

Hands to Help, Paws to Save

September 2024

Welcome to the start of another administrative year. There have been some changes to the Department of Arizona staff. Many of you have been talking to Rae Hopf, our membership processor who started in February. We would like to give her an official welcome aboard.

Longtime Department Secretary Barbara Matteson retired in April.

Barbara White has been the interim secretary since January of 2023 and finally gets to re-retire. Help us congratulate both on their work at headquarters.

Our new Department Secretary is Rose Ficklin. Rose started July 1st and is making changes to some protocols in the office to help things flow, she has also done some redecorating and is currently awaiting new office furniture to update the office.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: President Stacey's project this year is P.A.W.S.S. (Pup's and Warriors Side by Side) Christine Rodriguez from Unit 117 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, Chrisrodz25@gmail.com if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is everyone's job. Thank you to EVERYONE who renewed, recruited or rejoined members. 2024 membership renewals, rejoins and new members can be sent to the Department. Don't hold on to membership, please send in weekly.

RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY PHONE: Call National Headquarters at 317-569-4570 with your member ID and debit or credit card ready

MANDATES: The 2024 mandates are included in this bulletin. Please pay your mandates sooner than later. There were several Units who did not pay their mandates 30 days before the Department Convention; therefore, they lost their voting rights at Convention. If you have any questions regarding Mandates, contact the Department Office.

2025 DIRECTORY: The directory is currently being worked on. If your Unit or District has not sent in your 2024-2025 officers' names and contact information, please do so immediately. We sent out reminders in the mail for those we need.

DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE: November 1st through 3rd. The link to reserve a room will be coming out soon. (after September 4th) Watch Ring Your Bell, the Department website and the Legion website. Book early as the rooms sell out fast.

POPPY: Believe it or not, it's time to order poppies again. The Poppy order form is in the packet and can be found on the Department website. The deadline is September 30.

Unit Goals: 2025 Unit Goals are in the new 2025 membership report. Good luck to all Units in achieving 100% for President Stacey.

The Office is open, and we are here to help. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4p.m. Evenings by appointment. (please don't be afraid to ask).

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