



Engaging our Youth in Patriotism for our Veterans

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Arizona Auxiliary!

You are invited to the 2026 Fall conference Nov 6th to 8th in Tucson!! Come one, Come all!!!

New this year, we will be holding the Junior Conference concurrent with the Senior Conference. Junior members, ages 8 and older, are encouraged to come for a fun learning experience. To encourage more attendance, they can even bring a friend (membership eligibility for friends not required).

And not to miss out, **we are planning a fun learning experience for the Senior members too!** More on that soon.

You may have heard about the many resolutions passed at the 2026 Arizona Department Convention. Some of the mission focused resolutions were:

- A resolution to cover the expenses of a Little Miss Poppy & her chaperone to attend the National Convention if she wins the National title!
- A resolution awarding a \$200 wish list to classrooms that produce an Arizona Department winner in each class of entry in the Essay and/or Poppy Poster contest.
- Updated awards that Junior members (or Units supporting Junior members) are eligible to win! Also new this year: award entries are due at the same time as Senior awards and winning Juniors receive a small plaque to keep.

These resolutions are designed to give you the tools you need to reach and excite our youth in our programs and mission. Remember: "They are our future!"

Look for Department Chairman bulletins on the Department webpage (www.aladeptaz.org) providing more information about these and so many other opportunities to meet our mission!

With Halloween just around the corner—are you planning a Trunk or Treat event? Why not add some patriotic themed items like stickers, pencils, flags, coloring books to the mix of items you pass out?

Thank you for posting on the Department's Facebook Page: Ring Your Bell Arizona. Everyone loves to see the mission at work!

Yours in Service,

Marge

Marge Christianson, President, Department of Arizona, American Legion Auxiliary

P.S. My travel schedule is now on the Department website—please contact me at alaunit62az@gmail.com if your Unit or District would like to get on the schedule!

President Marge Travel Schedule

Date	Event	Notes
August 27, 2026	Tucson Creative Arts	
August 28- Sept 5	National ALA Convention	
Sept 6-21, 2026	Family Vacation	
Oct 10, 2026	ALA Foundation Board Meeting	
Oct 13, 2026	Unit 39 Gilbert General Mtg 6:00 pm	Contact: Christine Paplaczky
Oct 15, 2026	VAVS Phoenix Meeting	
October 23, 2026	Unit 32 Safford Early Bird Dinner 5:00	Contact: Wendy Hackney
October 24, 2026	District 5 Meeting (Safford) noon	Contact: Wendy Hackney; Also attending: Kim Lindsay
November 6-8, 2026	Fall Conferences Tucson	
November 11, 2026	Unit 1 Veteran's Day Parade	
November 14, 2026	District 8 Meeting time 11:00 lunch (Yarnell)	Contact: Peggy Miller
November 15, 2026	District 3 Meeting 11:00 (Benson)	Contact: Maggie Montijo
December 14, 2026	Unit 25 Cottonwood General Meeting 5:00	Contact: Peggy Miller
December 23, 2026	Prescott Gift Shop	Contact: Trish Aljets
Jan 2, 2027	Department Open House	
Jan 16, 2027	Maricopa Home Show Unit 115/District 11 Booth	Contact: Lori Muldner
Jan 17, 2027	District 2 Meeting 1:00 (Unit 68)	Contact: Jessica Bird
Feb 5-7, 2027	Nat'l Mission Training	
March 18-22, 2027	National President Visit	
June 23-27, 2027	Department Convention- Chandler	

If you would like to have Marge visit your Unit or District, please contact her at alaunit62az@gmail.com

AUGUST TIDBITS FROM DEB MUNCHBACH

I am going to start distributing what I have for the August 2026 Bulletin. When everyone returns from National Convention in a week, there may be more information that cannot wait until the end of September to go out.... If there is I will send out a "Part 2 Addendum".

Over the summer several people have worked very hard on further updates to the Department Awards Program. In the next 2 weeks emails are going out to Chairmen, Program Committees, and the Department Executive Committee asking them to review these materials in preparation for the Pre-Conference meetings on Friday, November 6, 2026.

At this time the following are ""almost ready"": AEF, Americanism, Cavalcade of Memories, Children & Youth, Chaplain & Prayer Books, History, all Jr. Awards, Leadership, Membership, and Scrapbook. When it gets closer to Conference, I will put them on the Department website for everyone to look at.

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UNIT 19 Historian is Kunkle not Kunk

UNIT 24 Remove Treasurer No replacement at this time.

UNIT 37 Treasurer is Ovalle not Dvalle

UNIT 39

Chaplain New email
Hhaugolachaplain@gmail.com

UNIT 40

Treasurer is Frye not Fry
Membership is Kari Lopez not Rene Lopez

UNIT 44 Chaplain is Krista Beale not Beele

UNIT 46 Historian is Cammy Cooke not Cookie
Secretary is Sue Herron not Herven

UNIT 115

New Meeting Address and Time
19055 N 57th Ave
Glendale, AZ 85308
on
1st Saturday
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

UNIT 124

Correct mailing address to
9201 S. Avenida del Yaqui, #3, Guadalupe, AZ 85283

UNIT 131

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President

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UNIT 135

Correct spelling of Historian last name and email Sheila Stubler
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DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN

Stephanie McMullen requests we use **aladeptaz2ndvp.varchairman@gmail.com** for **VAR duties**.

stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com is for when she is **Unit 62 Membership Chairman**.

HONORARY DEPARTMENT JUNIOR OFFICERS

President Jasmine Lugo Unit 41
VP Laynee Arrants Unit 138
Secretary Isabella Ward Unit 41
Historian Laken Marty Unit 91
Chaplain Ember Martinez Unit 62

DISTRICT 2

Change email for Vice President Shelley Sperl to **sperldist2vp@gmail.com**

DISTRICT 4

Please remove Unit 97 from list of Units in District

DISTRICT 8

Correct Secretary Patti Hartfiel email to **pjhplace@aol.com**

DISTRICT 11

Correct VP Charlotte Sullivan email to **crsully55@gmail.com**

TUCSON VA GIFT SHOP CHAIRMAN

Please add the @ to Chairman's email address (Melani Ruiz-Pyland)
ala.giftshop.tucson@gmail.com

Hello Chairmen!

We are off to a great start and building momentum! Can you feel it?

As you know a BIG part of your commitment is about engaging Units and their members, so.....

- Make sure YOU know YOUR program! Resources abound. Take the initiative to learn. Don't wait for someone else to tell you!
- Monthly bulletin submissions (with a few exceptions) are due by the 15th of each month and should be sent to Deb at munchaz@msn.com. Since I will be reading them monthly, I'll keep track of submissions (see attached)..... you can expect to hear from me if you do not regularly send in a bulletin! Thank you to those of you who submitted this past month. I've also attached more detail on writing program bulletins.
- Given the positive comments about the "Program Boards" initiated by President Dolores, I am requesting that you put together a simple board for Fall Conference hitting the highlights of your program. If your program has elements of supporting youth, please include it! Fall Conference is in Tucson, November 6-8.
- Please check the Dept website regularly—especially the "YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE". It has the most current information available about upcoming events, due dates etc. I just learned the Tucson Creative Art Festival date changed from what I had on my calendar!
- Pre-National Convention meetings are occurring over the next couple of weeks. Next year, each of you will be attending one of these for your program as the official representative for our Department. You are welcome to attend any of them this year as a "GUEST". (A few of you, who were chairman this past year, are the "official representative" for your program and you know who you are). You can register here: [Virtual Pre Con Meetings](#). I'm registered for all of them as a guest!
- Please be sure you are communicating with and engaging your committee members. Assign them a portion of your program, ask them to write bulletins, etc. You are a mentor!

Does it seem like a lot? No worries, you got this. Please reach out to me, Deb, Rose or other experienced chairmen if you need assistance. We are here to help, but not "take-over"!

Here's to another fabulous year American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona!!!!

Yours in Service,

Marge

Program Chairman Bulletins/Communication with Units

A key aspect of communication with our membership is through the monthly bulletins that go out to Units via email &/or snail mail and are posted on the Department website. As a program chairman, your goal is to inspire and educate members about your ALA program, acknowledge efforts and promote success stories. Below is a broad outline of the monthly bulletin content. All bulletins should be sent to Deb Munchbach: munchaz@msn.com for distribution.

