

HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE

October 2017

LAST PACKET BEFORE FALL CONFERENCE...Have you sent in your registration. How about those Juniors have you done their paperwork or contacted the Junior Chairman Karon Quigg?

FALL CONFERENCE...Western Division National Vice President will be in attendance. The awards from National Convention will also be announced and given out.

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DISTRICTS...(1)You are required to send a copy of the District meeting minutes to Department Historian and Department. **(2)We requested from the Districts a copy of their IRS Tax filing to complete the form for the Secretary of State. We have only received 1 and there are 10 district. Every Veterans Service Organization in the State of Arizona is required to do this. UNITS did you do yours? UNITS do not send me copies of your meeting minutes.**

MEMBERSHIP... “**WE CAN-CAN increase membership, YES WE CAN**”. SO...did all of you get membership is so that we can get the \$1,000 for National?

Membership is everyone’s job. Membership numbers are starting for 2017-2018. Our last all time high was 2007-2008, it has gone down every year since. Stop the slide. Please do not hold membership. **DUES RENEWAL**, you may have gotten them by email for hard copy.

REPEAT...ALAMIS ACCESS...the information that you see on this system is confidential. **Do not share your password with other members of your unit, department, or district/division. Notify your Department if you need a new ALA MIS account.** If you do not abide by the rules set by National you will lose access to the system. Per National “**Please do not delete out member names and/or addresses.** If a member needs to have their membership cancelled, please contact your state department.”

Did you see a yellow sheet in last month’s packet? Well did you read President Yolanda’s report it was in there? Want to know contact President Yolanda.

Green Sheets...For all of you who don’t know what the green sheets mean...last time this year you will see this form. Get it filled out and sent in because if you don’t you will miss something very important.

Everyone...

We encourage you to work hard and watch deadlines...it takes both to be a winner and make membership meaningful.

“High Heels & Spurs”

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**American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans
President's Message**

October 2017

Please remember that Fall Conference is November 3-5, 2017 at the Double Tree Resort in Tucson. You need to make your reservations as soon as possible since the deadline for contacting the resort is October 13. And look for the Green Sheet in this packet with all the information about the Past Presidents Luncheon where we will honor our Western Division Vice President Nancy Michalski. I hope that you noticed the yellow flyer in last month's packet about the new "Soaring to New Heights in Membership Trophy" that will be highlighted at the Opening Ceremonies. As Legion Family members every entity is eligible to participate in this Membership Trophy, thus highlighting our Arizona Family. We all can stand together, united in our mission!

Our National President, Diane Duscheck, whose theme is "ALA Member Pride" has chosen American Legion Foundation as her special project. We will host our National President March 8-10, 2018 in the Tucson area. Look for more information on her schedule in the next bulletin.

There have been questions directed to me about helping residents of Texas and Florida with the overwhelming damage done by these two hurricanes. The American Legion Auxiliary is geared to help members with AEF Grants. Keep in mind that AEF is there to help our Auxiliary members in need. If you choose to donate to another organization please be careful where you choose to donate.

Please direct invitations to your Unit or District by either MAIL at: 15606 South Gilbert Road, Lot 103, Chandler, AZ 85225 or EMAIL to yodobo@msn.com

See you at Fall Conference next month!

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans,

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Date	Description	Location
July 2, 2017	Visit Goodwin Fire Location	Mayer, Arizona, Post 78
July 8, 2017	Chairman/Officer Workshop - 8 to noon	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
July 9, 2017	Visit District 11	Phoenix, AZ Post 1
July 11, 2017	Lunch - Honor Auxiliary Member at Birthday	Safford, AZ Post 32
July 8, 2017	District 3 Membership Meeting	Sierra Vista, AZ
July 21, 2017	Memorial Service for Pappy Patton	Grand Canyon, AZ
July 22-23, 2017	State American Legion Baseball Finals	Tucson & Casa Grande AZ
August 5 2017	Mission Training Instructor Class	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
August 12, 2017	Mission Training at Unit 41	Phoenix, AZ, Post 41
August 18-24, 2017	ALA National Convention	Reno, NV
September 16, 2017	Strategic Planning Meeting	Phoenix, AZ, Department Headquarters
September 17, 2017	District 4 Official Visit	Coolidge, AZ Post 54
September 22-24, 2017	Stand Down - Frontier Village	Prescott, AZ
September 25, 2017	Meeting at VA	Prescott, AZ
September 30, 2017	District 8 Picnic	Goldwater Lake, Prescott, AZ
October 27 - 28, 2017	District 5 Official Visit	Safford, AZ, Post 32
November 3-5, 2017	Fall Conference	Doubletree Inn, Tucson, AZ
November 18, 2017	Girls State Dinner	Tempe, AZ, Post 2
November 19, 2017	District 12 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35
December 4, 2017	VA Gift Shop	Phoenix, AZ
December 7, 2017	Pearl Harbor Day	Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix
December 9, 2017	District 6 Official Visit	Snowflake, AZ Post 126
December 13, 2017	Unit 39 Official Visit	Gilbert, AZ, Post 39
January 6, 2018	Department Open House	Department Headquarters, Phoenix, AZ
January 14, 2018	District 3 Official Visit	Tombstone, AZ, Post 24
January 21, 2018	District 2 Official Visit	Tucson, AZ, Post 36
January 27, 2018	National Security/Children & Youth workshop	Phoenix, AZ, Post 1
February 2-3, 2018	Mission Training	Las Vegas, NV
February 5, 2018	Unit 27 Official Visit	Apache Junction, AZ, Post 27
February 24, 2018	Ira H. Hayes Parade	Sacaton, AZ, Post 84
February 25-28, 2018	Washington Conference	Washington DC
March 8-10, 2018	National President Visit	Tucson, AZ
March 17-15, 2018	District 1 Birthday Dinner & District 1 Official Visit	Yuma AZ, Post 19
April 19, 2018	Unit 35 Official Visit	Chandler, AZ, Post 35

American Legion Auxiliary
High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
October 2017

Greetings to the hard- working members of the ALA! Due to the natural disasters that are currently affecting so many citizens of our great Country this month is very important for our members helping members Program – AEF. We are experiencing major disasters in numerous states—Hurricanes in the states of Texas, La, Fla, S Carolina etc. Major fires in the North West that have caused State of Emergency to be declared in Montana etc. These are the types of emergencies that this program is made to help. Use the current fund raisers you have going and send a portion to the AEF at Department. National AEF is expecting an increase in the requests for help and ALL Units in the Country should try to help so the funds are there.

Units members are probably trying to assist the victims of one or all of the disasters in the Country right now. A good suggestion is to have one of the Chairmen in your Unit such as the VA&R go on line and make contact with one of the American Legions in the area you are wanting to assist. Make a phone call and see what assistance they have already in place for their Members and make a donation to the ALA Foundation earmarked to be forwarded to that Unit designated to help that TAL family in their efforts to assist the Veterans.

October is Education Month-Why not have a quick spelling bee for Unit Members at your regular meeting? Words to spell can be taken from our Preamble, Constitution etc. When/if a member missed a word they could have to pay a fine and that money could be added to the Unit AEF fund!

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The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
AMERICANISM
October 2017

THE AMERICAN LEGION FALL CONFERENCE is just around the corner, hard to believe isn't it... And that means we are making preparations for *Posting of Colors* and our *Processional* and we are calling on ALL units and districts to present their Colors and U.S. Flags. Color bearers need to wear white blouses/shirts and navy skirts/slacks with navy or black shoes along with white gloves. If you need gloves, please let us know when you confirm you will be posting your unit/district colors. Assembly is at 7:00 am in the meeting hall on Friday morning (11/4/17) and we look forward to seeing the outside aisles lined with flags! Please contact an Americanism committee member to let us know you will be in attendance.

The *Americanism Plan of Action* will be distributed at Conference and it has everything you need: Mid-year report form; Year-end report form; American Essay Contest rules and cover sheet; Award Rules & Regulations for Department and National, along with suggestions on ways to promote Americanism as an individual, unit and community. Please have your Americanism Chairman read through the PoA and get in touch with a Department Americanism committee member immediately if you have any questions. Deadlines are listed in the PoA and in each month's bulletin.

Upcoming Patriotic Days:

10/13	Navy 242 nd Birthday	11/07	Election Day – VOTE! **
10/26	National Day of the Deployed *	11/10	Marine Corp 242 nd Birthday
November	Nat'l Military Family Month	11/11	Veterans Day

If you would like to submit a Letter to the Editor or press release for either Veterans Day or Pearl Harbor Day, please contact a Department Americanism committee member or login and download from the American Legion Auxiliary National website at www.alaforveterans.org/Resources/Media-templates/.

Reporting dates to remember:

Mid-year reports due 12/15/2017
American Essay Contest due 4/1/2018
Year-end reports due 5/1/2018

*** National Day of the Deployed** honors all of the brave men and woman who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families that they are separated from. In 2011, the U.S. Senate passed a unanimous vote to make October 26th a National day of honor and by 2012, all 50 states celebrated the day. Deployment to a foreign country impacts more than 150,000 of the nation's 1,302,941 total military personnel worldwide. A simply way to spread awareness of the military personnel and their families serving through a deployment is to make a post on social media, using the hashtag #DayOfTheDeployed. This simple act can raise awareness to your social media network and may encourage others to reach out in support of our servicemembers and their families.

