



Engaging our Youth in Patriotism for our Veterans

August 2026

Dear Department of Arizona Auxiliary members,

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me for the 2026-2027 year. Together, the Arizona American Legion Auxiliary, along with our Legion Family, will continue the tradition of supporting veterans, military, families and community!

This is a special time in our country's history.

For 250 years, U.S. Armed Forces have ensured that the United States of America has remained a free country. We owe our entire way of life to the men and women who served--- many giving their very lives for our lives *and for our future*.

The American Legion Family has many programs and tools to ensure that the next generation understands the importance of patriotism—love of country and appreciation for our way of life. There is no organization in a better position to bring this message to our youth than the American Legion Family. Building on our foundation and successfully delivering this message will ensure the next generation's ongoing support for our service members.

As we head into the 2026-2027 administrative year, we will use our tremendous community presence to further engage our youth—our Junior members and our Arizona school children—in America: her history, traditions and way of life.

Our best resource for this is YOU—the Unit member. With your commitment and creativity, we can not only care for today's veterans but ensure support for the veterans of our future. As we go forward, watch for bulletins and information from your Department Chairmen. They will be sharing many tools and ideas!

Together, we can ensure our youth understands the importance of patriotism.

Together we can celebrate our successes: Please share your efforts on the "Ring Your Bell" Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RingYourBellAZala>

Yours in Service,

Marge

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



“Engaging our Youth in Patriotism, for our Veterans”

August 2026,

Department dues will be going up for the 2027 Membership Year! Units will send \$30.00 to cover Department and National dues. Membership is everyone's job. Membership renewals, re-joins and new members can be sent to the Department.

Don't hold on to membership, please send in weekly.

RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY PHONE: Call National Headquarters at 317-569-4570 with your member ID and debit or credit card ready

Department, NO LONGER HOLDS MEMBERSHIP CREDITS!!! ONLINE AND OVER/UNDERPAYMENTS ARE REIMBURSED MONTHLY. DO NOT WRITE USE CREDIT ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP WHEN YOU SEND IT IN. If the check, we send you is not cashed within 90 days of issuance the bank automatically voids it and you **WILL NOT BE ISSUED ANOTHER ONE!**

If you have changed your Unit Mailing address, we need to know the new one. We are getting a lot of undeliverable mail back from the USPS saying undeliverable mail or unknown residents.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: President Marge's project this year is **Engaging our Youth in Patriotism, for our Veterans**. Kim Lindsey from Unit 5 is the PSP Chairman. You can reach her at, scoutermomkim@yahoo.com, if you want her to visit your Unit or District, or to get more information.

MANDATES: . The 2026-2027 mandates are being worked on. We are doing something new this year, I will be invoicing and snail mailing Units and Districts for their mandates, I will also be emailing the invoice to the Unit/District Treasurer. Remember a Poppy mandate was past at convention and a Due date of March 1st for both Department and District mandates or your Unit will have no vote and will Not be eligible for awards at next year's convention. If you have any questions regarding Mandates, contact the Department Office.

2026 DIRECTORY: Is on the Department website: www.aladeptaz.org. If your Units information is blank, that means we did not receive your new officer information. Please email us with the information and we will get you entered.

POPPY: We no longer have purchase by date, due to the new Poppy mandate. Order when you need them.

The Office is open, and we are here to help. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4p.m. Evenings by appointment. (please don't be afraid to ask).

Rose Ficklin
Department Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary1@aladeptaz.org

Rae Hopf
Department Membership Processor

membership@aladeptaz.org

PLEASE REMEMBER !!!!!

No one representing the American Legion Auxiliary will ever send an email or text asking you for money or to purchase gift cards for them because they are busy or "in meetings".

PLEASE ALWAYS DELETE THEM AND IGNORE ANY SUCH REQUEST !!!!!

PLEASE let your members know to be diligent!

PRESIDENTS Special PROJECT

Bulletin

July 22,2026

HELLO!!

HI! I'm Kim Lindsey this years PSP chairman!

I am from Unit 5 Phoenix we are small but fun to be around!

I've been with the Auxiliary for 6 years now and I am a big fan of Mission Training. I learn something at everyone I go to plus I get to meet beautiful people from other Units!!! I am happily married to Tracy and we have 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren.

I am super excited about this year's special project

" Engaging Our Youth in Patriotism"

We have so many programs in place already to help you with this mission ! I'm attaching a list of some of them !

If you should have any questions please feel free to call me at 602-574-1318

Or email Scoutermomkim@yahoo.com

- [Americanism Essay Contest](#)
- Unit Citizenship Awards presented to children and youth who have demonstrated the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- Bringing Veterans or servicemembers to local schools and youth groups to talk about what their service means to defending the ideals of the Constitution.
- Distributing patriotic coloring books for children in primary grades.
- Celebrating Constitution Day (also known as Citizenship Day) on September 17, the day set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.
- Distributing pocket copies of the U.S. Constitution for school children and/or ALA Junior Members.
- Encouraging high school-aged students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in [The American Legion Oratorical Contest](#).

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Date: _____

To: American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

Please send Department Bulletins to name and address below. **The \$40.00 subscription fee is enclosed.** I understand that if I subscribe after October first the subscription is **NOT** retroactive to beginning of Auxiliary year, but if subscription is received in Department prior to September 30th, previous month's bulletins will be sent.

Member ID# _____

Name & Address

Phone #: _____

NOTE: There is no Bulletin in July.

FOR OFFICE USE

Date Received _____

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DEPARTMENT BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTION FORM
2026-2027

If you subscribe to the Department Bulletin, this is your last issue for the 2025-2026 year.

Due to rising cost of supplies and postage, we must raise the subscription rate to **\$40.00**. This increase will help to offset the cost of printing and mailing the bulletin every month. It currently costs between \$3.00 to \$4.00 to mail the bulletin every month.

You are welcome to print the bulletin from the Department website if you choose to. Go to aladeptaz.org, click on Member Resources, go to #2 Pres Office Combos, on the drop-down menu, then scroll to the bottom and you can download and print it.

If you would like to continue receiving the monthly bulletin by mail, please fill out the form on the back. Send a check for \$40.00 to:

American Legion Auxiliary,
Department of Arizona
4701 N 19th Ave Ste100
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Thank you,

Rose



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
4701 N. 19TH Ave Ste 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Aladeptaz.org
602-241-1080

DUES, MANDATES, FEES, DONATIONS

The following are program funds that need to go through Department books

REMINDER: ALL MANDATES ARE DUE MARCH 1ST, 2027 OR YOUR UNIT WILL FOREFIT IT'S RIGHT TO VOTE AND ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS.

DO NOT SEND DISTRICT MANDATES TO DEPARTMENT, SEND THEM TO YOUR DISTRICT.....

Make Checks payable to ALA Dept. of Arizona, 4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 100, Phoenix AZ 85015-3727. Please write separate checks for MEMBERSHIP, and Mandates. All others may be included in one check with an explanation as to where the funds are being donated to.

DUES:

2027 Dues are **\$30.00 per Senior** and **\$4.00 per Junior**. This covers Department and National dues. A subscription to the Auxiliary magazine is included in the National portion.

MANDATES:

Due March 1st

District and Department use 2026 Department Close of books membership totals to determine the base for assessments.- **EACH DISTRICT DETERMINES IT'S OWN PRICING per their Constitution & Bylaws.**

RPC-REHABILITATION PER CAPITA is (\$0.20) twenty cents per **SENIOR** Member. RPC is held at Department and used for veterans programs(VA&R)

DPC-DELEGATE PER CAPITA is (\$0.40) forty cents per member, **BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR**. DPC is used to send (3) three paid delegates to National Convention.

JAPC-JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PER CAPITA is (\$0.20) twenty cents per Member, **JUNIOR AND SENIOR, AND IS PAID WHETHER YOUR UNIT HAS ANY JUNIORS OR NOT**, and is used by Department to support The Junior Activities Fund.

JDPC-JUNIOR DELEGATE PER CAPITA is (\$0.20) twenty cents per **JUNIOR member**, and is used to send the Honorary Junior President, or her representative, and a chaperone(Junior Chairman) to the National Division Meeting.

POPPY MANDATE is \$30.00 Thirty Dollars per Unit, **NEW THIS YEAR** No minimum order by Sept. 30, NO 10% net profit. **This is a FLAT FEE**

BOND covers all Units and is forwarded to National every three years. Bond fee is (\$5.50) five dollars and fifty cents per Unit.

