

DISTRICT 1 SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Units: 19, 56, and 46

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District 1 has three units and a new baby unit (113 Quartzsite) which has not received its baby. Each unit has been busy in its own way, doing their thing

UNIT 19 - YUMA

The unit has been instrumental in assisting the Post with all the community parties. They include: Halloween, Christmas, Easter and the 4th of July celebrations.

The Bingo kitchen keeps the auxiliary busy every Friday.

Once a month the auxiliary host the meat draw.

Wreaths Across America is another project. With this money, wreaths are purchased for one of the local cemeteries and placed on our local veterans gravesites.

The auxiliary has sponsored several girls to Girls State.

Money was allocated to the local Marine Base during their time of need. The local service men were on a no-pay status and could not make ends meet. The unit donated \$5000 to the base chaplain in the form of Visa cards. These were distributed to soldiers in need with families.

Jessie's Closet and Christina's Closet were another recipient of funding. Both of these organizations assist our local veterans and community. They were given monies to assist them in providing for our veterans.

Another organization did not ask for money, they asked for duffle bags packed with underclothing, socks for foster care children ages toddler to teenager. A total of \$2000 was spent and donated.

In November the Veterans Day Parade is held. Our veterans are honored. A bar-b-que is held at the Post with District in charge of desserts and a raffle table. Items are raffled and money earned is placed in the district account. Some of our Junior members attend as well and ask for donations for the Poppy program.

Thursday evenings, during the winter months, are open for hamburger nights. A local DJ donates his time and plays for the community who attend. The auxiliary has a dessert table available with sweets for purchase. What is not sold on Thursday are saved for Bingo Friday evenings.

February is sweethearts. The auxiliary puts together a dinner dance for the community and is open to the public. Dinner is available and either a band or DJ donates their time playing for us. A raffle table is available and 50/50 raffle.

UNIT 56 – YUMA

This unit hasn't been as active as in previous years. The kitchen they had was closed. The auxiliary would have raffles for special holidays.

They sponsored several girls to Girls State.

A meat draw is held on Sundays.

UNIT 46 – BOUSE

A small but mighty unit. They are active maybe 4-5 months out of the year. The auxiliary has partnered with other organizations in the area and have held dinners for the community, raising money for the local school children to take a trip. Assisted several local veterans in the area. Sponsored

UNIT 113 – QUARTZSITE (baby unit but no baby yet)

They are a new unit in the district. Hopefully, they will be getting their baby at convention. Already they have hosted District meetings in their facilities. District held the picnic there, and members donated food and desserts.