****** In this off-year election, some are still being held in Arizona municipalities, be informed on elections in your area (i.e., city council in Tucson & Phoenix).

The November bulletin will be dedicated to Veterans Day, however, do not wait to make your plans and celebrations. Advertise your local parade at www.vetfriends.com/parades/directory.cfm?state=AZ. Reminder that not all parades are on November 11th (i.e. Daisy Mountain in Anthem is 11/4, honoring Women Veterans).

High Heels and Spurs In Service to Veterans,

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OCTOBER 2017

????????? CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS QUESTION OF THE MONTH ??????????

WHAT IS A JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT, AND DOES YOUR UNIT/ DISTRICT HAVE ONE?

ANSWER: If your Unit/District has been officially recognized for longer than one year, you have one, but she only has any job duties if they are given to her in your Unit/District Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules.

The best definition I can come up with for a “Junior Past President” is the President of the SENIOR Unit who has completed the most recently ended program year for your Unit or District. Our program year ends with Department Convention in June. So the President that completed the 2016-2017 year, is your current Junior Past President. This is a unique position to our organization, maybe even to Arizona. (If you don’t believe me, try to Google it.)

Some Units and Districts give this person a seat (and thus a vote) on their Executive Committee. The benefits of having her on the Executive Committee are to take advantage of her experience and to promote continuity of the Unit’s/District’s functions.

Like all positions or offices in the American Legion Auxiliary, the “Junior Past President” only has that title for ONE YEAR.

SO WHO IS THE JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT, IF LAST YEAR’S PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ELECTED TO ANOTHER TERM?

ANSWER: The current President is also the Junior Past President. The title of Junior Past President is not given to the Past President from 2, 3, or even 10 years ago.

SO DOES THIS LUCKY WOMAN WITH 2 “TITLES” GET 2 VOTES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?

ANSWER: NO. Never does any one individual have more than one vote on any Committee or in the General Body.

This is how to deal with someone on the Executive Committee who ends up with 2 titles. There are other combinations besides the one I have written about here that could lead to someone having 2 “titles”.

*****The member must decide which seat she will be voting from. The second seat is then the same as a “vacant” seat. The Executive Committee, usually given the authority in the Bylaws to fill a vacant seat, has two options.**

OPTION 1: Leave the seat vacant. This seat must still be counted when establishing a quorum, even if it is vacant. Otherwise, the business of the Committee does not change.

OPTION 2: The Executive Committee can choose to appoint someone to this seat for the remainder of the year. This appointment makes the person a member-at-large of the Executive Committee, but does not give them the title of the seat they are filling.

*****And don’t forget, if your Bylaws have given other duties to the Junior Past President (like Chairman of the PPP Committee), and a President elected to an additional term cannot fulfill that responsibility, then the Executive Committee needs to consider an appointment to get the job of that Chairmanship completed. ALL DECISIONS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY DOCUMENTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THIS QUESTION IN YOUR UNIT OR DISTRICT, PLEASE CONTACT ME:

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High Heels and Spurs
Cavalcade of Memories
October 2017

Hello to all you wonderful members of Arizona:

We are into fall all ready, and fall conference is coming up. Did your Unit choose a cavalcade of memories chairman. Cavalcade is part of your History so if you have an Historian maybe she could work on your cavalcade, or choose a committee to work on this project. Involve your juniors in this project this will help them to earn their History Patch. For high school (9th – 12th) Junior Members. These young ladies have an opportunity to work with, learn from, and take ownership of the American Legion Auxiliary history.

In your Cavalcade of Memories create displays that are attractive, interesting, and relevant. Invite people to tour your cavalcade of memories, photos, documents, etc. Tell your story about your story about your Unit. There will be an award coming out if approved by the Executive Committee for Cavalcade of Memories so keep an eye out for it.

Paula Burgess

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Chaplain

October 2017

It is not too early to start sending your prayers, inspiration poems/quotes, favorite scriptures or anything inspirational to me for President Yolanda's prayer book. You can email or snail mail them to me.

September brought us two major hurricanes that hit Houston and the State of Florida. Keep those affected by Harvey and Irma in your prayers and thoughts.

Upcoming Religious Holidays for October

1	Ashura * - Islam
4	St Francis Day - Catholic Christian Blessing of the Animals - Christian
5-11	Sukkot * - Jewish
9	Thanksgiving - Canada - Interfaith
12	Shemini Atzeret * - Jewish
13	Simchat Torah * - Jewish
18	St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist - Christian
19	Diwali - Deepavali ** - Hindu - Sikh - Jain
20	Birth of the Báb * - Baha'i Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh Jain New Year - Jain
28	Milvian Bridge Day - Christian
29	Reformation Day - Protestant Christian
31	All Hallows Eve – Christian Reformation Day ** - Protestant Christian

If you would like a card sent to someone, please email or call me. Thank you to those who have contacted me to send out a card. ☺

James 5:16

For God and Country, Lord we cast our cares on you, praying one for another.

High Heels & Spurs In Service to Veterans

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CREATIVE ARTS

OCTOBER 2017

Visit the website *creativeartsfestival.va.gov* to see photos and articles about the National Creative Arts Festival being held this month. As the National show is winding down, local VA facilities are beginning to plan for the 2018 local Creative Arts Festivals which will be held in February. If you have never attended a local show, you are truly missing amazing work. Each year the Auxiliary Magazine features individual stories of veterans who found healing strength through the Arts. I cannot read these stories without crying. We all hear about PTSD, suicide, and TBI affecting our veterans. When I read the stories of how creative arts helped heal the physical and emotional traumas of war, I am proud to be able to be a very small part.

Encourage veterans in your community to participate through the Recreational Therapy Department of their VA facilities.

Your Department Creative Arts Team:

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HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

OCTOBER, 2017

Greetings,

Remember our Purposes for this program: To assure protecting, caring and supporting children & youth particularly those of veterans and military families.

To Educate: Children and Youth on the history of the United State "Star Spangled Kids"

To Support: Homeless Veterans Children- See your Voluntary Service Representative, VA Medical Center can help with identifying and meeting the needs of Veterans Children or let a military child know that we appreciated their sacrifice thru Heroes "2" recognition button- include your Legion Family and Juniors.

To Protect: Prevent and stop Bullying/Missing Children/Safe Halloween. American Legion Auxiliary has brochures available on bully and Safe Halloween. October is National Bullying Prevention Month, what will you do to stop and educate our youth on Bullying.

To Recognize: Reward the positive actions of our children and youth. The American Legion Auxiliary has two special National awards to youth nominated by the Units. The Youth Hero Award –recognizes someone 18 years or younger who performs a heroic act of physical bravery. The Good Deed Award – for youth 18 years or younger who have contributed in a special way to society through community service.

There will be additional information regarding this program in your Fall convention packet.

Remember:

Mid-Year Reporting are due DECEMBER 15, 2017.

Children and Youth National Security Workshop JANUARY 27, 2018

For God and County

Shirley Cannon-Johnson

Chairman

Committee Members

Stacey Mayberry

Linda Williams

HIGH HEELS & SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER, 2017

Ladies,

It is September and most of our children have returned to school. Many Units held special events to support families and children by having back to school drives, donating backpack, clothing and school supplies.

Let's continue to support our children by identify military children who would benefit from something to help them cope with the deployment of a parent or sibling. When a service member is deployed, their whole family serves at the same time. These children withdraw or say little when in school or do not interact with others. What about hosting an event and donating G.I. Josh Dog, The Klinger story book or a "Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2" (KDH2) program with recognition buttons to let military kids know we appreciate their sacrifice too. Include your Juniors to help make up the buttons or put together a Kids hero pack. Get the community and other organization involved that also are concerned with special needs of military kids. For information on purchasing GI Josh Dog see website www.JoshandFriends.com also, www.ALAforVeterans.org for more information on these activities.

Now is the time to visit the schools, the community and media to recognize and reward the positive actions of our children and youth. The American Legion Auxiliary has two special national awards to youth nominated by the Units. The [Youth Hero Award](#) recognizes youth less than 18 years of age who performs a heroic act of physical bravery. The [Good Deed Award](#) is for youths 18 years of age or younger who have contributed in a special way to society through community service. There will be additional information in the fall packet on how to nominate for these awards.

God and Country in serve to our Veterans

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Stacy Mayberry
Linda Wheeler- Williams



OCTOBER 2017

October is when all the oranges and yellows come out in the leaves throughout the state making us think of fall in all its glory. Talk education about why the leaves change. Gather leaves and pine cones and make centerpieces – education occurs when you show someone how it is done. October is a month when there are so many choices to provide information within our community and incorporate Membership information into any event. Let's look at a few:



County Fair time is in the air! There must be something that we can do there, a food booth, information booth, craft booth? Just start with something and branch out.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month; get your ribbon and start making your own pink ribbons to give out to your members. Encourage them to wear them this month to show awareness for this deadly disease.



October is National Arts and Humanities Month which reminds us that we should be encouraging our veterans to work on their Creative Arts Projects for next year. Don't forget to donate to Creative Arts to assist with the National Creative Arts Festival this month.

October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is a good time to make purple ribbons and encourage donations to domestic shelters.



We should be working on getting poppies ready for November for Veterans Day. Let's get our poppy educational information ready to provide to the local schools or newspapers, etc. It is time to contact your schools to set up Veterans in the Classroom – don't forget to give the information about this project to the veterans you have asked to be available for this event, and to the teachers who are participating.