<u>POPPIES:</u>	Units are urged to order poppies. Poppies are \$150.00 per thousand and can be ordered in increments of 100 (\$15.00 per hundred). Please use the form on the Department website to order poppies. Poppy Funds are restricted funds, see the ALA Poppy Guide for explanation.
<u>WELFARE PLEDGE:</u>	This money stays in Department for use in the Welfare Budget for Veterans Programs and direct aid.
<u>CHRISTMAS PLEDGE:</u>	This money stays at Department for use in the Welfare Budget for each VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Arizona to place dollar bills in the Christmas Cards for hospitalized veterans. It's a small gift but is much appreciated.
<u>HOSPITAL PARTIES & SOCIAL SERVICES:</u>	This money is sent to VAMC's as designated by Units for monthly Bingo Parties, comfort items, recreation & field trips.
<u>GIFT SHOP:</u>	Money is used for purchasing gifts that enable hospitalized veterans to pick out gifts (free of charge) for themselves and their families to celebrate the Christmas Holiday.
<u>PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY:</u>	This money funds scholarships in nursing and health care occupations for students attending Arizona schools.
<u>SPIRIT OF YOUTH:</u>	This money goes to National to fund the Spirit of Youth scholarships for Junior members.
<u>AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND:</u>	This money is sent to National for assistance to ALA members during a personal financial crisis or natural disaster. Application Process
<u>JUNIORS:</u>	Helps offset Junior activities and meeting expenses
<u>GIRLS STATE:</u>	Fees are \$350.00 for the Unit and \$150.00 for the girl. Fees are sent to the Girls State Director DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO KEEP FEES DOWN Donations are sent to Department Headquarters
<u>ARIZONA LEADERSHIP FUND:</u>	This money stays at Department to help with expenses when Arizona has a candidate for National Office.
<u>DEPT. OFFICE OVERHEAD EXPENSES:</u>	This money stays in Department to help offset the Department Headquarters Office open with proper equipment, furnishings etc.
<u>CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES:</u>	Funds are used to furnish the cavalcade room at HQ and for supplies and materials needed, such as scrapbooks, binders, frames etc.
<u>DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT:</u>	This money is used for the special project of the Department President. This year the project is: Engaging Youth in Patriotism. Look for more information from the Department Chairman.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

POPPY ORDER FORM FOR 2026-2027 POPPIES

There is no order deadline ! POPPIES MAY BE ORDERED ALL YEAR.

All poppy "requirements" are now a separate mandate.

THIS FORM MUST BE USED TO ORDER POPPIES.

Cost of poppies are \$15.00 per hundred and must be ordered in increments of 100

Date poppies needed _____ Unit number _____

Name of person to receive poppies _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____ Phone _____

Number of poppies _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

**NOTE: If poppies need to be mailed, there is a charge for postage:
\$20.00 for 100 - 300 \$35.00 for 400 - 1000 \$45 for over 1000.**

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

4701 N. 19th Ave., Ste. 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015

- 1. Poppies ordered between Department Convention in June and Department Conference in November will be available at Department Conference unless arrangements have been made to pick them up at Headquarters or pay shipping to have them mailed.**
- 2. Poppies ordered between Department Conference in November and the next succeeding Convention must either be picked up at Headquarters or shipping must be paid for mailing.**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Arizona

SUBJECT: Names and addresses of elected 2026-2027 Unit Officers

PLEASE USE THIS FORM ALL YEAR TO SUBMIT CHANGES AND UPDATES. WE STILL HAVE MANY EMPTY SPACES IN THE 2026-2027 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER _____

UNIT MAILING ADDRESS _____

MEETING DAY _____ TIME _____ PLACE _____

PRESIDENT: _____ ID# _____

Phone # _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

E-Mail _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

SECRETARY: _____ ID# _____

Phone # _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

E-Mail _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

MEMBERSHIP: _____ ID# _____

Phone # _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

E-Mail _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

TREASURER: _____ ID# _____

Phone# _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

E-Mail _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

CHAPLAIN: _____ ID# _____

Phone# _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

E-Mail _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

HISTORIAN: _____ ID# _____

Phone# _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

E-Mail _____

Publish Yes ☐ No ☐

Please complete and return this form. We must have this information to keep the Department Directory up to date.

Mail form to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of AZ, 4701 N. 19th Ave., Ste 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015

You can email this form to secretary1@aladeptaz.org.

Fundraise smarter with **SmileAssociate**TM

ALA National Headquarters expanded its partnership with SmileAssociate to give

ALA ENTITIES AND ALA GIRLS STATE PROGRAMS

a new opportunity to raise funds through everyday Amazon shopping.



[SMILEASSOCIATE.COM/ALANATIONAL](https://smileassociate.com/alanational)

Support your local ALA entity directly with this SmileAssociate benefit expansion

The American Legion Auxiliary is introducing a new way for departments, districts, units, and ALA Girls State programs to raise funds through everyday Amazon shopping. Through our partnership with SmileAssociate, each ALA entity now has a dedicated shopping page, allowing supporters to start their purchases through a unique link that generates donations, at no additional cost to them. This simple, passive fundraising opportunity works with shopping habits already in place and provides quarterly contributions along with transparent reporting. By sharing your link and encouraging consistent use, ALA entities can create a steady stream of support for programs that serve veterans, military families, and communities nationwide.

Get started by visiting www.smileassociate.com/alanational and find your ALA entity today! For questions or more information, please contact ALA National Headquarters' Carley Schutz, Development Division director, at cschutz@ALAforVeterans.org.

How to Bookmark the SmileAssociate Landing Page

Apple iOS (iPhone & iPad)

Safari handles this natively for all iOS devices.

- **Open Safari:** Navigate to your shopping website.
- **Tap Share:** It is the square icon with an up arrow at the bottom.
- **Select Add:** Scroll down and tap **Add to Home Screen**.
- **Name and Confirm:** Type a shortcut name and tap **Add** in the top right.

Google Android (Google Pixel, Motorola, etc.)

Google Chrome provides a native prompt for modern websites.

- **Open Chrome:** Navigate to your shopping website.
- **Tap Menu:** It is the three vertical dots in the top right corner.
- **Select Add:** Tap **Add to Home screen** (or **Install app** if the site has a basic manifest).
- **Confirm:** Tap **Add** to place the icon on the home screen.

Samsung Android (Samsung Galaxy Devices)

Samsung devices often use Samsung Internet as the default browser, which has a distinct shortcut process.

- **Open Samsung Internet:** Navigate to your shopping website.
- **Tap Menu:** It is the three horizontal lines in the bottom right corner.
- **Select Add:** Tap **Add page to**.
- **Choose Location:** Select **Home screen** from the pop-up menu.

August AEF Bulletin

Hello, my name is Patti Hartfiel, I am a member of Unit 78 in Humboldt Az. I am eligible for the Auxiliary through my Husband retired Navy. I have been a member since 1991 and originally from Rice Mn.

The AEF Program is an auxiliary program that can assist members financially who are facing tough times. With the monsoon season and wildfires upon us please check on your unit members to make sure that they are safe.

More information can be found on the Department and National Website. You can also reach out to me for assistance. My contact information is Patti Hartfiel 320-282-0896 or by email pjhplace@aol.com.

For God and Country

Patti Hartfiel

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

To all our outgoing 2025-2026 Department, District and Unit Chaplains. You have served our members with dignity and honor, answered with grace whenever called upon, and continue to be a beacon of hope for our members. We want to extend a big THANK YOU to each and every one of you.

To all the incoming 2026-2027 Department, District and Unit Chaplains we want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. You will continue to carry the torch passed on by our outgoing Chaplains. Thank you for answering the call.

Our nation's 250th Birthday on July 4, 2026 was celebrated across the United States and around the world.

Our founding fathers penned the Declaration of Independence with this iconic section:

“We hold the truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

When we think of happiness or some refer to it as joy it is often not the same for every person.. Focusing on moments and memories that bring us happiness and joy, encourages us to navigate life with a positive and meaningful outlook.

A few examples:

- A beautiful sunset
- A walk or picnic in the park
- A warm smile
- Spending time with loved ones
- Family vacation
- Reflection and/or quiet time
- Enjoying time with friends
- Serving others

Until we meet again please think of and practice ways that you can create happiness and joy for others.

In service and faith,

Barbara Aubrey

Department Chaplain

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Arizona

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480-430-3577

Hello, my name is Charlotte Sullivan, and I am a proud member of Christopher J. Lakpa Unit 105 in North Phoenix. I have been a member of my unit for six years and am honored to be serving my third term as Unit President.

I joined the American Legion Auxiliary to honor my brother and both of my grandfathers—not only for their military service, but also for their unwavering dedication to our country and to their families. Their example continues to inspire my commitment to serving our veterans, military families, and our community.

My family is my world. My husband and I have been married for 16 wonderful years, and together we have three beautiful daughters. We cherish spending time together, taking family trips, and making sure our girls always know how deeply they are loved.

If you have any questions about the Children & Youth program, please don't hesitate to reach out to the committee. Our contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses, is available on the Department website. There are also many excellent resources available to help you learn more about Children & Youth programs, including ALA Academy, the National and Department websites, and the National Children & Youth Facebook page.

