



American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference
November 7-9, 2025
Double Tree Reid Park, Tucson, AZ

!!PRICE CHANGE!!

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REGISTRATION - \$15.00
At Fall Conference - \$25.00

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

UNIT NUMBER _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NAME (PRINT)

POSITION/TITLE (PRINT)

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 24, 2025
NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona**

**Welcomes
Joan Cannon, WDNVP**

**COOKOUT
Saturday November 8th, 2025**

\$25.00 per person

	Salad		Creamy Coleslaw
	Macaroni & Cheese		Sonoran style Ranch Beans
Choice of:	BBQ Chicken Breast	OR	All Beef Hot Dog
	Sweet Jalapeno Yogurt Cornbread		
	Coffee, Decaf coffee, Tea		

**Please plan to attend to show our support for our
Western Division National Vice President Joan!**

President Dolores would like everyone to attend. If it is a hardship to attend, please call Rose at Dept. HQ 602-241-1080

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Please make out check to:

Please send in the bottom part, along with your check
American Legion Auxiliary Dept of AZ
Attn: NWDVP Luncheon
4701 N 19th Ave Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015

phone 602-241-1080

Please reserve _____ Lunches(s) for NWDVP **DEADLINE 10-31-2025**

Enclose \$ _____ UNIT # _____

Please list the names /Choice for this event.

Name

Choice

_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

TIDBITS FROM THE WEBSITE MANAGER

1. I received an excellent “e-news letter” from National this week. The link is copied below. Check it out. You can put in a request to receive one yourself.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Two-free-webinars--Mission-Training-registration-now-open--and-more--.html?soid=1131454348207&aid=1vEV8-aOcRc>

2. Directory Updates

Trish Aljets trishaljets@outlook.com

President Unit 108

Bob Stump VAMC Deputy

State Home Prescott Committee Member

Prescott Gift Shop Chairman

Below is the information for Unit 114 elected officers.

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Toshia Folsom 520-993-6581 t_pfolson@hotmail.com

Leslie Marsh Unit 26 Membership Processor 480-273-4895

TIDBITS FROM THE WEBSITE MANAGER 9-26-2025

1. The new website is being designed. The learning curve is very steep. I gain 5 inches and slide back 3! Send positive thoughts. (PLEASE) If you have any RECENT pictures you would like to see on the NEW website send to Deb Munchbach at munchaz@msn.com.
2. Any of the items in this mini newsletter that are announcements for events already held during the past week were posted on Facebook. Even though they are over they are included here for educational purposes.
3. If anyone is making poppies for Department, please call the office and speak with Rose. 602-241-1080

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TIDBITS FROM THE WEBSITE MANAGER

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Unit 88 Officers

President

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Secretary

Bunnie Andrews
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**American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters
Record Retention Schedule**

Subject Document

Retention Period

Corporate Records

Articles of Incorporation to apply for corporate status	Permanent
Letter of Determinations granting tax-exempt and charitable status	Permanent
Bylaws	Permanent
Board Policies	Permanent
Board Resolutions	Permanent
Board meeting minutes	Permanent
National Finance Committee Minutes	Permanent
National Risk & Compliance Committee Minutes	Permanent
Sales tax exemption documents	Permanent
Tax identification number designation	Permanent
Annual corporate filings	Permanent
Board Written Communications	Permanent
Board Meeting Notices	Permanent
Conflict of Interest Forms	Tenure + 5 years
Confidentiality Forms	Tenure + 5 years
Trademark registrations and copyrights	Permanent

Financial Records

Fiscal policies and procedures	Permanent as updated
Annual audited financial statements	Permanent
Audit workpapers – internal	7 years
Year End Internal financials – annual	Permanent
Annual budgets	5 Years
General Ledger	Permanent
Chart of Accounts	Permanent
Sub Ledgers	Permanent
Journal Entries/Trace postings	7 years
Check registers/books	7 years
Bank statements and reconciliations	7 years
Credit card statements and receipts	7 years
Business expenses documents (receipts)	7 years
Petty cash receipts/documents	7 years
Invoices – Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable	7 years
Business income documents (receipts)	7 years
Bank deposit slips	7 years
Investment records – Year End Statement	7 years
Personal property/asset inventories/records	7 years
Capital expenditure vouchers	7 years
Depreciation Schedules (Real property /asset records)	Permanent
Check logs	7 years

Tax Records

Annual tax returns	Permanent
Annual tax return supporting documents	7 years
Form 5500 (for deferred compensation plans)	Permanent
Payroll registers	7 years
Payroll reports	7 years
Form 1099 (filings of fees paid to professionals)	7 years

Payroll tax withholdings	7 years
Earnings records	7 years
Payroll tax returns	7 years
W-2 statements	7 years
Federal, State, and Local withholding certificates	7 years

Personnel Records

Retirement and pension records	Permanent
Employment applications and resumes – hired employees	7 years after termination
Employment applications and resumes – non-hired	3 year
Personnel Files (promotions, wage rate/change, demotions, letter of reprimand, termination and job descriptions)	7 years after termination
Worker's Compensation records	3 years after policy expiration
Salary ranges per job description/benchmark study	5 years
I-9 Forms	1 year after termination
Attendance records/FMLA leave documents, and timesheets	3 years after termination
Reasonable accommodation requests (ADA)	3 years after termination

Insurance Records (7 Years Paper; 10 Years Electronic)

Directors & Officers insurance policy (7 Years Paper; 10 Years Electronic)	7 – 10 Years
Worker's Compensation insurance policy	7 – 10 Years
Non Directors & Officers and Non Worker's Comp. insurance policies	3 years after termination
Bonds and Surety	Life of bond plus 6 years
Bond claims from Units	10 years
Safety reports	Permanent

Contracts

Employee contracts	Permanent
Legal correspondence	Permanent
Leases	Permanent
Mortgages	Permanent
Deeds, titles, and easements	Permanent
Surveys	Permanent
Inspection records	Permanent
Financing/Loan/Line of Credit	6 years after termination
Vendor contracts	7 years
Warranties	7 years
Request for Proposals	3 years after acceptance

Management Plans & Procedures

Strategic Plan	7 years
Staffing, programs, marketing, finance, fund raising and evaluation plans	7 years
Vendor contacts	7 years
Disaster Recovery Plan	7 years
Press releases	Permanent

ALA Arizona Auxiliary – Monthly Chaplain Message September 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we step into September, a month of transition and reflection, let us pause to honor the quiet strength that binds us together—faith, service, and community. The changing season reminds us that growth often comes through change, and with each falling leaf, we are invited to let go of what no longer serves us and embrace what lies ahead.

This month, may we carry forward the spirit of compassion that defines our auxiliary mission. Whether we are comforting a veteran, supporting a family, or simply lending a listening ear, our presence is a powerful ministry. Let us continue to be vessels of hope, kindness, and resilience.

As a District or Unit Chaplain, please join our Chaplains Circle on the Band app by scanning with your phone the QR below. If you have any questions or issues please reach out to me at azdeptchaplain@gmail.com or 562-370-0080 (text).





Education September 2025



Everyone is back in school. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the National Education Committee's plan. The application for the **Flinn Scholarships** is now open! See the link on the Scholarships page of the Department website. This month: **Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education," American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.**

The "Give 10 to Education" program 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 10 minutes/hours/days of your time to volunteer in a classroom.
2. Assist with or donate 10 items to a backpack program held at many schools.
3. Donate 10 boxes of pencils or crayons to a classroom or school.
4. Provide a \$10 donation to a school library.
5. Help a teacher on the playground for 10 minutes.
6. Donate 10 flags and discuss the importance of the flag to a class.
7. Donate 10 pairs of shoes or socks to a kindergarten class.
8. Give 10 dictionaries to third grade students.
9. Support a scholarship fund (including National Scholarships) by donating \$10.