How about a Hurricane Harvey Party to gather money for the victims of the flooding in Texas? Donate to the AEF or, per information provided by AZ Post 117 from - *Director of ALR 208 in Kerville, Texas is one of the state coordinators in getting relief money and supplies to the disaster victims. They have a deal set up with Costco, Sam's Club, Walmart and other vendors to buy needed supplies for pennies on the dollar. The Texas coordinators are in touch with the effected communities so they know what they need. Their address is 3800 Riverside Drive, Kerville, TX 78028. Write "Harvey Relief Fund" in the memo line. All money will go to the disaster victims, as well as to help ALR 208 offset the cost of gas for their ongoing deliveries of hard goods.* There are plenty of small towns in Texas that need help, and some of them will not be included in FEMA assistance due to not having a spokesperson. Remember, part of our Mission is to assist veterans, no matter where we find them. Donate to a good cause. Send in your AEF contribution now, as there will be many who will need assistance.

Okay, so to sum this month up; get your fair booth ready with pink and purple ribbons and appropriate information, creative arts information and poppy information – might be a place to ask for donations for the poppies. Have a raffle item? Raffles entice individuals to stop and inquire – perfect time to recruit members. Put out a jar for donations for Hurricane Harvey and provide the information about who will be receiving the money. Promote the brand with information about the American Legion Auxiliary and have your applications ready. Share the booth with the Legion and SAL and cut the work load.

For God and Country in Service to our Veterans

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*American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona*

*ARIZONA
WELCOMES*

Nancy Michalski, WDNVP

*LUNCHEON
Saturday November 4th, 2017*

Lunch is \$23.50 the choices are:

Turkey Caprese Salad

Julienne smoked turkey breast
tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, olives
mixed greens with spinach
roasted red peppers
lemon basil vinaigrette

Chicken Ceasar

romaine hearts
marinated chicken breast
parmesan frico & croutons
cherry tomatoes
ceasar dressing

Bread basket, Desert, Coffee, Decaf coffee, Tea

*Please plan to attend to show our support for our
Western Division National Vice President Nancy!*

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Please send in the bottom part, along with your check

Please make out check to: American Legion Auxiliary Dept of AZ
Attn: NWDVP Luncheon
4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015
phone 602-241-1080

Please reserve _____ Lunches(s) for NWDVP Linda Workman **DEADLINE 10-31-2017**

Enclose \$ _____

Please list the names /Choice for this event.

Name

Choice



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
FALL CONFERENCE 2017 TUCSON, ARIZONA

This Schedule is subject to change



“Success with negative attitude is called luck – Success with positive attitude is call achievement:...Unknown

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

DoubleTree Reid Park

10:00 am – 5:30pm Registration

Grand Ballroom Lobby

11:00 am Strategic Planning
12:00 pm Girls State Board of Directors
1:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Hall F

6:00pm JOINT OPENING

Grand Ballroom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Double Tree Reid Park

“Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there”...Healthy Thought

7:00 – Noon Registration

Ballroom Lobby

7:00 am Sgt @ Arms, Pages, District & Department Color
Color Guard meet with Americanism Chairman &
Pages meet with Chairman of Pages for instruction.

Hall E

7:45 am Department Officers & Past Department Presidents line up for Processional.

8:00 am Opening Ceremony

Hall E

Processional

Michele Root - Americanism

Call to Order

Yolanda Bonilla – Dept President

Presentation of National Guest to the Platform

Yolanda Bonilla - Dept President

Opening Prayer

Barbara White - Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem

Michele Root
Monica Rae Stein

Preamble	Debra Munchbach
POW/MIA Chair	Yolanda Bonilla Dept. President Cindy Queen & Patricia Lugo
Welcome and Purpose	Yolanda Bonilla - Dept President
Response	Cindy Queen - Dept Vice Pres
Greetings	
Emily Quigg – Honorary Junior Department President	
Jan Cushing – NEC ALA	
Nancy Michalski - National Western Division Vice President	
Roll Call of Units	Barbara Matteson - Dept SecTre

<u>9:00am Mission Outreach</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Legislative	Patricia Thomas
National Security	Jan Cushing
Poppy	Julie Ross
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Patricia Ludo
Service to Veterans	Collen Heck
Prescott VAMC	Karen Mealey
Phoenix VAMC	Mary Roney
Tucson VAMC	Kathy Szakonyi
State Veterans Home Phoenix	Linda Hubbs
State Veterans Home Tucson	Anna Marie Arenas
Phoenix Gift Shop	Joyce Livingston
Whipple Gift Shop	Carmen Goswick
Tucson Gift Shop	Karen Alff
Tucson Poppy Making	
Whipple Poppy Making	Na Rains
Creative Arts	Margaret Ellis
<u>Family Support & Membership Support</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Americanism	Michele Root
Education	Kat Sticklin
Community Service	Dolores Chavez
Children & Youth	Shirley Cannon Johnson
Junior Activities	Karon Quigg
Girls State	Penny Maklary
Music	Monica Rae Stein
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Linda Ruyle
Cavalcade of Memories	Paula Burgess
Constitution & Bylaws	Debra Munchbach
Past President Parley	Josephine Herrera
<u>Organizational Support</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Scrapbook	Stephanie McMullen
Trophies & Awards	Shirley Kavis
AZ Mission Training Leadership	Ginger Cox
New Units/UD&R	Vickey Zwall

Introduction of Western Division National Vice President Nancy Michalski

12:15 pm Reconvene Hall E

6:00pm	ALA, TAL SAL Committee Chairmen	Meet & Greet	Hall D
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

**“Don’t regret anything you do, because in the end it makes you who you are.”
Unknown**

8:00 am

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hall D

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY CHOIR**

**Sherie Mercier – Dept Chaplain
Barbara White – Dept Chaplain**

9:15 A.M.

Reconvene

Hall E

**Call To Order
Finance
Chaplain
Historian**

**Yolanda Bonilla
Helen Stout
Barbara White
Jennie Molina**

Music Selection

Monica Rae Stein

Courtesy Resolutions

Rose Ficklin

2018-2019 Candidate Announcements

Open Floor

Announcements

Barbara Matteson - Dept SecTre

Benediction

Barbara White - Chaplain

Retirement of District Colors

Michele Root

Retirement of District Presidents and Dept Officers

Retirement of Department Colors

**11:00am
President**

Adjournment

Yolanda Bonilla - Dept

Safe Travels until we meet again!



**AZ MISSION TRAINING
LEADERSHIP
OCTOBER 2017 BULLETIN
“High Heels And Spurs”**

Leadership raises awareness of the American Legion Auxiliary as well as all of the American Legion Family. Leadership is not presented to only officers and chairman but to every member. All members benefit from the AZ Mission Workshop.

AZ Mission Training will provide:

PROTOCOL	PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES
GOODWILL CULTURE	HOW TO CONDUCT A MEETING
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS & STANDING RULES	MEMBERSHIP
FINANCE (INCLUDES BUDGET/AUDIT)	ALL AUXILIARY PROGRAMS
REPORTING, IMPACT REPORT, WRITING NARRATIVES, DEPT. AWARDS	
TEAM WORK with BREAKOUTS	
DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN	OTHERS ITEMS AS NEEDED

A low cost of \$8.00 to attend. **Eight hours of priceless training.**

Not all members profess to be leaders but every member of your unit has many talents and strengths that will enhance the Unit. National has provided us with a **“Member Data Survey”**. This can be sent to all members to complete and return to Unit Presidents. A committee can be formed to compile much needed information for the success of every unit. Not all members are able to attend meetings but with the member data survey every unit will find members that will be able to provide assistance in many ways. With this, you are able to include more members instead of just the few that are able to attend meetings. The Data Member Survey is available on the Dept. Web Site Under the Leadership Workshop schedule. Download the Data Survey and send to all your Unit members.

AZ MISSION TRAINING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED TO DATE:

SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>WORKSHOP PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
10/8/17	8- 4:30	Unit 27	Apache Junction	Mary Ann Jaymes mandyaz47@yahoo.com Or Cindy Queen cynqueen1953@gmail.com
10/14/17	8- 4:30	Unit 109	Vail	Pam Gorecki pmgorecki@yahoo.com
10/21/17	8-4:30	Unit 107	Phoenix	Cathy Barrick cjbarrick@centurylink.net Or Danny Dubina azgoddess54@yahoo.com
11/18/17	8-4:30	Dist. 5	Safford Post 32	LaDonna Nieman poohbear1012@cableone.net
12/2/17	8- 4:30	Dist. 7	To Be Announced	Janice Williamson mariewilliamson69@yahoo.com

MORE TO COME, STAY TUNED OR CALL US TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP !!!!

Ginger Cox, Dept. Chairman Cell: 602-616-2811 Home: 602-493-3385

Committee Members:

Helen Griffin	Rose Ficklin	Sherry Tucker
602-478-4909	602-628-4088	918-808-7540

LEGISLATIVE 2017 – 2018 October

As your Unit's Chairman for the Legislative Program you want to provide legislature information to your members. Educate your members. How many members know their State and Congressional Representatives or Senators?

