

Department of Arizona History – Book of Reports Narrative

(2025–2026)

The 2025–2026 administrative year has been one of meaningful service, growth, and unity for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona. With 83 Units across 10 Districts, members demonstrated unwavering dedication to serving veterans, military families, and local communities. Their collective efforts reflect a strong year of mission-driven accomplishments that strengthened the Department and expanded its presence throughout the state.

Units engaged in a wide range of impactful projects. Many provided critical assistance during times of community hardship, including cleanup efforts following extreme flooding. Others focused on consistent service initiatives such as monthly fundraising dinners, care-package programs, and major holiday projects including Angel Tree, Christmas Stars for Veterans Hospital, and Post-family gift deliveries to VA homes. Holiday support was a major point of emphasis, with one Unit feeding 53 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas and others providing gifts, meals, and essential support to veterans and children across Arizona. Units also maintained strong community traditions through participation in events such as the Parada Del Sol Parade, annual car shows, and school-centered outreach including Back-to-School Drives and Purple Up Day.

Membership remained a significant success. Several Units achieved outstanding growth, including one reaching 137.93 percent and another surpassing 100 percent before April. These accomplishments reflect increasing community engagement and wider recognition of the Auxiliary's mission. Units also advanced the Department's historical preservation efforts. Some strengthened archival practices, and one Unit's Historian developed a digital community archive through video storytelling and memorabilia collection, preserving local heritage for generations to come.

Throughout the year, Units welcomed Department officers at mission trainings, meetings, celebrations, and special events. These visits supported leadership development, communication, and unity across the Department. Collaborative efforts with Posts and Legion Family partners further enhanced community engagement and strengthened statewide relationships.

Units completed a variety of improvement and outreach projects, including reconstructing handicapped ramps, contributing to Post facility upgrades, providing meals and support to veterans, and raising funds for recreation and service programs. Partnerships with schools, youth groups, and community organizations played a key role in expanding outreach efforts and ensuring that the Auxiliary remained a visible and supportive presence throughout Arizona.

The work accomplished during the 2025–2026 year reflects a Department rooted in mission, compassion, and service. Through their actions, members honored the Auxiliary's legacy and reinforced the Department of Arizona's commitment to making a meaningful and lasting impact on veterans, their families, and communities across the state. This year stands as a testament to what dedicated Units can achieve when united in purpose and service.