August Bulletin (DUE NOW)

- Introduce yourself--briefly—this is about making a connection with members, not impressing them. Things like what Unit you are a member of, how long you've been a member; who you qualified through; your reason for being a member..... personal info if you wish (kids, fur babies, etc)
- Give Highlights of what your program covers—especially as it relates to engaging youth. This is “program 101” information so members know who to contact for which topics (i.e., if I have a question about Little Miss Poppy, is that a Junior Activities question or a Poppy question?).
- Include anything of pertinence for your program for at least September, October or November, (e.g., Days of Recognition –Citizen's Day, Patriot's Day of Service, Senior/Junior Conference; Veteran's Day ideas; Halloween Coloring Books; etc). You got your Program Engagement plan in your folder at the Organizational meeting—it has ideas to share with Units about your program.
- Include how to contact you

September Bulletin (Due August 15)

- Pick a program topic to go in depth with (e.g., Youth Hero Award; how to engage schools, awards, etc). Ask your committee members to assist: this is a great way to engage your committee members.
- Invite members to attend Fall Conference. Remind Units to send photos with description for your Fall Conference program board (I'm requesting that each program chair make a presentation board like last year, so action photos might be helpful).
- Include anything pertinent about your program as it relates to at least October, November, December (Wreaths across America, patriotic holiday gift ideas for kids etc)
- Include how to contact you

Ongoing Bulletins (Due 15th of each month)

- Pick a program topic to go in depth with
- Include anything pertinent about your program as it relates to at least the next three months
- Include how to contact you

Bulletin topics to include during the year

- Year- end Reporting request and info you will be requesting
- Department Awards for your program

- National Awards for your program
- ANY PROGRAM DUE DATES WELL IN ADVANCE so Units can plan, budget, engage
- Invitation to Dept Convention
- Please join & post to Ring Your Bell
- Please join the National Facebook page for this program

As Department Chairmen, you may receive National Newsletters which can be informative for Units. These should be forwarded to Deb Munchbach, as well, for posting on the Department website.

Hello everyone !

Well we are getting busy teaching people about the PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT!

I was able to talk at a Mission Training at Cottonwood and I will be visiting all of the District meetings hope to see you all at them!

Also working on a super project for all of the units to be involved in and the juniors too !! Will be rolling this out shortly look for more info on ring your bell !

And ill be at as many mission trainings as possible !!

Please feel free to call text or email me with any questions I work from home and am always available

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For god and country

Service not self

Kim Lindsey

DISTRICT MANDATES 2026-2027

DISTRICT	BOND FEE	INCORPORATION FEES	TOTAL
1	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$21.00
2	\$27.50	\$10.00	\$37.50
3	\$16.50	\$10.00	\$26.50
4	\$19.25	\$10.00	\$29.25
5	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$21.00
6	\$13.75	\$10.00	\$23.75
7	\$33.00	\$10.00	\$43.00
8	\$27.50	\$10.00	\$37.50
11	\$27.50	\$10.00	\$37.50
12	\$49.50	\$10.00	\$59.50

DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2026

2026-2027 DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA MANDATES

Rehabilitation Per Capita (RPC), Delegate Per Capita (DPC), Junior Activities Per Capita (JAPC), and Junior Delegate Per Capita (JDPC) are based on the "Close of Books" July 31st 2026.

The Flat Fee Poppy Mandate is in Lieu of the 10% net profit and 100 Minimum Order by September 30 date.

Please make check payable to: ALA Department of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015

DUE MARCH 1, 2027

Unit #	# JR's	#SR's	RPC	DPC	JAPC	JDPC	POPPY MANDATE	BOND	TOTAL	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
1	1	105	\$21.00	\$42.00	\$21.20	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$119.90	106
2	0	87	\$17.40	\$34.80	\$17.40	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$105.10	87
3	3	68	\$13.60	\$27.20	\$14.20	\$0.60	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$91.10	71
4	2	36	\$7.20	\$14.40	\$7.60	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$65.10	38
5	1	65	\$13.00	\$26.00	\$13.20	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$87.90	66
6	6	348	\$69.60	\$139.20	\$70.80	\$1.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$316.30	354
7	1	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$7.00	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$63.10	35
8	1	29	\$5.80	\$11.60	\$6.00	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$59.10	30
9	1	150	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$30.20	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$155.90	151
11	4	134	\$26.80	\$53.60	\$27.60	\$0.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$144.30	138
12	1	232	\$46.40	\$92.80	\$46.60	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$221.50	233
13	3	64	\$12.80	\$25.60	\$13.40	\$0.60	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$87.90	67
14	5	123	\$24.60	\$49.20	\$25.60	\$1.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$135.90	128
16	0	46	\$9.20	\$18.40	\$9.20	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$72.30	46
19	7	188	\$37.60	\$75.20	\$39.00	\$1.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$188.70	195
22	4	131	\$26.20	\$52.40	\$27.00	\$0.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$141.90	135
24	11	428	\$85.60	\$171.20	\$87.80	\$2.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$382.30	439
25	6	310	\$62.00	\$124.00	\$63.20	\$1.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$285.90	316
26	2	219	\$43.80	\$87.60	\$44.20	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$211.50	221
27	11	2048	\$409.60	\$819.20	\$411.80	\$2.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$1,678.30	2059
28	2	87	\$17.40	\$34.80	\$17.80	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$105.90	89
TOTAL	72	4932	\$986.40	\$1,972.80	\$1,000.80	\$14.40	\$630.00	\$115.50	\$4,719.90	5004

Unit #	# JR's	#SR's	RPC	DPC	JAPC	JDPC	POPPY MANDATE	BOND	TOTAL	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
29	8	223	\$44.60	\$89.20	\$46.20	\$1.60	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$217.10	231
30	1	100	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$20.20	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$115.90	101
32	0	151	\$30.20	\$60.40	\$30.20	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$156.30	151
34	1	303	\$60.60	\$121.20	\$60.80	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$278.30	304
35	7	290	\$58.00	\$116.00	\$59.40	\$1.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$270.30	297
36	2	247	\$49.40	\$98.80	\$49.80	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$233.90	249
37	0	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$6.80	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$62.70	34
39	14	631	\$126.20	\$252.40	\$129.00	\$2.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$545.90	645
40	0	97	\$19.40	\$38.80	\$19.40	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$113.10	97
41	14	335	\$67.00	\$134.00	\$69.80	\$2.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$309.10	349
42	5	34	\$6.80	\$13.60	\$7.80	\$1.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$64.70	39
44	0	284	\$56.80	\$113.60	\$56.80	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$262.70	284
45	4	43	\$8.60	\$17.20	\$9.40	\$0.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$71.50	47
46	1	64	\$12.80	\$25.60	\$13.00	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$87.10	65
51	11	60	\$12.00	\$24.00	\$14.20	\$2.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$87.90	71
52	1	169	\$33.80	\$67.60	\$34.00	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$171.10	170
53	0	42	\$8.40	\$16.80	\$8.40	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$69.10	42
54	1	74	\$14.80	\$29.60	\$15.00	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$95.10	75
56	1	65	\$13.00	\$26.00	\$13.20	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$87.90	66
57	2	64	\$12.80	\$25.60	\$13.20	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$87.50	66
58	6	421	\$84.20	\$168.40	\$85.40	\$1.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$374.70	427
59	7	122	\$24.40	\$48.80	\$25.80	\$1.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$135.90	129
61	3	252	\$50.40	\$100.80	\$51.00	\$0.60	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$238.30	255
62	19	1237	\$247.40	\$494.80	\$251.20	\$3.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$1,032.70	1256
64	0	15	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$47.50	15
65	55	314	\$62.80	\$125.60	\$73.80	\$11.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$308.70	369
66	0	864	\$172.80	\$345.60	\$172.80	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$726.70	864
68	3	50	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$10.60	\$0.60	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$76.70	53
69	0	119	\$23.80	\$47.60	\$23.80	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$130.70	119
TOTAL	166	6704	\$1,340.80	\$2,681.60	\$1,374.00	\$33.20	\$870.00	\$159.50	\$6,459.10	6870

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73	1	16	\$3.20	\$6.40	\$3.40	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$48.70	17
78	1	125	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.20	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$135.90	126
79	0	166	\$33.20	\$66.40	\$33.20	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$168.30	166
81	4	724	\$144.80	\$289.60	\$145.60	\$0.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$616.30	728
84	5	45	\$9.00	\$18.00	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$73.50	50
86	13	479	\$95.80	\$191.60	\$98.40	\$2.60	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$423.90	492
87	4	189	\$37.80	\$75.60	\$38.60	\$0.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$188.30	193
88	0	53	\$10.60	\$21.20	\$10.60	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$77.90	53
90	1	65	\$13.00	\$26.00	\$13.20	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$87.90	66
91	24	346	\$69.20	\$138.40	\$74.00	\$4.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$321.90	370
93	0	103	\$20.60	\$41.20	\$20.60	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$117.90	103
95	6	75	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$16.20	\$1.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$97.90	81
103	0	64	\$12.80	\$25.60	\$12.80	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$86.70	64
105	10	288	\$57.60	\$115.20	\$59.60	\$2.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$269.90	298
107	5	240	\$48.00	\$96.00	\$49.00	\$1.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$229.50	245
108	3	29	\$5.80	\$11.60	\$6.40	\$0.60	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$59.90	32
109	14	432	\$86.40	\$172.80	\$89.20	\$2.80	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$386.70	446
113	0	17	\$3.40	\$6.80	\$3.40	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$49.10	17
114	1	7	\$1.40	\$2.80	\$1.60	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$41.50	8
115	6	33	\$6.60	\$13.20	\$7.80	\$1.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$64.30	39
117	2	215	\$43.00	\$86.00	\$43.40	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$208.30	217
123	0	23	\$4.60	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$53.90	23
124	5	35	\$7.00	\$14.00	\$8.00	\$1.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$65.50	40
125	1	13	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$2.80	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$46.30	14
129	1	28	\$5.60	\$11.20	\$5.80	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$58.30	29
TOTAL	107	3810	\$762.00	\$1,524.00	\$783.40	\$21.40	\$750.00	\$137.50	\$3,978.30	3917