American Education Week is November 17-21, 2025. 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 4-8, 2026. 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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Education October 2025



Everyone is well into the school year. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.**

Information on the Veterans in Community Schools program is available in the publications, *Veterans in the Classroom: History in the First Person*, on the Legion's website at [Veterans in the classroom: an educational activity of The American Legion | Digital Archive](https://www.legion.org/magazine/162500/hardest-year) and [Veterans in the classroom: history in the first person | Digital Archive \(legion.org\)](https://www.legion.org/magazine/162500/hardest-year). They contain helpful hints on starting this program in your area.

- Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present this program in your schools.
- Contact your local school teachers to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in the Classroom event.
- Provide information to the teacher hosting your program about the challenges facing today's military families.
- The teacher can introduce the topic before your unit's presentation. It may be helpful to reference the article that was published in the Legion's magazine at <https://www.legion.org/magazine/162500/hardest-year>.
- Promote your Veterans in the Classroom event through local media and on your own social media accounts.
- Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in the classroom.
- Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit classrooms.

"The American Legion believes that our military veterans are living textbooks of American History. Their accounts of experiences in a uniform of the United States Armed Forces should be preserved and shared with others, especially with students in America's schools." (American Legion Publication No. 23-015, Rev. 1-2012)

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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

September 2025

Issue #1

FROM THE 2025-2026 NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2025-2026 ALA National President Pam Ray



American Legion Auxiliary member Pam Rae Ray, Department of Illinois became the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) at the 104th National Convention held Aug 23rd - Aug 28th, 2025, in Tampa, Florida.

The Committee on Youth Education (COYE) is reviving the Americanism Commission Certificate of Appreciation for Education.

This program is to recognize individuals, in your Department and communities, who promote the four pillars of The American Legion, core values, and educational goals of The American Legion by advancing the principles of Americanism, supporting the education programs, and helping to instill a sense of pride and civic responsibility in our nation's youth.

Each Department can nominate up to 3 individuals (members or non-members) each year. A list of Nominations to the COYE will be due to the Americanism Department at The American Legion National Headquarters before The American Legion's Fall Meetings by September 26th. You can email your nomination to americanism@legion.org.

Individuals that are nominated by each Department and approved by the Committee on Youth Education will receive a Certificate and a letter from the Americanism Commission that the Department can present at their choosing. If you have any questions, please contact Education@alaforveterans.org.

National President Focus

The 2025-2026 ALA administrative year emphasis is Mission Driven and Family Focused, to include not only the families we serve, but the entire American Legion family. President Pam expresses we will continue in the 'Be the One' mission, with an extra focus on our female veterans and their challenges. Read more here: <https://member.legion-aux.org/National-President-focus>

EDUCATION DATES:

September 26, 2025 – Deadline to submit nominations for the Americanism Commission Certificate of Appreciation for Education

Education Quarterly Zooms

Q1 - October 7, 2025 at

7:00PM Eastern / 6:00PM Central 5:00PM Mountain / 4:00PM Pacific

Register here: https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/20252026education_q1meeting

Q2 - January 27, 2026

Q3 - April 7, 2026

Veterans Day: November 11, 2025

**American Education Week:
November 17-21, 2025**

Join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAEducation/>



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE LIVE!

We have four (4) American Legion Auxiliary National scholarships:

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP:

Fifteen \$5,000 scholarships are given to high school seniors who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans.

SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS: Five - \$5,000 scholarships and 47 - \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Current ALA Junior members who are high school seniors and who have been Junior members for the past three years are eligible to apply.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: Five \$2000 scholarships help people who are part of The American Legion Family, veterans, and veteran or active-duty military spouses pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted.

MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP: Ten \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to former American Legion Auxiliary Junior members who retain their membership into adulthood. Current members who have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary and have held membership for the past three consecutive years are eligible to apply.

Be sure to check out the eligibility requirements on our website at <https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships>

We heard your feedback, and we will be scheduling ALA Academy Live webinars throughout the year, focusing on important scholarship information and helpful hints.

2025-2026 Mission Training

November 15, 2025 –
Albany, NY & Minneapolis, MN

January 31, 2026 –
Indianapolis, IN & Las Vegas, NV

February 7, 2026 – Atlanta, GA

ALA Mission Training & National Junior Meetings

[To register now: Click here and select your city](#)

EDUCATION REMINDERS:

Be sure to print out the Give 10 to Education certificate and recognize those who participated in this initiative. There is still time! Educators are always in need of supplies.



Carl Calloway Unit 290, King, NC



Palisades, CA Unit 283



Unit 360, Weatherly, PA

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Navigating Scholarships 101

www.legion-aux.org/scholarships

education@ALAforveterans.org

What are the ALA National Scholarships?

- **CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP** – One of the ways the American Legion Auxiliary serves our country's veterans and their families. Given to high school seniors who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans.
- **SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS** – One of the ways the American Legion Auxiliary gives to those who are Junior members. Given to current ALA Junior members who are high school seniors and who have been Junior members for the past three years.
- **NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP** – One of the ways the ALA helps those part of The American Legion Family, veterans, and veteran or active-duty military spouses pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted.
- **MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP** – One of the ways the ALA helps former American Legion Auxiliary Junior members who retain their membership into adulthood. Given to current college students.

Recommendation Letters



Confidential recommendation letters CAN be emailed to Education@ALAForVeterans.org.

Please include the name of the student as well as the scholarship for which the student is applying in the subject line.

However, applicants cannot complete their application if they do not upload something in the recommendation letters portion.

Applicants should create a document stating that a letter of recommendation will be emailed to education@alaforveterans.org. Include in the document the name of the person who will be writing the letter of recommendation, so it will be easier to match up with their application when received. Then attach that document to the application instead of the letter of recommendation.



Check out more information about our ALA National Scholarships using this QR code.

Or visit www.legion-aux.org/scholarships

Who do I email with questions?
Email ALA NHQ at education@alaforveterans.org



“All our dreams can come true, if we only have the courage to pursue them.”

Walt Disney

DONATIONS 2025-2026

**THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE NOT TO BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT.
THEY ARE TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION**

FUNDS OR ORGANIZATIONS

ALLECA
Chapel of Four Chaplains
Child Welfare Foundation
Children's Miracle Network
Creative Arts-donation to National program
Fisher House Foundation
Honor Flight
National Cemetery
POW/MIA
USO
WIMSA
Wreaths Across America
Spirit of Youth
Veterans First LTD

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Make check payable to: ALA Dept. of AZ
Indicate on check what donation is for

President's Special Project - Hospice and Caregivers

Past President's Parley
AEF - Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Girls State Donations not Fees
Juniors
Leadership Development Fund
Office Overhead
Cavalcade of Memories

VA&R PROGRAMS

Gift Shop
Social Services
VA Parties ie bingo
State Veterans Home
Creative Arts-local festivals only
Christmas Pledge
Welfare Pledge
Poppy

American Legion Auxiliary Program Donations

2025-2026

Below is information on where to send donations for popular organizations.

