



OUR ARIZONA LEADERSHIP 2025-2026 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT

MARGE CHRISTIANSON

Marge is eligible through the service of her father, Chester H. Utke, US Army Air Force, 1st Lieutenant, B26 Bomber pilot, European theatre, WWII. Her husband, Jim, is an SAL member through his father, Galen Christianson, who was an Army medic among the first wave of men to land on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

Marge is a 12-year member and volunteer of John J. Morris American Legion Auxiliary Unit 62 in Peoria. She has held several positions at the Unit, District, Department and National levels. Her personal highlights include engaging the public in the efforts of the American Legion Auxiliary—raising funds in the form of grants and donations from businesses, governments and individuals for veterans and their families. She attended ALA Girls Nation as a senior counselor as well as facilitated two National Junior Conferences as Western Division Chairman. Marge was recently elected to a three-year term of the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Board of Directors. Marge believes that joy should be part of every endeavor undertaken. Her theme for Membership this year is

America 250: Building our Patriotic Future. Members will be on a fun virtual **ROADTRIP!** as they sing & remember their “**whY A L A?**” -- meeting membership goals at patriotic sites throughout America. Whether Districts are driving hippie vans, army tanks or luxury sports cars (to name a few), they will be meeting at the finish line—**VICTORIOUS** in building membership and the country’s patriotic future.

“I am so honored to be elected by the dedicated members of the Department of Arizona as Vice President & to serve as the 2025/26 Membership Chairman. The power of the American Legion Auxiliary rests in its members and **TOGETHER** we aim to grow that power as our country turns 250!”

Arizona Village People: Start your engines!!!