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131	0	589	\$117.80	\$235.60	\$117.80	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$506.70	589
132	2	66	\$13.20	\$26.40	\$13.60	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$89.10	68
133	2	26	\$5.20	\$10.40	\$5.60	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$57.10	28
135	6	31	\$6.20	\$12.40	\$7.40	\$1.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$62.70	37
136	2	13	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$3.00	\$0.40	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$46.70	15
138	3	121	\$24.20	\$48.40	\$24.80	\$0.60	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$133.50	124
140	6	13	\$2.60	\$5.20	\$3.80	\$1.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$48.30	19
141	0	22	\$4.40	\$8.80	\$4.40	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$53.10	22
145	0	22	\$4.40	\$8.80	\$4.40	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$53.10	22
147	1	21	\$4.20	\$8.40	\$4.40	\$0.20	\$30.00	\$5.50	\$52.70	22
TOTAL	22	924	\$184.80	\$369.60	\$189.20	\$4.40	\$300.00	\$55.00	\$1,103.00	946

GRAND TOTAL	367	16,370	\$3,274.00	\$6,548.00	\$3,347.40	\$73.40	\$2,550.00	\$467.50	\$16,260.30	16,737
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Americanism Chairman's Corner
Department of Arizona Auxiliary
2026-2027
August Newsletter

Hello! Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Amber Sanchez, I am a member of Swaskegame (swa-kee-GA-may) Unit 14, Kingman. I am honored to serve as your 2026-2027 Department of Arizona Americanism Chairman.

My American Legion Auxiliary journey began in 2023 in a way I never expected. My husband and I participated in a local Christmas in July motorcycle charity ride. At the end of the ride, we were invited by the American Legion Riders Director to visit Post 14. We accepted the invitation and while my husband was receiving a tour of the historic building, I sat chatting with members in the Social Quarters. I learned about the Legion Family, and before the day ended, we both knew we had found a place where we belonged. We joined that very day.

I am eligible for membership through my husband, who proudly served in the United States Marine Corps near the end of the Vietnam era. Military service has always been woven throughout our family's history. My father (USMC) and father-in-law (ARMY) both served during the Vietnam era. I have two veteran sons, one served in the United States Navy (2006-2014), and one served in the United States Marine Corps (2008-2012), I also have another son who is currently serving on active duty in the United States Navy since 2022. In addition, several aunts and uncles have served in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force. Service to our nation has always been an important part of our family's story.

Not long after joining the Auxiliary, I was asked to accept a nomination for Second Vice President of my Unit. I accepted and as many of you know, sometimes saying "YES" opens the door to many other "YES" opportunities. I served as Second Vice President before moving into the Vice President role, and today I have the privilege of serving as President of ALA Unit 14 and Vice President of District 7.

Leadership has never been about holding a title for me, it has always been about serving others, encouraging people to become involved, and helping others discover that they have something valuable to contribute. I believe the best leaders don't simply lead – they invite others to lead alongside them.

When Department President Marge Christensen asked me to serve as Americanism Chairman, it felt like a perfect fit for me. In a previous leadership role, I was often affectionately called "Lady Liberty". My office was filled with patriotic decorations, flags and American history. These treasures now fill my home office, and my passion for our country has only continued to grow.

I am especially excited to support President Marge's Special Project, **"Engaging Our Youth in Patriotism for Our Veterans"**. I believe one of the greatest gifts we can give future generations is an appreciation for our nation's history, our freedoms, and the sacrifices made by those who served to protect them.

There is a line in Whitney Houston's song **Greatest Love of All** that has always spoken to my heart: ***"I believe that children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way"***. Those words remind us that the time we invest in teaching our youth today will shape tomorrow's leaders.

Between my husband and me, we are blessed with ten children and, nineteen grandchildren, ranging from ages six to twenty-six. Watching them learn about our flag, proudly recite the Pledge of Allegiance, sing patriotic songs, and ask questions about our country's history has been one of life's greatest joys. Their excitement reminds me that children naturally want to learn – we simply must take the time to teach them.

As our nation continues to celebrate America's 250th Birthday, what better opportunity could there be to inspire our youth to understand our history, honor our veterans, respect our flag, and appreciate the freedoms we enjoy every day?

Throughout the coming year there will be ideas, resources, information, and reminders about our Americanism programs, including the **Americanism Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, Star Spangled Kids**, and many other opportunities for Units to participate. Be sure to visit the Americanism area on the Member Resources page, where you'll find helpful information and links as they become available.

As we begin this new Auxiliary year, I'd like to encourage every Unit to look for simple opportunities to teach patriotism throughout the year, Americanism isn't limited to just one month or one program – it can be incorporated into many of the observances we already recognize. **August 7th is National Purple Heart Day**, a wonderful opportunity to teach our youth about the brave sacrifices of our Armed Forces who were wounded during their service. A few ideas to consider:

- Consider inviting a Purple Heart recipient to share their story
- Create a small educational display recognizing Purple Heart recipients in your community (or if you are not aware of any, just an educational display)
- Take a few moments during your Unit meeting or Junior meeting to discuss the significance of the Purple Heart.
- Wear your Purple Heart shirt or a purple shirt on August 7th in support of the national holiday.

Every patriotic lesson, no matter how small, helps preserve our nation's history and reminds the next generation that freedom has never been free.

Until next month...keep teaching, keep learning, and keep Americanism alive – one heart, one family, and one community at a time!

In unity for God and Country, Service, Not Self

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September provides us with many opportunities to remember our nation's history, honor those who have served and sacrificed, and teach the next generation what it means to be an American.

As American Legion Auxiliary members, Americanism is more than displaying the flag on patriotic holidays. It is helping others understand the freedoms we enjoy, remembering those who defended those freedoms, and encouraging our youth to become informed citizens.

This month consider how your Unit can turn one – or several – of these important observances into opportunities for **service, education, remembrance, and youth involvement.**

September 11 – Patriot Day – A Day We Will Never Forget

Patriot Day is a time to remember the lives lost on September 11, 2001, honor the first responders and others who answered the call to serve, and reflect upon the unity our nation demonstrated following that tragic day.

- Display flags or encourage members and community businesses to fly the American flag.
- Recognize local firefighters, law enforcement, EMT's and other first responders, invite your Unit and youth to write thank you notes or cards.
- Observe an appropriate moment of remembrance/silence.

September 17-23 – Constitution Week

September 17th marks the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787 and was designated "Citizenship Day" on February 29, 1952, by the U.S. Congress. Constitution Week gives us a wonderful opportunity to help our members learn more about the document that established the framework for our government and the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

- Consider reading the Preamble to the US Constitution in your Unit meeting and/or making copies available to your members.
- For youth you could include a Constitution trivia game, coloring or activity pages, a discussion about the Bill of Rights, or ask children what being a "good citizen" means to them. Don't forget to get your high school students excited about the **Oratorical Contest.**

September 18 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day

On the third Friday of September, Americans pause to remember our prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action. This is an excellent opportunity to talk about:

- POW/MIA - Missing Man Table – explain the meaning of the display, many may see or have seen the table but do not understand the symbolism represented by each item.
- Invite youth to the Post to see the table and explain the symbolism of the items.

September 18 – U.S. Air Force Birthday

The United States Air Force was established as a separate branch of the Armed Forces on September 18, 1947.

- Take a moment this month to recognize Air Force veterans and active-duty service members of your Unit, Post family and community.
- A simple task for youth would be to ask them to learn about the different branches of the United States Armed Forces and recognize that they each have an “established date” or birthday.

As always, remember President Marge’s Special Project as a time to engage our youth in Americanism it doesn’t have to be a lecture, **make it about learning while having fun!** September gives us several opportunities to do just that!

What is your Unit doing?

I would love to hear how your Unit is promoting Americanism!

Send in your stories and photos. Tell us what you did and what you are planning for next month. Your idea may inspire another Unit to try something new in its own community AND you could be featured in next month’s bulletin!

Resources you can use this month:

Patriot Day – 9/11Memorial.org

Constitution Week – www.constitutionweekusa.com

<https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Americanism/Star-Spangled-Kids-Kits>

<https://www.legion.org/get-involved/youth-programs/oratorical-contest>

LOOKING AHEAD – START PLANNING NOW!

October 13th US Navy Birthday | **October 26th** – National Day of the Deployed | **October 31st** Halloween, this may not seem patriotic but many things can be incorporated, look for next month’s bulletin for ideas! | **November 11th** Veterans Day | **November 26th** Thanksgiving – An opportunity to explore American history while promoting gratitude, service and community.