As the new school year begins, I want to recognize the many units working tirelessly to ensure our children, teachers, and schools have a successful start. Your dedication, compassion, and commitment make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.

Thank you, each, and every one of you, for your continued service and dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary. I look forward to working alongside all of you and to an amazing year ahead.

For God and Country, Service Not Self.

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Hello Auxiliary Units of Arizona!

Bring some fun back into volunteering!

It's my pleasure to introduce myself, JoJo "JoAnn" Baldwin. I am eligible for membership through my husband, David Baldwin, who served 11 honorable years in the U.S. Air Force. For the past three years, we have served together on the Honor/Color Guard at Post 27 in Apache Junction, Arizona. I serve as the Adjutant, Supply Officer, and a member of the flag posting team and assistant Chaplain. I remain deeply dedicated to supporting my local unit, post, and district. Over the past four years with the American Legion Auxiliary, I have served as the Community Service Chairman of Apache Unit 27, and as 2nd Vice President Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R). I currently serve as the Vice President and Membership Chairman.

Throughout my time in the Auxiliary, I have focused on driving impactful outreach – partnering with local community organizations to maximize resources, coordinating supply drives, supporting veterans facing economic hardship, and strengthening our broader military family. However, this heartfelt mission is never accomplished alone. My leadership experience has taught me that true success takes a "VILLAGE" – built on strong partnerships, genuine collaboration, and creative, out-of-the-box thinking. We undertake this dedicated volunteer work for God and Country! What better theme could our Department of Arizona President, Marg Christianson pick: **ENGAGING OUR YOUTH!** I challenge every local unit's Community Service Chairman to join me in restoring the values of "COOL," "ACCEPTABLE," and "DUTY" to the hearts of our youth, reinforcing the core principle of **SERVICE NOT SELF**.

If you join me in this challenge, my committee and I will productively lead "US" into innovative, collaborative partnerships – such as teaming up with our local public libraries. Public libraries offer free, highly relevant resources for veterans, the youth and families. For example, Unit 27 recently participated in an initiative already hosted by the Apache Junction Public Library called *America's Future*, celebrating the U.S. 250th Semiquincentennial Anniversary. The library provided all materials and public relations support at zero cost to our unit. This project consisted of several tiles/canvases in red, white and blue tiles coming together to create the American Flag. In this collaborative partnership several tiles/canvases were created by Army of Torches (AOT), ALA Unit 27, the local youth and families of Pinal County. See photos.

A characteristic of successfully working your program begins with understanding your community which for some can also mean knowing your audience. Yes we understand that we are here to serve the veterans. How about we dig deeper into the community that makes up that veteran's life. My childhood did not consist of supportive loving parents. I bring this to

your attention, if you truly understand your veterans, you will know that the American Legion has a huge heart for at-risk children – including those with deceased, missing, or disabled parents who have served our great country. When I was scared, or in need of guidance and resource, I sought out my public library as a safe haven and this very day, I do the same. A similar dynamic occurs within veterans' families. They utilize their local libraries to learn how to feed their families through gardening education and free seed programs, to foster personal growth and career transition through unemployment assistance, free resume courses and job postings, and to check out mobile hotspots for free internet access so their children can complete their homework.

Therefore, let us leverage our local libraries to ***engage our youth!*** Here is a link to Arizona State Library Directory: <http://azlibrary.gov/services/library-directory?hl=en-US>. Please begin your research by requesting an appointment with the Library's Director or head librarian in your local area. Many public libraries receive federal funding and grants that the staff uses to build programs and resources tailored to their local communities, which naturally includes veterans. For example, as Unit 27, Community Service Chairman, I repurposed pamphlets purchased by a library staff member through a federal grant designed specifically to serve the veterans – covering topics such as PTSD, transitioning from military service to civilian life, insomnia, and more. These resources were made available at Post 27's first Veteran Stand Down at no cost to our unit or post. Interview your library staff to learn how can partner, collaborate, or share resources, or assist with community events. All of these initiatives count as community service to veterans and their families, and offers easy inexpensive ways to engage our youth and impact local communities. Bring back **FUN** in our volunteering!



Education August 2026



Welcome to the exciting world of education! Education is a lifelong process that starts at birth and continues to the last breath of life. This year, you have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of students and educators. Brainstorm, be creative, and encourage your members to do the same. How many lives can we touch? We are limited only by the number of people living in our communities, state, and nation.

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship opportunities, and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

What can you do?

- Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.
- Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the Department and Unit levels.
- Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education", American Education Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.
- Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

With your help, I hope to assist the National Chairman in achieving these objectives. More information on the activities, programs and awards for the Education Program will be forthcoming in future bulletins and at Fall Conference.

I thank you in advance for all your work in making this a successful year for the Education Program. I look forward to sharing ideas and working with all the Units in the Department of Arizona.

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

Julie Vietri

Education Chairman
Department of Arizona
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480-495-1558

Navigating ALA Scholarships 101

"I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the kind and generous individuals who contribute to the scholarship funds of the ALA. Their support provides financial assistance and opens doors of opportunities for students like me."

— Latisha Wagner,
Non-Traditional Student
Scholarship Recipient



Check out more information about our ALA national scholarships using the QR code above.

Or visit
www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships
Who do I contact with questions?
Email National Headquarters at
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.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Be sure to check if your scholarship requires providing letters of recommendation. Please have your reference include their contact information. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.



Letters of recommendation must be received by the March 1 deadline.

The letters of recommendation may be attached to the scholarship application directly or emailed to education@ALAforVeterans.org.

If letters of recommendation are emailed, please include the name of the student, as well as the scholarship for which the student is applying in the subject line.

Finance

August 2026

Important Notes for Treasurers and Presidents:

- **You are a Unit, not a Post. You are a 501C (19) with the Group Designation 0964 set up by the National Organization. Always use your legal name, which is found on your Charter.**
- **Make sure you file the Arizona Commission report with the Secretary of State. File your 990 with IRS.**
- **Have you set up a record keeping system? This can be manual or on a computer, ie Quick Books is a good example. Files should be available for seven years. This includes reconciliations, bank statements, 990 Reports, ACC filing. All Unit legal files, ie. Current Constitution and By-Laws, Charter information should be stored in your Unit office.**
- **Set up a filing system. Share with your President and Unit Officers.**
- **For the purpose of transparency, a Monthly Financial Report for each account should be submitted at the General Meeting.**
- **Reconcile all accounts on a monthly basis. Deposit all checks and cash as soon as possible. Pay all invoices by check. Keep a record of cash receipts.**
- **Make sure that your bank accounts have at least two signatories and three if possible.**
- **Work on a 2026-2027 budget by setting up a Budget Committee. Be sure to review last year's budget to use as a guide.**
- **Set up an Audit Committee and get your treasurer there as a source for answering questions. Complete the Audit.**

Do you have any questions? Contact the Department Office and this Chairman. Our mission is to help you.

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

Historian's Message – Aug 2026

Greetings fellow auxiliary members – I am your newly elected Department of Arizona Historian and I am from Unit 25, Cottonwood. I qualify as a member under myself as I retired with 20 years of service in the United States Air Force but I also qualify under my father who served in the Navy.

Our history is one of service, sacrifice, and steadfast love for our veterans, their families, and our communities. Each month, we add another chapter to that story – and your History Reports ensure those chapters are never lost.

As we move forward in our missions, I encourage every unit to take time to reflect on the meaningful work you have all done. Whether it's honoring veteran's, supporting military families, uplifting your communities, or strengthening the bonds within your unit, **your efforts deserved to be recorded and remembered.**

History Reports are more than paperwork. They are a legacy. They help future members understand how we served, why we served, and how our compassion shaped the Auxiliary in Arizona. Please continue submitting your monthly updates to me with care, clarity and pride. Your stories matter and they inspire others to carry the mission forward.

Thank you all for all you do – quietly, faithfully, and with hearts full of purpose. Together, we preserve not only our accomplishments, but the spirit that makes the American legion Auxiliary extraordinary.

Let us continue to serve with compassion, courage and steady hearts.

DeDe Dexter debdexxter2010@yahoo.com or

Unit 25, 480 S Calvary Way, Cottonwood Az 86326

Feel free to call or text with any questions you may have: 562-370-0080

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Juniors

August 2026

Hey, You Guyyyyys!

My name is Sara, and while I already have many titles, this year I added another: AZ ALA Department Junior Activities Chairman. Only a little pressure since this year's focus is "Engaging Youth in Patriotism", but I'm not doing this alone. My unit, Tony F Sosa/Ray Martinez Unit 41, has always been supportive and active with Junior activities and has promised to join me on this adventure. Within my Unit 41, I also added the title of Treasurer this year, but I'm not doing it alone. Only "Together We Can" because I believe that Teamwork WILL make the dream work, and it's way more fun that way.

