

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

May 2026

By 2nd Vice – Lynda Griffin



**NATIONAL VETERANS
CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION**

**Phoenix VA 20th Annual
CREATIVE ARTS
Festival 2026**

**Event Date: Thursday May 7, 2026
10:00 AM – 01:00 PM**

**This event will take place at the Carl T. Hayden VA Center in the Topaz
Clinic (Basement level – Ambulatory Care Clinic Building)**

Thank You! Thank You!

It is an honor to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your 2nd Vice President. It has been a true honor, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your trust and support.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of the Chairmen and volunteers under Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) for your incredible dedication. I am truly grateful for the hard work of our veterans across all locations:

- **Creative Arts:** Anita Ritter (Phoenix), Sally Fine (Prescott), and Theresa Marks (Tucson).
- **Service to Veterans:** Sara Decker.
- **VAMC Facilities:** Sabina Iniguez (Phoenix) and Trish Aljets (Tucson and Prescott).
- **State Homes:** Candy Neagle (Phoenix), Nancy Morrow (Tucson), Lojray Alvarez (Flagstaff), and Trish Aljets (Prescott). Gift Shops: Viki Jackson (Phoenix), Melani Pyland (Tucson), and Trish Aljets (Prescott)
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You have all done an awesome job. To our chairmen and our wonderful volunteers: Thank you for everything you do and continue to do to support our veterans.



Report Deadline – May 1, 2026

Again I want to thank you for the fantastic job you have done throughout the year serving our Veterans and their families. It has been a pleasure meeting so many incredible veterans and dedicated volunteers alongside you.

As we approach the end of the year, I am sending a friendly reminder that your final reports are due by May 1, 2026. Please ensure all your data and highlights are captured so we can reflect your hard work in our final end-of-year report.

Thank you for your continued commitment and for getting these submitted on time.

Let us all remember the ALA Mission Statement in everything we do!

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.