In unity for God and Country, Service, Not Self

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**American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Arizona
Chaplain's Bulletin – August 2026**

National Convention Month

A Prayer for National Convention

Almighty Father,

As the National Convention approaches we ask for safe travels coming and going for all those attending from Arizona and all parts of the country, May the National Convention uplift, encourage, inspire, and move each member to action. Thank you Lord for the dedication of each member as we move forward with the Auxiliary mission and purpose.

We thank you for the country in which we live and the ideals of freedom, justice, and democracy. Help us not to take them for granted. While we daily reflect on all that we have to be thankful for, remind us to continue to strive and remember it is service not self.

In Your name we pray. Amen

The 2026 -2027 year is about to begin and with that comes many Chaplain duties which include compiling information for year-end reporting. Report forms can be found on the aladeptaz.org website. The form is used to track this years activities by all unit and district Chaplains.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me for assistance at 480-430-3577.

In service and faith,
Barbara Aubrey
Department Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
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Children & Youth — September 2026

What a great start to a new year!

We have already had several units assisting with back-to-school efforts at schools throughout our great state. I want to thank all of you for continuing to support children in need, our schools, and especially our Purple Star Schools.

Several of our units currently support a Purple Star School. If your unit does not, I encourage you to learn more about these schools and the important work they are doing. Purple Star Schools have teachers and staff who have gone above and beyond by completing specialized training to better support the unique needs of our active-duty military families.

You can learn more about the Arizona Purple Star School Program here:

[Arizona Purple Star School Program](#)

I know that not all of our units are located near a Purple Star School, but some of these schools may need assistance with school supplies for children who enroll after the school year has already begun. This can also be a wonderful opportunity to introduce school staff and families to some of the American Legion Auxiliary programs, scholarships, and contests available to their students, such as the **Americanism Essay Contest** and **Poppy Poster Contest**.

With the National Convention coming up and the beginning of a new Auxiliary year, now is a great time to refresh ourselves on the many programs our units support. National offers virtual pre-convention committee meetings that are a great way to learn, prepare, and connect with others.

You can sign up for the virtual pre-convention committee meetings here:

[Virtual Pre-Convention Committee Meetings](#)

I am looking forward to a wonderful year serving as your Children & Youth Chair. If your unit has an event, project, or success story that you would like me to feature in my monthly bulletin, please email me. I would love to hear about the great things you are doing for the children and families in your communities!

For God and Country, Service Not Self,

Charlotte Sullivan

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Children & Youth Chair 2026–2027

HELLO, ARIZONA ALA LOCAL UNITS!!

Did you know that purple has a significant meaning in the world of survivors?

Purple honors both survivors and those who died, symbolizing courage, survival, and commitment to ending domestic violence.

When you see white encompassed with a purple ribbon it represents a personal pledge to never commit, condone, or stay silent about violence. Together, purple and white represent survivor support, honoring victims, and community solidarity.

October is domestic violence awareness month. Our National ALA speaks on what defines Community Service, it is an engagement plan that challenges ALA members to become visible within our communities by working on service projects and collaborating with other organizations so that more people recognize the ALA's local efforts to support our veterans, servicemembers, their families, and our communities.

Keeping the above in mind, our August & September challenge is to engage agencies/organizations that assist in ending domestic violence in our local communities. Here are a few ways to research that information:

- Research by a zip code at Domesticshelters.org; or contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233); or
- Text "START" to 88788. Ask to speak to the Shelter/Center Director, or CEO of Operations to discuss how you may partner with awareness and prevention!

Please remember that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Your community is hungry to partner with you! Plus, starting early in your planning process is super helpful and makes a positive impact on our veterans.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

VA research indicates 15%-50% of veterans report intimate partner violence (IPV) at some point, with a Yale study showing 51% of surveyed veterans reporting IPV use compared to lower rates among active – duty personnel. Approximately 35%-48% of veterans report having been victims of domestic violence or IPV. PTSD correlation among military couples where a partner experiences PTSD, over 55% report experiencing domestic altercations or physical violence. October 1st marks the start of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Lighting ceremonies serve as a symbolic kickoff to launch a month of honoring survivors and raising public

awareness. Or you can interview the local agencies/organizations to see what their needs are and coordinate accordingly.

LOCAL UNIT 27 COLLABORATION TESTIMONY

I served as the Apache Unit 27 Community Service Chairman for three years. This Chairman reached out to the Director of Hope Women's Center to discuss their current needs and how we might collaborate. The Unit Chairman learned the facility had suffered major flooding from a broken water heater over the weekend. Unit 27 immediately launched a donation drive to provide essential cleaning & hygiene products, paper goods, and toiletries. During a follow-up call to conduct an impact report (highly recommend doing this after a service project), the Chairman discovered the center also required manual support to move heavy furniture back into the newly renovated facility. Rallying the American Legion family, volunteers completed the move in under an hour. Please enjoy the photos from this great service effort!

Chairmen, you can collaborate in many ways, conduct a supply drive, attend a lighting ceremony, wearing purple and white ribbons during the month of October to raise awareness, volunteer to make a plead to end domestic violence and have your unit members sign it in agreement. Take your unit's service project to another level and engage the YOUTH! Chairmen you can do this by encouraging the youth in your community to wear a ribbon, participate in a supply drive, or attend a lighting ceremony. If anyone needs help birthing, planning, or engaging a service project please reach out to JoJo Baldwin at 520-788-9714 or jbaldwinlaw.atty@gmail.com.



September 2026



Congratulations and Thank You to all the Members, Units, and Districts who made the Education Program in the Department of Arizona a National Award Winner! We're already on the right track to do it again!!

Everyone is back in school. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the National Education Committee's plan. This month: **Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 20 to Education," American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.**

The "Give 10 to Education" program has been redesigned this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this program. "Give 20 to Education" is designed to allow our members to support education from different angles. Let's try for 100% participation, because this project can allow all members, juniors included, to participate. Here's how it works!

Determine what type of activity in which you would like to participate. Here are some suggestions:

1. Donate 20 minutes/hours/days of your time to volunteer in a classroom.
2. Assist with or donate 20 items to a backpack program held at many schools.
3. Donate 20 boxes of pencils or crayons to a classroom or school.
4. Provide a \$20 donation to a school library.
5. Help a teacher on the playground for 20 minutes.
6. Donate 20 flags and discuss the importance of the flag to a class.
7. Donate 20 pairs of shoes or socks to a kindergarten class.
8. Give 20 dictionaries to third grade students.
9. Support a scholarship fund (including National Scholarships) by donating \$20.

American Education Week is November 16-20, 2026. Visit the schools to promote the Auxiliary scholarships. Send a card to all local school staff, including all school personnel who children interact with, teachers, office staff, bus drivers, custodians, etc.

Promote Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7, 2027. Send cards to your local schools' teachers. Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need. Plan teacher appreciation events at your schools.

I'm looking forward to hearing about the creative ways in which your Units and Members promote the Education Program.

In the Spirit of Service, not for self,
For Veterans, God and Country,

Julie Vietri

Education Chairman
Department of Arizona

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A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

August 2026

Issue #12

FROM THE 2025-2026 NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There is no doubt that our members are dedicated to the Education Committee's mission, as evidenced by the year-end reports from all 52 departments. There were many heartwarming stories of support for quality education for our children.

The year-end reports contained heartwarming stories of support for the mission, beginning with Give 10 to Education. Nearly every report described how school supplies were gathered for students. Boxes were placed at businesses, backpacks were filled with supplies, and gift cards were presented to teachers. An incredible \$363,000 in donated school supplies was reported! Pennsylvania's Honorary Junior President, Aleah Rinker, chose Give 10 for her project and presented over \$2,500 in gift cards for school supplies to 15 schools serving students at or below the poverty line. The Department of Connecticut supported military families by participating in the Connecticut National Guard Annual Back-to-School Bash, donating over \$5,000 in school supplies.

Veterans in the Classrooms was alive and well, with nearly 500 veterans visiting classrooms to share their stories and provide Flag etiquette and flag-folding presentations. Veterans read patriotic stories to students in many schools. Students asked questions and learned about the importance of serving our country. As a show of appreciation, students presented Veterans with thank-you notes and goodie bags. In Georgia, during a Veterans Day program, one school honored the veterans by presenting "Walk the Halls of Heroes". Students waved flags and cheered as Veterans walked through the school.

Teachers and school staff members were recognized during American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week. Gift bags with lotions, inspirational notes, cookies, pizza, snacks, and a potato bar are just a few examples of how appreciation was shown. Windsor, Colorado, Unit 109 launched an Adopt-A-Teacher program and provided \$600 of wish-list items to that teacher's

classroom. Around the country, members volunteered in classrooms during Read Across America Day, provided mentoring help to students, and donated books to libraries on patriotic topics.