As Mom of a Junior Auxiliary member - you might know her as Monster or BELLA - I have seen the impact this organization makes, especially for the Youth! Bella and I joined ALA Unit 41 in 2017, and we have been treated like family since day one. As members of the American Legion Riders Chapter 41, we have had the privilege to visit many of your post homes across the state, where we were also welcomed in as family. Our ALA membership is under my Father, Bruce Dyer, a U.S. Army veteran. However, we started coming to 41 because of a boy (Slim) who gave me the title "Wife" in 2024. Our son, Hugo, is now 8 and a proud SAL member at Squadron 41. Hugo is super excited to participate in the Patch program as Junior SAL this year too.

We've got a lot of great things already in the works for the Juniors. Starting with the Junior Convention on Saturday, July 25, 2026, hosted at Post 41. Attendees were able to complete multiple activities towards earning their Poppy Patch by reading/telling the Poppy story, learning how to make the crepe poppy, and Poppy art projects. Our goal is to have activities at each gathering to help 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!)

Save the Dates:

November 6, 2026 AZALA Fall Conference (Doubletree Reid Park, Tucson, AZ)
February 6, 2027 ALA National Mission Training & Junior Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)
February 21, 2027 Junior Meetup for Americanism patch project (TBD)

Interested in hosting? Contact me

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.

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

Sat. October 3, 2026
orbitzbk@gmail.com

Overgaard-Heber Unit 86
2068 Lumber Valley Rd.
Overgaard, AZ 85933

Martha Raether
602-809-0972

PERSONALIZATION FORM

(Use this form only if personalizing multiple shirts)

Right chest lettering \$12 per shirt. Up to 4 lines of Blue lettering, limit 22 letters/spaces per line.

Orders for Personalization will begin shipping in early-July. (After June 19, allow 4 weeks for delivery.)

<u>Circle</u> <u>Shirt</u> <u>Style</u>	Men's Legion No Pocket		S
	Men's Legion Pocket	Name (script font):	M
	Lady Legion	Line 2 (block font):	L
	Auxiliary	Line 3 (block font):	XL
	SAL No Pocket	Line 4 (block font):	2X
	SAL Pocket		3X
			4X

<u>Circle</u> <u>Shirt</u> <u>Style</u>	Men's Legion No Pocket		S
	Men's Legion Pocket	Name (script font):	M
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ORDER FORM - 2027 MEMBERSHIP POLOS

Men's Legion no pocket	Men's Legion pocket	Lady Legion	Auxiliary	SAL no pocket	SAL pocket
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*For Men's Auxiliary
call 1-866-632-7131

Stock # 707.227X \$59.99	Stock # 707.227PX \$59.99	Stock # 707.227X \$59.99	Stock # 307.227X \$59.99	Stock # 507.227X \$59.99	Stock # 507.227PX \$59.99
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Enter quantities by style & size.

Ship To: Delivery will begin in July	Name:										
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American Legion Emblem Sales, P.O. Box 36460, Indianapolis, IN 46236-0460 Phone: 888-453-4466 E-mail: emblem@legion.org											
4 digits for Amex 3 digits for all others											

Optional Lettering = \$12.00

Right Chest. Up To 4 Lines. Blue Thread.
Limit 22 letters/spaces per line.

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2027 MEMBERSHIP POLOS



Right Sleeve

Available for:
Legion
Auxiliary
SAL



Left Sleeve



August Membership Bulletin

Member Recruitment and Retention

Recruiting and retaining a diverse, active membership is critical to our mission. Well into the future, veterans will need our support and advocacy to assist them at home and abroad, during war and peacetime, to receive the attention and support they deserve.

For the 2027 term, our objective is to maintain our current momentum and sustain the membership total of 16,795 recorded on June 12, 2026. To encourage this progress, we are pleased to offer a special incentive. Every District and Unit that reaches 100 percent of its membership goal next year will receive a Shining Triple Gold Star Pin.



To ensure the American Legion Auxiliary continues to exist for a future of serving our veterans, military, and their families, our goal is to enhance membership strength. Following is a sampling of the resources available on the MyAuxiliary portal of the National Website at <https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Membership> and also available on our department website: <https://aladeptaz.org/10-membership-tools> to assist in achieving this goal.

Regardless of your role, your contributions are vital to this organization. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication. I look forward to seeing our collective achievements recognized at the National level as we keep Arizona shining bright.

[Lynda Griffin](#)

Vice President

Department of Arizona

American Legion Auxiliary

Lynda4ala@gmail.com

(623) 349-3979

Membership Processing Instructions

Rules as of July 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 CANDY (First) L (M.I.) NICE (Last)
Address 555 Upstreet
City Phoenix State AZ ZIP 85555
Home Phone 480-222-2222 Cell Phone CANDYNICE17@PHX.NET
Date of Birth (Required) 01/01/2008 ☒ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over Email Address
Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, fill in below.) Unit # Location
Previous Unit City/State Mary Nice ALA ID # (if known) 61412024
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) Date

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) DON BUTLER
If Living: American Legion Member ID # 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 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.
Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification Mike Post Date 61412024

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
City PHOENIX **State** AZ **ZIP** 85555
Home Phone 480-222-2222 **Cell Phone** 480-222-2222
Email Address CANDYNICE17@PHX.NET
Date of Birth (Required) 01/01/2008 ☒ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over
Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)
Previous Unit City/State Mary Rice **ALA ID#** 6 / 4 / 2024
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) Mary Rice **Date** 6 / 4 / 2024

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.
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If Living: ☐ American Legion Member ID # (Required) ☐ Post # ☐ City ☐ State
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Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification Mike Post **Date** 6 / 4 / 2024

ALA 05-2021



DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date _____
Received From _____
\$ _____ **for 20** _____ **Des** _____
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

UNIT # 212

Transmittal # 11

Check # 1234

	ID#	Last Name	First Name	MI	Ren New Rej	S/Jr	New Female Vet	2025	2024	2023
1	222222222	NICE	MART	S	REN	S			X	
2		NICE	CANDY	L	NEW	JR			X	
3		FIELDS	NANCY	M	NEW	S	X		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 # 11 DATE 7/15/2024 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 200

Sally ME
SIGNATURE
999-999-9999
DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

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

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

Memo:

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# 111 111 111
(Required for all changes)

Date 6/4/24

Name ANN PARTY

ARIZONA Unit # 212 District # 20

200 E. RIVER
LOS ANGELES, CA 43215

☒ SR ☐ JR ☐ DECEASED, date of death 1 1

☐ PUFL ☐ Honorary Life Member

CORRECTIONS

Old Information

Name _____
Former Address _____
Former City _____
Former State _____ Zip _____
Former Telephone # () _____
Email Address _____

New Information

Name _____
New Address _____
New City _____
New State _____ Zip _____
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.
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 DO214 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.

**American legion Auxiliary
Department of Arizona
47-01 N. 19th Ave., Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015 •**

ALA DEPT OF AZ MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL 2026 & 2027

UNIT #		Transmittal #		Check #					
	ID#	Last Name	First Name	MI	Ren New Rej	S/Jr	New Female Vet	2027	2026
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UNIT NUMERIC OBJECTIVES 7/30/26 standings

	Unit	City	Objective	Junior	Senior	Total	Percent
	100	Phoenix	140	3	157	160	114.29%
	Total		140	3	157	160	114.29%
1							
	19	Yuma	182	7	188	195	107.14%
	46	Bouse	63	1	64	65	103.17%
	56	Yuma	72	1	65	66	91.67%
	113	Quartzsite	13	0	17	17	130.77%
	Total		330	9	334	343	103.94%
2							
	7	Tucson	46	1	34	35	76.09%
	36	Tucson	243	2	247	249	102.47%
	59	Tucson	127	7	122	129	101.57%
	66	Green Valley	883	0	864	864	97.85%
	68	Tucson	56	3	50	53	94.64%
	73	Tucson	25	1	16	17	68.00%
	109	Vail	440	14	432	446	101.36%
	125	Tucson	15	1	13	14	93.33%
	131	Green Valley	601	0	589	589	98.00%
	132	Oro Valley	77	2	66	68	88.31%
	Total		2513	31	2433	2464	98.05%
3							
	11	Douglas	116	4	134	138	118.97%
	16	Bisbee	48	0	45	45	93.75%
	24	Tombstone	450	11	428	439	97.56%
	45	Benson	45	4	43	47	104.44%
	52	Sierra Vista	183	1	169	170	92.90%
	141	Pearce	20	0	22	22	110.00%
	Total		862	20	841	861	99.88%
4							
	8	Casa Grande	27	1	29	30	111.11%
	9	Florence	191	1	150	151	79.06%
	51	Coolidge	72	11	60	71	98.61%
	54	Coolidge	81	1	74	75	92.59%
	129	Queen Creek	31	1	28	29	93.55%
	133	Maricopa	23	2	26	28	121.74%
	Total		425	17	367	384	90.35%

This will be the final report for Membership Year 2026-2027.
Welcome Back ALAMIS !!!