Tucson Fisher House Make donations to the C.H.A.M.P. Foundation Website: https://champfoundation.org/	The Chapel of Four Chaplains The Chapel of Four Chaplains 1201 Constitution Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19112-9901
Friends of Fisher House Phoenix Friends of Fisher House Phoenix PO Box 720 Phoenix, AZ 85022	Child Well Being Foundation The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. PO Box 1055 Indianapolis, IN 46206
ALLECA ALLECA PO Box 750 Cortaro, AZ 85652-0750	Spirit of Youth ALA Foundation 3450 Founders Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46268 Indicate on check that donation is for Spirit of Youth
USO-Sky Harbor Airport USO Administrative Office 3800 E. Sky Harbor Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85034 Specify where you would like money to go. i.e., Sky Harbor, one of the military bases in AZ. More information can be found on their website. Website: Arizona.uso.org	National Cemetery of Arizona National Cemetery of Arizona 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85024
National Creative Arts (Poppy funds may be used for caregivers accompanying participants) ALA Foundation 3450 Founders Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46268 Indicate on check that donation is for Creative Arts	Honor Flight (Poppy Funds May Be Used for Caregivers) Honor Flight Box L-4016 Columbus, OH 43260-4016 Website: www.honorflight.org . From here you can find a hub in the program
Wreaths Across America Wreaths Across America PO Box 249 Columbia Falls, ME 04623 Website: www.wreathsassamerica.org . Wreaths can be sponsored from website.	POW/MIA National League of POW/MIA Families 5673 Columbia Pike, Suite 100 Falls Church, VA 22041 Website: www.pow-miafamilies.org
WIMSA Women in Military Service For America Memorial Foundation 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 400 Arlington, VA 22203 Website: www.womensmemorial.org	Veterans First LTD 8433 N Black Canyon Hwy #100 Phoenix, AZ 85021 Website: www.veteransfirstltd.org

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOUNDATION

www.alafoundation.org



MISSION

The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation positively impacts the lives of our veterans, military, and their families by funding programs of the American Legion Auxiliary today and for future generations.

GRANTING OPPORTUNITIES

The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation offers three granting opportunities to ALA entities in good standing with the IRS: www.alafoundation.org/grants

1. **Veteran Projects Fund**
www.alafoundation.org/veteran-projects-fund-grants/
2. **Veterans Creative Arts Festival**
www.alafoundation.org/vcaf-grants/
3. **Subgrants**
www.alafoundation.org/sub-grants/

VETERAN PROJECTS FUND

The Veteran Projects Fund gives ALA entities an opportunity to begin a new volunteer initiative or forge partnerships with organizations that provide services directly impacting multiple veterans, like a transitional housing facility, and makes a substantial impact in a positive way.

APPLY TODAY

1. Identify

Identify a new-one time need in your community that benefits veterans, military, or their families.

2. Fundraise

ALA entities submitting grant proposals must demonstrate that they will be funding part of the project by providing a minimum of 20% of the total project's funding cost.

3. Apply

Complete the grant application, attach a current W-9, and attach any supporting documentation.

GRANTS AT A GLANCE

VETERAN PROJECTS FUND GRANTS AWARDED

- **\$10,000** to ALA Unit 186 in South Carolina for a building addition to the North Strand Housing Shelter, a transitional housing facility for veterans and their families.
- **\$9,317** to ALA Unit 492 in Indiana for four blanket-warming cabinets, one for each floor of the Indiana Veterans Home.
- **\$9,274** to ALA Unit 132 in Maine for 40 Samsung Galaxy tablets, screen protectors, cases, and headphone sets benefitting residents at the Maine Veterans Home.
- **\$5,880** to the ALA 6th District in New York for a wheelchair bicycle for the New York State Veterans Home.



Historian Report October 2025

By Stephanie McMullen – AZ Department Historian

Attention all District, and Unit Presidents, Secretaries and Historians – Who needs a copy of your meeting minutes? Copies of your meeting minutes are to be sent to the Department Secretary Rose Ficklin at secretary@aladeptaz.org and to the Department Historian, at stephaniemcmullenala62az@gmail.com.

This year, the National Convention was held in Tampa, Florida. It is the historic first time the Legion Family has congregated in Tampa for these events.

The minutes from the 1925 ALA National Convention are not available online, however there are some key takeaways from the 1925 ALA National Convention, which was held in Omaha, Nebraska, from October 5-9, 1925.

Key takeaways from the 1925 ALA National Convention

- **Moved National Headquarters:** In 1925, the ALA moved its National Headquarters to the War Memorial Plaza in Indianapolis.
- **Veterans' programs emphasized:** The ALA continued to focus on its hallmark veterans' programs, and its official history mentions an emphasis on youth-related programs, including scholarships.
- **Poppy distribution by veterans emphasized:** While the ALA had adopted the poppy as its memorial flower in 1921, the convention's proceedings reinforced the use of poppies made by veterans as part of its support efforts.
- **Part of a larger history:** The convention was part of the organization's early history, following its charter by Congress in 1920. The ALA's constitution, adopted at its first convention in 1921, was modeled after that of The American Legion.

Where to find historical minutes

To find the full minutes or proceedings from the 1925 convention, you may need to visit or contact on of the following historical archives for more information:

- **The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters Library:** This is the most likely location for a full record of the convention's proceedings. It is in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- **State-level ALA departments:** Contacting the Nebraska or National ALA archives may also yield specific information about the convention.
- **HathiTrust Digital Library:** This library contains a catalog record for some American Legion Auxiliary proceedings from the 1920s, including some from the Department of North Carolina, but may have other documents as well.
- **The American Legion Digital Archive:** This archive is managed by the American Legion and contains programs and reports for the 7th National Convention in 1925. However, it's possible that Auxiliary specific minutes were not added to their archive.

I only had one member in the whole state answer all the eight questions correctly. Rebecca Faris from Unit 14 was the winner. I will see you at Fall Conference with your gift.

Hi everyone! I am excited to be the Junior Chairman for the Department of Arizona! Looking forward to working with each and every one of you. If you are a Junior representative for your District or Unit, I ask that you please send me your contact information so I can keep in communication with you all.

Junior Conference – The Arizona American Legion Auxiliary Junior Conference will take place October 25-26th, 2026. All Junior members aged 8-17 are invited to join for the weekend! During this weekend, we have many fun events planned! We will even allow time to help and encourage our Junior members to earn as many Junior patches as they can. For anyone interested in attending, please fill out a permission slip and return to the emails provided below. If your unit would like to donate drinks, snacks or small door prizes, please send an email to the addresses provided below. Any questions can be directed to jacquelinesolis24@gmail.com and tincher.cheryl@gmail.com.

Patch Program – Patches can be earned by Junior members with no cost incurred by the Junior members or the unit. There are four different levels of the program that are dependent on the Junior's age. As of the beginning of September, 0 patches have been ordered for the Department of Arizona. <https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Junior-Member-Activities/Patch-Program>

National Junior Meeting – The Western Division National Junior Meeting will take place January 31, 2026, in Las Vegas, Nevada. If you know if any Juniors who are interested in attending, please let us know! Registration Link: <https://www.legion-aux.org/meetings/national-junior-meetings/>

ALA Academy Training – If you have not taken the following courses since March 2024, please make sure that you have taken the following ALA Academy courses information. <https://www.legion-aux.org/ala-academy>

- o ALA 101
- o Communication 201
- o How to Resolve Conflict
- o ALA DE&I

Jacqueline Solis
Department of Arizona Junior Chair
520-234-7909

The background of the entire poster is decorated with several red, white, and blue American flag streamers tied with bows. Scattered throughout the background are small red and blue hearts, as well as blue stars.

