



**OUR ARIZONA LEADERSHIP
2026-2027 DEPARTMENT 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 13-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 is currently serving a three-year term on the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Board of Directors. Marge believes that joy should be part of every endeavor undertaken.