(Please provide this bulletin to your Unit Legislative Chairman)

Teach the members to sign-in into www.ALForVeterans.org and link through "Our Focus" to go into "Legislative." From this point, members can access the Legislative Action Center and review Current Legislation/Key Bills in Congress. There are links to the left of the screen to link onto their Elected Officials. Provide the membership a "How To" sheet, teach them how to contact their Legislatures and require their Legislatures to vote for passages on Veterans and Active Duty Military Bills.

Congressional – Currently there are:

- Thirteen (13) Economics Bills – Eight (8) Senate and Five (5) House of Representatives.
- Eight (8) National Security Bills – Three (3) Senate and Five (5) House of Representatives.
- Two (2) Internal Affairs Bills – One (1) Senate and One (1) House of Representatives.
- Sixty-Four (64) Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Bills – Thirty-Six (36) Senate and Twenty-Eight (28) House of Representatives.

All these bills have links to connect you to your Congressional Legislature's e-mail so that you can easily send a message to them to vote for passage.

I have found the website for Arizona Legislature to be difficult to access information on Bills. There is information on contacting your legislator which provides you with an opportunity to write to them and inquire their stand with Military & Veteran's needs.

To access the member roster of State Legislative Senators and House of Representatives is to search under <http://azleg.gov/memberroster.asp>. There is a link "How Do I find My Legislators?". This link will define what Congressional and State District you are in.

Again, I encourage you to write a paragraph a month on this program stating how the unit has participated or on when you, the Chairman, provide information to your membership to keep them aware of legislation actions. The monthly reports will help you compile your mid-year and year-end reports.

When you email me please type "ALA Legislative - Unit (your unit's number)" in the subject line.

Patricia Thomas – (623)670-1788 – mpthomas4@msn.com



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS” IN SERVICE TO VETERANS
MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

October 2017

Hello Ladies of this great state of Arizona. How are you doing with your “Can-Can” theme in submitting your membership to department? Fall Conference is going to be here before you know it, **SO...District Vice Presidents**, have you created some sort of chart showing your Units progress? I am asking all ten Districts to bring your chart to Fall Conference so you can share with everyone how you are doing.

REMEMBER THE DATES COMING UP

*How did we do with our goal that by **October 1, 2017** every Unit needed to have submitted membership to Department so that we CAN receive our \$1,000.00 from National. You will find out at Fall Conference!!!*

So---are we going to increase membership? Yes, we CAN-CAN!!!!

October 11, 2017 is your Unit target date to reach 60%, so please try to get your members renewed, as well as make phone calls to encourage members to rejoin. And, of course, invite new members to join this wonderful organization!! Don't forget about our female Veterans!!!

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT?

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY

For more information about membership, please go to www.alaforveterans.org and link on “members only” and click on Membership Program Action Plan.

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS” MUSIC REPORT OCTOBER 2017

Hello you wonderful ladies:

As your Music Chairman again this year, I wanted to pass along some information to those of you privileged to hold the position of Music Chairman at the Unit and District levels, which might be helpful in planning your programs for the year. Always remember to include a patriotic song at each meeting or event, when appropriate. We all recognize the impact music can have in bringing members together for the good of all concerned. Encourage Auxiliary members to participate regularly in music programs in their individual churches and communities. Make regular visits to VA Hospitals to entertain with songs. These visits are not only uplifting for the Veterans, but also for the ladies who participate. Local Nursing Homes provide another opportunity for members to share their talents. Alzheimer patients who may not remember family members, are able to remember songs from their childhood including patriotic songs. Yes indeed, music does touch the soul!

I'd like you to encourage your District/Unit members to participate in the choir, which sings two selections at the Memorial Service held the Sundays of Fall Conference and Department Convention

***Please have your mid-year music reports to me no later than November 27, 2017, so that I will have time to submit them to Department by deadline. Provide your year-end reports no later than April 30, 2017.

Department Music Awards are as follows:

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**

I'm looking forward to meeting the various Unit and District Music Chairman at the Fall Conference in Tucson the first part of November. Information regarding the above awards can be found on the website: www.aladeptaz.org under Ruling Documents.

Mid-year report forms are provided.

Monica Rae Stein, Department Music Chairman
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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

**“HIGH HEELS AND SPURS IN SERVICE TO VETERANS”
MID-YEAR MUSIC REPORT
November 2017**

Hello you wonderful ladies:

Let's make a vow to get out there and give thanks to the many service men and women we honor by providing music at Veteran functions in our area. In order to prepare for the mid-year music report, I am asking that each Music Chairman from all Units and Districts fill out this form telling me how you used music in your activities thus far this year.

1. If your unit/district had a special song selection using President Yolanda's theme of "High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans," what song was it? _____.
2. Did your unit/district sing/play a song at regular meetings? If so, which songs were sung/played?
_____.
3. Did members regularly participate in music programs in their individual churches and communities?
Give some examples: _____.
4. Were regular visits made to VA Hospitals/facilities to entertain with songs? If so, what locations were visited and what kind of programs were held? _____.

Submitted by: _____; **Unit/District:** _____; **Total Membership;** _____

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

NATIONAL SECURITY

OCTOBER 2017

Please continue to keep the people in Texas in your thoughts and prayers. I want to give a huge thank you to the FEMA team in that state.

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

- * Let your unit know of any military families or businesses that should receive a Blue Star Banner or Gold star banner in recognition of a servicemember's service.
- * Wear red on Fridays to "Remember Everyone Deployed."
- * Greet servicemembers and families as they deploy and/or return from deployment.
- * Organize a Welcome to our Hometown event to welcome military families that are moving or transitioning out of the military to your community. Refer to the *Welcome To Our Hometown Action Guide* for additional information and specific steps. Go to www.ALAforVeterans.org resources on the National Security page.
- * Support reserve and transitioning servicemembers and families by working with a returning National Guard or Reserve unit or an individual transitioning servicemember or family.
- * Work to identify recipients and present Blue Star and Gold Star commemorative materials to individuals or businesses.

The Children & Youth/National Security workshop will be held on January 27, 2018 at Luke Greenway Post 1 in Phoenix starting at 9 AM until 1PM. There is always great information and speakers at this workshop and ideas to take back your units, posts and squadrons. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming dates for October:
October 9th Columbus Day

Do your members cut and collect coupons? There is a list of overseas commissaries that accept your coupons in this packet.

Jan Cushing
National Security Chairman
2017-2018

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Army Community Service
Unit 28130
Bldg. 244
APO AE 09114

Vogelweh Commissary
DeCA/EU-VOG
Unit 3063
APO AE 09021

ITALY:

Army Community Service
US Army Garrison Vicenza
Unit 31401, Box 80
APO AE 09630

JAPAN:

Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator
ACS - 10th ASG
Unit 35115
APO AP 96376-5115

UK (England):

Airman and Family Readiness Center
48 FSS/FSFR Bldg 950
Unit 5200, Box 105
APO AE 09461

U.S. Navy & Marines:

GUAM:

Fleet and Family Support Center
Naval Base Guam, Building 106
PSC 455 Box 157
FPO AP 96540

ITALY:

Naples NSA Commissary
DECA/EU/NAP
PSC 808 Box 44
FPO AE 09618

JAPAN:

U.S. Fleet Activities
Fleet & Family Support Center
PSC 476 Box 62
FPO AP 96322-0062

SPAIN:

Fleet and Family Support Center
PSC 819 Box 57
FPO AE 09645-5500

ADDRESSES FOR MILITARY BASES ACCEPTING COUPONS

Link to this page: <http://www.grocerysavingtips.com/expiredgrocerycoupons.htm>

Please check this website monthly for the latest information. Thank you for helping our military families!!!

U.S. Air Force

GERMANY:

Ramstein Air Base
Attn: Family Services
Bldg. 1200
APO AE 09094

Airman and Family Readiness Center
36 MSS/DPF
Unit 14001, Box 17
APO AP 96543

JAPAN:

Airman and Family Readiness Center
Unit 5134 Box 80
18 FSS/FSFR
APO AP 96368-5134

Kadena Commissary
DECA/WP/KAD
Unit 5156 Bldg 407
APO AP 96367-5000

Westpac Region
Camp Courtney Commissary
Unit 5156
APO AP 96368-5000

Airman and Family Readiness Center
Unit 5123(Please use one of the following
addresses for this base.

Fleet and Family Support Center
PSC 473 Box 116
FPO AP 96349-0116
or
Commissary Store
PSC 473 Box 33
FPO AP 96349-0033

TURKEY:

Coupon Program A&FRC
39FSS/FSFR
Unit 7505, Box 175
APO AE 09824

UK:

RAF Alconbury
ATTN: Family Services
423 ABS/DPF
APO AE 09470

Family Services/Airman & Family Readiness Center
100 FSS/FSFR
Unit 4925 Box 280
APO AE 09459

U.S. Army

GERMANY:

USAG Bamberg
IMEU-BAM-MWR-ACS
Army Emergency Relief Manager
CMR 459
APO AE 09139

Coupon Coordinator
CMR 414 box # 1177
APO, AE 09173

Army Community Service
CMR 416
Bldg. 6510
APO AE 09140

ACS, 280th BSB
Attn: AETV-WG-SJD
CMR 457
APO AE 09033

Army Community Service
Unit 30401
APO AE 09107

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

October 2017

Last month I featured Past Department Presidents Marty Van Toll and Helen Stout. Help me by giving them a call or sending them a note to say “Thank you” for your contribution to our organization and to let them know how much we appreciate them.