ALA education in the classroom included explaining the meaning of the poppy and reading "The Poppy Lady"; sharing the meaning of the Month of the Military Child and Purple-Up Day; distributing ALA coloring books, Pledge of Allegiance bookmarks, and Flag pins. The Department of Illinois lived out its department's theme of "Believe!" by playing Santa throughout the year, actively promoting the many facets of the Education Program

Members in Connecticut, North Dakota, and other departments reported contacting state and federal legislators regarding initiatives affecting educators.

Support for local and state scholarships was evident, with approximately \$340,000 awarded to 600 students. Unit 231, Mount Carmel, PA, presented a unique scholarship to the senior finishing 31st in their class! Multiple units reported starting new scholarships, several of which were in conjunction with the American Legion Family. 1,086 national scholarship applications were received, with \$153,000 being awarded to scholarship winners.

Spaghetti suppers, tailgate suppers, Taco Tuesdays, Flea Markets, and raffles were some of the creative ways units used as fundraisers for their scholarships.

George Washington said it best: "Education is the key to unlock the door to freedom."

Submitted by Barbara Washburn, National Chair



Finance

September 2026

And a big hello Arizona ALA!

The Finance Committee is asking for cooperation in sharing the information on the 990 Filing. This applies to your Fiduciary Responsibility to IRS and ALA Department of Arizona.

Please review your gross receipts and decide which 990 filing applies to your Unit:

- Gross receipts under \$50,000, file Form 990N (epost card)
- Gross receipts over \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, file Form 990EZ

If an organization does not file a required return or files [late](#), IRS may assess [penalties](#). In addition, if an organization does not file the 990 as required for three consecutive years, it automatically loses its tax-exempt status. Once revocation occurs this is the process for reinstatement:

Complete and submit Form 1023, Form 1023-EZ, Form 1024, Form 1024-A with the appropriate fee no later than 15 months after the Letter of Revocation. After 15 months, it is imperative that you reach this Chairman for further instructions.

Do you have questions or comments; if so, please reach out to this Chairman for help.

Yolanda Bonilla, Chairman, 602-989-3321, yodobo@msn.com

Penny Maklary, Member, 520-364-5038, ahhpenny@aol.com

Barbara White, Member, 602-908-2980, barbara.white99@gmail.com

Virtue of Office: Marge Christianson, President, Dolores Chavez, NEC, Rose Ficklin, Executive Director of Operations (no vote)

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona



Juniors

September 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen, please help me congratulate the following Junior Auxiliary members who were elected for Honorary Department Junior Officer for 2026/2027:

President - Jazmine Lugo UNIT 41

Vice President - Laynee Arrants UNIT 138

Secretary - Isabella Ward UNIT 41

Historian - Laken Marty UNIT 91

Chaplain - Ember Martinez UNIT 62

In the Department of Arizona, there are approx 200 registered Junior ALA members - spread across the state. What if we got Junior members throughout the state to come together based on age for age specific activities? Together we can do great things. If you want help to coordinate an age specific event with other units, reach out so our team can help.

JUNIORS! No kids your age in your unit? **BRING A FRIEND.** They don't have to be an ALA member to participate in activities. Join up with another unit with kids your age!

November 6, 2026: AZ ALA Fall Conference & Junior Conference
Doubletree Reid Park, Tucson, AZ

Our goal is to have activities at each gathering to help more Juniors achieve their patches. Special focus this year on the Poppy, Membership, and Americanism patches, but all patch packets are available online legion-aux.org (I have a couple of sets printed if you see me - ask me for one!)

Sara Velasquez

Call or Text: 520 840 4585 NEW EMAIL svelasquez2024@outlook.com

The number 40 represents a time of trial, waiting, or testing, while 41 marks the breakthrough.

Leadership/Arizona Mission Training
September 2026
"Engaging our Youth in Patriotism for our Veterans"

The year begins with the question. "How can we engage our youth in patriotism for our Veterans?" This theme fits so well into all of our programs. President Marge has given us guidelines to follow as we plan our activities for the coming year. Many of our units have already begun by providing back packs for our schools with great success. The need is there and what an activity for our youth to ensure success.

To set up an Arizona Mission Training:

- Contact Chairman (we will work together to set a date & alternate date).
- A minimum of 10 members attending
- The fee is \$10.00 per attendee.
- The list of members & fees received in department 10 days prior to event.
- Pictures to chairman are a great option.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
LEADERSHIP/MISSION TRAINING
2026-2027 SCHEDULE

Sat. September 26, 2026
aburdaaz@gmail.com

Irving B. Selmer Unit 107
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Phoenix, AZ 85024

Anna Burda
602-810-6754

Sat. October 3, 2026
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Overgaard-Heber Unit 86
2068 Lumber Valley Rd.
Overgaard, AZ 85933

Martha Raether
602-809-0972

Please become familiar with the department and national websites as they are WEALTH of information. Check out the ALA Academy webinar "Exploring Leadership Styles" to learn more about types of leadership. Are you Autocratic, Democratic, Visionary, or Supportive? There are many varied webinars and Academy courses that will benefit your unit. Go to: aladeptaz.org & alaforveterans.org.

We appreciate your engagement with this program and ask that you keep track of your activities so that you may include them in the end of year report form. Have a wonderful year!

Karen Smith, Chairman

(520) 249-1119

ksmith111@cox.net

Please text if I am unavailable and I will return your call. Thank you.

September Membership Bulletin



DO NOT WAIT UNIT SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

You can start processing your 2027 memberships immediately. You do not need to wait until September 1, 2026. Please send them to the department now so they can be entered into the system with an effective date of September 1, 2026.

Additionally, starting Friday, September 11, 2026, I will be posting the weekly standings on our website. The President and Vice President will also receive an email with these updates.

Challenges

Regarding our membership challenges, please text me your current challenge details as soon as possible. For reference, I currently have the following challenges recorded:

- Unit 91 is challenging Unit 35
- Unit 41 is challenging Unit 65

- The Department of Arizona has challenged the Department of Alaska
- Lynda Griffin, Department of Arizona, challenging April Sinclair, Department of Alaska. - Highest percentage by

Regardless of your role, your contributions are vital to this organization. Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work.

Keep Shooting your ShiningSTARS!

Lynda Griffin, Vice President
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Membership Processing Instructions

Rules as of August 2026

Membership Application

1. Applicant Information needs to be filled out completely.
2. Eligibility Information needs to include the name of the veteran that Auxiliary member is signing up under. If living, include their American Legion Member ID#, Post#, City and State of Post.
3. If deceased, put a mark in the box.
4. Mark where veteran served (i.e. WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc.). Mark only one era of service.
5. Mark applicants' relationship to veteran (i.e. daughter, spouse, granddaughter, etc.).
6. Application must be signed and dated by the Applicant and Post Officer or Auxiliary Membership person.
- 7. If the application is not filled out completely or it's not legible, it will be returned to the Unit.**
8. Send original application to Department and make copy for Unit. Membership form copies must be kept by the Unit indefinitely.
- 9. Do not mail into Department any DD214 or other verification of service, membership cards, or receipts for dues paid at the Unit.**
10. See examples of Membership Applications on the next pages.

American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (First) CANDY (M.I.) L (Last) NICE

Address 555 UPSTREET

City PHOENIX State AZ ZIP 85555

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone 480-222-2222 Email Address CANDYNICE17@PHX.NET

Date of Birth (Required) 01/01/2010 ☒ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over Unit # _____ Location _____

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, fill in below.)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID # (if known) _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) Mary Rice Date 6/1/2024

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) DON BUTLER

If Living: American Legion Member ID # (Required) _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

☒ Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.
For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

☐ Global War on Terror ☐ Panama ☒ Vietnam ☐ WWII

☐ Gulf War ☐ Lebanon/Grenada ☐ Korea ☐ Other Conflicts

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

☐ Male Spouse ☐ Female Spouse ☐ Mother ☐ Grandmother ☐ Sister ☐ Self

☐ Daughter ☒ Granddaughter

To be Completed by an Officer of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Officer Membership Verification Shelly Post Date 6/1/2024

HELP US GET YOU CONNECTED!

