

CALL TO CONVENTION
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona

The Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona, is hereby called, and, in conformity with the Department Constitution Article VIII, *Section 1*, which provides that the annual Department Convention shall be held at the same time and place as The American Legion Annual Convention, will be held in **Chandler, Arizona, June 26th – 29th, 2025**.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and committees, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

REPRESENTATION

Each Unit shall be entitled to four (4) delegates and four (4) alternates and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) alternate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, whose current Department and National dues have been paid and received by Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention. Each member of the Department Executive Committee shall be an ex-officio delegate with full voting power. All Past Department Presidents in good standing in their local Units shall be life delegates to the Department Convention with vote. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent, and not represented by an alternate, shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from the Unit each voting its full strength. Units shall elect delegates and alternates at a special meeting called for that purpose not less than two weeks prior to the Convention. A quorum at the Department Convention shall consist of fifty-one percent of the Units of the Department.

UNITS NOT HAVING their current District, Department, and National mandates paid thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention shall not be entitled to vote. Delegates per capita, rehabilitation per capita, junior activities per capita and bond fee must be received by close of business **May 27, 2025**.

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A pre-convention meeting of the Department Executive Committee is hereby called as provided by the Department Constitution, Article VII, and will be held at **Crown Point San Marcos Hotel Chandler, AZ June 26th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Department Executive Committee will be held at the call of the Department President within twenty-four (24) hours after the adjournment of the Convention. The newly installed officers, including the ten new District Presidents, are to be in attendance. All Past Department Presidents are invited to attend. The meeting is open to any interested member.

RESOLUTIONS

A meeting of the Resolutions Committee is called by the Department President for **June 26th, 2025, 3:30p.m. Crown Plaza San Marcos**. One “hard” copy, signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates, and an unsigned “soft or electronic” copy of all resolutions are to be

forwarded to the Department Secretary before Convention if possible. Resolutions originating at Convention need to be written as a “hard” copy with two delegate signatures, and a “soft or electronic” copy forwarded to the Department Secretary as soon as possible so that discussion and vote may take place. (2013) Resolutions presented by the vote of a unit need to be signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates from the Unit and forwarded to the Department Secretary thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention for registration and classification and issuing to respective committees. A resolution which has not been presented through the proper channels will not be considered.

HOUSING

Headquarters will be the Crown Plaza San Marcos. All housing reservations for the period of the Convention must be made individually with the hotel or motel desired.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee is \$10.00 per member if pre-registered. Registration at the Convention site will be \$20.00. Pre-registration is encouraged. Checks made out to American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona should be included with pre-registration. All registration will be **June 26th, 2025, Crown Plaza San Marcos, June 27-28, 2025, Chandler Community Center 125 E Commonwealth Ave, Chandler, AZ**

NO LUNCHEON TO BE HELD, PER DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTE held March 25, 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service will be held jointly with The American Legion on **June 29, 2025, 8:00 a.m. Crown Plaza San Marcos.**

PROCESSIONAL

NO Unit or District Colors due to space. Sashes are to be worn by Department Officers, including District Presidents and Past Department Presidents. Lineup for Processional **June 27th, 2025, 7:45 a.m.** Chandler Community Center Courtyard.

PLAQUES

All trophies and plaques must be engraved and brought to Convention. These must be turned into the Department Trophies and Awards Chairman **NO LATER than 8:00 a.m. Friday, June 27, 2025.** A table will be set up in the Convention Hall at the Chandler Community Center. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE NOW FINES IMPOSED IF YOU DO NOT RETURN A TROPHY OR PLAQUE WHICH YOU SIGNED OUT.**

CONVENTION RULES 2025

1. All meetings of this Convention shall be called to order at the designated time, or as soon thereafter as a quorum is present.
2. The Chair may deviate from the printed program when necessary or expedient.
3. The Credentials Committee shall report at such times as directed by the Chair.
4. The audience shall remain seated during the business of the Convention. Doors will remain open unless noise interferes with the conducting of business. Delegates will be allowed to leave or enter the auditorium except when balloting or elections are being held, or when a speaker is speaking. There shall be no rhythmic applause when guests are presented to the platform, but spontaneous applause is encouraged.
5. No smoking is allowed on the floor of Convention at any time.
6. Admission to the business sessions at the Department Convention shall be restricted to those persons displaying the official Convention badge, or other acceptable official credentials.
7. A member wishing to address the Convention shall rise and address the Chair as “Madam or Mr. President”, give their name and Unit number, and wait to be recognized by the Chair.
8. Debate on any question shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. No person shall speak on the same question more than twice without the consent of the Convention.
9. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from that Unit, each Unit voting its full voting strength. No delegate shall represent more than one Unit.
10. Voting shall be by voice except when the Chair deems it necessary to use some other method or when a roll call is requested by the Chairman of three Unit delegations or except in the election of Department Officers, paid delegates, and unpaid delegates.
11. In the event of a voice vote the Unit delegation chairman, or in their absence, the leader of each delegation, will announce all votes.
12. Reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, with the exception of Finance, Membership, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, shall be limited to five minutes.
13. Any committee recommending an appropriation of money for any purpose shall confer with the Finance Committee before presenting recommendation to the Convention.

ELECTION RULES

14. Nomination of Department officers, paid delegates, unpaid delegates, and alternates to the National Convention shall be made from the floor at least six hours before the election is held. Paid delegates shall be listed separately on the ballot from other delegates and alternates. All delegates must reside in Arizona.
15. Should an endorsed candidate be absent due to unavoidable circumstances, the endorsing Unit may submit the nomination as if they were present.
16. Nominating speeches shall be LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES and no seconding speeches shall be permitted.
17. Units not having their current District, Department, and National mandates paid thirty days prior to Convention shall not be entitled to vote.
18. Each member of the Department Executive Committee shall be an ex-officio delegate to the Department Convention with one vote. The Department Secretary/Treasurer is a paid employee and not an officer and has no individual vote. (2000)
19. All Past Department Presidents in good standing in their local Units shall be life delegates to the Department Convention with one vote, provided they are in attendance.

20. A blank sample election ballot shall be given to members of the Department Executive Committee, all Past Department Presidents, and the Chairman of each Unit delegation at the time of nominations.

21. Doors shall be secured from the time official ballots are distributed until the Election Committee has retired from the meeting room.

22. When there is but one candidate for office, roll call may be dispensed with and the nominee declared elected. In the event there is more than one candidate for office, the ballots shall be deposited in the Ballot Box by members of the Department Executive Committee, Past Department Presidents, and the Chairman of each Unit delegation on roll call.

ELECTION BY BALLOT

23. A. The Department President shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of one election judge; two tellers/clerks. Each Candidate shall be allowed to have a representative in the counting room for observation only.
- B. The Department Secretary shall call the roll and give the number of votes certified by the Credentials Committee Chairman for each Unit as official ballots are distributed.
- C. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. NO VOTE MAY BE DIVIDED INTO PARTS. The vote of any absentee delegate shall be cast with the majority of the Unit delegation.
- D. When all ballots have been returned to the ballot box by roll call, the Department President shall declare the election closed.
- E. A majority of votes cast shall elect. IF no majority is received the candidate receiving the least number of votes will not be considered in the next round of voting.
- F. The Election Judge will give a written ballot report to the Department President. The Department President will declare the number of votes cast for each candidate and declare as elected the candidate who received the majority of votes cast. If no majority is received the voting process will begin again.
- G. Voted Ballots will be stored in the Department Office for a period of 30 days following an election and then destroyed by the Department Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

24. All resolutions shall be presented as one "hard" copy signed by two qualified delegates and one unsigned "soft or electronic" copy. (2013) Resolutions presented by the vote of the Unit must be presented thirty days prior to the Convention. Courtesy Resolutions are exempt from these requirements.