Leona Proper 1993

Theme: “Show Pride in America”

Special Project: “Homeless with emphasis on homeless veterans”

Member of Ernest A. Love Unit: 6

Centennial Stewart 1994

Theme: “Look to the Future and Ensuring the Future by investing in our Youth”

Special Project: “Aids Education and Prevention

Member of Travis L. Williams Unit 65

Woman Veteran of the Month:

Ann Stensby is an Army veteran and dual McCulloch-Wagner American Legion Post 109 family member. Ann served many years as The American Legion Department of Arizona Chaplain and in several Post and Unit offices. Thank you for your service to our country and the American Legion and Auxiliary Ann!

Active Military Servicewoman

Nicole Caswell serves in the United States Army. She was recently promoted to Warrant Office 2. She is a jump master and currently works in office of the Judge Advocate General of the United States Army. Thank you for your service Nicole!

Past Presidents Parley Award Unit Member of the Year:

This a very special award that recognizes the contributions made by a valued unit member who never held an office higher than unit president. It celebrates and recognizes those members who quietly work the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. It is not too early in the year to start searching for that deserving hard working member.

Josie Herrera
Past Presidents Parley Chairman
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Serving Those Who Served

In 1921 ALA adopted the poppy. We have also 'caught the torch' along with our veterans.

Therefore, with President Yolanda's permission, we request all ALA members attending this Fall Conference wear a Poppy for the duration of Conf., as a symbolic gesture to The Legion attendees that we 'Stand United' with them in service. Also, please bring or send a few extra Poppies with you.

Poppy seeds spread in the wind and lay dormant until disturbed. Due to the fighting, the dormant seeds began to germinate and grow, often in scattered clusters (In Flanders Field).

Moina Michael is credited for her years of effort to make the poppy flower the memorial symbol we have today. She was so touched by reading "In Flanders Field" by Col. John McCrae, in 1918 she began her campaign. Moina realized war signs such as service flags, Red Cross and other insignia would soon be removed and wanted to replace them with the red poppy emblem as a symbolic reminder of those who didn't come home from WWI. In addition, she realized those who returned also needed to be remembered and helped. In 1918 a design was created with a Liberty "Torch and Poppy" emblem using the colors of the Allied flags in the design. As she was about to give up hope on her crusade in the early 1920's several organizations adopted her red poppy campaign. In 1920 The American Legion omitted the torch, endorsed it as we now know it, and encouraged each member to wear one on Nov. 11th yearly.

Another woman, Anna E. Guerin was instrumental in the spread of the memorial poppy to other Allied countries of WWI. With some variation in design and a different name for what we call Veterans Day, Canada, Australia, France, England, New Zealand, Scotland, and more, use the memorial poppy just as we do. Due to the determination of two strong insightful women, the Poppy is a permanent international memorial symbol, also used to raise funds to help veterans in need.

We Shall Keep the Faith

by Moina Michael, November 1918

(response to "In Flanders Field")

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Field.

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Rebecca Gulley Committee beccaP1020@gmail.com

Public Relations: October 2018



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Department webpage: www.ALADeptAZ.org

Facebook Group: Search for “Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA”

- Units post activities of pride or interest to each other and department.
- Posts from this page “feed” the Department webpage—get your activities & photos on the Department website!
- Get help from other Units/Department
- Also “Ring Your Bell” central for the contest. Request membership today!

2017-18 Ring Your Bell Contest

- Beginning in August, earn 10 points for every individual post on the Ring Your Bell Arizona ALA Facebook group or emailed to aladeptaz@gmail.com. To ensure credit, make sure you post your unit number and tell us your story! Maximum 100 points per month.
- Extra (one-time per month) 25 points if any post is about the ALA program of that month--check the ALA wheel on the Department webpage www.aladeptaz.com
- Extra 25 Points (one-time per month) if any post is about the President’s Special Project: ALA Girls State
- If needed, we will have a tie-breaker “specialty post” periodically.
- Winner gets an engraved hand bell!! Did you see Unit 19’s?
- Not a member of the group? Open up your Facebook app; where the “spy glass” search icon is, type in: ring your bell arizona ala; click on “request membership”—that’s all there is to it!

Recent PR Highlights

- The Ring Your Bell Facebook page has 318 members (a 10% increase from last month!) with 23 Units posting more than 50 times in August (more than double from July)! If you haven’t joined, instructions are above!
- Unit 41 earned the maximum monthly points for August: 100! Crown King is not far behind with 55.
- Make sure you are getting “notifications” of posts or checking the page—it is so fun to see all the efforts going on. We have a lot of which to be proud.
- Department webpage (www.aladeptaz.org) has been updated: items about Units 27, 41, 61, 81, 109 & 132 were added!
- Crown King Unit 139 & baby Orabelle were featured in their local paper multiple times!

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Fall is upon us, and of course I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at Fall Conference.

So far I am not worried about shopping for a dress, as we have had only \$666.10 turned into Department for President's Special Project. At this rate I have nothing to worry about. However Girls State Really needs the buffer to keep the costs to the Unit at \$300.00. So please ladies raise that money and get it sent in to Department.

I have as of this bulletin, spoke at District 2's September meeting, and Thanks to Ginger Cox, I have given my spiel at several AZ Mission Training's.

All I ask is that when your Unit or District sends in your money, **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHECK IS MARKED PSP OR PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT**, so you get credit for it and it goes in the proper fund. Barb is not a mind reader so please don't make it difficult for her.

See you all in Tucson,

Rose Ficklin

UAV UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Yates. The opening ceremony was conducted and the guests were introduced.

John Fuller gave an update on the Veteran's Court Mentor Program. This program assists veterans in dealing with drug addiction, helps with rent, getting vehicles out of impound, etc. There are four courts they assist with. The Prescott Veterans Court (supported by the DAV), Maricopa County Veterans Drug Court, Mesa and Phoenix. There is a great need for additional volunteer mentors. Yesterday the Phoenix court had 72 cases on their agenda. They are stressing that all veterans get vested (registered) at the VA. This will help in many of the programs they assist with in conjunction with the VA. A veteran not vested at the VA costs the VA money as they are only compensated for vested veterans. There is a great need for female mentors. About 5% of the court cases are women.

Don Shannon from Shannon Company gave a presentation on his organization. (see two page attachment "VA Hospice Care Policy Overview" and two page attachment "Catastrophically Disabled Veterans". For help under the Catastrophically Disabled, the veteran must not be able to accomplish three of the items listed on the second page to qualify. They do not need to have a disability rating with the VA to qualify.

Dr. Barry Goodfield, gave a presentation on "Therapy for Veterans/PTSD. His program works with the subconscious status of the brain, using no drugs or other medication. For more information on his program you can go to "operationnewoutlook.org" They are a nonprofit organization.

Carol Culbertson took the roll call, a quorum was established. Carol then made a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was second and approved.

Bob Hysko gave the financial report.

Sickness and Distress – Chairman Yates advised members of several members recuperating at home and requested cards of encouragement be sent. The members are Robert Delsi, (AVHOF 2015) 229 E. Ash Ave., Casa Grande, AZ 85122, Bob Delker, (AVHOF 2008) 1304 E Northshore Drive, Tempe, AZ 85283-2159, Jesse Gersten, (AVHOF 2004), 9238 E. Nacoma Drive, Chandler, AZ 85248 and Art Sloane, (AVHOF 2008), 23610 S. E. Nacoma Drive, Chandler, AZ 85248 and Art Sloane, (AVHOF 2008), 23610 S. Desert Burst Court, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

An update on this year's inductees to the AVHOF was given and those members at the meeting were recognized. Registration is open for the event, cost \$55 until September 30th. After that, October 1st cost goes up to \$65 until October 13th. No reservation will be accepted after October 13th.

Sean Branski (not sure of spelling of last name) gave a report on the VA Medical Facilities. The recent Town Hall went well and they are going to try and have Town Hall meetings on a quarterly basis at the VA. They are continuing with the renovation of the Phoenix VA. They really need a new facilities, but

will be doing a wall to wall renovation since funding has not been approved for a new facilities. The plans for another parking garage are 30% - 40% complete and will add about 500 more spaces. The new Dental Clinic is expected to be completed by the end of September or October at the latest. September is Suicide Awareness Month and there will be a number of programs throughout the community in support of this program. They are looking into reopening an ophthalmology department.

Terry Araman gave a Legislative update on three bills at the federal level. He advised that the VA Choice program was given additional funding to insure its continuance. The G.I. Bill has been updated and it eliminated the 10-15 year limitation, giving the veterans an opportunity to utilize the benefits until they are used up or until the veteran passes away.

Terry also advised members that the nominations for the Copper Shield and Copper Star are due by September 31st. He encouraged members to go to the UAV Website for information and applications for submission.

Travis Barnes from Operation Freedom Bird announced a four hour workshop on suicide prevention coming up. He advised everyone to log on to "rippleaffectaz.org" for more information.

Judy Hatch gave a report on the upcoming "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" Program. A number of registrations for wreath presenters has already been received. Members were encouraged to contact their organizations to insure everyone desiring to participate is able to.

Reggie Yates gave a report from the Board of Directors meeting. The Veterans Heritage Project and one other organization (sorry didn't get the name) have applied for membership to the UAV. Both were approved.

Dr. Susan Sisley gave an update on her Cannabis Study for the help with PTSD. They are still looking for some more veterans to participate. There is a compensation given to participants.

