Auxiliary. During the down time many units created Facebook accounts, websites and really got into the social media groove. It is so neat to see all the social media presence from the units. Way to go Units!!

One great way for the unit to keep members up to date and involved is with monthly newsletters or bulletins. Many units continued this or even started new with their Legion family. This is a really great way to keep everyone involved outside of social media.

May units started to get back into social events, fundraisers and community functions once more as each city started to do the same. Some units participated with booths at local community functions as well as college fairs. Unit 61 had a booth at Estrella Mountain Community College events, and Unit 91 had a booth at the Chandler Ostrich Festival this year!

Many had fundraisers for the Department President's special project as well as dinners, lunches and meetings in her honor during her visits across the state. It was wonderful to see all the social media notices for her visits throughout the year! Way to go units!

Unit 62 was able to live stream their Veterans Day event with the help of Centennial HS film department. What an amazing opportunity for both unit 62 and for those amazing high school students. This is such a neat way to get the youth in the community involved.

Several units have discovered the use of promotional materials for getting the conversation started. Jewelry, polos, cups and even car magnets have helped to start that major conversation of "Who We are" and what we can do for the community.

This year 16 units reported to the Department Chairman for Public Relations. A bit of a disappointment that there were not more but considering the world around us, this chairman hopes that there will be more reports and more events in the coming year.

With that said here are the numbers reported:

- Interviews with local media: 5
- Articles published in local papers: 11
- Letters to the Editor published: 2
- Aired programs or interviews: 2
- Public Service Announcements: 8
- Printer advertisements (paid in local media): 9
- Letters of appreciation sent: 139

So exciting to see all the numbers and to know that the units are out there in the community working and helping. Getting the word out there for sure!

This year there was a submission to Nationals for the ALA Brand Ambassador! Now, this chairman is not going to give away the surprise. Just to say best of luck and what an amazing submission.

Thank you for making this year a great one!

Shannon Mead

Department of Arizona

Public Relations Chairman 2021-2022

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

2021-2022

The members of the Department of Arizona had a busy year, considering we were still locked out of VA facilities and other health care facilities.

The VCAF (Veterans Creative Arts Festival) that is usually held at Arizona VA facilities in February has been moved to June and September this year. Members are currently signing up to volunteer in any way they can, and units have been donating money for supplies and travel expenses.

We had 36 units out of 86 report on their activities this year, and one VAVS representative/volunteer report. One can only imagine what Arizona accomplished had all 86 reported their activities.

	Veterans Assisted	Active Military	Volunteer Hours	Money Sent	Mileage
TOTAL:	31,153	2318	98,644	\$194,653.66	122,658.1

Later this year Arizona will have two new State Veterans homes opening, one in Yuma and the other in Flagstaff. We will also start fund raising for a new Fisher House, to be built in Phoenix. I am very excited for these openings.

For God and Country

Rose Ficklin

VA&R Chairman

Creative Arts 2021-2022

Another year influenced by the Covid pandemic, but there was good reports in the area of Creative Arts and good news is on the horizon. Arizona veterans are creating art as they heal from physical and emotional wounds. Arizona ALA Unit members are volunteering and giving generous donations to help in the area of Creative Arts. Local Creative Arts Festivals are happening for Arizona Veterans and so did the National CAF in Florida, this past April with some Prescott, AZ representation! It helps to encourage veterans and to see the participants receiving this recognition.

This year 36 Arizona ALA volunteers, from 6 units, helped make their local CAF a success in Phoenix and Prescott. These volunteers worked in spite of the covid precautions, closed to the public shows, and encouraged veterans to create ongoing. We can be thankful for their service to these participating veterans. Let us continue to give encouragement in this time of isolation. These volunteers are committed to encouraging and working toward greater participation in these coming festivals. Much gratitude to ALA Creative Arts Festival representatives, Sally Fine in Prescott, Margaret Ellis in Phoenix, and Kathy Szakonyi in Tucson. Local festivals would not be done so well without their coordination, many volunteer hours and encouragement.

More Units generously showed their support this year in Creative Arts donations. A total of 16 Arizona ALA Units made donations to the Creative Arts this year. Their donations totaled more than \$6,250.00, and hopefully there is even more donations not reported to this chairman at the time of this report. It is a substantial increase from the past few Covid years. We can hope this shows that our 85 units are able to hold more fundraising projects in 2022-2023. A special thank you to ALA Department Secretary Barb Matteson, for the coordination of all these donations.

In total, 34 out of 85 AZ Units reported to this chairman. More volunteer hours, fundraising, and reporting will be strongly encouraged by this Chairman in the coming year. Unfortunately, Many more volunteer hours and donations were made, but have gone unreported this 2021-2022 year.

