



## **“Angels in the Outfield, Caring for others”**

**May 2026.**

**Department dues will be going up for the 2027 Membership Year!** At last year’s convention a dues increase for department was passed. Units will be sending in \$30.00 to cover Department and National dues. PLEASE, talk to your members and make sure your unit charges enough to cover this and the unit portion. **Dues forms are on the website and must be returned to department HQ by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Late forms will be charged \$30 if changes are to be made. The form is included in this packet.**

**Department Convention June 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> in Chandler.**

**REGISTRATION FORMS AND THE HOTEL LINK ARE ON THE WEBSITE. If you want to CALL the hotel, the number is 480-812-0900. You MUST talk to the front desk (NOT RESERVATIONS) Code is ZOS.**

We will be holding the ALA convention at the Chandler Community Center again this year. Please bring a cushion as the chairs are hard. The link for hotel rooms at the San Marcos is on the website. Once the San Marcos is sold out, then the link for the Hilton Garden Inn will be available. **PLEASE NOTE, 30 days before convention, the San Marcos will charge your credit card on file one night room rate plus taxes and fees. This is to reduce the number of cancelled rooms at the last minute. The Legion has to pay for empty rooms when posts/units call for a block of rooms and then cancel some of them right before convention.**

**ALAMIS billing has been sent out. Please send your payment as soon as possible. If you make changes to anyone on ALAMIS those billed MUST BE PAID and then payment for any changes. National DOES NOT PRORATE and neither do we.**

**Don’t hold on to membership, please send in weekly.**

**Department NO LONGER HOLDS MEMBERSHIP CREDITS!!! ONLINE AND OVER/UNDERPAYMENTS ARE REIMBURSED MONTHLY. DO NOT WRITE USE CREDIT ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP WHEN YOU SEND IT IN.**

**If the check, we send you is not cashed within 90 days of issuance the bank automatically voids it and you WILL NOT BE ISSUED ANOTHER ONE!**

**If you have changed your Unit Mailing address, we need to know the new one. We are getting a lot of undeliverable mail back from the USPS saying undeliverable mail or unknown residents.**

**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT** : President Dolores's project this year is **Caregivers and Hospice** . Dawn Davidson from Unit 45 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, [aladawndavidson@gmail.com](mailto:aladawndavidson@gmail.com), if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is everyone's job. 2026 membership renewals, re-joins and new members can be sent to the Department.

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

**MANDATES : Units 9,22,30,37,84,88,125,133,140 and Districts 2,4,6 have not paid their mandates for 2025-2026.** The 2025-2026 mandates are on the website. 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.

**2026 DIRECTORY:** Is on the Department website: [www.aladeptaz.org](http://www.aladeptaz.org) . If your Units information is blank, that means we did not receive your new officer information. Please email us with the information and we will get you entered.

**POPPY:** We need units to start making poppies for Department.

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).

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**PLEASE REMEMBER !!!!!**

**No one representing the American Legion Auxiliary will ever send an email or text asking you for money or to purchase gift cards for them because they are busy or "in meetings".**

**PLEASE ALWAYS DELETE THEM AND IGNORE ANY SUCH REQUEST !!!!!**

**A Unit has fallen for a gift card scam, PLEASE let your members know to be diligent!**