There being no further information to come before the membership, closing ceremony was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



JUDITH HATCH

5 Attachments:

1. VA Hospice Care Policy Overview (2 pages)
2. VA Catastrophically Disabled Veterans (2 pages)
3. Free Art Classed for Veterans (2 pages)
4. Free Training to Veterans (1 page)
5. Be There Suicide Prevention Awareness Month (1/2 page)

VA Hospice Care Policy Overview

1. What is VA's responsibility in terms of offering hospice and palliative care to enrolled veterans deemed appropriate for such care?
 - a. Handbook 1140.5 states VA is to **"offer(s) to provide or purchase needed hospice and palliative care services for all enrolled veterans, whether these services are needed in an inpatient setting or in the home. Hospice and palliative care is a covered benefit for all enrolled veterans, on par with all other medical services included in the Medical Benefits Package (Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 17.38(a)(1)(xi)A).**
2. If a veteran has Medicare, does VA have to offer to purchase or provide hospice and palliative care to enrolled veterans requiring such?
 - a. Veterans have the choice of payer and as outlined in Handbook 1140.5 this **"Veteran choice of payer applies even if the veteran is eligible for hospice under Medicare or Medicaid."** Veterans are to be informed about their choices of payer and the implications. When VA is payer, veterans may be liable for the outpatient co-payment (e.g. Priority Groups 7 & 8) whereas when Medicare is payer, community hospice programs typically waive the small Medicare Hospice Benefit co-payments.
"Veterans who choose Medicare retain their eligibility for VA care and benefits. NOTE: Veterans need to be notified that VA has no authority to pay for any balances or co-payments that may be due after Medicare or any other non-VA source makes payment for hospice care."
3. Under what statutory authority does VA pay for community hospice care?
 - a. VA purchases hospice care from community providers under the authority of 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1720C (Alternatives to Institutional Care). **"Hospice and palliative care is included in VA's Medical Benefits Package on par with other inpatient and outpatient covered services (38 CFR 17.36 and 17.38)."** Although VA does not use Fee Basis statute 38 USC 1703 to authorize the purchase of hospice care, VA relies on the fee package accounting system to process placements and payments.
4. Does a veteran need to have a service connected condition in order for VA to offer to purchase or provide hospice care in the community or a VA facility?
 - a. No, Handbook 1140.5 states **"all enrolled veterans are eligible for a comprehensive array of needed in-home services. These services in VA's Medical Benefits Package, including hospice and palliative care, are playing an increasingly important role in VHA's integrated health care delivery system (CFR 17.38(a)(1)(xi)A)."** Service connected status or the lack thereof does not alter the eligibility for VA hospice and palliative care.
5. If a VA facility offers to provide inpatient hospice care, does this eliminate the need to offer to purchase or provide home hospice care for veterans who desire and are appropriate for such home care?
 - a. No, VHA Directive 2003-008 states, **"VA must offer to provide or purchase hospice care that VA determines an enrolled veteran needs; this includes inpatient and home hospice care. (38 CFR 17.36 and 17.38)."**
6. Is there a mechanism to garner eligibility for Priority Group 8 veterans in order for VA to offer to purchase or provide hospice and palliative care?
 - a. Yes, VHA Directive 2004-067 Catastrophically Disabled Veteran Evaluation outlines the procedure for the **"placement of eligible veterans determined to be catastrophically disabled in to Priority Group 4"** through approval by the facility Chief of Staff.
7. May the VA refer enrolled veterans to community hospice programs for charity care?
 - a. No, it is not appropriate to refer enrolled veterans to community hospice programs to receive charity care, as outlined in the May 25, 2005 memo from the Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management.
VHA Directive 2003-008: "...if a veteran in need of hospice care is not eligible for this care through a non-VA source or chooses to receive this care from VA, needed hospice care services are to be provided or purchased by VA."

For questions, please contact Scott T. Shreve, DO, National Director of Hospice and Palliative Care via email at Scott.Shreve@med.va.gov or phone at 717-228-5946

AMHA HOSPICE

I can state with absolute certainty that we are the only home health and hospice in Maricopa County that screen **100%** of our patients to determine if they or their spouse are veterans. A veteran coordinator personally interviews each veteran and/or veteran's spouse. They have knowledge of the qualifications, services and programs offered by the VA to include VA hospice and catastrophic enrollment.

We pride ourselves in creating something special and unique for our veterans. We have procured and awarded more than 75 *Quilts of Valor* to veterans. The vendors at the VA who sell military paraphernalia (hats, shirts, pins, stickers, etc) know us very well since we have purchased hundreds of ballcaps; each one personalized for our veterans. We are always looking for different ways to honor our veterans. For one veteran (USMA West Point graduate) we were able to contact his classmates and they set up a go fund me account which provided almost \$40,000 and helped to provide the care that the family could not afford, since he was not a war time veteran and his VA benefits were limited. We are always aware of military families and want to honor their sacrifices. It would shock you to know that many veteran's next of kin never receive a flag, nor a ceremony, especially with most families choosing cremation. We ensure that every family gets a ceremony and a flag as part of our bereavement program.

Every single veteran who passes away on **AMHA Hospice** gets the following: Upon their passing, the veteran coordinator is immediately called. He/she calls and coordinates with the funeral home to make arrangements for them to pick up our veteran. Upon arrive (in military uniform) to the home or AL facility before the funeral home to coordinate our veterans final "hoorah" to honor him/her and their service. The veteran coordinator briefs the funeral home personnel that this is the home of a veteran whom we will honor as we bring him/her out. A flag is placed on the gurney and as the veteran is wheeled out taps is played on a bugle. A final salute is rendered and the veteran is placed into the hands of the funeral home.

AMHA Hospice has achieved the highest level (4 star) with the national veterans organization ***We Honor Veterans***, a program of the [National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization](#) (NHPCO) in collaboration with the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) invites hospices, state hospice organizations, Hospice-Veteran Partnerships and VA facilities to join a pioneering program focused on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgment.

AMHA Hospice is a partner with the [United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration](#). This DOD organization was established to thank and honor our Vietnam Veterans and their families, especially those who lost loved ones.

1SG Don Shannon
US Army, Retired
Owner/Veteran coordinator
602-303-8623



WE HONOR VETERANS





Catastrophically Disabled Veterans

Description

Based on a VA clinical decision, Veterans are considered to be Catastrophically Disabled when they have a severely disabling injury, disorder or disease that permanently compromises their ability to carry out the activities of daily living. The disability must be of such a degree that the Veteran requires personal or mechanical assistance to leave home or bed, or require constant supervision to avoid physical harm to themselves or others.

Veterans determined Catastrophically Disabled are placed into Priority Group 4 unless eligible for a higher Priority Group placement based on other eligibility criteria such as being a compensable service-connected Veteran, a former Prisoner of War, or a Medal of Honor or Purple Heart recipient. A Catastrophically Disabled determination may be authorized when a VA clinician determines that there is sufficient medical documentation without further evaluation. Veterans may also request a Catastrophically Disabled evaluation by contacting the Enrollment Coordinator at their local VA health care facility. It is VA policy to provide a Catastrophically Disabled Veteran an evaluation within 30 days of the request. There is no charge for this examination.

Recent Legislative Changes

On May 5, 2010, the President signed Public Law 111-163, the Caregiver and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2011. The law provides Veterans determined by VA to be Catastrophically Disabled an exemption from inpatient, outpatient and prescription copays. Veterans with catastrophic disabilities are also exempt from copayments applicable to the receipt of non-institutional respite care, non-institutional geriatric evaluation, non-institutional adult day health care, Homemaker/Home Health Aide, Purchased Skilled Home Care, Home Based Primary Care, and any other non-institutional alternative extended care services. Copayments for other extended care services (ex. Nursing Home Care) not mentioned still apply.

Katz Index of Independence in Activities of Daily Living

ACTIVITIES POINTS (1 OR 0)	INDEPENDENCE: (1 POINT) NO supervision, direction or personal assistance	DEPENDENCE: (0 POINTS) WITH supervision, direction, personal assistance or total care
BATHING POINTS: _____	(1 POINT) Bathes self completely or needs help in bathing only a single part of the body such as the back, genital area or disabled extremity.	(0 POINTS) Needs help with bathing more than one part of the body, getting in or out of the tub or shower. Requires total bathing.
DRESSING POINTS: _____	(1 POINT) Gets clothes from closets and drawers and puts on clothes and outer garments complete with fasteners. May have help tying shoes.	(0 POINTS) Needs help with dressing self or needs to be completely dressed.
TOILETING POINTS: _____	(1 POINT) Goes to toilet, gets on and off, arranges clothes, cleans genital area without help.	(0 POINTS) Needs help transferring to the toilet, cleaning self or uses bedpan or commode.
TRANSFERRING POINTS: _____	(1 POINT) Moves in and out of bed or chair unassisted. Mechanical transferring aides are acceptable.	(0 POINTS) Needs help in moving from bed to chair or requires a complete transfer.
CONTINENCE POINTS: _____	(1 POINT) Exercises complete self control over urination and defecation.	(0 POINTS) Is partially or totally incontinent of bowel or bladder.
FEEDING POINTS: _____	(1 POINT) Gets food from plate into mouth without help. Preparation of food may be done by another person.	(0 POINTS) Needs partial or total help with feeding or requires parenteral feeding.