Arizona American Legion Auxiliary Juniors Fall Conference

Date: October 25 @ 10:00am
to October 26 @ 12:00pm

Location: Vicente Manzo Unit 45
150 W. 5th St.

Benson, Arizona

Ages: 8-17

Email: jacquelinesolis24@gmail.com and
tincher.cheryl@gmail.com



ALA JR. CONVENTION PERMISSION SLIP

As a parent or legal guardian of _____ Date of birth _____

I give my permission for her to attend the ALA Junior Convention and participate in all activities.

Location: Vicent Manzo Post 45, 150 W. 5th St. Benson AZ 85602

Date: October 25, 2025 10am – October 26, 2025 12pm

Parent/guardian signature _____ Phone # _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone# _____ Relationship _____

Authorized to Treat Minor: *In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby permit to call 911 and/or to contact a medical facility or physician selected by chaperones to provide proper treatment to _____] and that I will be responsible for all expenses arising in association with such treatment..*

I agree to hold ALA officers, agents, employees and volunteer chaperones harmless from any and all liability or claims, which may arise out of, or in connection with, my child's participation during Convention and assume all liability for the conduct of my child and agree to indemnify the American Legion Family for any claims arising against it resulting from my child's conduct

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING
GIRLS BRING APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND PAJAMAS. GIRLS WILL
ALSO NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN BEDDING (SLEEPING BAG,
BLANKETS, PILLOWS, ETC**

KEEP THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LOCATION: Vicent Manzo Unit 45, 150 W 5th St. Benson, Arizona 85602

Date: October 25-26, 2025

Contact: JACQUELINE SOLIS (520) 234-7909 OR jacquelinesolis24@gmail.com



Leadership/Arizona Mission Training

October 2025

Congratulations! The Department of Arizona Leadership program received the “Best **Department Leadership Program**” in Western Division. A huge **THANK YOU** to the Leadership Instructors, all members who organized the trainings and all of the members who participated! Let’s try even harder to heighten our achievements in the coming year. Encourage more members to attend and motivate our Units and Districts. This team is extremely proud of all.

As a department we increased the number of National Academy courses reported last year. This year this program will have an **ACADEMY AWARD** for individual members.

1. No. of Academy courses completed in Auxiliary year 2025-2026
2. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
3. List of courses taken submitted to Leadership Chairman by April 15th

Let’s get going and see what we can do. The courses are available on the national website alaforveterans.org. Most of them are approximately 30-40 minutes and you can pause if you need to stop for something. When completed you can print out a completion certificate. I will have a flyer available at Fall Conference. However, if you do have questions, please feel free to call or text. Please leave a message if I do not answer or text and I will return your call.

Now is the time to schedule an Arizona Mission Training as the calendar fills up fast. Please check the Department website aladeptaz.org for schedule of trainings. Remember the rule of 10. Minimum of 10 members, \$10 each, all sent to department 10 days prior to training.

Karen Smith

ksmith111@cox.net

520-249-1119

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
LEADERSHIP/MISSION TRAINING
2025-2026 SCHEDULE

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Jackie Johnson
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Martha Raether
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Sipe-Peterson Unit #44

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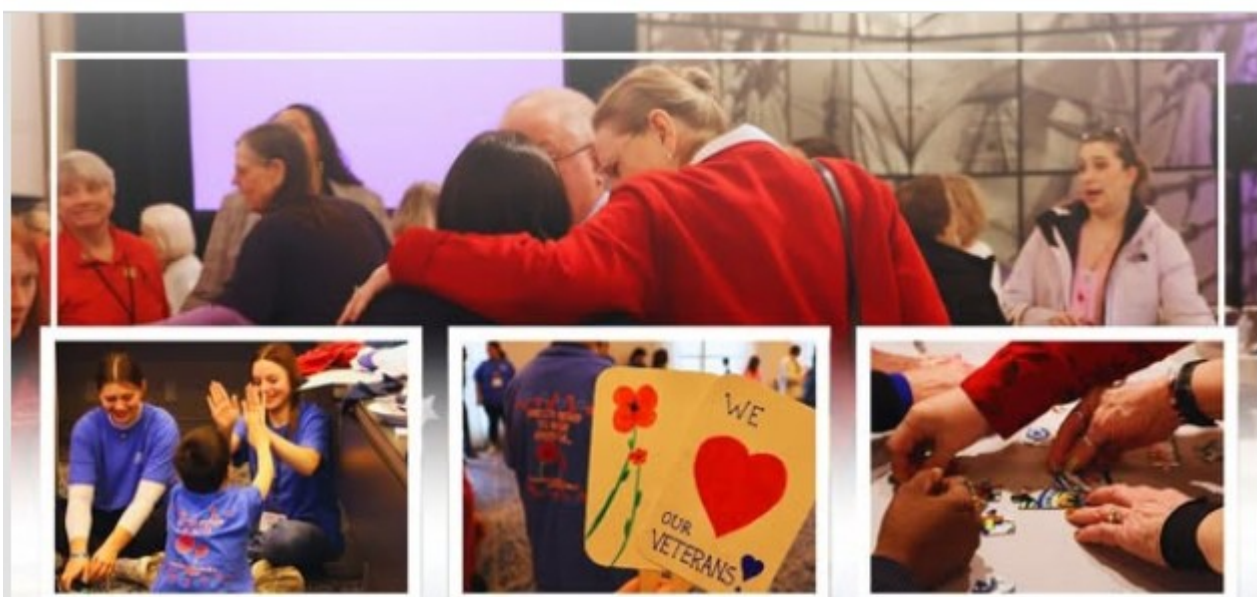
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**AMERICAN
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Mission Training & National Junior Meetings

November 15: Albany
November 15: Minneapolis
January 31: Las Vegas
January 31: Indianapolis
February 7: Atlanta

September Legislative Report

First—Congratulations, ARIZONA!

We did it again! For the third consecutive year, we've won the ***Western Division Legislative Award***. What an incredible testament to our commitment and teamwork.

🎉 **Special kudos to Unit 62** for earning the ***Legislative Unit Western Division Award***! Your dedication continues to inspire.

🐾 **Spotlight Campaign: The SAVES Act**

This month, I want to highlight a powerful initiative that deserves our full support:

Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES) Act – H.R. 2605 and S. 1441

Too many veterans face daily challenges without the critical support they need to heal from both visible and invisible wounds. For those living with physical disabilities, PTSD, or other service-connected conditions, access to trained service dogs can be life-changing—but far too often, it's out of reach.

The American Legion recognizes the profound impact these dogs have. They assist with everyday tasks like retrieving items, opening doors, and providing balance support. Even more remarkably, they can detect and respond to medical emergencies such as seizures or panic attacks—offering safety, independence, and emotional comfort.

That's why we support the SAVES Act, grounded in Resolution No. 134: Service Dogs for Injured Service Personnel and Veterans with Mental Health Conditions. This legislation proposes a five-year pilot program for the VA to award grants to nonprofits that:

- Provide trained service dogs to eligible veterans
- Cover the cost of training
- Offer lifelong veterinary insurance

By backing this bill, we reaffirm our commitment to enhancing veterans' quality of life through innovative, compassionate support.

🔔 **How You Can Help**

Let's rally together through grassroots advocacy!

1. Visit the [American Legion Grassroots Action Center](#)
2. Select the **SAVES Act** campaign
3. Submit your support—it's just one easy step!
4. While you're there, consider submitting support for other campaigns too!