I am interested in learning more about:

- ☐ Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families
- ☐ Youth Activities, Including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships
- ☐ Member Discounts and Services
- ☐ Other

Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:

Name _____	Phone _____	Email _____
Name _____	Phone _____	Email _____
Name _____	Phone _____	Email _____
Recruiter's Name _____	Unit/Post # _____	City _____ State _____

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.
Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name CANDY L. NICE
 Address 555 UPSTREET
PHOENIX AZ 85555
 City PHOENIX State AZ ZIP 85555
 Home Phone CANDYNICE17@PHX.NET Cell Phone _____
 Email Address _____ Unit # and Location (if known) _____
 Date of Birth (Required) 01/01/2010 Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over ☒
 Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)
 Previous Unit City/State: _____ ALA ID#: _____
 Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) Mary Nice Date 6/26/2026

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.
 Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) DON BUTLER
 If Living: _____ American Legion Member ID # (Required) _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____
☒ Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)
Veteran Served:
☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)
 Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):
☐ Global War on Terror ☐ Lebanon/Grenada ☐ WWII
☐ Gulf War ☒ Vietnam ☐ Other Conflicts
☐ Panama ☐ Korea
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:
☐ Male Spouse ☐ Female Spouse ☐ Mother
☐ Grandmother ☐ Sister ☐ Self
☐ Daughter ☒ Granddaughter
To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer
 I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.
Sally Post 6/26/26
 Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification Date
 ALA 05.2021



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____
 Received From _____
 \$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues
 Recruiter's Name _____
 Recruiter's Signature _____
 Recruiter's Phone # _____

Instructions For Membership Transmittal Form

1. Fill out Unit #, Transmittal# (1, 2, 3, etc.), and check number at the top of page.
2. Fill out each line for each member.
3. Mark if Renewal {Ren), New (New), Rejoin (Rej) or Transfer (Tran).
Members that have not renewed for two years or more are considered a rejoin.
4. Mark if member is S (Senior), or Jr (Junior).
5. Check if member is a New Female Veteran.
6. Mark what year dues are being paid for.
7. Past dues cannot be paid unless the current year is paid for first.
8. **NOTE: Do not list Paid On Line (POL} or Paid UP For Life (PUFL) on Transmittal Forms. You will only list those members you will be paying Department for.**
9. Make a copy of the completed form for Unit's records.
10. Forms can be found on aladeptaz.org.
11. See example of form on following page.

ALA DEPT OF AZ MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL 2026 & 2027

UNIT # 212

Transmittal # 1

Check # 1234

	ID#	Last Name	First Name	MI	Ren New Rej	S/Jr	New Female Vet	2027	2026
1	222222222	NICE	MARY	S	REN	S		X	
2		NICE	CANDY	L	NEW	JR		X	
3		FIELDS	NANCY	M	NEW	S	X	X	
4	234234234	PARTY	ANN		TRANS	S		X	
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Instructions For 3 copy Transmittal Form

1. Mark the Dues Transmittal Form # (1, 2, 3 etc.). Be sure to number in sequence for each year.
2. Indicate the date and list the Unit #.
3. Indicate the year/years of membership dues being paid for.
4. List the amount enclosed on the check.
- 5. Dues are \$30 for Seniors and \$4 for Juniors for 2027 dues.**
6. If dues are for previous years, call the Department to find out amount of dues.
7. List the number of senior and junior that are on transmittal form.
8. Indicate total membership on this transmittal.
- 9. Do not use credits. Any credits due to Units will be paid on a monthly basis by the Department.**
10. Sign and place the phone number of person processing membership.
11. After completing the form, keep the pink part of form.
12. After Department completes membership processing, the yellow part of form and a new transmittal form will be mailed to the Unit.
13. See example of form on the next page.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

TRANSMITTAL FORM

DUES TRANSMITTAL # 1 DATE 7/15/2026 UNIT # 212
ENCLOSED FOR
MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2027 # OF SR. 3 # OF JR. 1 AMOUNT
ENCLOSED \$ 94.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON THIS TRANSMITTAL 4 TOTAL \$ 94.00

TOTAL MEMBER 4

Sally ME
SIGNATURE
999-999-9999
DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY		
Over	CK#	\$
Short	CK#	\$
NEW WOMEN VETERANS		

Memo:

WHITE DEPARTMENT COPY - YELLOW (WILL BE RETURNED TO UNIT) - PINK UNIT COPY

Instructions For Member Data Form

1. The Member Data Form is used to report name changes, address changes, Unit transfers, any corrections, and deceased members.
2. The Member ID #, complete name, address, and Unit number is required on form.
3. Make a copy of the form for Unit's records.
4. See example of form on next page.

The following information pertains to transfers:

1. A member who is not subject to suspension or membership revocation under the principle of fundamental fairness which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard is eligible to transfer membership to another Unit if the member has paid membership dues to the current Unit for either the current year or immediate past membership year. A member transferring to a new Unit must pay current year dues to either the current Unit or to the Unit into which the member wishes to transfer.
2. No dues will be transferred from one Unit to another.
3. Previous Unit #, Department, and signature of member need to be completed. New Unit #, Department, and signature of new Unit Officer is required.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMBER DATA FORM

Member ID# 234234234

Date 6/24/2026

(Required for all changes)

Name ANN PARTY
1001 N. SANDCASTLE
GOOD CITY, AZ 85003

ARIZONA Unit # 212 District # 20

☐ SR ☐ JR ☐ DECEASED, date of death ____/____/____

☐ PUFL ☐ Honorary Life Member

CORRECTIONS

Old Information

Name ANN PARTY
Former Address 100 N. RIVER
Former City LOS ANGELES
Former State CA Zip 20022
Former Telephone # (____) _____
Email Address _____

New Information

Name ANN PARTY
New Address 1001 N. SANDCASTLE
New City GOOD CITY, AZ 85003
New State AZ Zip 85003
New Telephone # (____) _____
Email Address _____

UNIT TRANSFERS

PREVIOUS Unit # 012 Department CA

Ann Party
Signature - Member (Required)

NEW Unit # 212 Department AZ

Sally Me
Signature - New Unit Officer (Required)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Continuous Years of Membership _____ for _____ (Paid Years)

Comments or Notes:

Completing Membership:

Make sure all of the following are mailed in to Department to complete membership:

1. Transmittal Form, 3 copy Transmittal Form, Member Data Form (if applicable), Membership Application Forms (If applicable), and check for dues. Dues are \$30 for Seniors and \$4 for Juniors for 2027.
2. After completed by the Department, the yellow copy of the 3 copy Transmittal Form and a new one will be sent back to the Unit.
3. **Remember: If anything is missing or incomplete that is sent to the Department, it will be returned to the Unit with a letter explaining what needs to be corrected or included.**
4. **Do not mail into Department any DD214 or other verification of service, membership cards, or receipts for dues paid at the Unit.**
5. If you have any questions, call the Auxiliary Department at 602-241-1080.

**Mail to:
American legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015**



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

MEMBER DATA FORM

Member ID # _____

Dept. _____

Unit # _____

Name _____

☐ SR ☐ JR ☐ PUFL ☐ Honorary Life Member ☐ **DECEASED**, date of death ____ / ____ / ____

CORRECTIONS

Old Information

Name _____

Former Address _____

Former City _____

Former State _____ Zip _____

Former Telephone # _____

New Information

Name _____

New Address _____

New City _____

New State _____ Zip _____

New Telephone # _____

Continuous Years Correction _____

Join Date Correction _____

UNIT TRANSFERS

PREVIOUS Unit # _____ Department _____ **NEW** Unit # _____ Department _____

_____ Date _____ _____ Date _____

Signature of Member (**Required**)

Signature of New Unit Officer (**Required**)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced Date of Birth _____

E-Mail Address _____

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

☐ Global War on Terror

☐ Panama

☐ Vietnam

☐ WWII

☐ Gulf War

☐ Lebanon/Grenada

☐ Korea

☐ Other Conflicts

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

☐ Male Spouse

☐ Female Spouse

☐ Mother

☐ Grandmother

☐ Sister

☐ Self

☐ Daughter

☐ Granddaughter

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
MEMBER DATA FORM
INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The Member Data Form should be used to report name changes, address changes, continuous year changes, Unit transfers and deceased member(s).
2. The Member ID Number and address, Unit Number and name of Department are required for a Member Data Form to be processed by Department.

The following information pertains to transfers only:

Transfer from one Unit to another is a privilege granted to any paid-up Auxiliary member ONLY with the approval of the Unit to which the member desires to transfer.

TRANSFER MAY BE MADE UNDER THE REGULATIONS LISTED BELOW:

1. No transfer shall be made unless the member requesting transfer has a membership card showing that she is a member in good standing at the time transfer is requested. Members whose dues for the current calendar year are not paid by January 31st of that year are suspended, and not in good standing, and are not eligible for transfer.
2. No charge shall be made to the member for the privilege of transfer, and no dues shall be transferred from one Unit to another.
3. Any Auxiliary member desiring transfer of membership must first secure approval from the Unit to which transfer is desired. She may do this orally or by letter. The new Unit will then complete and route the form as instructed below. She will also contact the old Unit to inform them of the transfer.
4. The Department office will carry through necessary procedures to transfer member's record to the new Unit, provided member's current record is on file and provided information on transfer certificate is complete.
5. All Member Data Forms for members transferring to another Department should be sent to the Department office for processing.

MAIL THE MEMBER DATA FORM TO: Department Headquarters

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Arizona
4701 N 19th Avenue, Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015**

BE SURE TO KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE PRE-CONVENTION - ZOOM MEETING

A Message from National Chairman, Norma Tramm



Are you anxious to find out the Department and Unit winners of each division? We will share that information and more when you attend the pre-convention Zoom meeting!

Put August 19, 2026, on your calendar. That evening, we will have our final Zoom pre-convention meeting.

The meeting will be held at 8:00 PM EST, so please change the time for your time zone. Use the link below to register.