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	4	Globe	42	2	36	38	90.48%
	28	Clifton	89	2	87	89	100.00%
	32	Safford	139	0	151	151	108.63%
	95	Solomon	82	6	75	81	98.78%
	Total		352	10	349	359	101.99%
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	30	Springerville	94	1	100	101	107.45%
	37	Holbrook	36	0	34	34	94.44%
	69	Payson	112	0	119	119	106.25%
	86	Overgaard	468	13	479	492	105.13%
	147	Payson	13	1	21	22	169.23%
	Total		723	15	753	768	106.22%
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	3	Flagstaff	68	3	68	71	104.41%
	13	Williams	74	3	64	67	90.54%
	14	Kingman	131	5	123	128	97.71%
	22	Golden Valley	146	4	131	135	92.47%
	42	Grand Canyon	42	5	34	39	92.86%
	57	Ash Fork	68	2	64	66	97.06%
	81	Lake Havasu City	759	4	724	728	95.92%
	87	Bullhead City	124	4	188	192	154.84%
	88	Dolan Springs	39	0	53	53	135.90%
	103	Meadview	53	0	64	64	120.75%
	123	Seligman	35	0	23	23	65.71%
	136	Yucca	15	2	13	15	100.00%
	Total		1554	32	1549	1581	101.74%
8							
	6	Prescott	304	6	348	354	116.45%
	25	Cottonwood	336	6	310	316	94.05%
	40	Chino Valley	97	0	97	97	100.00%
	78	Humboldt	148	1	125	126	85.14%
	79	Yarnell	172	0	166	166	96.51%
	90	Black Canyon City	65	1	65	66	101.54%
	93	Camp Verde	117	0	103	103	88.03%
	108	Prescott Valley	31	3	29	32	103.23%
	135	Cornville	42	6	31	37	88.10%
	140	Prescott Valley	17	6	13	19	111.76%
	Total		1329	29	1287	1316	99.02%

11							
	1	Phoenix	114	1	105	106	92.98%
	5	Phoenix	61	1	65	66	108.20%
	12	Wickenburg	219	1	231	232	105.94%
	29	Glendale	240	8	223	231	96.25%
	53	Buckeye	38	0	42	42	110.53%
	61	Avondale	239	3	252	255	106.69%
	62	Peoria	1122	19	1237	1256	111.94%
	105	Phoenix	299	10	288	298	99.67%
	115	Glendale	37	6	33	39	105.41%
	145	Peoria	25	0	22	22	88.00%
	Total		2394	49	2498	2547	106.39%
12							
	2	Tempe	101	0	87	87	86.14%
	26	Mesa	251	2	217	219	87.25%
	27	Apache Junction	2039	11	2048	2059	100.98%
	34	Cave Creek	318	1	303	304	95.60%
	35	Chandler	295	7	290	297	100.68%
	39	Gilbert	636	14	631	645	101.42%
	41	Phoenix	351	14	335	349	99.43%
	44	Scottsdale	314	0	284	284	90.45%
	58	Fountain Hills	411	6	421	427	103.89%
	64	Phoenix	16	0	15	15	93.75%
	65	Phoenix	358	55	313	368	102.79%
	84	Sacaton	60	5	45	50	83.33%
	91	Chandler	308	24	346	370	120.13%
	107	Phoenix	215	5	240	245	113.95%
	114	Scottsdale	9	1	7	8	88.89%
	117	Phoenix	243	2	215	217	89.30%
	124	Guadalupe	29	5	35	40	137.93%
	138	Mesa	138	3	121	124	89.86%
	Total		6092	155	5953	6108	100.26%
	Total		16714	370	16522	16892	101.06%

June 19, 2026 This was Marge's final summation report from before Convention.

Happy Friday Leadership Team,

As you know, ALAMIS will be out of service beginning next week—and of course, Convention is just around the corner!!!

So here is my year-end recap:

- The Department of AZ is currently at 16,856 members! That is a lot of power to work our mission!
- 6 of 10 Districts made the tough goals set at the start of the year (District 12 joined in this week)!! The 4 Districts that did not make goal are so close to making goal that the total shortfall is less than 1% of our total membership (district 3, for example, is only 3 members from making 100%). I call that success for all!
- This past week, 2 more Units reached 100%: Clifton Unit 28 and Phoenix Unit 41. Way to keep working membership!
- At the Unit level, about half the Units made goal. Many of those did not make goal, are Units that are struggling just to retain members—for a variety of reasons-- many outside of their control. Luckily, those that did make goal covered those losses. Together we bring each other up!

Thank you for a great year. You all did a great job for our organization and our mission.

I'm looking forward to see seeing you all at Convention!

Marge

Marge Christianson
VP/Membership Chair
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Taking Care of Our People

A National Security Priority

Submitted by April Kollmorgen, Central Division Chairman



National security is often viewed through the lens of military readiness, defense capabilities, and global threats. Yet one of the most important components of our nation's security is much closer to

home: the well-being of our service members and their families. The Department of Defense recognizes that military families are **essential** to maintaining a strong and ready force.

From financial security and health and wellness resources to spouse employment assistance, parenting support, relocation services, and deployment resources, the military invests significant effort into helping families navigate the unique challenges of military life. *These programs exist because military readiness depends on family readiness.*

Military families serve alongside their loved ones in uniform. They endure frequent moves, extended separations, career disruptions, and the stress that can accompany deployments. *Their resilience helps service members remain focused on their mission.* As Department of Defense leaders have noted, a strong and resilient home front strengthens the force and contributes directly to readiness.

This understanding aligns closely with the American Legion Auxiliary's mission. We are dedicated to supporting veterans, military members, and their families while strengthening our communities and promoting patriotism. Through the National Security program, Auxiliary members are encouraged to recognize that national security begins with people. It begins with ensuring that those who defend our freedoms—and the families who support them—know they are valued, supported, and connected to their communities.

We, as members, demonstrate this commitment in many ways. We support military families through community outreach, family-focused events, care packages, emergency assistance efforts, and partnerships with local organizations that serve military-connected families. We advocate for programs that improve quality of life and help bridge the gap between military and civilian communities. *These efforts may seem small individually, but together they help create a network of support that strengthens military families and, ultimately, our nation.*

The National Security program reminds us that **every citizen** has a role in safeguarding America. Supporting military families is one meaningful way to fulfill that responsibility. Whether we volunteer, donate, advocate, or simply reach out to a military family in our community, we contribute to the readiness, resilience, and strength that national security requires.

When we take care of our people, we strengthen our communities. When we strengthen our communities, we strengthen our nation. And when we support military families, we help ensure that those who serve our country can continue their mission knowing their loved ones are not serving alone. **That is national security in action.**

As we start to wrap up this year and program - always remember this.

National security is not just about protecting our borders; it's about supporting the people who protect them.

For more information or resources available, please visit:

<https://www.war.gov/Spotlights/Military-Family-Support/>

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

Red Cross Hero Care Network: A Lifeline for Military Families

Submitted by Jammie Phillips, National Vice-Chairman

When a loved one raises their right hand and takes the Oath of Enlistment, everything changes — not just for the service member but for the entire family. One of the first resources given to new military families is the American Red Cross Hero Care Network, a service designed to stand ready from day one of enlistment through every deployment, emergency, and homecoming.

The Hero Care Network provides free, confidential, 24/7 assistance to service members and their families. Its mission is simple but profound: when a family faces a crisis and needs to reach their service member *fast*, the Red Cross is the trusted organization they call. In fact, the Red Cross is the only congressionally chartered organization authorized to verify emergencies and relay critical information to military commands — an essential step in granting emergency leave.

Through the “Get to Know Us Before You Need Us” program, Red Cross volunteers meet recruits at Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS). These briefings ensure families understand how to access emergency communication services, financial assistance, and support during major life events such as the birth of a child. Often, Red Cross volunteers are the first friendly faces recruits see after enlisting and the last they see before shipping out — a reassuring presence during an emotional moment.

Every day, the Hero Care Network handles hundreds of emergency messages, connecting families and service members across the globe — even those stationed at sea or in remote locations. With more than 700 calls received daily, 18,000 volunteers, and a commitment to completing most cases within six hours or less, the Red Cross continues to be a steadfast pillar of support for America’s military community.

Whether navigating a family emergency, seeking aid society financial assistance, or simply needing guidance during deployment, military families know one thing: when time matters, you call the Red Cross.

For additional information, visit the American Red Cross Hero Care Network: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/hero-care-network.html>

If you are looking for more resources to support servicemembers and their families, check out: <https://www.war.gov/Resources/Military-Support-Organizations/>



Save the Date!