 **Once you've submitted, text or email me with "I DID IT!"**

Include your name, phone number, or email, and you'll be entered into a drawing for a beautiful gift to be delivered at Fall Conference!

Let's show Congress that Arizona is in the House!

Service, not Self,

Kathy Amery

Legislative Chairman

 623-640-0134

 alalegislativaz@gmail.com

STATE OF ARIZONA



ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE ***VETERANS CAUCUS*** ***SAVE THE DATE***

September 25th 2025om
House of Representatives – Basement Floor – Copper Room
11:30 – 1:30
or

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://azleg.zoom.us/j/81979751139?pwd=gEo7gZroUPKVfqXroeJOa5oYRzbB9y.1>

Meeting ID: 819 7975 1139

Passcode: 736129

One tap mobile

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Join instructions

<https://azleg.zoom.us/meetings/81979751139/invitations?signature=THzvuqmFMifdkJoCOo3q9yRy1raDkzcGC4VihrJFbm4>

Please use this link to encourage others to sign up for our email list:

<https://forms.office.com/g/DswQNY8nZF/>

Upcoming Event:

Subject: News Release: CYRUS E. "CY" BASSETT, US ARMY VETERAN; & JACQUI BASSETT WILL SPEAK TO VETERANS AND THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025, 9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM AT CROSS ROADS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 7901 N. CENTRAL AVENUE, PHOENIX 85020

Veterans and the public are invited to an informal talk to be presented by Cy Bassett, US Army veteran; and his spouse and retired teacher Jacqui Bassett. The program topic is Cy's Army combat duty in Vietnam and his experience as a Sky Soldier, 173rd Airborne Brigade; and his and Jacqui's experiences as members of the local 173rd Airborne Brigade, Phoenix.

The free guest speaker program is scheduled on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Cross Roads United Methodist Church, 7901 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix 85020. To ensure adequate refreshments, please email your "I plan to attend" to: caroleenculbertson@earthlink.net by Thursday, September 25, that you are planning to attend the guest speaker program. Again, the one-hour presentation is complimentary/free. Child care services are not available. Questions about the informal talk are welcome at: caroleenculbertson@earthlink.net or claudhehc@yahoo.com.

Media point of contact:

Carol Culbertson, CAPT, U.S. Navy, Retired

Team Leader, Veterans Ministry

Cross Roads United Methodist Church

(602) 799-9480 cell

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BASSETT, CYRUS (CY)

Bassett served in the US Army for six years, including combat duty in Vietnam from 1968-1970 as a Reconnaissance Team Leader. Serving as Vice President of the 173rd Airborne Brigade/Arizona Sky Soldiers for the last 20 years, Cy is also active with The American Legion Post 44 in Scottsdale. Cy's community service includes helping to raise thousands of dollars supporting the United Way War on Weekend Childhood Hunger program; and supporting the Alliance Defending Freedom legal organization which protects religious freedom and free speech. Cy advocates for veterans by visiting veterans receiving care at the Phoenix VA Medical Center and at the Arizona State Veteran Home Phoenix; and by assisting veterans at the annual Maricopa County StandDowns. Cy Bassett works hard at recruiting other volunteers; he is a force multiplier.

Received from: Colleen Heck

Unified Arizona Veterans ALA Rep.

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Hello Membership Team:

My last attempt to send this is still sitting in my outbox (since Friday), so hoping this one gets sent successfully (and you don't get it twice)!

I have attached the standings for this week—and have added color... yellow represents Units that have increased since last week and orange represents those Units that have increase by 5 percentage points or more. (way to go orange Units)!

- District 12, with their fancy luxury sports cars, are in the lead (21.96%)
- District 5 went off-road to move into second (21.31%)
- District 2 with their big motorized 1950's land yachts moved up a few places to third (20.45%)
- But other Districts are nipping at their bumpers so keep pressing that gas pedal!

As for the September 15 goal of 25% we had many units step up to meet the challenge. While the Department as a whole didn't make it, these Units really shone. I attached the Ring Your Bell posting recognizing their efforts. Please pass on my kudos to them.

Renewal notices went out from National on September 15th. They are delivered USPS, so arrival in member mailboxes is a bit unpredictable. Our next National goal is 60% by the Auxiliary Birthday. November is also when many challenges become due. The list of challenges is attached—and BY THE WAY ITS NOT TOO LATE TO ISSUE MORE!

Most of you know that the Department website is being updated, so nothing more can be added to it. Please be sure to share these results with your Units.

Remember Department is here to help you and your Units—reach out!

Marge

**Marge Christianson
Vice President/Membership Chair
Department of Arizona
American Legion Auxiliary
(763) 234-9852 call or text**

Congratulations

Arizona Units reaching membership 25%

As of September 15:

Unit 2, Tempe
Unit 6, Prescott
Unit 8, Casa Grande
Unit 11, Douglas
Unit 42, Gand Canyon
Unit 53, Buckeye
Unit 57, Ash Fork
Unit 84 Sacaton
Unit 86, Overgaard

Unit 88, Dolan Springs
Unit 91, Chandler
Unit 95, Solomon
Unit 100, Department
Unit 105, Phoenix
Unit 107, Phoenix
Unit 114, Scottsdale
Unit 115, Glendale
Unit 117, Phoenix
Unit 124 Guadalupe

You were there on the S.A.L. Birthday!!!

UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 2026 9/19/25

If your percentages show NaN and/or Infinity please send us your Goals

This report updates once daily at midnight Eastern Time

		UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
01		0100	Phoenix	166	0	48	48	28.92%
		Total		166	0	48	48	28.92%
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		0019	Yuma	182	1	37	38	20.88%
		0046	Bouse	63	0	3	3	4.76%
		0056	Yuma	72	0	8	8	11.11%
		Total		317	1	48	49	15.46%
	Total			317	1	48	49	15.46%
02		0007	Tucson	46	1	7	8	17.39%
		0036	Tucson	243	2	53	55	22.63%
		0059	Tucson	127	0	27	27	21.26%
		0066	Green Valley	883	0	180	180	20.39%
		0068	Tucson	56	1	11	12	21.43%
		0073	Tucson	25	1	5	6	24.00%
		0109	Vail	440	1	77	78	17.73%
		0125	Tucson	15	0	0	0	0.00%
		0131	Green Valley	601	0	140	140	23.29%
		0132	Oro Valley	77	0	8	8	10.39%
		Total		2513	6	508	514	20.45%
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03		0011	Douglas	116	0	31	31	26.72%
		0016	Bisbee	48	0	4	4	8.33%
		0024	Tombstone	450	1	88	89	19.78%
		0045	Benson	45	0	11	11	24.44%
		0052	Sierra Vista	183	0	33	33	18.03%
		0141	Pearce	20	0	1	1	5.00%
		Total		862	1	168	169	19.61%
	Total			862	1	168	169	19.61%
04		0008	Casa Grande	27	1	7	8	29.63%
		0009	Florence	191	0	3	3	1.57%
		0051	Coolidge	72	0	1	1	1.39%
		0054	Coolidge	81	0	11	11	13.58%
		0129	Queen Creek	31	0	1	1	3.23%
		0133	Maricopa	23	0	1	1	4.35%
		Total		425	1	24	25	5.88%
	Total			425	1	24	25	5.88%
05		0004	Globe	42	0	0	0	0.00%
		0028	Clifton	89	0	15	15	16.85%
		0032	Safford	139	0	7	7	5.04%
		0095	Solomon	82	4	49	53	64.63%
		Total		352	4	71	75	21.31%
	Total			352	4	71	75	21.31%
06		0030	Springerville	94	1	6	7	7.45%
		0037	Holbrook	36	0	2	2	5.56%
		0069	Payson	112	0	8	8	7.14%
		0086	Overgaard	468	6	117	123	26.28%