25. The three-member Resolutions Committee appointed by the Department President shall receive all resolutions, study, number them in logical sequence, eliminate duplication by combining, if necessary, making certain they are in correct form and refer them to the proper committee for action.

26. Resolutions in conflict with the policy of The American Legion shall not be considered. Resolutions which are not properly executed will not be considered.

27. As per the Department Policies and Procedures, all properly executed resolutions are presented, with the respective chairman's and/or committee's comments, to the Department body for action.

28. Any resolution rejected by committee or by the Resolutions Committee as being in conflict with American Legion policy or as being improperly executed will be stated as such and may be brought before the Convention by two-thirds vote of the Convention body.

29. These rules may be amended during the Convention session by a two-thirds vote.

30. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by these Convention rules, or the Department Constitution and Bylaws.

_____Chairman_____Member_____Member

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
FINANCE RULES**

THE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION OF THIS DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN **CHANDLER, AZ, JUNE 26th-29th, 2025**

RULES

1. The Department Finance Committee shall oversee the general finance policy of the Department as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.
2. Special expenditures voted on by Convention action or as authorized by the Department Executive Committee shall be taken from revenue in the General Fund.
3. The Department Treasurer shall not overdraw any items budgeted, except on written permission of the Department Finance Committee.
4. **NO SOLICIATION SHALL BE MADE BY ANY OFFICER, CHAIRMAN, and OR MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY** without written permission of the Department President and Department Finance Committee.
5. The Department Treasurer shall forward all National Dues to the National Treasurer within two (2) weeks of receipt.
6. **NO SOLICITATION SHALL BE PERMITTED BY VETERANS MEDICAL CENTERS DIRECTLY TO THE UNITS.**
7. All people receiving money from this Department for whole or partial expenses to Department or National Convention, Conference, or other meetings **MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS** and will represent no other organization.
8. Any Committee or person thereof who is handling monies to accomplish their programs shall have their books audited annually during-or-after Department Convention and on-or-before the date of the Officers and Chairmen meeting, i.e. VAVS Representative from each VA Hospital, the Representative from each AZ Veterans Home, all Gift Shop Chairmen, and any others as requested by the Finance Chairman. All checkbooks, bank statements, receipts, and ledgers of transactions will be presented for review. (2013)(2017)
Audits will be conducted by no less than 3 members of the Department Finance Committee. If the persons involved do not comply with this audit or make alternative arrangements with the Finance Chairman, then they will receive a letter requesting that all items be produced within 10 days of the Officers and Chairmen meeting. If they still do not respond, and the person is a current Department Chairman, the Department President will go through the process of having the Chairman replaced for improper handling of funds. (2013)
Audit and oversight of the Girls State accounts are addressed separately.
Chairmen handling funds through individual bank accounts may not close, change, or open a bank account for their Committee without action and approval by the Department Finance Committee. Accounts in effect on June 21, 2008, are the only accounts which may be used by the Chairmen unless the Finance Committee implements a change of any kind.
9. Upon adoption of this budget, the funds will be expended as needed.
10. Reimbursement for ground transportation may not exceed the lowest air fare available. The statement of air fare must accompany the mileage claim. Rate reimbursed per mile is determined by the Department Finance Committee on a yearly basis. (2008)
11. Funding for the Department Junior Delegate to the National Junior Meeting and their chaperone will be taken from Junior Funds per page 28 of the Department Policies and Procedures Manual. They will adhere to the guidelines as set forth by the Department of Arizona and the National organization for Junior Activities.

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES FUND RULES

1. We recommend that the National Convention Delegates fund for 2025, be divided equally among three (3) "Paid Delegates". There shall be (13) "Unpaid Delegates", and (4) Delegates by virtue of office, those being: The Retiring Department President, **Stacey Mayberry**; The Department President Elect, **Dolores Chavez**; Convention Secretary, **Penny Maklary**; National Executive Committeeman, **Rose Ficklin**

NOTE: THIS DISTRIBUTION MAY CHANGE DEPENDENT ON MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AND SEATED NATIONAL CHAIRMEN.

2. Paid Delegates to the National Convention **must attend all sessions and all meetings of the Convention Committee as assigned by the Delegation Chairman** and report on only assigned meeting in writing to the Delegation Chairman within thirty (30) days after the National Convention. Copies of the report will be sent to the Department President and the Department Secretary for the files.

3. All persons (paid, unpaid delegates and alternates) receiving money from the Department for whole or partial expenses to National Convention **must attend all sessions**, representing the American Legion Auxiliary only. Any Delegate absent without permission of the Chairman will be asked to return the money given them by the Department.

4. No person shall serve twice as a paid delegate to National Convention.

5. Any candidate for National Office, and the Auxiliary Member of the Year representing the Department of Arizona will adhere to the same guidelines as Delegates to National Convention. Funding for the Auxiliary Member of the Year will be taken from the General Fund.

6. A refund of money paid by Department will be required of any Delegate/person who does not adhere to these rules.

REMINDER TO UNITS/DISTRICTS

We ask Units to refer to and review Unit Financial responsibilities and duties as stated in the Department Policy and Procedures Book.

MEMBERSHIP REMITTANCES MUST BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT WEEKLY.

ALL POPPY ORDERS MUST BE TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY SEPT. 30.

Each Unit holding a Poppy Distribution Function is **REQUIRED** to remit to Department **10% of NET POPPY PROCEEDS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FUNCTION. POPPY FUNDS MUST BE USED ONLY IN DIRECT AID TO THE VETERAN AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES. THEY MAY ALSO BE USED FOR CREATIVE ARTS.**

Department and District Per Capita and Bonding Fees **MUST BE PAID THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AS PRESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

Districts are permitted to issue Membership Challenges with payoffs to any Auxiliary Program. All Units when issuing Membership Challenges to other Units may designate any Auxiliary Program as the payoff recipient.

MONETARY CHALLENGES SHALL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE WINNING UNIT/DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGNATED PROGRAM AND NOTIFICATION OF THE SAME SHALL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.



AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF
ARIZONA CONVENTION
JUNE 26-29, 2025

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

REGISTRATION \$10.00

REMINDER AT CONVENTION \$20.00

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American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 17, 2025

NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF
ARIZONA CONVENTION JUNE 26-29, 2025
RESOLUTION**

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SUBJECT: _____

DATE: _____

Resolution No. _____
(Assigned by Resolutions Committee)

**DO NOT TRY TO SQUEEZE THE RESOLUTION INTO THIS SPACE. PLEASE ATTACH TEXT OF
RESOLUTION AS A SEPARATE PAGE**

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Submitted by: Name and Signature _____

Submitted by: Name and Signature _____

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_____ Approved _____ Rejected _____ Revised _____

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Convention Action: Approved _____ Rejected _____ Date _____

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EXTRA INFORMATION

---This bulletin is a Real Combo with information that can be labeled both April and May 2025, so there will be two contributions from some Officers/Chairmen.