TOTAL POINTS = _____ 6 = High (*patient independent*) 0 = Low (*patient very dependent*)

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FREE ART CLASSES FOR VETERANS

ARIZONA ART ALLIANCE and Member Organizations are providing **FREE ART CLASSES TO VETERANS!** Classes include drawing, painting and many other media. Professional and experienced artist instructors teach the classes in a warm, friendly and non-judgmental environment. Enjoy the friendship and comradery of other Veterans, learn to create and express yourself through the magic of art. Art materials and refreshments are provided.

Scottsdale Artists League

Tempe—Pyle Adult Recreation Center
3rd Friday each month 12pm -4pm
655 E. Southern Ave.
Rita Goldner, Program Coordinator/Instructor
480-948-6547 ritagoldner@msn.com

Arizona Artists Guild

North Phoenix - Arizona Artists Guild Bldg.
4th Saturday each month 10am -2pm
18411 N. 7th Ave. 85023
David Bradley, Program Coordinator 602-828-4713
arizonaartistsguild.net

WHAM (What's Happen'n Art Movement)

Surprise – WHAM Gallery
2nd Monday each month - 10am to 2pm
16560 N. Dysart Rd. Surprise, AZ 85378
&

Peoria - Peoria Community Center

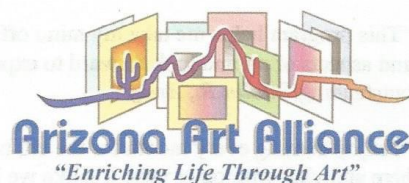
3rd Thursdays each month 10 am-2pm
8335 W. Jefferson Ave.
Peoria, 85345
Connie Whitlock, President - whamart@aol.com
623-584-8311

Artists of the Superstitions

Apache Junction -Apache Junction Vet's Center
3rd Wednesday of each month 10 am-2 pm
462 N. Palo Verde, Apache Junction, 85120
Carol Tone, Program Coordinator
480-216-7970-c caroltonephotography@yahoo.com

"ENRICHING VETERAN'S LIVES THROUGH ART"
www.azartalliance.com Phone 602 870-7610

Artists sharing their love of art with Veterans



Mesa Art League

Mesa - Mesa Active Adult Center
2nd Thursday each month 9am-12pm
247 N. Macdonald, Mesa AZ 85201
&
Red Mountain Multigenerational Center
4th Thursday each month 12:30pm
7550 E. Adobe St. Mesa 85207
&

The Citadel
Last Saturday of the month 1pm- 4pm
520 South Higley Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85206
Loralee Harris, Program Coordinator
Loralee.MAL@cox.net - 480-223-3641

Sonoran Arts League

Cave Creek - Sonoran League Office
1st and 3rd Thursday 10:30 am-12:30 pm
7100 E. Cave Creek Rd. (Stagecoach Village)
Ste. 144, Cave Creek, 85327
Pat Bell-Demers, Executive Director 480-575-6624
Pat@sonoranartsleague.org
Sonoranartsleague.org



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See Veteran testimonials on back side



Veteran Testimonials

"This program helps me take my mind off my chronic pain. I have learned so many techniques and aspects of art and look forward to expanding my knowledge. The class and staff are outstanding!" **John R., Army**

"I enjoy coming every month for the art, but more importantly, I enjoy the camaraderie. I come here and visit with other vets. It's like we keep each other looking forward to seeing and catching up with each other. If something is happening with someone, good or bad we all share. I enjoy this gathering of vets." **Ed M., Army**

Tiffani had a low paying job, no self-confidence, and was struggling with coping with the death of a friend killed in action. After a year in the art program, she had the energy and drive to design a perfume based on the KIA soldier's two favorite flowers. Tiffani organized a successful fundraiser to pay for manufacturing and bottling and approached big stores to carry the perfume, which they did. All the proceeds go to a scholarship in honor of her deceased friend. Tiffani also developed the confidence to apply for and get a better job. She credits the art program.

Barry was in the medical field and had horrible dreams about battle injuries he treated. He says now those dreams are gradually being replaced with the beautiful images he paints.

Lucy was shy and quiet when she joined the program 3 years ago. She's come out of her shell, and recently spoke to several senators about government funding for research on a rare disease she has been diagnosed with. She has completed several award-winning art pieces on the theme of raising awareness of the disease.

John was laid off and looking for work. He was grateful for the art lessons, so he volunteered to help us at our booth at a Veterans Info Day. He got a full-time job from a corporation that had a booth there and met him that day.

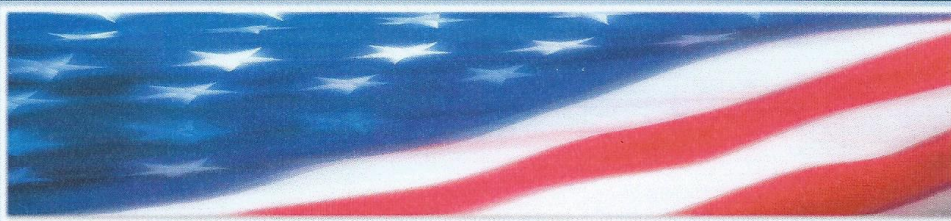
"Their therapeutic art instruction for injured Veterans and members of the Armed Forces (ASG Program) afflicted with PTSD, mental illness, chronic pain, and other disabilities is a vital community resource in helping these Veterans manage their disabilities. We endorse their commitment to high quality art education and programming. The Alliance provides essential support to our Veteran programs, including funding, guidelines, training tools, communication, coordination and outreach assistance."

Kayla Forster, Phoenix VA Health Care System, Lead Recreation Therapist

March 1, 2017

www.waartalliance.com

602 269-3203



Free Trainings to Veterans

A.S.I.S.T. (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)

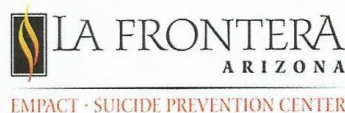
ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety.

Participants do not need any formal training to attend the workshop. Scheduled trainings are September 26/27, October 18/19, November 14/15, December 4/5-2017. To register please contact Michael Rhinehart at 602.989.5065 or Michael.Rhinehart@LaFrontera-EMPACT.org.

Peer Support Certification Training

This training teaches individuals to use their personal experiences of healing/recovery to help others who are going through similar difficulties.

This training runs Monday-Friday. The next scheduled trainings is in September & November 2017. Trainings are held at La Frontera EMPACT-SPC in Tempe. Please contact Michael Rhinehart at 602.989.5065 or Michael.Rhinehart@LaFrontera-EMPACT.org.



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BeThere

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

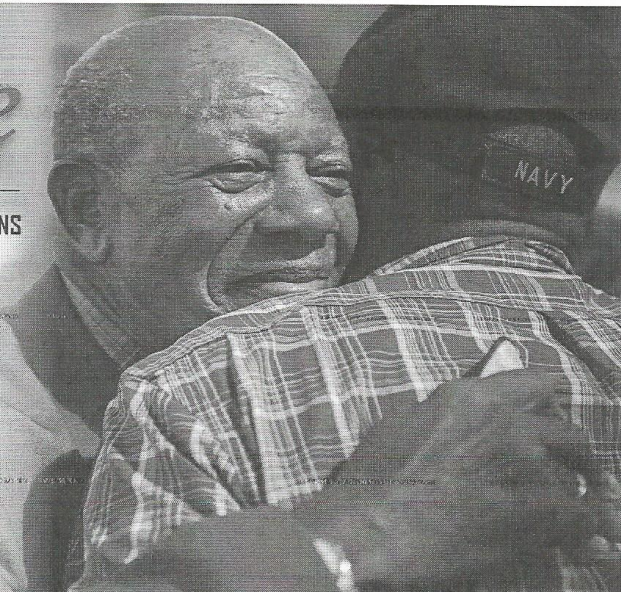
A JOINT RESOURCE FAIR CONNECTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THEIR COMMUNITY

BeThere - Phoenix Resource Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2-6 p.m.

Phoenix VA Health Care System, ACC Basement

- Over 20 vendor booths
- Guest Speakers, Marc Raciti, Veteran and Author of "I Just Want to See Trees" and Dr. Sonja Raciti
- All Veteran attendees will receive a free Veteran lapel pin
- Stop by....refreshments will be served!



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration



ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME
PHOENIX
October 2017

Hello and Good Morning,

Below is a list of October Birthdays:

2 nd Abraham M	3 rd Lois L.	4 th Patricia H.	4 th Roman C.	4 th Ronald B.
6 th William M.	9 th Steven C.	11 th Frank G.	15 th James S.	17 th Jeffery E.
18 th John P. Jr.	19 th Peter S.	29 th Richard B.	20 th Thomas H. Jr.	21 st Americo D.
25 th Donald Mc G.				

I was unable to get the room numbers for the October birthdays or the names and room numbers for the November birthdays in time for this issue. In the November issue I will include the November and December birthdays, as well as, a holiday wish list for the Residents.

Thank you for sending birthday cards to our Veterans at the State Home, they really appreciate hearing from you and feel like they haven't been forgotten.

Below is the new 2017-2018 donation wish list for the home. I have underlined the most desired items needed but they will appreciate everything. Keep in mind that items might be added or deleted as the months go by, so keep checking the list. Thanks.