NATIONAL SECURITY

★ PRECONVENTION MEETING ★



WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19, 2026

JOIN US VIRTUALLY!
Learn about the National Security Program and what's ahead for The American Legion Auxiliary.



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 OPENS
JULY 15, 2026**

More details and registration information will be available at www.legion-aux.org

Service. Not Self. ★

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
August 2025
By 2nd Vice – Stephanie McMullen

**HISTORY OF THE FORMAL VETERAN'S 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 like 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 veteran's 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 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 VA&R Chairman?

- **National Committee Resources (All VA & R programs)**
<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/var>
- **Betheone.org**
<https://www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one>
- **ALA Academy “betheone”**
<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/online-training>
- **Ring Your Bell Postings**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RingYourBellAZala>
- **Wreaths Across America - <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org>**
- **AZ VA&R BandApp Link – Chairmen only –**
<https://band.us/band/103616434>
- **Stephanie McMullen – aladeptaz2ndvp.varchairman@gmail.com –**
(623) 910-4716
<mailto:aladeptaz2ndvp.varchairman@gmail.com>

BE THE ONE

Arizona State Veterans Home- Phoenix
Birthday list August - October 2026

Send cards to:

Arizona State Veterans Home- Phoenix
4141 S Herrera Way
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Attention: Cassie

Please put each veteran's name and birthdate on their envelope

Questions? Contact Candy Neagle at candy.neagle@gmail.com; 623-826-9580 (call or text)

August:

4-Bruce Br
6- Lili B
8-George B
9-Charles W
9-Willie B
19-Martin W
25-Gerald M

September:

1-Henry W
3 -Harrison H.
5- Robert H
6- Tony H
9- Darrell H
15- Robert N
16- Kevin H
18- Ivan T
19 Tommy J
19 Bernard C
21 Guy C
22 Ron M

October

2-Richard O
4- Angel P
4- Pat H
4- Norman C
10- Richard P
20 Efrain E
24-John A
29- Joseph B
31 -Gary G

VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION AND SHOW

PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

SEPTEMBER 10TH - 13TH

THURS, FRI & SAT 9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM



NATIONAL VETERANS
CREATIVE ARTS
COMPETITION

*ART DROP OFF DATES and TIMES TBD but
please prepare for the first week of September.*

Award Presentation Friday Sept 11th @ 1300

ART MUST BE PICKED UP 6:00 ~ 7:00 PM SUNDAY the 13th

PRESCOTT ALA WHIPPLE CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

Northern AZ VA Health Care System

The Prescott Gift Shop is scheduled for **December 23, 2026**. It has evolved into a Gift Distribution that meets the needs and interests of the Veterans served by this facility. We currently provide gifts to the Veterans receiving treatment through the Domiciliary (DOM) and Community Living Center (CLC). The day includes parties in both treatment areas that include a variety of gifts, refreshments, music and time to visit with Veterans.

We are accepting new quilts or plush throws to be given to each Veteran residing at the facility during the holiday (180 needed). Tied fleece blankets would also be most welcome as well. If you are interested in donating, please make sure the item is at least 48"x72". If crocheting or knitting, we ask that items are tightly knitted or crocheted so that the item does not have holes that can get caught on wheelchairs, fingers or toes and cause a tripping hazard. I will be picking up donations of blankets/throws during the Fall Conference or donations could be delivered to my home at 7132 North Viewscape Drive in Prescott Valley. Please make sure that any donations are clearly marked with your unit information.

If your unit would like to donate other items for the parties, please give me a call or text (928-632-2290) to make sure it will be accepted at the VA. We do plan for 180 Veterans – 120 in the DOM and 60 in CLC. Refreshments would also be welcome but edibles **MUST** be prepared in a licensed kitchen.

Funds are also needed to provide these events for our Veterans. I try to make sure that each Veteran gets at least one nice gift for themselves, something that could be used as a gift for loved ones and a few smaller items for their gift bag– my goal is to have about \$8,000 to work with. **Earmark donations for the Prescott VA Gift Shop and send to Department Office – 4701 North 19th Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85015.**

Volunteers are also needed to prepare for and host the parties. Please contact me at 928-632-2290 or trishaljets@outlook.com by **December 10** if you or members of your post/unit would like to volunteer to help. I will contact volunteers by December 15 with final arrangements. I will need to know the following:

- If you prefer to volunteer for the morning in CLC (9:00 - Noon) or afternoon in the DOM (1:00 – 4:00).
- The number of volunteers

The parties will provide an opportunity to thank our Veterans in person and to wish them health and happiness during the holidays and the coming year.

Trish Aljets

Trishaljets@outlook.com

928-632-2290

P.S. The Prescott VA Veterans can always use new hoodies, sweatpants, long sleeve T-shirts and men's shoes. We do not need any socks, or handmade hats/ scarves for men or women for this winter. Monetary donations are always put to good use – Check with the CDCE office at 928-776-6013 for current needs.



AUGUST 27-28, 2026

Local Creative Arts Festival

Registration is now open for the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System creative arts competition

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System will be hosting a local Creative Arts Competition, which will take place on August 27–28, 2026.

To take part, Veterans must submit the entry form no later than August 1, 2026.

[Southern Arizona VA Health Care System Creative Arts Competition Entry](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USVHA/2026/06/29/file_attachments/3698309/Creative%20Arts%20Form%202026%20fillabe.pdf)

**[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USVHA/2026/06/29/
file_attachments/3698309/Creative%20Arts%20Form%202026%20fillabe.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USVHA/2026/06/29/file_attachments/3698309/Creative%20Arts%20Form%202026%20fillabe.pdf)**

Please submit your completed form to Creative Arts Therapist Miranda Blakeslee Miranda.Blakeslee@va.gov or in-person at the Tucson VA Medical Center for Development and Civic Engagement(CDCE) office located in Building 58. Once the form is received, the Creative Arts Therapy Department will follow up with additional instructions.

- Any Veteran may enter
- Categories include art, music, drama, dance, and creative writing
- Local showcase will take place August 27–28 at the Tucson VA Medical Center
- An information session will be offered on VA Video Connect on Monday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Veterans can contact Miranda Blakeslee at (520) 792-1450, ext. 1-3747, or Miranda.Blakeslee@va.gov for an informational session link or questions.

We hope you'll consider sharing your creativity with us this year!

Each year, VA hosts the National Veterans Creative Arts Competition, and you can find more information about the national program at the official [National Veterans Creative Arts Festival](#) website.

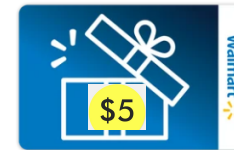
2026 Holiday Gift Suggestions for SAVAHCS



Veteran Patients

The holidays can be difficult for hospitalized and homeless Veterans
Below is a list of suggested items to donate as gifts for those Veterans.
Please contact Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)
at 520-629-1822 for more information.

- \$10-\$15 Gift Cards
- New Baseball Hats
- Beanies, Scarves, Gloves
- Bedside Caddy Bags
- Blue Tooth Speakers, Headphones, Small Hand-Held Flashlights, Fidget Items
- Travel Size Hygiene Items: Lotions, Dental Floss, Lip Balms
- Back Scratcher, Nail Clipper Sets, Watches, Patriotic/Military Branch Key Chains
- Hand-Held Electronic Games: Arcade Games, Playing Cards, Card Games, Travel size Games
- Pocket Calendars
- Paint by Number, Word Search, Puzzle Books, Pens



Your donations are very much appreciated!

NOTE: No food or items that are fragile, breakable, contain glass and/or sharp objects.

No items usually provided to patients such as toiletries, blankets.

All donations must be delivered no later than December 16, 2025.