07		Total		710	7	133	140	19.72%
	Total			710	7	133	140	19.72%
07		0003	Flagstaff	68	0	9	9	13.24%
		0013	Williams	74	0	12	12	16.22%
		0014	Kingman	131	2	31	33	25.19%
		0022	Golden Valley	146	0	16	16	10.96%
		0042	Grand Canyon	42	4	15	19	45.24%
		0057	Ash Fork	68	2	18	20	29.41%
		0081	Lake Havasu City	759	3	113	116	15.28%
		0087	Bullhead City	124	1	31	32	25.81%
		0088	Dolan Springs	39	0	10	10	25.64%
		0103	Meadview	53	0	4	4	7.55%
		0123	Seligman	35	0	7	7	20.00%
		0136	Yucca	15	0	0	0	0.00%
		Total		1554	12	266	278	17.89%
	Total			1554	12	266	278	17.89%
08		0006	Prescott	304	5	110	115	37.83%
		0025	Cottonwood	336	1	44	45	13.39%
		0040	Chino Valley	97	0	15	15	15.46%
		0078	Humboldt	148	0	17	17	11.49%
		0079	Yarnell	172	0	28	28	16.28%
		0090	Black Canyon City	65	0	2	2	3.08%
		0093	Camp Verde	117	0	13	13	11.11%
		0108	Prescott Valley	31	0	2	2	6.45%
		0135	Cornville	42	0	8	8	19.05%
		0140	Prescott Valley	17	0	0	0	0.00%
		Total		1329	6	239	245	18.43%
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11		0001	Phoenix	114	0	16	16	14.04%
		0005	Phoenix	61	0	5	5	8.20%
		0012	Wickenburg	219	0	43	43	19.63%
		0029	Glendale	240	2	32	34	14.17%
		0053	Buckeye	38	0	22	22	57.89%
		0061	Avondale	239	1	64	65	27.20%
		0062	Peoria	1122	8	191	199	17.74%
		0105	Phoenix	299	6	70	76	25.42%
		0115	Glendale	37	4	12	16	43.24%
		0145	Peoria	25	0	3	3	12.00%
		Total		2394	21	458	479	20.01%
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12		0002	Tempe	101	0	34	34	33.66%
		0026	Mesa	251	0	44	44	17.53%
		0027	Apache Junction	2039	8	489	497	24.37%
		0034	Cave Creek	318	0	16	16	5.03%
		0035	Chandler	295	5	59	64	21.69%
		0039	Gilbert	636	5	129	134	21.07%
		0041	Phoenix	351	1	42	43	12.25%
		0044	Scottsdale	314	0	19	19	6.05%
		0058	Fountain Hills	411	0	63	63	15.33%

		0064	Phoenix	16	0	0	0	0.00%
		0065	Phoenix	358	10	37	47	13.13%
		0084	Sacaton	60	5	45	50	83.33%
		0091	Chandler	308	15	121	136	44.16%
		0107	Phoenix	215	1	82	83	38.60%
		0114	Scottsdale	9	1	4	5	55.56%
		0117	Phoenix	243	0	84	84	34.57%
		0124	Guadalupe	29	2	6	8	27.59%
		0138	Mesa	138	2	9	11	7.97%
		Total		6092	55	1283	1338	21.96%
	Total			6092	55	1283	1338	21.96%
Total	Total			16714	114	3246	3360	20.10%

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
Membership Challenges 2025-2026

District 8 challenged District 11

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025, \$100 to President's Special Project

Unit 25 challenged Unit 62

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

Unit 41 challenged Unit 65

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

Unit 91 challenged Unit 35

- Highest percentage % of Membership by January 1st, 2026, \$100 to President's Special Project

District 12 challenged District 11

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

Jane Shoemaker Challenged Ginger Cox

- \$25 and a bottle of wine to sign up 3 new Legionnaire's, 3 new ALA members, and 3 new SAL members, by 30 days prior to Convention 2026

Unit 41 challenged Unit 117

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

Unit 8 challenged Units 27,36,41,39,86,25,61,29,65,109,& 8

- 5 new Juniors per unit by January 1st, 2026, Units not meeting challenge: \$100 to President's Special Project

Unit 86 challenged Unit 25

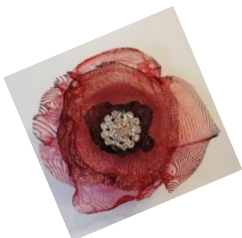
- Greatest percentage % of Dual members (TAL and ALA) by November 11th, 2025,
- \$100 to President's Special Project

Unit 24 challenged Unit 11

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$25 to President's Special Project tie both pay

Unit 56 challenged Unit 19

- Highest percentage % of Membership by November 11th, 2025,
- \$25 to President's Special Project tie both pay



Marge challenges all Districts

- Meet the National 85% goal by March 15, 2026; Poppy Bling pins to all Unit and District membership chairs in the winning Districts

September 26, 2025

Hello District Presidents and Membership Chairs:

We had another great week!

- District 5 is in their off-road vehicle on their way to Mount Rushmore with 38.93%! (Ring Your Bell post attached)
- District 12 is in second place almost to Washington with 23.51%
- District 2 is right on their bumper with 23.44 %
- Standings are attached: many Districts getting close to 25%.... Keep up the momentum!

Overall Department is at 22.08% an increase of 2% from last week. Still working on that 25% mark!

7 more units (in addition to the 19 previously announced) went over the 25% mark (Ring Your Bell post attached):

- Unit 14
- Unit 27
- Unit 32
- Unit 59
- Unit 61
- Unit 87
- Unit 131

Many individual Units are making great progress! Please pass on my kudos to those Units!

POST CARD ORDERS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 30. PLEASE ENCOURAGE UNITS TO ORDER THEM ASAP!!! (Order sheet attached).

Thank you for your enthusiasm to build our patriotic future and celebrate our Nation's 250 birthday.

Marge

***Marge Christianson
VP/Membership Chair
Dept of Arizona
(763) 234-9852 call or text***

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		0053	Buckeye	38	0	24	24	63.16%
		0061	Avondale	239	1	66	67	28.03%
		0062	Peoria	1122	8	207	215	19.16%
		0105	Phoenix	299	6	70	76	25.42%
		0115	Glendale	37	4	12	16	43.24%
		0145	Peoria	25	0	3	3	12.00%
		Total		2394	21	480	501	20.93%
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12		0002	Tempe	101	0	39	39	38.61%
		0026	Mesa	251	0	44	44	17.53%
		0027	Apache Junction	2039	9	538	547	26.83%
		0034	Cave Creek	318	0	18	18	5.66%
		0035	Chandler	295	5	59	64	21.69%
		0039	Gilbert	636	5	129	134	21.07%
		0041	Phoenix	351	1	42	43	12.25%
		0044	Scottsdale	314	0	32	32	10.19%
		0058	Fountain Hills	411	0	75	75	18.25%
		0064	Phoenix	16	0	0	0	0.00%
		0065	Phoenix	358	10	38	48	13.41%
		0084	Sacaton	60	5	45	50	83.33%
		0091	Chandler	308	15	126	141	45.78%
		0107	Phoenix	215	1	82	83	38.60%
		0114	Scottsdale	9	1	4	5	55.56%
		0117	Phoenix	243	0	86	86	35.39%
		0124	Guadalupe	29	2	10	12	41.38%
		0138	Mesa	138	2	9	11	7.97%
		Total		6092	56	1376	1432	23.51%
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Total	Total			16714	122	3568	3690	22.08%

Congratulations

**to the 7 More Arizona Units
that made the 25% National Membership Goal
this week:**

Unit 14, Kingman

Unit 27, Apache Junction

Unit 32 Safford

Unit 59, Tucson

Unit 61, Avondale

Unit 87, Bullhead

Unit 131, Madera Green Valley

**That makes 26 Units meeting the first milestone on our
ROADTRIP!!!**

On your way to Mount Rushmore!