Donation Wish List

VISA GIFT CARDS

WALMART GIFT CARDS

AMAZON GIFT CARDS

DUNKIN DONUTS GIFT CARDS

PORTABLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

PLASTIC STORAGE CONTAINERS- A LOT! (ALL SIZES)

1 LARGE STURDY WIRE RACK

PAPERBACK BOOK SHELF (WOOD AND NICE LOOKING)

WESTERN BOOKS

LARGE PRINT BIBLES

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM GIFT CARD/VOUCHERS

ODYSEA AQUARIUM TICKETS

REMOTE CONTROL CARS- LARGE CARS WITH EASY TO USE REMOTES.

LARGE NERF GUNS (10) AND EXTRA BULLETS

SODA (REGULAR & DIET)

GIANT CONNECT 4

ADULT COLORING BOOKS AND COLORED PENCILS

11 x 14 CANVAS'S FOR PAINTING
PAINT BRUSHES
INDIVIDUAL CRAFT KITS
LATCH HOOT SETS
UMBRELLAS (20)
LARGE DUTY THERMAL ROLL LAMINATOR
GIFT BAGS
TISSUE PAPER
CRAFT SUPPLIES
BOARD GAMES (NEW)

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

Please let me know if your Unit participates in monthly ASVH activities by emailing me at lbubbles@cox.net If you have any questions, please call me at 602-312-9245.

For God and Country,

Linda Hubbs
VHVS Chairman

Joyce Livingston
VHVS Co-Chairman

High Heels and Spurs in Service to Veterans

Tucson SAVAHCS Christmas Gift Shop
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

To American Legion Auxiliary Units of Southern Arizona:

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 19, 24, 28, 32, 36, 45, 46, 52, 54, 56, 59,
66, 68, 73, 95, 97, 109, 125, 129, 131, 132, 133

**The Tucson Christmas Gift Shop time to coming soon.
Shopping has begun!**

Please mail your donation checks to the Department Office.

Department President Yolanda Bonilla and Department Commander Domingo Bonilla will be invited to attend and participate in the Ribbon Cutting to open this year's event.

Dates: Setup Tuesday, December 5, 2017, starting at 10:00 a.m.
 Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m.
 Gift Shop continues to be open through Wednesday, Thursday,
 and Friday, December 2, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Checks must be made payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, designated for the **Tucson VA Christmas Gift Shop**. Mail checks to **ALA Department of Arizona, 4701 North 19th Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727**.

If you have gift boxes of any size and in good condition, please save them. Of course, we will need volunteers each day, especially Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is the pack-up day.

Karen Alff
Dept. Gift Shop Chair for Tucson
pugloveraz@yahoo.com
520-419-7120

Committee Members,
Gail Piggett and Becky Ruiz
(Shoppers Extraordinaire!)

ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME – TUCSON (ASVH-TUCSON)

OCTOBER, 2017

Ladies,

Upcoming schedule for Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Socials hosted by Auxiliary Units are open. We have no donations from November to next year. **Please contact Fran Johnston at 520-599-4786 to host a social. See you at the 2017 Fall Conference.**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017 – Need your help call us for details

October Events

October 17 Steering Committee will meet on the 17th as original date is a paid holiday for the home. **Will resume the regular scheduled date on November 13, 2017**

October 17 Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social hosted by ALA Unit 24.

October 18 Air Force Birthday (celebrate during Birthday gathering on October 17)

October 20 Fall Festival – ELKS and ALA Unit 24 to bring pumpkins which are used to paint and carve for the Fall Festival. Mary Torvik to get snack bags. Committee will cover beverages.

Staging area of all activities ready by 5:15 p.m.

Decorating team to set up at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers needed. Mary, ELKS, to coordinate with a train vendor Anna Marie to coordinate horse riding, and David to check with jumping castle vendors at Swap Meet for rental estimates. Also, need a tear-down team of volunteers for after the festival. Nancy got someone for face painting (accepting donations).

Drop off for cakes/desserts for cake walk can be brought to ASVH-Tucson Bldg. #1 two days prior to event. **Need big bags of candy to have candy bags for prizes for the various contests throughout the festival. Residents put bags together for the festival activities.**

All organizations welcomed to participate in having a table with activities for the residents and their family.

Need paper goods and 60 to 70 cakes, pies, etc. for cake walks which the residents and their families participate.

November Events

November 9 Veterans Day celebration hosted by the home. Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will perform (bugle).

November 11 Tentative schedule for POWWOW to start at 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Need volunteers. Hoping to schedule for 2nd Saturday of each month.

November 21 Need ALA to sponsor Birthday and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m.

November 24 ELKS to decorate for the holidays in Bldg. #3. The auxiliary to decorate for the holidays in Bldgs. 1, 2, 4, and 5. **Need volunteers** as there are many areas in these buildings that need decorations. Last year only had 3.

December Events

December 15 Auxiliary Christmas Party – Will have a variety of deserts and gifts to pass out at 1:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa Claus. Need donations of desserts and gifts from ALA.

Also, volunteers to assist in serving the residents, and setting up the gift bags. Volunteers needed by 9:00 a.m. This is the largest event hosted by the auxiliary.

December 19 Need ALA to sponsor Birthday and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m.

Reminder: Second Monday monthly Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson Steering Committee Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Third Tuesday monthly Auxiliary hosted a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream Social at 1:30 p.m. **Any questions or requests for changes shall be discussed prior to this event through Fran Johnston (520-599-4786)**

ITEMS NEEDED – WISH LIST

Need candy bars for the bingo activities. Candy bars used to give to bingo winners.

Cribbage boards	Velvet art painting
Water colors	Art paper
Batteries needed i.e., AA, AAA, C, and D sizes	CD players
Puzzle Books	Word Search Books
Arts and crafts – supplies	Crossword Puzzles
Audible Books	

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

A toast for your blessed life!!! Salute!!!!!! And, one of the residents will be celebrating his 101st birthday.

3 Robert 12 Gary 12 Gary 13 Dennis 28 Sterling

God bless the residents of ASVH-Tucson who have passed away recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Marie Arenas
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VA&R REPORT
TUCSON VA MEDICAL CENTER
8-31-17

American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bingo parties which are held on the third Saturday of each month at 1:30PM in Building 60 at the VA hospital. Volunteers are needed to assist with this activity, which is much appreciated by our hospitalized Veterans. Please consider sponsoring the Bingo program. Thank you to the past & current District presidents who volunteered at the June Bingo. We are now welcoming Veteran patients from the Building 95 Substance Use Treatment Disorder Program to our Bingos.

The American Legion Auxiliary Units sponsor Bridging Ceremony refreshments for the Substance Use Disorders Treatment Program (SUDTP) on the third Tuesday of each month and any month that there is a fifth Tuesday. We sponsored refreshments on May 16th & May 30th, 2017 and June 20th, 2017, July 18th, 2017 and August 15th and August 29th, 2017. We will be sponsoring refreshments on September 19th, 2017. Volunteers are needed to help with this program. The time is 2PM and the venue is Building 90 at the VA hospital. Thank you to members of Unit 131 & 132 who have volunteered to help with this program. Special thanks to Fire Woman and Jude for all their assistance with this activity.

The new Residential Mental Health Rehabilitation facility is now open. This added 25 new beds to house Veterans in various treatment programs with on-site housing on the hospital campus. Previously these Veterans were bussed to and from residential shelters. This facility will allow for additional supervision of Veteran patients and it is felt that this will contribute to their success in the program. This facility is requesting clear backpacks (25 per month) and water bottles (25 per month). The staff requesting these donations has put forward that donations in kind, rather than monetary donations, would best fill this need. Units 102, 131, 132, 109 and District 2 have responded to this need and we ordered 250 backpacks and water bottles in July.

Veterans Creative Arts meeting was held at SAVAHCS on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. This chairman attended the meeting with SAVAHCS personnel and members from the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance who will be collaborating with the committee in an effort to expand this program in Tucson. SAACA attended the quarterly VAVS meeting on July 26, 2017 to discuss their participation in this program and to encourage all service organizations to participate in this program.

The grand total of monetary donations by American Legion Auxiliary Units for May 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 is \$6,245.13. Thank you Unit 66 for your generous donation.

The grand total of material and activity donations for the American Legion Auxiliary for May 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 is \$17,209.00. We would like to express special thanks to Elaine Yates and Yuma Unit 19, Ann Reatherford, Unit 24, Unit 131, Unit 132, Unit 73 and Unit 109 members and unaffiliated volunteers for their constant support of VA programs through their donations. The Legion family is the largest supporter of the Arizona Fisher House. Currently, Arizona Fisher House is funded for the foreseeable future. Other programs are in dire need of donations (ie. Homeless, Building 95, Social Services, Bingo, etc.).

Fifteen registered hospital volunteers and ten summer youth volunteers, donated time which was credited to the American Legion Auxiliary. The grand total of registered volunteer hours May 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 is 2,406; occasional volunteer hours are 56 donated by fourteen occasional volunteers. We are now down to fourteen registered volunteers at SAVAHCS. Please consider volunteering at SAVAHCS if you can possibly devote the time. We have one new American Legion Auxiliary registered volunteer.

This chairman has volunteered 108 hours and logged 1,380 miles this year in service to the Tucson VA Medical Center as of July 31, 2017. This chairman has completed her second term on the Executive Committee as vice president for the VAVS Committee at SAVAHCS. Deputy Ann Reatherford was elected to the Executive

Committee at the quarterly meeting on July 26, 2017. Her term will begin in October, 2017 and she will be serving for two years.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Szakonyi, VAVS Representative