



## **“Engaging our Youth in Patriotism, for our Veterans”**

**October 2026,**

**Fall Conference will be November 6-8, 2026, at Doubletree Reid Park in Tucson. Registration forms are now on the website. Please bring your Juniors they will be having their Conference on Saturday. Speaking of Saturday, don't miss out on the breakout sessions forms to register for those are also on the website. We will be hosting the National Western Division Vice President Ellen Nathan of Utah.**

**Department dues will be going up for the 2027 Membership Year!** Units will send \$30.00 to cover Department and National dues. Membership is everyone's job. Membership renewals, re-joins and new members can be sent to the Department.

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

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

**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 Marge's project this year is **Engaging our Youth in Patriotism, for our Veterans**. Kim Lindsey from Unit 5 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, [scoutermomkim@yahoo.com](mailto:scoutermomkim@yahoo.com), if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

**MANDATES:** . The 2026-2027 mandates are posted on the website under Finance; Units have also been sent an invoice.

We are doing something new this year, I will be invoicing and snail mailing Units and Districts for their mandates, I will also be emailing the invoice to the Unit/District Treasurer. Remember a Poppy mandate

was past at convention and a Due date of March 1<sup>st</sup> for both Department and District mandates or your Unit will have no vote and will Not be eligible for awards at next year's 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 no longer have purchase by date, due to the new Poppy mandate. Order when you need them. And yes, you must pay for what you order. The mandate qualifies all units for awards and eliminates the 10% net profit payment to 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 !!!!!**  
**PLEASE let your members know to be diligent!**

It has come to my attention that some units are holding membership cards after the member has joined and/or renewed. Once you have processed the application and/or renewal you must send the card to the member. I understand that some units place them behind the bar in the canteen for the member to pick up, and other units mail them. This practice is fine. You may NOT hold the card of members to coerce them to come to an initiation at the unit. Initiations are beautiful and well deserved but they are completely voluntary. To hold someone membership card hostage is for lack of a better word, theft. The members paid for that card, and they deserve to receive it promptly and with no strings attached.

This also means that membership MUST BE processed weekly, DO NOT HOLD MEMBERSHIP!!! A member may need to apply for AEF or a scholarship and if they paid the unit in October and in December it still hasn't been processed, the member will call department or National and then we call you. Please process your membership in a timely manner.

If you are signing up new members and the veteran, they are signing up under is alive they MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION and we MUST have their membership number on the application to process. The Post Adjutant/officer must sign the application, and the unit must keep the application for the life of that member.

The National judge advocate has stated that unit membership chairs/secretaries may sign off when the veteran is deceased if the proper documentation has been shown. DO NOT KEEP DD214's Return them to the members.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self,

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