<https://member.legion-aux.org/Virtual-Pre-Con-Meetings>

Registration is very easy, and you can register for all the programs you wish to attend at the same time.

I would like to thank everyone for all the work that you accomplished this year for the mission of the National Security Committee. Reading your reports and entries for awards was heartwarming. When there is a need, you show up and help out. I am so proud of the American Legion Auxiliary and all that you do for our Servicemembers and their families.

We look forward to your attendance at the pre-convention Zoom meeting.

Norma Tramm /American Legion Auxiliary/
National National Security Chair 25-26/
29052 County Road 50, Cold Spring, MN 56320/
320.685.8510 home/ 320.493.8509 cell/
normatramm@gmail.com

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2025-2026 NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Norma Tramm National Chairman Dept of Minnesota	Jammie R. Phillips National Vice Chairman Dept of Arkansas	April Kollmorgen Central Division Chairman Dept of Wisconsin	Lisa A. Boyer Eastern Division Chairman Dept of Pennsylvania
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AUGUST NATIONAL SECURITY CALENDAR

HONOR ★ SERVICE ★ SACRIFICE

CELEBRATING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND THOSE WHO SERVE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	5	6	7 PURPLE HEART DAY	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 MARINE CORPS RESERVE BIRTHDAY	30
31						

★ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE AND SUPPORT OUR NATION. ★

Resources

- **National Security Committee Page on the ALA National Website:**
<https://www.legion-aux.org/member/committees/national-security>
- **Program Engagement Plan (PEP):**
<https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/National-Security/Get-Involved-National-Security>
- **Facebook:**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/915563745139663/>
- **National Security email address:** nationalsecurity@ALAforVeterans.org

POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 18, 2026

Submitted by Southern Division Chairman

Jane McKnight

National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be on Friday, September 18, 2026. This day is observed on the third Friday in September and honors our heroes who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA'S). Per *Wikipedia*, the day is most associated with those who were POWs during the Vietnam War.

The POW/MIA flag was first recognized on August 10, 1990, by the One Hundred First Congress of the United States.

The original flag was created by commercial artist Newton Foust Heisley, born in Williamsport, PA, who was a pilot during WW II in the USAF. The image he designed used the black and white images of the silhouette of a man's profile with his head bowed in the background with a guard tower and barbed wire behind him. Heisley used a picture of his son Jeffrey, a 24-year-old who was serving in the USMC, who had just returned from basic training where he was preparing to be shipped to Vietnam. The words "You Are Not Forgotten" that appear on the bottom of the flag were a reflection of Heisley's military experience as a pilot flying long missions over the South Pacific, with the thought coming to his mind that he could end up "being taken prisoner and being...forgotten".

In 1988, the POW/MIA flag flew over the White House for the first time and it was placed on permanent display in the rotunda of the US Capitol in 1989. In 1990, Congress designated the flag as "the symbol of our nation's concern" for soldiers still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, specifying six days each year: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day – when it is mandated to fly the flag at all military installations and federal buildings.

Each year, TAL along with several VSO's hold ceremonies in their communities to honor and pay respects to those who have not returned home. *YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN*

Resources:

pow-miafamilies.org

National League of POW/MIA Families

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Save the Date!

NATIONAL SECURITY

★ PRECONVENTION MEETING ★

 **WEDNESDAY**
AUGUST 19, 2026

JOIN US VIRTUALLY!
See a recap of the 2025-2026 Year
& Find out what Departments and
Units will be awarded for their
National Security Program.

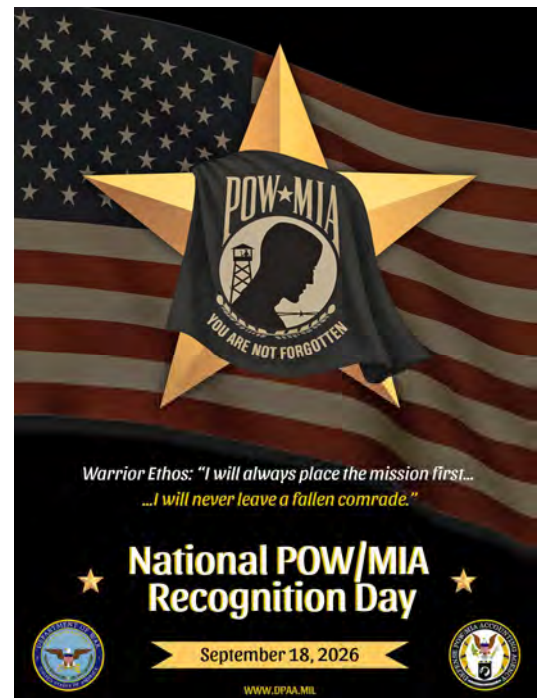
 **MEETING TIMES – ALL U.S. TIME ZONES**

2:00 PM	HAWAII-ALEUTIAN TIME (HAT)
4:00 PM	ALASKA TIME (AKDT)
5:00 PM	PACIFIC TIME (PT)
6:00 PM	MOUNTAIN TIME (MT)
7:00 PM	CENTRAL TIME (CT)
8:00 PM	EASTERN TIME (ET)

 **REGISTRATION**
IS NOW OPEN!

REGISTER HERE:
[https://member.legion-aux.org/
Virtual-Pre-Con-Meetings](https://member.legion-aux.org/Virtual-Pre-Con-Meetings)

Service. Not Self. ★



You can order your 2026 National POW/MIA Recognition Day poster from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) here: <https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaFamWebPosters>



POPPY AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026 DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

Sorry, this is a month late, medical issues and reactions to medications kept me down and being a caregiver during a personal medical crisis sucks.

The President asked for the different committee chairs to introduce ourselves. Prior to the Auxiliary I worked in factories, waitress, bartender, medical, victim witness, psychiatric, law enforcement, and corrections. I was trained in CERT and conducted classes for the county while working for corrections. I was a certified corrections instructor and certified in crisis management. In corrections I worked with investigations, policy and emergency management.

I have served as Department Poppy Chair, Education Chair, Leadership Chair and as National Western Poppy Chair. While fulfilling all these other positions, I served 20 years as Unit President, and three terms as District President. I consistently served as Unit and District Constitution ByLaws Chair and Unit Girls State Chair. I am the founder of a non-profit coordinating the Wreaths Across America drive for my county. I have many personal contacts with businesses, organizations, and government officials associated with both organizations.

My committee consists of Wendy Hackney Unit 32 as co-chair, Leslie Cuning from Unit 32 and Jeannie Booth from Unit 105 as committee members. These ladies will introduce themselves in future editions.

Down to facts. The new resolution dealing with the Poppy Mandate of \$30 for all Units is a great step in the right direction. This will assist the Department with estimates on the budget. Also, it makes it easier for all Units to figure their own budget with a set number to pay. This Mandate relieves the Units from tracking how much they received in donations and figuring that percentage to send. It also allows the Units to order poppies anytime during the year without worrying if the order was submitted by a specified date to be eligible for voting and awards. Yea!!!

POPPY CONTEST UPDATE: This part of the Poppy Program is suffering from poor participation and needs incentives. This program under the Poppy program has 7 age classes of participation where a winner can be selected at the state level for forwarding to the National level. Since Arizona schools and/or students are often in need of school supplies or materials the Department of Arizona will fulfill a \$200 school-related Amazon wish-list for each classroom which has a Department level winner selected. These monetary awards shall be included in future budgets for the Department of Arizona.

MISS POPPY UPDATE: This part of the Poppy Program has participation that stops at the Unit level. This also needs more incentive to participate at the Department and National level. Juniors are encouraged to digitally document their year of Unit poppy participation and answer the simple questions National asks and submit an entry. If chosen by National, expenses for the winner and a chaperone will be paid for two nights at the National Convention. There can be numerous entries from Juniors in the Unit and it is up to the Junior to submit their own entry. It is the responsibility of the Unit members to assist Juniors in this endeavor.

To be an Arizona Department Miss Poppy winner, this digital document should also be forwarded to the Department Chair for committee consideration by the date specified.

POPPY MAKERS: This past year we were short an excessive amount of completed poppies in January. Units came forward with new poppy makers and working as a team we were able to fulfill

the poppies ordered. We are seeking more poppy makers. Remember that the Veterans get paid \$.05 per poppy that they make. Ask them to join your sessions. Some of the poppy makers have used repetitiveness as a way to get through grieving and depression episodes. It is a great way to have coffee with friends. Please reach out to us if you need assistance with learning how to make poppies.

Kat Sticklin, Department Poppy Chair

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Wendy Hackney, Co-chair

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623-680-6818

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
September 2026
By 2nd Vice – Stephanie McMullen

September is Suicide Prevention Month



As part of The American Legion Be the One mission to end veteran suicide, we have joined forces with the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs to develop training for those who want to learn more about interacting and responding with veterans who may be in crisis.