---Mandates still owed as of April 17, 2025:

69, 84, 87, 114, 125, 133

Units are reminded that per Page 12, ALA Policies and Procedures Manual, updated June 2024: **“Units not having their current District, Department and National Mandates paid thirty days prior to Department Convention shall not be entitled to vote.”**

30 Days prior to Convention is May 27th, 2025

---THERE WILL BE NO PPP LUNCHEON AT THIS YEAR'S DEPARTMENT CONVENTION—VOTED BY DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MARCH 25, 2025. (due to space and cost limitations)

---RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

PLEASE TURN IN ANY MORE BY EMAIL TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ASAP

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks 9th in the country for having the most health care shortage areas—65% of areas are considered underserved;*

WHEREAS, by 2032 Arizona is expected to be short 4,679 registered nurses and 412 nurse practitioners;*

WHEREAS the cost of college education has increased by 28% since 2014 at public colleges;

WHEREAS the cost of books has doubled since 2014;

WHEREAS the Department of Arizona regularly receives donations for health care scholarships and has sufficient resources accumulated to increase the amount of these scholarships; now therefore be it RESOLVED;

- the ALA Department of Arizona PPP (2nd Year) Nurses Scholarship be raised from \$600 to \$1000;

- the ALA Department of Arizona PPP Scholarship Assistance in Health Care Occupations be raised from \$500 to \$1000;

- that no other changes are made to these scholarship criteria, process, availability, etc

- up to 10 qualifying scholarships may be awarded in any fiscal year-- dependent upon sufficient allocated funds for these scholarships being available;

- that this change be effective for scholarship applications received and awarded in the 2026 fiscal year.

**according to “AZ Health Workforce”*

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, The Department of Arizona has been in the process of updating all financial policies for inclusion in the Department Policies and Procedures Manual; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the following policy for VA&R Chairmen who have control of an individual bank account for their program be formally adopted and placed as a new sub-section under FINANCE in the Department Policies and Procedures Manual titled “Finance Policy and Procedures for VA&R Chairmen”. This new sub-section will be placed between the current sub-sections titled “Disbursal of Funds from Department Banking Accounts” and “Audits”.

Finance Policy and Procedures-VA&R Chairmen

OVERVIEW

The following VA&R Chairmen each receive funds, through the Department, to carry out the mission of the Department of Arizona American Legion Auxiliary:

- Veteran Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) Representatives for each Arizona Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) including some funds specifically designated for the local Creative Arts Festival,
- Gift Shop Chairmen for each VAMC
- Arizona State Veterans Home Chairmen for each Arizona State Veterans Home

Budgeted and donated funds are periodically received from and designated to VA&R programs by Units, Districts and/or Department. These funds are distributed to the responsible individual chairmen accounts by the Department Secretary on a monthly basis. At the time of funds distribution, the Secretary will send an email outlining the donating entity and donation amount by to each individual chairman whose account receives funds. Chairmen are responsible to acknowledge the donation to the sending Unit or individual.

Separately, the Department maintains the following VA&R funds:

WELFARE PLEDGE: Units and VA&R Chairman may request funds from Department for direct aid to veterans.

CHRISTMAS PLEDGE: VAMC Reps may request funds to place dollar bills in Christmas Cards for VAMC hospitalized veterans.

CARE & DILIGENCE

All chairmen must use and manage funds with care and diligence. This includes:

- ensuring all purchases support the priorities of the entity they are serving,
- looking for alternate sources of funding as available,
- researching spending requests thoroughly,
- ensuring that funds are available to complete the project,
- ensuring that expenditures fall within authorized use of funds outlined here.

Prior to purchase, all expenditures exceeding \$2500 require:

- 3 bids (or purchase options) as feasible
- Authorization by the Department Finance Chairman

AUTHORIZED USE OF FUNDS

VAVS funds may be used for:

- ALA Volunteer recognition;
- Misc supplies, printing, postage, including expenses related to promoting the ALA, etc;
- Creative Arts supplies or Festival expenses including display expenses or refreshments/food;
- Annual \$2.00/patient Christmas pledge (which can be reimbursed from Department by request);
- Specific expenses of families of veterans in need during a veteran's hospital stay or visit such as transportation, lodging if not alternately available;
- Expenditures *directly* connected to the comfort or mental well-being of patients and approved by the VAMC, such as social gatherings, decorations, games, books, etc.
- Funds may not be used for building infrastructure, medical equipment etc. or for direct aid to individual veterans.

Gift Shop Funds may be used for:

- Misc supplies, printing, postage, including expenses related to promoting the ALA, etc;
- Transportation of Veterans to/from the Gift Shop as applicable;
- Gifts approved by VAMC;
- Refreshments/food for veterans, their families and volunteers;

Arizona State Veterans Home funds may be used for:

- Expenses related to resident activities and/or supplies such as bingo, parties, chapel, external trips or activities;
- Expenditures *directly* connected to the comfort or mental well-being of residents, such as social gatherings, decorations, games, books, gifts, common area furniture, etc.
- Funds may not be used for building infrastructure, medical equipment etc. or direct aid to individual veterans.

FUNDS MANAGEMENT

In addition to maintaining overall account financial records, Chairmen are responsible for maintaining financial records to "sub programs" to which each donation may have been designated (e.g., Creative Arts, bingo etc.) and utilizing those funds accordingly. Chairmen may not accept donations directly for their program. All donations must go through Department.

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, Emergency Procedures used during the COVID pandemic should be formalized for any future needs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, To add the following Section 8 to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Constitution, Article VIII Convention:

Sec. 8 The following Section was added as the result of the COVID pandemic 2020-2021.

In any future emergency situations, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona will operate as follows:

- A. During any adversity, meetings of any Department Committee (including the Executive Committee) may be held electronically/virtually. If such a meeting is called, all rules of the Department of Arizona will apply.
- B. At such times of emergency, the Department may move away from the established Constitution and Bylaws in order to accomplish successful business. Proper documentation of all adjustments is required at all times.
- C. During emergency situations with the scope of the COVID pandemic, it may be necessary to cancel a Department Convention.
 1. If a Convention is canceled, and the emergency is ended within 3 months of that canceled Convention, according to Constitution Article VII Powers, Section 6, the Department Executive Committee has the option of calling an "Emergency Convention" to hold their election.
 2. If a Convention is canceled, the Department also has the option of waiting to hold a Convention until the next scheduled time set by the American Legion. *(In the case of COVID, this was one year from the canceled Convention.)*
 3. If a Convention is not held, according to Constitution Article VI Officers, Section 1, all officers shall hold office until their successors are elected. All Department Chairmen will remain in their appointed roles. Should any officer or chairman resign, they will be replaced by the procedure outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.
 4. If a Convention is canceled, the Department Executive Committee has the power to create and implement a Budget for the next fiscal year. Once approved by the Executive Committee, the new Budget will be distributed to all Officers, Chairmen, and Units by electronic means. The Executive Committee will record and address any objections sent in writing to the Department to items in the Budget. They will respond to any objection in writing. Any decision they make as to the objection is final as long as proper documentation is kept by the Executive Committee.

JULY 2025

Department Bulletin Information

If you are receiving the monthly bulletin by mail, this is the last month you will receive the bulletin.

Department prefers to send the bulletin via email. There is no cost to send the bulletin via email.

If you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please send your email to Department. Department email address is: secretary1@aladeptaz.org

If you would like to continue to receive the bulletin by mail, please complete the Department Bulletin Subscription Form in this packet. Send the completed form and payment to Department.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

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Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

Please send Department Bulletins to name and address below. **The \$25.00 subscription fee is enclosed.** I understand that if I subscribe after October first the subscription is **NOT** retroactive to beginning of Auxiliary year, but if subscription is received in Department prior to September 30th, previous month's bulletins will be sent.

Member ID# _____

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NOTE: There is no Bulletin in July. Bulletins are automatically sent to all Department Officers; Past Department Presidents; Department Chairmen; District Presidents; District Secretaries, Unit Presidents and Unit Secretaries.

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It's a Family Affair!