SAVAHCS Fisher House Wish List

Quantity	Items Needed
	Dish soap
	Dish washer detergent
	Laundry softener (liquid)
	Dryer sheets
	Paper towels
	Tissue boxes
	Disposable baking pans-various sizes
	Foil
	Glad press and seal
	Ziploc freezer bags (gallon and quart sizes)
	Ziploc sandwich bags and storage bags
	Plastic utensils
	Paper plates
	Paper bowls
	Lysol power bathroom cleaner with peroxide
	409 All-purpose cleaner
	Lysol toilet bowl cleaner
	Murphy oil soap
	Mop & Glo floor cleaner
	Clorox or Lysol disinfecting wipes



Arizona Fisher House Wish List

Quantity	Items Needed
10 cases	Coffee creamer (individual) flavored and non-flavored
	Disposable coffee cups with lids
	Cheese
	Eggs
	Can food
	Frozen pizzas
	Frozen dinner entrees
	Frozen lunch entrees
	Frozen breakfast entrees
	Frozen microwavable snacks
	Individual Milks
	Individual snacks
	Individual chip bags

Quantity	Personal Items
	Slipper socks
	Mini cans hair spray
	Make up remover towelettes
	Toothpaste (travel size)
	Toothbrushes & floss
	Cotton swabs
	Individual hand sanitizers
	Gift Cards (Used for food shopping or other needs)
	Fry's
	Walmart
	Visa
	MasterCard

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

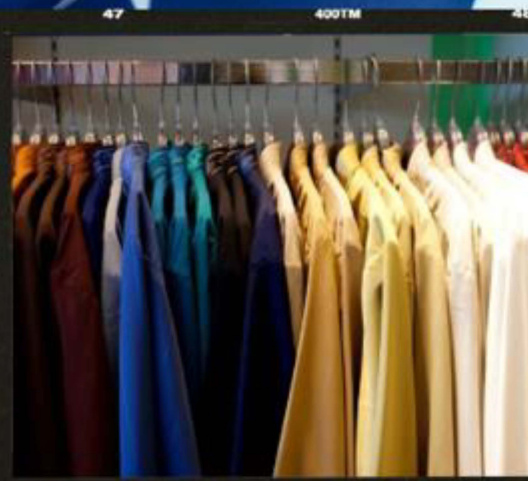
Health Care for Homeless Veterans

(HCHV)

Walk-In Clinic Needs



Canned chili/soup/stew (with pop-top), canned vegetables (with pop-top, fruit cups, cereal/granola bars, small cereal packages, non-perishable milk, Vienna sausages, tuna and chicken salad with crackers, trail mix nuts, beef jerky, Gatorade or Gatorade mixes, bottle water and individual bags of chips/crackers/snacks.



Men and women's underwear (new in packages), men and women's socks (white and black, high and low), women's sports bra, men's pants, jeans, and shorts, all sizes and particularly small/medium sizes.



Travel size items: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant, women's hygiene items, sunscreen, and chapstick.



Backpacks, gas gift cards, canteen vouchers, small amount gift cards to grocery stores, fast food etc.

★ THEY SERVED US. ★ LET'S PROTECT THEM.

*IN ARIZONA HEAT,
WE CAN SAVE LIVES.* 



EXTREME HEAT IN ARIZONA ISN'T JUST UNCOMFORTABLE—IT'S **LIFE-THREATENING**, ESPECIALLY FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.

Access to simple, essential items can prevent heat exhaustion, dehydration, sunburn, and other serious health risks.



**HEAT KILLS.
YOUR SUPPORT
SAVES LIVES.**

★ ESSENTIAL ITEMS. REAL PROTECTION. ★

These simple items make a critical difference in the Arizona heat.

HATS



Provide shade for the face, head and neck—helping prevent heat exhaustion, sunburn, and heat stroke.

ELECTROLYTE SUPPORT



Helps the body stay hydrated, replaces essential minerals lost through sweat, and helps prevent heat-related illness.

SUNSCREEN & BODY WIPES



Sunscreen protects skin from harmful UV rays. Body wipes remove sweat, dirt and bacteria—reducing irritation, rashes and infection.

CHAPSTICK



Prevents dry, cracked, and painful lips caused by dehydration and sun exposure.

COOLING TOWELS



Helps lower body temperature and provides relief, reducing the risk of heat stress.

ALSO NEEDED



- Bottled Water
- Gatorade/
Electrolyte Drinks
- Shade Solutions
(Umbrellas, Tarps)
- Backpacks
- Socks



SMALL ITEMS. BIG IMPACT.

Your donation can bring relief, protect health, and show our homeless veterans that they are not forgotten.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN
HELP THEM SURVIVE
THE HEAT AND
RECLAIM HOPE.**



THANK YOU
FOR CARING FOR THOSE
WHO ONCE CARED FOR US.



★ **EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS
MAKES A DIFFERENCE.** ★

THANK YOU!

Wish List:

- Travel Sized Toiletry items for Veterans/families.
 - Lotion
 - Facewash
 - Body Wash
 - Shampoo/Conditioner
 - Combs that are sturdy
- Toiletry Bag- goal is 150-200
 - <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Emapoy-Clear-Makeup-Bag-Waterproof-Travel-Toiletry-Bag-for-Women-Men-Black-3-Pcs/3091589318?classType=VARIANT&from=/search>



- Neck pillows



https://www.amazon.com/Brookstone-Memory-Travel-Vacations-Airplanes/dp/B0C9N2GH43/ref=asc_df_B0C9N2GH43?tag=bingshoppinga-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=80470694243359&hvnetw=o&hvqmt=e&hvbmt=be&hvdev=c&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=75936&hvtargid=pla-4584070165762310&th=1

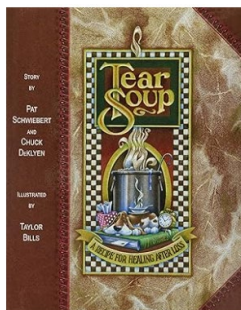
- Angels for end-of-life bags (we currently purchase these with hospice funds)- these are provided to the families of Veterans when they pass (so this is an ongoing need- usually use about 150-200 per year)

- o [Decorative Candle Holder](#)



- Tear Soup books for end-of-life bags. (we currently purchase these with hospice funds)-provided to all families when Veteran passes away.

- o <https://griefwatch.com/cart> (this is a direct link to the publisher)
 - 100- \$9.57 per book
 - 25-75- \$ 11.16 per book
 - Shipping starts at \$71.06



- Pads of paper for our welcome packets. – goal 150-200

- <https://www.officedepot.com/a/products/764426/Office-Depot-Brand-Wirebound-Top-Opening/#Reviews>



- Pens for our welcome packets
 - <https://www.officedepot.com/a/products/6349179/Business-Source-Bulk-Pack-Ballpoint-Stick/#Reviews>
- Aromatherapy diffusers and essential oils
 - [diffusers](#)- goal is 20
 - <https://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/product/aura-cacia-peppermint-essential-oil-05-fz-b00o85pz4e>
 - <https://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/product/aura-cacia-lavender-essential-oil-05-fz-b00014ei26>
- Small radio/CD players, like the following
 - https://www.homedepot.com/pep/JENSEN-CD-475-Portable-Stereo-CD-Player-with-AM-FM-Radio-CD-475/300593496?mtc=SHOPPING-BF-CDP-BNG-D27L-027_031_HOM_MOB_ELEC-NA-NA-NA-PLALIA-NA-NA-NA-NA-NBR-NA-NA-NEW-2024&cm_mmc=SHOPPING-BF-CDP-BNG-D27L-027_031_HOM_MOB_ELEC-NA-NA-NA-PLALIA-NA-NA-NA-NA-NBR-NA-NA-NEW-2024-21014924296-163986514532-2341235627004&gclid=64010d569d4d1abafb78645786321016&gclsrc=3p.ds&msclkid=64010d569d4d1abafb78645786321016
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- Pillowcases.
 - [Assorted Pillowcases](#)- goal of 150-200
 - Variety of Colors Accepted
- Items for Comfort Carts
 - Instant coffee packets
 - <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Folgers-Classic-Roast-Instant-Coffee-Single-Serve-Packets/17747578?classType=REGULAR&athbdg=L1200&from=/search>
 - Tea bags

- <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Lipton-Tea-Bags-Black-Tea-Can-Help-Support-a-Healthy-Heart-100-Black-Tea-Bags-Pack-of-6/10307788?classType=VARIANT&from=/search>
- Cream and sugar packets
 - <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Land-O-Lakes-Mini-Moo-s-Half-And-Half-Creamer-Singles-24-Count/15556066?classType=VARIANT&from=/search>
 - <https://www.walmart.com/ip/C-H-Premium-Pure-Cane-Sugar-Packets-100-Count-1-8-oz/906682311?classType=REGULAR&athbdg=L1600&from=/search>
- Tissues
 - <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Kleenex-Slim-Pack-6-Wallet-Size-Packs-10-White-Tissues-per-Pack-3-Ply-60-Total/17177117694>
- Travel vouchers for hospice patient families.
 - <https://www.lyft.com/gift>
 - <https://gifts.uber.com/>
- Handwritten cards of support for family members
 - https://www.amazon.com/Envelopes-Greeting-Stickers-Birthdays-Occasions/dp/B0DNJH9K6F/ref=sr_1_12_sspa?crid=2OSP2A8NILEHV&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.VXLMZYf30x6eSlxLv--bp3sPI6_mypXg8Da5TxcGgHH7ggo_a-z1hAjiewazaRh_zjKfVazjCxSPTzX-yIKNL2VnQ3AqMGwwlI0yaS-kdjLSnR8tDMj1Ad1ZJmYF4y5g0TrDRMSsLMUG26oIOBVVTOJo8EkyeHbQGMRL4WTrtq4E9FbvCoBoOY5Lj9Xunt_GB2ggHHajLI9OQ3jMFfErCqick5Ciuo5lv9UMxAycNjhr5aaUyB0_alODdKxR_uXq3yUPOTXfiRL6YMz6nc7nysPvxUmkDErs9DTLxkMU.tD1fV_7yqdi2TXEm3hktoH4hmny3Kv9aWJ1W6KiTa0&dib_tag=se&keywords=blank%2Bcards%2Band%2Benv elopes&qid=1752259781&srefix=blank%2Bcards%2Caps%2C145&sr=8-12-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9tdGY&th=1