VA S.A.V.E. Training: Empowering Everyone to Help Veterans in Crisis

VA S.A.V.E. Training is a free, brief course—available online or in-person—that equips anyone to support Veterans experiencing crisis or suicidal thoughts. The S.A.V.E. acronym guides you through four essential steps:

- **S – Spot the Signs:** Learn to recognize warning signs such as hopelessness, anxiety, mood swings, withdrawal, or increased substance use. Immediate action is needed if a Veteran expresses suicidal intent or engages in self-destructive behavior.
- **A – Ask the Question:** Don't shy away from asking directly, "Are you thinking of killing yourself?" This critical question opens the door to honest conversation and support.
- **V – Validate the Experience:** Listen without judgment, acknowledge the Veteran's feelings, and offer encouragement. Talking openly about suicide helps reduce stigma and shows genuine care.

- **E – Encourage Next Steps:** Never keep suicidal behavior a secret or leave the Veteran alone. Encourage seeking immediate help from medical professionals or call 911 if necessary.

Support Tips: Remain calm, listen more than you speak, maintain eye contact, use open body language, and offer supportive, hopeful comments. There are no quick solutions, but help is available.

Resources:

- VA Mental Health Services: <http://MentalHealth.VA.gov>
- Online Resource Locator: <http://veteranscrisisline.net/LocalResources/>
- Caregiver Support Program: <http://Caregiver.VA.gov>
- Take the training: <https://learn.psycharmor.org/courses/va-s-a-v-e>

You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to participate. If you or someone you know is in crisis, reach out to the Veterans Crisis Line:

- **Call:** 988, then Press 1
- **Text:** 838255
- **Chat:** <http://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat>

Members of The American Legion Family are encouraged to take part in this training and share the training with their communities. Check back to this page or subscribe to [The American Legion Online Update newsletter\(Opens in a new window\)](#) to receive information about new training opportunities as they become available.

OR copy-paste the following in URL line

<https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/My-Account/Opt-In-Out>

Stephanie McMullen
2nd Vice President
Department of AZ
(623) 349-3979



FALL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



MUSIC, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, RIDES,
FOOD, CAKE WALK, COSTUME CONTEST



FOUNTAIN COURTYARD

Friday October 16th
530p-830p

Arizona State Veterans Home-Tucson
555 E Ajo Way

Contact Sam for donations & volunteer info
(520) 603-9612 or (520) 638-2150

FALL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

DONATION NEEDED

WE ARE IN NEED OF



CAKES
for the
CAKE WALK



& CANDY
to give out
as prizes

DONATION DROP-OFF DATES



**COOKIE & CAKE
DONATIONS**

**NO EARLIER THAN
THURSDAY, OCT. 1ST &
NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY, OCT. 15TH**



DONATION OF CANDY
can be left at the Security
Desk starting September 1st



If you are able to donate,

CONTACT:

Sam Nanez

(520) 603-9612 | (520) 683-2150

Arizona State Veterans Home - Tucson | 555 E Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ

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ALA eNEWS: *CONNECTING WITH YOU MONTHLY*



AUGUST 2026

Get ready to experience the 2026 ALA National Convention with your ALA family



From Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, the American Legion Auxiliary's National Convention will be held in Louisville, Ky. No matter if you say "Loo-uh-vul" or "Lou-ee-ville," members will learn more on various topics in breakout sessions, such as the positive impact Veteran Projects Fund grants can have, Wreaths Across America, a crash course on governing documents used in real

situations, and so much more! To register and learn more about these sessions and topics, go [here](#).

More about National Convention:

- View a tentative agenda [here](#).
- Meet the members running for 2026-2027 national office [here](#).
- Want to see our largest national event in real time? View the livestream (starts with opening session on Aug. 31) at www.ALForVeterans.org.
- Learn more about our 105th National Convention [here](#).

Get ahead of the game with these virtual pre-convention committee meetings

Prior to convention, national committees will meet virtually, with a few in person. Attendance is open to all members. For the full virtual meeting schedule and to register, go [here](#).



Honor your hero with the Wall of Heroes

Even if you won't be joining us at the 2026 American Legion Auxiliary National Convention, you can still take part in one of our most meaningful traditions, the Wall of Heroes.

With a gift to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation's Mission Endowment Fund, you can honor a veteran, servicemember, or military hero who has made a difference in your life. Your tribute recognizes their service while

helping ensure the American Legion Auxiliary can continue supporting veterans, military members, and their families for generations to come.

When making your gift online, simply enter your hero's name in the Honoree field. Honorees submitted online will also be recognized in the November issue of *Auxiliary* magazine. Make your gift today! Click [here](#)!

Follow these new guidelines on AI use of our logo

The American Legion, which owns the trademarks of the American Legion Auxiliary, has issued new guidelines on emblem usage. Generative AI use of the emblem and brandmark is becoming more widespread in artwork for flyers, posters, graphics, and more. Because of this, American Legion National Headquarters has updated its branding guidelines on incorrect usage of the emblem and brandmark with generative AI, along with a two-step method to align with branding guidelines when using AI tools.

[Learn More.](#)



Invest in the next generation of leaders by supporting National President Pam Ray's fundraising focus, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund. Your gift helps provide educational opportunities for deserving students while empowering young people to pursue their goals and continue a legacy of service. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a lasting difference. Donate [here](#).

To learn more about the fundraising focus, check out this [video](#).

MEMBER BENEFITS



Hello
by Grouper

Join the online community

Classes and inspiration included with your membership at no additional cost!



Hello by Grouper: A new member benefit is here!

Your American Legion Auxiliary membership just got even better! Say “hello” to Hello by Grouper, a new member benefit available to U.S.-based members.

Whether you’re looking to discover a new hobby, stay active, learn something new, or simply have a little fun, Hello offers an online community filled with live classes, engaging events, and opportunities to connect with others who share your interests.

Join a virtual silent book club, challenge yourself with Trivia Tuesday, explore a creative workshop, try a fitness class, or discover something completely unexpected. The hardest part might just be deciding where to start!

Create your account and begin exploring today: join.hellogrouper.com/ala



Turn your everyday Amazon shopping into support for your ALA entity! With SmileAssociate, every eligible purchase can help generate funds for your department, district, unit, or ALA Girls State program, at no additional cost to you. Simply start your shopping through your entity's unique SmileAssociate link and shop as you normally would. It's fundraising made easy!

Find your entity link [here](#).

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ALA COMMITTEE FACEBOOK GROUPS ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION

These national committee groups are spaces on the social media platform for ALA members to discuss or share ideas about topics related to each committee. Groups provide a safe place for organic discussion about your local programs or services and support efforts to grow our organization's awareness. Visit www.ALAforVeterans.org/social-media to join the groups you're passionate about.

ON THE ALA BLOG

From anxious participant to ALA Michigan Girls State board member

Ashley Cetnarowski attended ALA Michigan Girls State in 2016. Since then, she has earned her bachelor's degree, founded a nonprofit, and joined the board of ALA Michigan Girls State. She credits her success with lessons she learned at ALA Girls State.



[Read More](#)

Auxiliary youth raise funds for SOY and earn a patch

The Spirit of Youth Fund provides several scholarship opportunities. A special Junior patch has been created for our Junior members and Sons of The American Legion youth to be involved in raising money for the Spirit of Youth Fund.



[Read More](#)



August: National Back-to-School Month
 August: Antiterrorism Awareness Month
 Aug. 14: National Navajo Code Talkers Day
 Aug. 14: Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day)
 Aug 16: National Airborne Day
 Aug. 19: World Humanitarian Day
 Aug. 19: National Aviation Day
 Aug. 28 - Sept. 3: American Legion Family National Conventions
 Aug 29: Marine Corps Reserve Birthday
 Sept. 7: Labor Day
 Sept. 10: World Suicide Prevention Day
 Sept. 11: Patriot Day

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

“Knowledge is power. You can’t be successful at your job if you don’t know what your duties and responsibilities are.”

— Cindy Moore, Nebraska

LEGION FAMILY NEWS

American Legion Riders’ annual Legacy Run just around the corner

The commanding thrum of motorcycles and their riders on a mission of good marks the start of The American Legion Family National Conventions. The Legacy Run, a Legion Riders fundraising initiative, takes place Aug. 23-27. Not only is the Run a cause for good, the 2026 Legacy Run is celebrating its 20th anniversary since starting in 2006. Make sure to show support for this extra-special Run by being there for our American Legion Family members participating.

To learn more about Legacy Runs and their impact, go [here](#).

American Legion running Humvee sweepstakes

Drive 4 Freedom Sweepstakes is providing a unique opportunity and unique fundraiser to support our veterans, military, and their families by running a drawing —free to enter but donations encouraged — for a restored Humvee. Deadline is Dec. 19 at 11:59 p.m. Void in Montana, Washington, and where prohibited by law. To enter, you must be 21 years and older.

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Legion offers more information on Take Care of America's Veterans Act

The Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA) includes priorities like the Major Richard Star Act, the Love Lives on Act, the VITAL Act, the HONOR Act, the SAVES Act, and 57 others delivering benefits, health care, education, and essential services to combat-injured veterans, surviving spouses, and families.

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