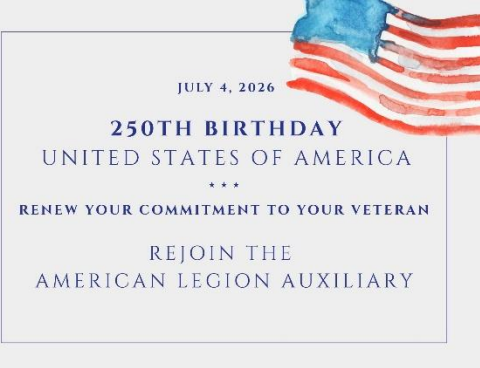
District 5
First District to reach
Washington!!

On their way to
Mount Rushmore!!!
Already at 37% of goal!



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
Membership Postcard ORDER FORM

- Renew/Rejoin Postcards will be available for distribution at Fall Conference. Each Unit will receive 5 free, additional postcards are available for \$2.50 per 25 cards.
- Order Postcards before September 30 to receive at Fall Conference and avoid postage costs.
- Orders received after September 30 will have cost of mailing added to the order. ORDER NOW!

 Front	YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MATTERS: Your membership represents influence-- in legislation, community and support services for veterans and their families. You can make a difference! Renew or rejoin today: Call 317-569-4570 to talk with a real person or drop by your local American Legion Post  Back
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Postcards are \$2.50 per 25 and must be ordered in increments of 25

Unit Name & number _____

Name of person to receive postcards _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____ Phone _____

Number of postcards _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of AZ and mail the order form and check to:

ALA Dept. of AZ

4701 N. 19th Ave., Ste. 100

Phoenix, AZ 85015



October 2025
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
MUSIC REPORT 2025-2026

Greetings Musicophiles (“music lovers”),

This year’s Department President’s Theme is: “Angels in the Outfield”. “Saint Cecilia” is the Saint of Music. She became the patroness of music and musicians. Let’s spread the love of music out to everyone. Together, we’ve got the music in us!. What a wonderful way to salute our heroes! I would like to ask all Districts and Units to include music in their meetings. Please let me know some of the ways your Districts and Units are Saluting Our “Super Heroes through Music”. I’m looking forward to hearing your ideas.

Please continue to encourage your members and Post to participate in “The American Legion Family Choir”. The more voices participating the better we sound. Please remember to bring a “Legion” polo and dark pants for the “Memorial Service”. I’m still hoping to find a strong male voice to feature in a special Elvis song in the near future,

Fall Conference is approaching very fast. Fall Conference will be the second weekend in November. I’ve been working on music for Fall Conference and have found some great songs for the choir. I’m hoping to feature two singers in one song. I’m looking forward to seeing and hearing your beautiful voices there!

“Music is well said to be the speech of angels. ”

Thomas Carlyle

With a song in your heart.
For God and Country,

Alma Mattingly, Department Music Chairman

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POPPY FUNDS & HONOR FLIGHTS



FOR VETERAN PARTICIPANTS' WELFARE AND REHABILITATION:

- WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE BUSES
- FOOD AND NUTRITION
- OXYGEN
- WHEELCHAIRS
- MEDICAL TEAMS ON FLIGHT



FOR COMPANION GUARDIANS:

- AIRFARE TO ACCOMPANY THE VETERAN ON THE TRIP
- FOOD AND NUTRITION
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TO REMAIN WITH THE VETERAN DURING THE TRIP
- GUARDIAN TRAINING AND ASSOCIATED NEEDS TO EXECUTE TASK
- WHEN REQUIRED – TRANSPORTATION TO THE AIRPORT WITH VETERAN
- WHEN REQUIRED – HOTEL FOR NIGHT BEFORE THE FLIGHT WITH VETERAN

POPPY FUNDS GUIDELINES

- The rehabilitation of veterans honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces after April 6, 1917.
- The welfare of the families of veterans of the above-named period.
- The rehabilitation of hospitalized military service personnel returning home and awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals.
- The welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and the families of veterans and active military personnel of the above-named period where financial and medical need is evident.
- For the purpose of poppy kits and supplies used to make symbolic poppies and poppy items that will be distributed for donations to the Poppy Fund.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
August 2025
By 2nd Vice – Lynda Griffin

HISTORY OF THE FORMAL VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Since World War I, the women of the American Legion Auxiliary have taken an active role in the care and rehabilitation of veterans. These early efforts, however, were largely uncoordinated and not integrated into a formal healthcare plan or program. It wasn't until 1930 that care and rehabilitation for veterans were integrated under a unified Veterans Affairs program similar to what we know today.

During World War II, it was determined that a need existed for a coordinated volunteer effort to direct the activity of committed individuals and hundreds of service and welfare groups such as the Auxiliary. This need developed into a formal volunteer program providing aid and assistance to members of the armed forces injured in war.

By the end of the war, the immediate focal point of interest for many volunteer groups seemed lost; however, leaders of these groups realized that the training these volunteers had received during wartime shouldn't be lost, and a new outlet for their efforts had to be identified.

Since these volunteers had focused specifically on aiding and assisting Service members, it was only natural that leadership of the groups they represented decided to focus their time, skill, and effort in peacetime, helping care for a new group of men and women now considered veterans.

On April 8, 1946, representatives of several veterans service organizations, including The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, met in Washington, D.C., with the Assistant Administrator for Special Services. This meeting resulted in the still new Veterans Administration developing regulations and procedures making a provision for the use of volunteers through the VA Special Services program for hospitalized veterans. Before this meeting concluded, their first VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Advisory Committee was formed.

In later years, as more wars ensued, the American Legion Auxiliary heeded the call for volunteers. In 1964, the Auxiliary inaugurated a new program called Field Service Volunteers. Answering a need and call to action, in 1974 the ALA introduced the Home Service program which recognized and supplemented the care given to America's veterans.

Regardless of where service takes place, American Legion Auxiliary members are known across the country as a go-to resource for this country's veterans and their families. The Auxiliary membership is proud of its legacy of volunteer service, and it is our goal to continue our valuable contribution in the years to come. Both programs continue to reflect our care, commitment, and compassion for veterans.

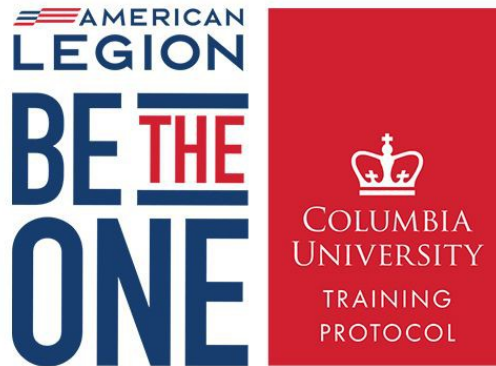
Looking for information about being a Unit VAR Chairman?