**Tony F Sosa/Ray Martinez American Legion Post 41 proudly presents
the Department Homecoming for:**

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Commander Manny Beltran,
The American Legion Auxiliary Department Of Arizona,
President Stacey Mayberry,
Sons of American Legion Detachment of Arizona
Commander Mike Bryant, &
American Legion Riders State Representative
Tracy Lindsey**

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Hands to Help, Paws to Save

April 2025

UNITS OWING MANDATES: 37, 69, 84, 87, 114, 125, 133

Units are reminded that per Page 12, ALA Policies and Procedures Manual, updated June 2024: **“Units not having their current District, Department and National Mandates paid thirty days prior to Department Convention shall not be entitled to vote.”**

30 day prior to convention is May 27th

NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S VISIT: National President Trish Ward will be visiting the Department of Arizona April 7 – 10, 2025. Anyone wanting to come along is welcome. There will be dinners in her honor at Post 25 in Cottonwood on April 8th and a dinner at Post 107 on April 9th.

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:

April 1, 2025: Last day to make any changes in ALA MIS to be reflected on the 2026 membership cards and rosters. This includes entering new members, name changes, and address changes. New members entered **after** April 1, 2025, will not have a 2026 membership card preprinted for them and will not appear on the unit printed roster. Members transferred into your unit after April 1, 2025, will not have a printed card nor appear on the printed roster.

2026 Dues Rates: Now is the time to start notifying **DEPARTMENT** of your unit’s dues rate(s) (Senior & Junior Rate) for the 2026 membership year. Rates need to be submitted to the department and not the ALA MIS Helpdesk.

Membership is everyone’s job. Thank you to EVERYONE who renewed, recruited or rejoined members. 2025 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 or ONLINE: Call National Headquarters at 317-569-4570 with your member ID and debit or credit card ready or alaforveterans.org

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

Rose Ficklin
Department Secretary/Treasurer
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Department Membership Processor
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S VISIT: Thank you to all who joined us when National President Trish Ward was here. She had a fantastic time in Arizona and really enjoyed meeting everyone. She loves how the different Units work the ALA Mission.

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.

2025-2026 New Unit/District Officer Information Forms: On the website. Please fill it out and return it to Department HQ after your elections.

2026 Dues Rates: Now is the time to start notifying DEPARTMENT of your unit’s dues rate(s) (Senior & Junior Rate) for the 2026 membership year. Rates need to be submitted to the department **NO LATER THAN MAY 1st**, and not the ALA MIS Helpdesk.

PLEASE don’t hold membership. We need to get everyone submitted into the system to avoid the next round of renewal notices.

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

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

Rose Ficklin
Department Secretary/Treasurer
Secretary1@aladeptaz.org

Rae Hopf
Department Membership Processor
membership@aladeptaz.org



Chaplain Report April 2025
April is Children and Youth Month
April 15th is Purple Up Day!

Purpose:

Purple Up! Day is a time to wear purple and show support for the strength and resilience of military children.

How to Observe:

Wear purple to show your support.

Schools and military installations often host events to recognize the sacrifices military children make.

Local businesses and organizations also celebrate during the month of April, especially when April 15th falls on a weekend.



Please pray in your own way.

Let us Bow our heads Gracious God, I come to you today to say Thank You, I confess my sins, those known, and unknown. Lord, you know I am not perfect, and I fall short every day of my life, my life, but I wanted to take time out to say thank you for your mercy. Thank you for my health, my family, my friends, the roof over my head, food on my table, and everything I have.

Chaplains: Check out the prayer books rules at www.aladeptaz.org website:
<https://www.aladeptaz.org/5.-monthly-bulletins---program-information.html>

If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call, please let me know:
Stephanie McMullen, Chaplain, stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com, (623) 910-4716



**Chaplain Report May 2025
May is Poppy Month**



Greeting Everyone!

Happy Mother's Day to Everyone!

Dear God;

I humbly come to your throne seeking peace of mind in the midst of challenges and uncertainties, grant me the peace that surpasses all understanding. Calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you have laid out for me. God, help me to trust in your love and guidance, knowing that you are in control of all things. Quiet my anxious thoughts and fill me with your calming presence. May your peace guide my heart and mind, giving me the strength and assurance in every situation. Grant me the grace to release my worries into your hands and to find comfort in your unwavering blessings.

Amen

I need to have my report turned in by May 1, 2025. You can get the forms from our website under Chaplain Title Fall Conference.

PLEASE BRING YOUR PRAYERS FOR PRESIDENT STACEY'S PRAYER BOOK TO CONVENTION OR EMAIL THEM TO ME!

GOD BLESS YOU AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Chaplains: Check out the prayer books rules at www.aladeptaz.org website:
<https://www.aladeptaz.org/2.--chairmen-s-resources.html> , Department Awards Rules Manual, Pages 12-16.

If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call, please let me know:
Stephanie McMullen Chaplain, stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com, (623) 910-4716
We are a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families.



Education April 2025



The time to submit your reports and narratives for the Department awards is quickly approaching! There are two awards for Education: The **Jean Batley Plaque** for Units of membership 150 or under and the **Chrysteen Fritzinger Plaque** for Units of membership 151 or higher.

The rules are the same for both awards:

- Any Unit in the Department of Arizona may receive these awards in the appropriate membership category.
- Judging will be based on actual participation in Scholarships, both Loan and Gift, educational programs in both high school and grammar schools, and extra activity done.
- Unit Education reports must be into the Department Education Chairman on or before the deadline date for reports or date designated by the Department Chairman (May 1st).
- A narrative report of the work accomplished in this program must be included with the report to be eligible for these awards. The narrative must be typewritten, not to exceed 1,000 words. (Refer to the Department Awards Rules and Regulations manual for further details on writing the narrative.)

The Education Year-End report form is available on the Department website [Education report form](#). **The report forms and narratives are due to this Chairman by May 1st.**

I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary education programs throughout the school year.

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

Julie Vietri

Education Chairman
Department of Arizona
jvietri@msn.com
480-947-1304



Education May 2025



The deadline for the Department of Arizona WILMA HOYAL-MAXINE CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is quickly approaching. One annual scholarship of \$1000.00 is available to a student at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona enrolled as a second year or upper division student in Political Science, Public Programs or Special Education.

Any applicant must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Arizona for at least one year. Honorably discharged veterans or immediate family members of a veteran will be given preference.

Applications must be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Headquarters office by May 15.

Recipients will receive awards through the appropriate school offices for each academic year in the following manner: One half of the award will be made available to the recipient at the beginning of fall and spring semesters, dependent on proper enrollment with the university. Applicant must complete at least 12 hours with a grade average of "B" or better and be enrolled as a fulltime student.

Applications to apply for this scholarship can be found on the Department website. [Scholarships & Educational Opportunities \(aladeptaz.org\)](http://aladeptaz.org) Former recipients continuing degree programs as listed above may re-apply provided the applicant complies with rules and submits a new application.

Thank you to all the Unit Chairmen who turned in their year-end report by the May 1st deadline. I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary education programs throughout the school year, especially Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9.

