

Leadership/Arizona Mission Training

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Engaging Our Youth in Patriotism for our Veterans''

Let us proceed in planning activities for our Unit/District that will promote Department President Marge's theme. Many or most of our programs support youth besides the designated Children and Youth and Junior Activities. Communication and Mentorship give us countless opportunities to engage everyone.

National President Coral Mae Grout wants us to be a "Beacon for Veterans." Her priority is Education. Make contact with your schools to let them know we are willing to interact with administration and students to promote our programs and scholarships. Education within our units is promoted. We recommend, of course, holding a Mission Training. There is a wealth of information on the department website aladeptaz.org and alaforveterans.org, our national website. We have five trainings scheduled as of today.

The Leadership committee is once again awarding an "Academy Award" to member or unit participating in or taking courses from national headquarters. Courses are on the national website under Events. They really are informative and interesting. Why not keep learning? Just keep track of those taken and send to me by May 1st.

Another priority is Mentoring. This committee has always stressed using this practice. A mentor can be defined as a counselor who helps our members evolve into a promising and active member. A good and reliable mentor is indeed a blessing and in the Department of Arizona we have many who are willing to step up and help. Most units have at least one and more throughout the state. I will be glad to help you and also find someone for specific questions. Part of our end of year report asks if your unit involves mentors and mentoring.

Check out the Mission Training schedule on the department website. You can attend any and/or all. Please contact me if you have questions or wish to schedule a training. Please TEXT or email if I do not answer. My voicemail is not always reliable. Until next month!

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