- [National Committee Resources \(All VA & R programs\)](#)
- [Betheone.org](#)
- [ALA Academy "betheone"](#)
- [Ring Your Bell Postings](#)
- [Unit Assignments to AZ VA Facilities](#)
- [Wreath Across American](#)
- [Reporting Hours: Impact Report Vet/Military Section VS Service to Veterans Volunteer Hours](#)
- Lynda Griffin – Lynda4ala@azdot.gov – (623) 349 -3979

BE THE ONE

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
September 2025
By 2nd Vice – Lynda Griffin

September is Suicide Prevention Month



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

After the training, participants will be able to:

- Use the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale to determine at-risk individuals.
- Identify risk factors and warning signs
- Outline the types of suicidal ideation and four behaviors that indicate imminent risk.
- Communicate effectively with an individual who may be at risk of hurting themselves.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *All attendees will be asked to complete an online survey before the class and upon completion. These surveys help track the effectiveness of the training and allow us to plan for future development.*

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE PRE-SESSION SURVEY.\(Opens in a new window\)](#)

UPCOMING ONLINE SESSIONS

Monday, Sept. 22: 2:30-4 p.m. EST

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The VA&R program is a cornerstone of the American Legion Auxiliary and serving veterans is our purpose. We will continue our focus on the Be the One mission. What can we do? We can register for the free online Suicide Prevention Training accessible <https://www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one/be-the-one-training> to learn how to recognize those at risk, and what measures to take if you do. We are not expected to become mental health professionals, but we can connect individuals to the right resources in a timely manner. If one of the training sessions doesn't fit your schedule, check back often so you don't miss out. Participate in Buddy Checks. You never know when your call can make a difference. We also want to increase our volunteer footprint in VA Medical Centers, Clinics and beyond, including our service to veterans in the community. Also, please check out the first quarterly meeting recap on the next page that addresses our external partnerships. We'll be sharing more detail about each of those in upcoming newsletters, so stay tuned. There is a lot we can do and many ways to do it. Be sure to track your activities and hours – reporting matters.

We will continue to promote the Be the One mission. It's important for us to remember that it is a stand-alone phrase and should not be used as part of a theme or as a tagline. It should be reserved for use when it directly relates to suicide prevention. Ways we can focus on the Be the One mission are through participation in Buddy Checks and bringing greater awareness of the suicide problem and reducing the stigma associated with asking for help. We can take the Suicide Prevention Training offered online at no cost through the American Legion.

Another area of focus is to increase our footprint in our volunteer service, both within and outside of VA facilities. Our Vice Chair, Pat Kranzow, has extensive expertise in this area and shared some great information. We spent some time briefly addressing our external partnerships that include Wreaths Across America, Honor Flight, Quilts of Valor, the Military and Veteran Caregiver Network, and our most recently formalized alliance with Tragedy Assistance for Survivors, or TAPS. Suffice it to say that there are many ways to participate in the VA&R program and there is something for everyone!

ALA Academy LIVE: American Legion/Auxiliary/Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Program – September 24, 2025 7:00pm – 8:00pm ET / AZ Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Wreaths Across America Day 2025 is Saturday, December 13! Now is the time to start planning! Your unit can get involved and earn money while supporting our combined mission. Learn more about this program on the American Legion Auxiliary/Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Program webinar on September 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm ET. During this webinar our guest speakers from WAA will share some of the history of Wreaths Across America, their partnership with the

American Legion Auxiliary, our sponsorship program, and the tools available to help make this a successful endeavor for units nationwide.



Use the following link to register for the ALA Academy webinar scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Eastern time September 24, 2025 <https://web.cvent.com/event/2accd1d9-04f8-4e99-bce9-f1815366256b/summary>

You must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on that day.

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2025 Wish List

CRRC (Homeless)

- Bus passes
- Gift cards (Walmart & Fry's)
- Walking canes
- Work boots and shoes
- Seated walkers
- Bicycles, helmets and locks
- Winter jackets
- Hygiene kits

COACH Program (Alzheimer/Dementia)

- Adult Coloring Books: [Link](#), [Link](#),
- Packages of Colored Pencils
- Fidget quilts or toys:
 - Busy boards: [Link](#), [Link](#), [Link](#)
- Anything Veteran specific or branch specific
- Stuffed and/or electronic animals
- Lego kits with case for preschool age: [Link](#)
- Lego building base: [Link](#)
- Paint markers
- Fidget arm bracelets: [Link](#)
- Fidget arm pillows: [Link](#)
- Journals
- Weighted animals and/or blankets:
 - Animals: [Link](#)
 - Lap blanket: [Link](#)
- Plastic stop signs: [Link](#)
- Pet carrier w/pet bed: [Link](#)
- Activities for dementia:
 - Bingo Set: [Link](#)
 - Coaster color kit: [Link](#)
 - Tic-Tac-Toe game: [Link](#)
 - Puzzles: [Link](#)

Intimate Partner Violence Program (IPV)

- Gift Cards (Walmart & Fry's)
- Bus passes
- Tracfone

Women's Program

- Baby socks and booties
- Teething rings
- Hooded baby towels
- Baby board books
- Baby diapers
- Baby wipes
- Mom socks
- Sports bras in all sizes
- Hairbrushes/combs for women

- Walmart or Fry's gift cards

32nd St. Clinic(SW)

- Reusable Water bottles
- Homemade Blankets
- Bus passes
- Gift cards (Walmart & Fry's)
- Hygiene bags
- Socks
- Colored pencils

Military Sexual Trauma (MST) Clinic

- Inspiring/affirmation coins or tokens
[example: Rainbow Lotus Premium Affirmation Coin (thetokenshop.com)]
- Plastic storage bin for MST materials
- Felt fabric for grounding activities
(grounding through the senses)

Community Nursing Home (CNH) Program

- Adult Coloring Books
- Fidget quilts or toys
- Anything Veteran specific or branch specific
- Stuffed and/or electronic animals
- VA specific coins
- Blankets/quilts in Red/White Blue colors or branch specific

PRRC (Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center)

- Challenge coins (VA or Military Branches themed)
- Gift cards (Fry's or Walmart)

HUD/VASH (Health and Urban Development VA Supportive Housing)

- Single Day Bus Passes
- Gift cards (Walmart & Fry's)

PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

- Adult Coloring Book <https://a.co/d/968aSKd>
- Adult Coloring Book <https://a.co/d/5v1YLD3>
- Adult Coloring Book <https://a.co/d/56ZkyDz>
- Affirmation Cards <https://a.co/d/6mfweCM>
- Affirmation Cards <https://a.co/d/5Mi0S27>
- Affirmation Cards <https://a.co/d/c8uNjeU>
- Affirmation Cards <https://a.co/d/4dZgDR2>
- Affirmation Cards <https://a.co/d/indJ6cm>
- Candles <https://a.co/d/6xuo7ny>
- MH Awareness Bracelets <https://a.co/d/1Q1PqoR>

Only acceptable used items are walkers, canes, wheelchairs and electric scooters!

American Legion
Auxiliary Presents

Deck the Halls & Dazzle Us with Your Creativity!

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION

NOVEMBER 28TH TIME 9 AM TO ?
ARIZONA STATE VETERANS HOME TUCSON

555 E. AJO IN BUILDING ONE
LET ME KNOW WHOS ALL COMING SO I CAN ORDER
COFFEE AND A BREAKFAST BURRITO FOR EACH
VOLUNTEER!