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

Julie M. Vietri

Education Chairman
Department of Arizona
jvietri@msn.com
480-495-1558

GIRLS STATE ORIENTATIONS 2025

District 1 Saturday, May 3, 2025 11:30 am

Yuma Schools

American Legion Post 56

1490 W. 3rd St.

Yuma, AZ 85364

Contact Kim Woodward 928-200-9142 kimberkitti@roadrunner.com

District 2 Saturday, May 10, 2025 10:00 am

Tucson Schools...Sahuarita...Oro Valley...Marana...Vail

American Legion Post 36

5845 E. 22nd St.

Tucson, AZ 85711

Contact Jennifer Turner-Jones 520-475-9662 al36family@gmail.com

District 3 Sunday, April 27, 2025 2:00 pm

Cochise County...Benson...Douglas...Tombstone...Sierra Vista

American Legion Post 45

150 W. 5th St.

Benson, AZ 85602

Contact Dolores Chavez 928-386-0841 cheebjejs@cox.net

-OR- Maggie Montijo 520-904-1814 maggiemontijo@gmail.com

District 4 Sunday, May 4, 2025 3:00 pm

Coolidge...Florence...Casa Grande...San Tan Valley...Queen Creek...Maricopa...Blackwater

American Legion Post 54

408 N. Main

Coolidge, AZ 85128

Contact Becky Ruiz 520-723-7557 b13ruiz13@gmail.com

District 5 PENDING

Safford...Willcox...Morenci

Contact Kat Sticklin 928-322-1550

-OR-

Globe...Miami...San Carlos, Sunday, April 27, 2025 1:00 pm

American Legion Post 4

645 S. Broad St.

Globe, AZ 85501

Contact Patty Nolan 928-812-3027 thenolans127@hotmail.com

District 6

Show Low...Blue Ridge...Holbrook...Snowflake...Overgaard

Conducted by school counselors

Unit 86 will make their own arrangements

Unit 86 Contact Robyn Hansen 602-999-3486 robyn.hansen@jrhie.com

District 7 Saturday, May 10, 2025 1:00-2:00 pm NEW DATE

Kingman Area

American Legion Post 14

225 E. Oak St.

Kingman, AZ 86401

Contact Rebecca Faris 928-715-4926 rebeccafaris3@gmail.com

District 8 Saturday, April 19, 2025 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Prescott...Prescott Valley...Bagdad...Sedona...Mayer

Camp Verde Library

130 N. Black Bridge Rd.

Camp Verde, AZ 86322

Contact Jeri Strande 928-301-9581 jeristrande21@gmail.com

District 11 Sunday May 4, 2025 1:00 pm

Phoenix West Valley...Peoria...Buckeye...Tolleson...Sunnyslope...Dysart...Willow Canyon

North West Schools...Surrounding Areas

American Legion Post 62

9847 W. Desert Cove Ave.

Peoria, AZ 85345

Contact Nicki Cruz 602-292-0960 noreennickerson@cox.net

District 12 Sunday April 27, 2025 registration begins at 12:30 pm; presentation begins at 1:00 pm

Phoenix East Valley...Apache Junction...Fountain Hills...Chandler...Mesa...Gilbert...Tempe

Scottsdale...North East Schools...Surrounding Areas

American Legion Post 35

2240 W. Chandler Blvd.

Chandler, AZ 85224

Contact Cindy Queen 602-316-7647 cynqueen53@cox.net

Delegates and their parents are invited to attend one of these Orientations. All Orientations have the same information. If unable to attend the closest one, any of the others is available-just reach out to them. Units will be sending invitations to the delegates they are sponsoring with information on where to attend.

THIS SCHEDULE WILL BE UPDATED IF NEW INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.



April 2025

Dear Girls State Delegate:

This is the first Girls State mailing you will receive with information on the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State Program. Further information on the Girls State Session, June 1-8, 2025, will be sent to you during the first week of May.

Check List for Information:

- ☐ **Please check** your name and address as it appears on your **mailing label**. Please **confirm by email** if there is a spelling error, you have a new address or if all **your information** is complete. This information becomes the database and will be used when sending you information. We want the information as accurate as possible and will track each girl's response. Send emails to [...ahhpenny@aol.com](mailto:ahhpenny@aol.com)...by **April 30th**. You will receive a confirmation that she received your information.
- ☐ In this packet you will find information to apply for the American Legion Samsung Scholarship. **If eligible**, please follow the directions and fill out the application completely. You will **bring a hard copy** of the completed application with you to Girls State. It is not mandatory that you apply for this scholarship to attend Girls State. **You need to start early as you will need to review the required documents and provide what is asked for in the instructions. Specifically, the requirement to submit supporting documentation from school authorities.** This cannot be completed after **school is out**.
- ☐ Some of you still have missing information (**shirt size...many of you have checked two sizes and you will only be given one size, questionnaire, checked boxes, signatures, social media policy or your picture**) and your card is **INCOMPLETE** and cannot be processed fully. Please respond when called or emailed what is requested **ASAP** or before **April 30th** to assure you have a complete application. Most of you are complete, **thank you so much**, and I have been working with schools and your parents to get needed information. Most information can be emailed.

If needed--Please send missing information to:

Penny Maklary
1354 12th Street
Douglas, Arizona 85607 ahhpenny@aol.com

☐ Girls State Orientations will be held differently this year. Orientations are highly recommended and for some Units mandated that you and a parent/guardian attend to fully understand the program, receive helpful information and be able to ask questions. If you are unable to attend, your parent/guardian or other family member may do so for you. Your Auxiliary Unit will invite you to attend and please respond to the number provided. Most of you in the Phoenix area are being contacted about the two orientations that will be held the last of April or in May. Other dates are scheduled, and you will be notified by your sponsoring Unit. If you are **not assigned** to a Unit, or have not been notified, please call me (520-850-1951) or Department Headquarters (602-241-1080). All orientations have the same material and information provided. We will put orientation schedule on the Girls State website at www.azgirlsstate.com. Alternates are asked to attend orientations in case they take the place of a delegate that is unable to attend.

☐ In your next packet there will be a yellow health card that needs to be filled out between **May 1st and June 1st**. This is not a physical but a well check-up (eyes-ears-nose-throat) to make sure you are able to attend. Prior sports physicals are not accepted unless they are done within the time frame required by our insurance. The health card may be completed by any **certified health care provider**. It is a check-up not a complete physical. We suggest making an appointment now and not waiting. All information will be hand delivered to one of the registered nurses we have on staff at registration.

Please use this check list to make sure you have all the needed information completed, emailed or returned by date required. Missing information could result in registration issues, hold-ups and incomplete data base used for elections and awards. Please make sure you open all packets from Girls State **immediately when received and respond accordingly by deadlines**. Important information is always enclosed that will make the Girls State process go smoothly for you.

Please check the Arizona Girls State web site at www.azgirlsstate.org for latest and most current information on the program. If it is currently under construction, it will be completed soon.

Thank you for your assistance, it makes a difference. Looking forward to meeting each of you at Girls State..... **THE BEST STATE IN THE LAND.**

Penny Maklary
American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State
Director



April 2025

Dear Girls State Delegates:

Worldwide electronics leader Samsung endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by the American Legion in 1996. As of 2023, Samsung Scholarships have awarded more than \$7.2 million in college scholarships to 2,422 applicants. These scholarships are derived from interest and other income from the principal amount.