Respectfully Submitted, in Service Not Self,

Dawn Davidson

ALA Creative Arts Chairman 2021-2022

Department of Arizona

Tucson SAVAHCS Christmas Gift Shop

Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System

American Legion Auxiliary Units of Southern Arizona

7, 8, 10, 11, 16, 19, 24, 28, 32, 36, 45, 46, 51, 52, 54, 56, 59, 66, 68, 73, 95, 97, 109, 125, 129, 131, 132, 133

We loaded up the trucks and went excitedly along the way, because today was the Gift Shop at the Tucson VA. As we pulled into the parking lot the bells began to ring, I knew at that moment our angels got their wings. For just one day this year, we went back in time, and became Rosie the Riveter on the assembly line. Hats, scarfs, gloves, socks, and shaving kits too, were packed inside a duffel bag, with a Christmas card from you. For those that loved their mustaches and beards and didn't want to shave a \$25 gift card is what we gave. We didn't forget our female vets, they received the same gifts too, but with a ladies' hygiene kit, and some special jewelry too.

We didn't think we would get it done, one day, four hours, and only 5 volunteers allowed, but we packed 128 duffel bags and boy were we ever proud. Not only did we get it done, we had 15 minutes to spare, and we even had lunch while we were there.

To all the Units for their generous gifts I thank you so much for helping make this a very happy holiday season for our veterans and their families. To Unit 8 and 51, thank you for loading up your truck and bringing the gifts. To the Units that so generously donated: #8, 36, 54, 59, 97, 132, and 133, it is so very much appreciated.

As of this writing, we serviced:

128 Veterans

\$1,400 in Donations

\$305 value of gifts donated (jewelry, lady's robe, etc.)

Total spent: \$2,933.40

Since there are still duffel bags, hats, gloves, etc. these will still be distributed until December 25th.

Madam President Jennie thank you so very much for giving me this appointment. I am so proud of the women in the American Legion Auxiliary and for the wonderful job that was done.

Kathleen Roche

Department Gift Shop Chairman, Tucson SAVAHCS

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VAVS

BOB STUMP NORTHERN ARIZONA VETERANS HEALTH CENTER

Greetings from up north! Our VA is slowly opening back up, but it's a day to day decision on whether to allow visitors, whether they need masks, etc.

For bingo our groups show up ready to provide a fun night but if one person tests positive, the whole group has to go home and bingo is cancelled. Luckily, we've all been clear this last month.

I only have hours to report for our Gift Shop since Trish Alljets has been keeping track herself. The Portal is down at the VA and I cannot get year end numbers yet. Our local VA is waiting on National for assistance and training with the new, upcoming system. They will advise when it is operational.

Gift Shop

Total Veterans Assisted	87
Volunteer Hours	39.5
Money Sent	\$4,525.31

A big thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who work so hard and serve our veterans.

Juanita Moffitt

VAVA Representative

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From: membership aladeptaz.org
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 1:09 PM
To: secretary1 aladeptaz.org
Subject: FW: News Letter June

From: membership aladeptaz.org
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:04 AM
To: membership aladeptaz.org <membership@aladeptaz.org>
Subject: News Letter June

Good Morning to all my Fellow Auxiliary Sisters:

Well this year has come to a end as we look forward to A new year coming. It will be a new and exciting time for us. I want to thank all the units that donated to our program. Units 4 5 27 35 41 44 65 and 81 Hope I didn't miss any one.

For a total of \$3800. To be shared with our Veterans. And I am very gorgeous with them. That's what were all about.

If any of you as Units has done anything for the home could you let me know so I can recognize you for what you've done at Convention this year.

So hoping to see you at Convention this June. I'll be back in my corner so Stop and say hi.

Foe God and country and our Veterans

Pat Stanaski

Stare Veterans Home

Phoenix Az

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Year End Report

Carl T. Hayden Medical Center

Phoenix Christmas Gift Shop

Once again the gift shop was a great success.

We want to thank all of the Units that donate money and also those who do their own shopping. Remember all money donations have to go through the ALA Department of Arizona on 19 Avenue. All of those who do their own shopping must turn in receipts to this chairman. Things that go well are anything you would give your own friends and family. Thank all of you in advance for all you do.

We will keep you informed as time go by as to where the Gift shop will be. Also plan ahead, we need volunteers. If you never worked the gift shop you don't know what you are missing. It is a very nice way to thank our Veterans for their service to our country. It also makes your Christmas a little brighter. *If your unit has active Juniors that would like to help, and are available. Please bring them. Remember, they are the ALA leaders of the future.*

Thank you President Jennie Molino for this wonderful and rewarding assignment.

For God and Country, Joyce Livingston, Chairman

******* Feel Free to call me if you have any questions.*******

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SERVICE TO VETERANS

It has been an exciting year for this program! Report forms were sent to all Unit Presidents every month and reporting was also addressed in the Monthly Bulletins from Department.

173,376 hours were reported from 42 units. Members drove 153,956 miles, and monies spent was \$135,690. 38,487 veterans were served from our efforts. These numbers are almost double from last year.

Many units supported Madam President Jennie's theme "Making a Brighter World for our Veterans" as well as National President Kathy's theme "Caring for Those who Care for Others." Several units donated funds to Madam President's Special Project, The PTSD Foundation of America with fundraisers, raffles, etc.

Units supported active duty and retired military and their families, as well as reserve duty military and their families.

Some units hosted or attended Standdowns and donated their time and money to help those veterans. Other units adopted more than one Veteran and their families for the holidays. And still other units help the homeless on a regular basis.

All in all we had a great year. This chairman would to thank each and every one of you for all that you do!

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Berg, Chairman