

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT 2025-2026

"Angels In the Outfield"

**Bringing recognition and Honor to Hospice Caregivers, The Hospice Organizations,
and the importance of Hospice Care in End-of-Life Services.**

Submitted By: Dawn Davidson, PSP Chairman, 2025-2026

Appointed by ALA Department of AZ 2025-2026

President Dolores Chavez

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It is with profound gratitude and a heart full of pride that I present this report on
the 2025-26 President's Special Project.

ALA Department President Dolores Chavez chose this theme for her special project to bring greater awareness to hospice caregivers, those receiving hospice services, and the importance of understanding hospice and end-of-life care. These are life experiences most of us will face, and the more informed we are, the better prepared we will be to make thoughtful choices during these difficult times.

Dolores and I started the year off with a presentation at the ALA Fall conference in Tucson. Sharing the info on the PSP, handing out information packets on hospice, where to get educated to learn more. and ideas to assist their local hospice organizations and VA Health care Services. We continued by visiting Unit and District Meetings. We presented an

information program to those members attending, focusing on Hospice Support, PSP support ideas and what to expect when a loved one is entering hospice care. We both shared our hospice experiences with our loved ones in the last 3 years. We held a fundraiser raffle of calming diamond art kits. We raised \$330 + in these raffles.

We also attended special Unit events and stopped in at many AZ units & AL posts, the goal was to bring recognition to the PSP and give out information on hospice and caregivers. We were warmly welcomed and many members shared their thoughts on the PSP and also personal experiences in hospice and caregiving through the end of life. We really felt we were able to help many members, either by giving information, or sharing their personal testimonies. The members got to see their friends and ALA Sisters, tell of challenges in caregiving, things they had not shared with the membership before. We hope that will open up the conversation between these members.

Units held many special fundraising events and made generous donations to Hospice Organizations and the PSP fund. More than \$25,000 dollars was raised in the ALA Dept of AZ units and districts, both monetary and in-kind giving directly to caregivers and hospice organizations. We are so grateful that our message was heard and landed on so many generous hearts. This was a very difficult topic for some of our members, but we feel we will have had made some impact on our membership to normalize End of life services. We hope that this may be an ongoing topic in our membership and friendships, tell one another when we need help and support one another in these challenges. We acknowledge that this PSPProject is just the beginning of ALA supporting and volunteering in hospice and for caregivers who could use support, but we have hope that the ALA will continue this effort within our Units with what they have learned in this PSP.

Respectively Submitted,

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President's Special Project Chairman 2025-2026

For ALA Dept. of AZ President Dolores Chavez