1. Go to www.legion.org
2. Drop down to Programs and pick up Scholarships
3. Click on Samsung Scholarship
4. This takes you to the online application and will walk you through the process
5. More information...scholarships@legion.org

The 2025 Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program is ready for another great year. The proposed awards for 2025 are:

- 10 - \$10,000 National scholarships (2 per region)
- 10 - \$5,000 National runners-up (2 per region)
- Each Department winner will receive \$1,250

If you are a **direct descendant** (child, grandchild, great grandchild or legally adopted child) of a U.S. wartime veteran or person currently on active duty and you participate in and **complete** the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program, then you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. It is not mandatory to apply, nor will it affect your attendance by not applying. During the application process **you must upload verification of the veteran's or active-duty person's service.**

- 1. YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ONLINE APPLICATION with all required uploads** prior to the first day of Arizona Girls State (June 1, 2025).
- 2. When prompted to do so on the website, PRINT a hard copy of the application with all uploads and attachments** as you will be required to give the hard copy **to the proper person during Girls State registration on Sunday, June 1, 2025.** This is the only time the hard copy of the application will be accepted by Arizona Girls State. Hard copies of the application or any part of an application will not be accepted before or after this date. The Arizona Girls State finalists will be announced on **Sunday, June 8, 2025**, at the awards assembly.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

Each Boys State and Girls State program makes its national finalist selection using the following criteria:

- ☐ Academic record
- ☐ Involvement in school activities
- ☐ Involvement in community activities

- ☐ Community Service
- ☐ Financial need
- ☐ Essay content
- ☐ Additional bonus points will be awarded to descendants of U.S. veterans of the Korean Conflict.
- ☐ Questions regarding the Samsung Scholarship are to be directed to scholarships@legion.org

PROOF OF SERVICE DOCUMENTATION

ACCEPTABLE

- Form DD214 (Official discharge certificate)
- Official "Honorable Discharge" certificate
- Form DD1300 (Official military death certificate)
- Official record of burial in a military cemetery issued by the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Current or former military ID card
- Current or former LES (Leave and Earnings Statement)
- Official logbook entries from a military unit
- ANY OTHER DOCUMENT LISTED ON THE "Military Service Verification Documents List" linked on the application website

UNACCEPTABLE

- Any otherwise "acceptable" document that is illegible
- Obituaries
- Pictures of military headstones
- Pictures of service members in uniform
- Entries in non-military and/or non-official records or books
- Membership cards from veterans organizations
- VA Healthcare Cards

The following locations may be of assistance.

- Many certificates of discharge prior to 1979 do not appear to be "official" documents as many were typed onto a sheet of paper. If you are unsure if it is an official document, please ask your American Legion service officer. Department Service Officers are listed by state at <https://www.legion.org/serviceofficers>.
- The National Archives and Records Administration: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html>
- The County Clerk and Records Office where the veteran resided.
- The funeral home may have kept a copy if military honors were provided.
- Monument company if VA headstone or marker was ordered.
- If the veteran had utilized a VA Home Loan there may be a copy of the DD214 with the title documentation.
- Veterans who have signed up for EBENEFITS through the Veterans Administration may be able to obtain a printable copy from <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>
- The State Director of Veterans Affairs may have received a copy of the veterans DD214 at the time of discharge from military service. This will be specific to the state in which the veterans home of record.

Penny Maklary

Penny Maklary, Director
American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State



American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation

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📢 Are you an alumna of ALA Girls State or ALA Girls Nation? 📢 We'd love to hear from you! Tell us about your experience and the influence this amazing program has had on your life! 🗣️

➡️ Email us at PR@ALAforVeterans.org.

#ALAGirlsState #ALAGirlsNation

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**WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**



Arizona Girls State Yearbook 2025

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DELEGATE SPOTLIGHT

**Highlight your delegate
in this years AZ Girls State
Yearbook.**

Send a shout out to your favorite
Arizona Girls State delegate with a nice
congratulations including photo and words of joy!

Oh and do not forget the photo in full color!

ADVERTISING RATES

Single Space (3.94" X 2.54") **\$15**

(Ads can be camera ready or we can design for you)

Sales Deadline is June 13th, 2025

Art deadline is June 20th, 2025

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Delegate's Name

Congratulations to our amazing
daughter Amber on your
selection for Arizona Girls
State.

We know you will accomplish
everything you set out to do.

We love you very much,
Amber!

- Mom & Dad



2025 SESSION

NOT ACTUAL SIZE

**For more information
or to place your ad, call:
Shannon Mead at 623-521-1263**



Arizona Girls State Yearbook 2025

SUPPORT GIRLS STATE

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

**Showcase your business in this year's
Arizona Girls State yearbook.**

Help support Arizona Girls State and
advertise your business at the same time
in our full color yearbook!

Give a shout out to our delegates and let
everyone know about your amazing business!

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Full page	(8" X 10.5")	\$100
1/2 page Vertical	(3.94" X 10.5")	\$75
1/2 page Horizontal	(8" X 5.2")	\$75
1/4 page	(3.94" X 5.2")	\$50

(Ads can be camera ready or we can design for you)

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Arizona Girls State Outreach Campaign

SUPPORT GIRLS STATE

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

The Arizona Girls State Program has been bringing together Arizona high school juniors for the past seventy-seven (77) years to ensure they will become good citizens. This program is a governmental participation week-long session held each year at the University of Arizona instructing junior girls in the governmental processes. Included in this process is voting rights and procedures, how laws are put together and voted on, how cities, counties and the state governments work and function together. Cities and Counties are created into a fictional State. Offices for each level are elected and have duties related to that level of government.

POPPY DONATION: \$25-\$99

- Certificate for donation
- Name added to Unit Plaque
- Business Shout Out on Girls State Facebook Page

STAR DONATION: \$100-\$499

- Certificate for donation
- Name added to Unit Plaque
- Business Shout Out on Girls State Facebook Page
- Listing on Girls State Booster page (website & yearbook)

FLAG DONATION: \$500-\$999

- Certificate for donation
- Name added to Unit Plaque
- Business Shout Out on Girls State Facebook Page
- Listing on Girls State Booster page (website & yearbook)
- Quarter Page in Yearbook

STAR DONATION: \$1,000-\$9,999

- Certificate for donation
- Name added to Unit Plaque
- Business Shout Out on Girls State Facebook Page
- Listing on Girls State Booster page (website & yearbook)
- Half Page in Yearbook

STAR DONATION: \$10,000+

- Certificate for donation
- Name added to Unit Plaque
- Business Shout Out on Girls State Facebook Page
- Listing on Girls State Booster page (website & yearbook)
- Full Page in Yearbook
- Banner Advertisement on website home page

For more information about these exciting campaign programs please call (602) 241-1080 or email secretary1@aladeptaz.org

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Arizona Girls State Stars 2025

SUPPORT GIRLS STATE **BE ONE OF OUR STARS!**

**Thank you so much for becoming
an ALA Girls State Star!**

Our Program is as successful as it is because of our amazing members and donors!

Name/Unit: _____

Contact Email: _____

☐ GS Pens: \$15

☐ Badge Materials: \$20

☐ Clinic Supplies: \$25

☐ Lanyards: \$50

☐ City Supplies: \$75

☐ Counselor Costs: \$100

☐ Delegate Shirts: \$200

☐ Other Amount: \$ _____

All Girls State Stars will be recognized on the ALA AZ Girls State Facebook page, website, and in our yearbook!



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**Complete the sponsorship form
above and mail with payment to:**

Checks made out to: Arizona Girls State
Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary - Dept of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Historian Report April 2025
By Lynda Griffin – AZ Department Historian



ARE YOU READY?
HISTORY REPORTS ARE DUE MAY 1, 2025
HISTORY BOOK – Convention June 26 – 28, 2025

Year End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department, and may result in a national award for participants if award requirement are met.

History Awards are as follows:

Units History Awards

Helen Blakeslee to units with membership of 150 and under
Betty Kent Plaque to units with membership of 151 and over

Districts History Awards

The Rasmussen District History Plaque

Junior History Award

Connie Erickson Middlebrook Plaque – Junior History

I have attached the History Annual Report Form to this Bulletin please fill it out and return back to me. The History Awards criteria will also be posted on our website. Let make History 2024-2025.

Our National President will be here the second week of April and remember I need a copy of your Charter. You can take a picture of it with our cell phone and send it to me; I do not need a hard copy. Please advise me of the Name of the National President who signed it.

I want YOU
in the Department History
Be sure to post on Ring Your Bell
And send me your meeting minutes!

Lynda Griffin
AZ Department Historian
Lynda4ala@gmail.com
(623) 349-3979

Historian Report May2025

By Lynda Griffin – AZ Department Historian



President Trish Ward and Department of Arizona President Stacey Mayberry

National President Trish Ward is from the Department of Kansas, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 250. She has served in several unit, district, and department level positions. Trish now focuses on volunteering for American Legion Family and spending time on her hobbies which include studying parliamentary law and Robert's Rules of Order. She is also a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

President Trish arrived at Sky Harbor Airport on April 6, 2025, and was here until Friday April 11, 2025. During her visit the Department of Arizona kept her real busy, and made sure she did not go hungry. Along with Department President Stacey Mayberry, and other Department officers they traveled to the northern part of the state. They visited Flagstaff State Veterans Home where President Trish was able to visit with Veterans and participate in activities with some of the veterans, she was also able to eat lunch with them. She also visited Montezuma Castle, Old Fort Verde, Post 93 Museum Alcantara. She attended a couple of Meet and Greets at Post 44, and Post 26 and Luncheons at Post 62, and Post 25, and 107 hosted dinner for the President Trish.

President Stacey Mayberry is our current Department of Arizona President, from American Legion Auxiliary Unit 107. She has served in several leadership positions at the Unit, District and Department Levels. She loves conducting Mission Training Sessions with Secretary Rose Ficklin, and other Auxiliary members.

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HISTORY REPORTS ARE DUE MAY 1, 2025

Lynda Griffin
AZ Department Historian
Lynda4ala@gmail.com
(623) 349-3979

Leadership/Arizona Mission Training

April 2025

Greetings to members of this great organization! Time is moving fast for the end of year reports and awards. Has your Unit selected a Member of the Year yet? Or perhaps a Vickey Zwall Mentor of the Year? I am sure that those of you who attended an Arizona Mission Training this year learned the importance of reporting all that you do. And if you want to make your Unit or District look really GOOD write a narrative for an award. Selected items from your narratives are sent on to the Western Division and National Chairmen and are often included in their convention reports. It is a great feeling for your members to be recognized for their achievements!

The criteria for Leadership awards “Lavan Erickson Leadership Plaque” and “Unit Member of the Year” plaque have been included in past bulletins. Please check the Department web site (aladeptaz.org) for past bulletins, report forms and awards in each program. This month I include **the “Vickey J. Zwall Mentor of the Year Plaque.”**

The plaque will be awarded at the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona Department Convention and will be retained by the recipient. A new plaque will be furnished each year, financed by Vickey J. Zwall.

Any member can be placed into nomination for the Mentor of the Year Plaque, and can be nominated by any Auxiliary member. A not-to-exceed 1,000 word resume of the nominees’ activities for the current year must be submitted. The resume will be sent to the Department Leadership Chairman no later than the date set annually at the Officers and Chairmen meeting at the beginning of the program year. The Department Leadership Chairman will choose a committee of three individuals to assist in judging.

I hope to receive many report forms and award narratives by May 1st. If you have further questions please text and I will return your call and do my best to help you.

Karen Smith, Chairman

(520) 249-1119

ksmith111@cox.net

1133 Carmelita Drive

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Leadership is not about a title or designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration. Amy Luft

Leadership/Arizona Mission Training

2025 May

What a great year for our Leadership program and our members. I hope to see many of you at the Department convention in June. As we look forward to this event, we may want to start thinking ahead for our programs in the future. One of the good things about conference and convention is that we are able to obtain new ideas and network with other units to see what they are doing for the Auxiliary. It's always fun to work with new ideas!

Remember that the National organization has several courses available for your members to take online. Log in with your member ID on the national website alaforveterans.org. The website is added to periodically with new courses added. The good thing is that you can take a course on your own timeline.

A huge chorus of appreciation for those instructors who led the trainings this year and of course to the members who took the time to be there. A well-educated member is a plus to each of your units. We want members to step up and be knowledgeable and be a leader. If that is your passion. In this busy world there are so many commitments we are asked to do and is hard to find time and sometimes help to get the job done. Encourage your members and let them shine. Be sure to recognize all that they do.

Thank you for your participation and encouragement this past year.

Karen Smith, Chairman

ksmith111@cox.net

520-249-1119

1133 Carmelita Drive

Sierra Vista 85635

**SCHEDULED ARIZONA MISSION TRAINING 5-17-2025 UNIT 91 CHANDLER
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MEMBERSHIP APRIL 25, 2025

		UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
01		0100	Phoenix	193	5	154	159	82.38%
		Total		193	5	154	159	82.38%
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		0019	Yuma	216	7	167	174	80.56%
		0046	Bouse	58	2	57	59	101.72%
01		0056	Yuma	80	1	70	71	88.75%
		Total		354	10	294	304	85.88%
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		0007	Tucson	45	0	42	42	93.33%
		0036	Tucson	279	4	228	232	83.15%
02		0059	Tucson	145	3	117	120	82.76%
		0066	Green Valley	900	0	858	858	95.33%
		0068	Tucson	61	1	53	54	88.52%
		0073	Tucson	35	1	21	22	62.86%
		0109	Vail	390	13	382	395	101.28%
		0125	Tucson	16	1	14	15	93.75%
		0131	Green Valley	580	0	582	582	100.34%
		0132	Oro Valley	85	1	76	77	90.59%
		Total		2536	24	2373	2397	94.52%
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03		0011	Douglas	145	2	114	116	80.00%
		0016	Bisbee	64	0	48	48	75.00%
		0024	Tombstone	415	10	419	429	103.37%
		0045	Benson	50	4	37	41	82.00%
		0052	Sierra Vista	210	3	175	178	84.76%
		0141	Pearce	22	0	20	20	90.91%
		Total		906	19	813	832	91.83%
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04		0008	Casa Grande	35	1	24	25	71.43%
		0009	Florence	125	1	126	127	101.60%
		0051	Coolidge	70	8	59	67	95.71%
		0054	Coolidge	93	1	78	79	84.95%
		0097	San Tan Valley	40	2	34	36	90.00%
		0129	Queen Creek	21	1	21	22	104.76%
		0133	Maricopa	35	1	22	23	65.71%
		Total		419	15	364	379	90.45%
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05		0004	Globe	40	2	38	40	100.00%
		0028	Clifton	85	1	76	77	90.59%
		0032	Safford	155	0	136	136	87.74%
		0095	Solomon	82	5	76	81	98.78%
		Total		362	8	326	334	92.27%
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06		0030	Springerville	90	0	85	85	94.44%
		0037	Holbrook	25	0	36	36	144.00%
		0069	Payson	130	0	76	76	58.46%
		0086	Overgaard	415	2	419	421	101.45%
		Total		660	2	616	618	93.64%
	Total			660	2	616	618	93.64%
07		0003	Flagstaff	73	4	52	56	76.71%
		0013	Williams	50	2	49	51	102.00%
		0014	Kingman	145	3	126	129	88.97%
		0022	Golden Valley	150	4	135	139	92.67%
		0042	Grand Canyon	38	7	33	40	105.26%
		0057	Ash Fork	80	2	59	61	76.25%
		0081	Lake Havasu City	670	7	699	706	105.37%
		0087	Bullhead City	132	3	121	124	93.94%
		0088	Dolan Springs	10	0	38	38	380.00%
		0103	Meadview	43	0	47	47	109.30%
		0123	Seligman	40	0	32	32	80.00%
		0136	Yucca	15	0	13	13	86.67%
		Total		1446	32	1404	1436	99.31%
	Total			1446	32	1404	1436	99.31%
08		0006	Prescott	263	7	272	279	106.08%
		0025	Cottonwood	306	9	299	308	100.65%
		0040	Chino Valley	95	0	92	92	96.84%
		0078	Humboldt	160	2	141	143	89.38%
		0079	Yarnell	183	0	162	162	88.52%
		0090	Black Canyon City	75	1	60	61	81.33%
		0093	Camp Verde	112	0	112	112	100.00%
		0108	Prescott Valley	38	3	28	31	81.58%
		0135	Cornville	47	8	33	41	87.23%
		0140	Prescott Valley	23	4	12	16	69.57%
		Total		1302	34	1211	1245	95.62%
	Total			1302	34	1211	1245	95.62%

11		0001	Phoenix	127	1	93	94	74.02%
		0005	Phoenix	65	4	54	58	89.23%
		0012	Wickenburg	220	5	204	209	95.00%
		0029	Glendale	250	8	219	227	90.80%
		0053	Buckeye	30	0	34	34	113.33%
		0061	Avondale	215	3	218	221	102.79%
		0062	Peoria	1000	31	1000	1031	103.10%
		0105	Phoenix	215	7	245	252	117.21%
		0115	Glendale	35	3	25	28	80.00%
		0145	Peoria	14	0	17	17	121.43%
		Total		2171	62	2109	2171	100.00%
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12		0002	Tempe	111	2	98	100	90.09%
		0026	Mesa	235	2	216	218	92.77%
		0027	Apache Junction	1920	4	1959	1963	102.24%
		0034	Cave Creek	320	1	296	297	92.81%
		0035	Chandler	316	7	275	282	89.24%
		0039	Gilbert	520	13	553	566	108.85%
		0041	Phoenix	350	14	298	312	89.14%
		0044	Scottsdale	340	0	300	300	88.24%
		0058	Fountain Hills	405	8	390	398	98.27%
		0064	Phoenix	25	0	16	16	64.00%
		0065	Phoenix	350	12	288	300	85.71%
		0084	Sacaton	50	9	47	56	112.00%
		0091	Chandler	275	19	261	280	101.82%
		0107	Phoenix	210	2	202	204	97.14%
		0114	Scottsdale	25	0	3	3	12.00%
		0117	Phoenix	265	3	230	233	87.92%
		0124	Guadalupe	30	5	20	25	83.33%
		0138	Mesa	54	0	94	94	174.07%
		Total		5801	101	5546	5647	97.35%
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Total	Total			16150	312	15210	15522	96.11%

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Happy May to all members and family!

Most of your units will be helping to get ready for the Memorial Day celebrations this month! Be sure to share on social media as well as any local public media outlets to help get the word out about the services.

A great tool for your website with holidays and events is a calendar. Google has a free calendar that you can use to incorporate into your website and help keep members apprised of up coming events.

A blog is also a great way to share upcoming events as well as any events that have come and gone. Photos, editorials and even videos. These all help those members that could not attend still be a part of each event.

Encourage your juniors to help with all the wonderful events happening this month and see how much fun it can be to participate.

We are less than 2 months out from June Convention. Please be sure to read through the awards for Department and Nationals and get those in and ready. We love to see all those awards go out each year!!

Please feel free to send any and all press related events, posters, flyers, and articles in for the President's Press Book. I have been searching social media and all unit websites to gather some wonderful PR representations for her book. All submissions are welcome and appreciated.

Please note that many year end reports are due this month. Be sure to get those numbers and such into your Unit Chairman so that they can get them in to our Department Chairman.

Amazing job this year ladies. Cannot wait to see you all at Convention.

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NATIONAL VETERANS
CREATIVE ARTS
COMPETITION

Phoenix VA 19th Annual CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2025

Event Date: Thursday May 8th, 2025

Location: Recreation Therapy Topaz Clinic

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**To participate call 480-524-5036
between the hours of 9-11 am or 1-2 pm
from April 7-18, 2025.**

**Or attend Open House at the Topaz Clinic
on April 9 from 10 am - 1 pm**

For info about categories and requirements visit:

www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Phoenix VA Health Care System

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CREATIVE ARTS

APRIL 2025

The Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities use the Creative Arts program as one form of rehabilitation treatment to help veterans recover and cope with service-related trauma (PTSD) and physical disabilities. It enhances their quality of life and benefits their family relations. Veterans eligible to receive care through Department of Veteran Affairs are enrolled at a VA Medical Center, Outpatient Clinic, or reside in a state veterans home.

The veterans compete in local creative arts competitions where veterans exhibit their creativity which helps their sense of pride and self confidence.

The Phoenix Creative Arts Festival will be held on May 8, 2025, at the VA Medical Center, Topaz Clinic (in the basement) from 10 am to 1 pm.

The Tucson Creative Arts Festival will be held August 12-15, 2025.

The Prescott Creative Arts Festival will be held in September at the County Fairgrounds. The exact date will be provided later.

I urge you to attend these competitions and be impressed with the artistic achievements of our veterans. You will feel rewarded that your donations make this rehabilitation program possible.

The American Legion Auxiliary's purpose is to support veterans, military, and their families. Our Unit donations are very important since The American Legion Auxiliary and Department of Veterans Affairs are the only two sponsors for this program. When sending donations to Department, please specify it is for your local VA festival or it will be forwarded to the National Creative Arts Festival. Poppy funds can be also used for the Creative Arts Program.

Additional information can be found at www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact me or a team member in your area:

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CREATIVE ARTS

MAY 2025

Since 2000, the Auxiliary has co-presented the National Creative Arts Festival, along with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to carry out the Auxiliary's mission of Service Not Self. Members, units, and departments support the local competitions, the Festival, and provide monetary donations to make this event possible. Your Unit donations should be mailed to Department and specified that they are for our local Creative Arts program.

Photos of the Auxiliary making a difference at this event for our veterans can be viewed by visiting NVCAF on Facebook.

The program involves art, music, creative writing, dance, and drama. Entries in the local Creative Arts Festivals are judged and the winners receive ribbons. The top three finalists in each category are invited to compete in the National Creative Arts Festival which will be held May 11-18, 2025, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The visual arts division includes 51 categories ranging from oil paintings to leatherwork to leatherwork to paint-by-number kits. In the performing arts division, there are 100 categories related to music, dance, and creative writing.

Our local Creative Arts Festival will be held May 8, 2025, in the Topaz Clinic, at Carl T. Hayden Medical Center in Phoenix. I encourage everyone to attend and have an opportunity to meet our talented veterans. The Tucson Arts Festival will be held August 12-15, 2025, and the Prescott Arts Festival will be held in September, 2025. Anyone interested in car pooling? Call me.

Additional information can be found at www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov.

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From: Kyleigh Rubis <krubis@azdvs.gov>

Date: Fri, Apr 11, 2025, 1:40 PM

Subject: Community Partner

To: Candy Neagle <candy.neagle@gmail.com>-----

Greetings!

Good day to you. I am reaching out to our direct vendors and community partners to participate in celebrating ASVH - Phoenix's Nursing Home Week.

This year, Nursing Home Week is **May 11th - May 17th**. This is a week of celebration for all of our hard working staff, as we do not celebrate individual departments like Nurses Week.

Ideally, we would love for our partners to choose a date to come in for an hour or two and bring treats and/or company items (swag bags/merch). You don't have to stop there! You can include a game at your table. There will be fun events within our facility during Nursing Home Week. We hope you can join us!

Please let me know if your company is able to participate and if so, which date and time works best for you?

Do not hesitate to ask any questions, we are excited to hear back from you!



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