Mental Health Rehabilitation Residential Treatment Program Needs List

Jenny Zumwalde, MS, LRT, CTRS
Recreational Therapist for MHR RTP & 1W



MHR RTP Program

- Residential treatment program for Substance Use Disorders and PTSD
 - Average census of 25 veterans
 - Length of stay 6-8 weeks
- Recreational Therapy group sessions focus on community reintegration and sober leisure lifestyle
- RT Program goals include trigger and symptom management, engagement in healthy activities, connecting with community supports, prolonged exposure



Current Projects

- Revamp our music/meditation space
 - **\$51** for 3 wall hangars would help store and protect 3 guitars for patient use
- Community reintegration outings at least once a month
 - **Gift cards** make purchasing experiences strongly preferred due to flexibility and ease of use for voluntary services and MHR RTP staff
 - **\$2000** would cover:
 - 3-4 community reintegration experiences for veterans
 - 3-4 months worth of programming

MHR RTP Program Request Breakdown

Items/Experiences

- Guitar Hangers
- Gift cards for experiences for 25 Veterans (and staff as needed)
 - Museums (Desert Museum, Tucson Botanical Gardens, Pima Air & Space Museum, Arizona History Museum)
 - Movies (Cinemark)
 - Dining (Texas Roadhouse, Rudy's, Peter Piper Pizza, Main Event, Dave & Buster's)
 - Miscellaneous recreation opportunities such as sporting events (UofA), music events, funds for tailgate food and supplies

Cost

- Amazon, \$16.99 each, requesting 3 (**\$51**)
- Gift cards allow us to more easily allocate funds for experiences (**\$2000**)
 - Museums: tickets with veteran discount range from \$11-\$28 per person (**\$275-\$700 total**)
 - Movies: \$265 for 30 tickets with \$13 for snacks for 25 veterans (**\$620 total**)
 - Dining: \$25 per person (**\$625 total**)
 - Miscellaneous funds to provide additional experiences for veterans (**\$500 total**)

SOUTHERN AZ VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (SAVAHCS)

PATRIOT PANTRY

Dear Donors,

Thank you for your contributions to our Veteran community! The SAVAHCs Social Work Service line has partnered with the SAVAHCs Center for Development and Civic Engagement to tackle the issue of hunger amongst our Veterans. We are looking for donations to help provide food to Veterans in need. While we won't exclude non-expired shelf-stable food items, we are looking for some nutrition-focused items:

GENERAL CRITERIA:

- *Non-expired shelf stable: We won't have a refrigerator to store items and some of our Veterans don't have access to refrigeration*
- *Low sodium when available (less than 140 mg per serving), but not essential*
- *No added sugar when available, but not essential.*
- *Small Individual boxes or packages*

Proteins:

- *Canned meats: chicken breast, turkey, spam*
- *Canned fish/seafood: tuna, salmon, anchovies, baby clams, sardines*
- *Canned beans/lentils (all kinds and varieties, preferably "low sodium")*
- *Peanut butter, nut butters (unsweetened if possible)*
- *Nuts (peanuts, cashews, almonds, etc.; any kind/variety) – Individually wrapped*
- *Vienna sausage*
- *Cans of chili beans*

Fruits:

- *All types/varieties*
- *Examples: fruit cups, applesauce, fruit sauces, canned fruits*
- *Dried fruits*

Vegetables: Low sodium, all colors/types

- *All types of canned ones*
- *Examples: carrots, green beans, tomatoes, beets, asparagus, etc.*

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Starchy Vegetables:

- *Canned corn, peas*
- *Shelf stable dried mashed potatoes/potato pouches (i.e. Idaho Spuds hash brown cartons, dried mashed potatoes)*
- *Packages of dry potato flakes*

Milk: We are looking for all kinds: whole, skim, 1%, and non-dairy options

- *Shelf stable milks (cow AND non-dairy options)*
- *Dry milk/creams*

Grains: Whole grains, ready to serve/microwaveable, low sodium when possible

- *Brown rice, quinoa, white rice, etc.*
- *Cereals and Oatmeal: Small individual boxes or packages*
- *Whole wheat pasta*
- *Mac n cheese*
- *Bread (whole wheat if possible)*

Soups:

- *Chicken Noodle Soup*
- *Tomato Soup*
- *Vegetable Soup*
- *Potato Soup*
- *Lentil Soup, etc*

Sauces: Pasta Sauces

- *Marinara*
- *Pesto*
- *Alfredo*
- *Spaghetti sauce*

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Snacks:

- *Crackers, Wheat Thins, Triscuits, Saltines, etc.*
- *Trail mix*
- *Granola bars (chewy)*
- *Pretzels (no salt if available)*
- *Popcorn kernels and individual bags*

Condiments:

- *Individually wrapped items, NOTHING REFRIGERATED*
- *Ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise*

Miscellaneous/Non-food items:

- *Grocery store gift cards*
- *Plastic ware: Forks, knives, spoons*

We are truly moved by your kindness and patriotism. Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of those who have served our nation.

Item	Vendor/item number	price	quantity
The Tovertafel Magic Table	eugeria.care	12,800	1
Patriot Bucks	VA		as many as possible
Gift Cards for:	Frys		as many as possible
	Walmart		as many as possible
	Duncan Donuts	\$50	as many as possible
	Starbucks (\$75+)		as many as possible
	Apple music		as many as possible
	Peter Piper Pizza (\$500 for 25 vets)		
	Main Event (\$500 for 25 vets)		
	Cinemark (\$1000 towards tickets and snacks for 50 vets)		
	Pizza Hut (\$500 for 1W holiday pizza parties)		
	Meta Quest Gift Card for VR		
	Netflix for SWBRC		as many as possible
	Texas Roadhouse (\$625 for 25 vets)		
Season Passes/Tickets:	Movies/concessions		
	Zoo		
	Lucky Strike bowling		
	Mini Museum		
	Kartchner Caverns		
	Botanical Gardens		
	Desert Museum		
	Collassal Cave		
	Old Tucson		
	Ignite Sign Art		
	Presidio Museum		
	U of A Sporting Events		
	Tucson History Museum		
Libman 14 inch Angle Broom	https://www.lowes.com/pd/Libman-14-in-Poly-Fiber	11.98	2
Men's Large Gardening Gloves	https://www.lowes.com/pd/Scotts-Large-Black-Late	6.98	6
Gardening Tools (Spade and Trowel)	https://www.lowes.com/pd/Project-Source-Project-Source	11.98	3
Hand Pruning Shears	https://www.lowes.com/pd/Fiskars-Traditional-Bypa	13.98	2

Raised Bed potting soil	https://www.homedepot.com/p/Kellogg-Garden-Organic-Potting-Soil-16-5-gal/305561000	9.97	10
Garden feeder w	https://www.homedepot.com/p/Miracle-Gro-Garden-Feeder-10-gal/305561000	17.97	1
raised garden beds	https://www.homedepot.com/p/VegTrug-1-8-m-Natural-Planter-Box-Set/305561000	222.32	4
Miracle-Gro plant food	https://www.homedepot.com/p/Miracle-Gro-10-lbs-Plant-Food/305561000	31.97	1
Nursery seedling trays	https://www.homedepot.com/p/Agfabric-14-4-in-x-4-ft-Black-Seedling-Tray/305561000	1903	2
large terracotta pots, no bases needed for gardening	Pennington 12-in W Large Orange Clay Indoor/Outdoor Pot	19.98	12
Pickleball Paddles and balls	Amazon.com : Pickleball Paddles Set of 2, USAPA Approved	39.99	2
Horseshoes - steel/regulation	Amazon.com - horseshoes regulation size		1 set of 4
Table Tennis paddles and balls	Amazon.com : Glymnis Ping Pong Paddles Set of 4 Table Tennis Rackets	19.99	1
Table Tennis net	Amazon.com : JOOLA Premium Avanti Table Tennis Net	26.22	1
Portable Volleyball net and volleyball	Amazon.com : BOULDER Portable Badminton Net Set	83.99	1
yoga mats	Amazon.com : Upward Fit Elevate Yoga Mats, 10 Pack	114.99	1 set
billiards - tip repair kit	Amazon.com : Vefungyan 39pcs Pool Cue Repair Kit: 39 Pieces	19.98	1
Billiards - new cues	Amazon.com : JX Pool Cues New 58 Inch Billiard Cue	29.99	pair
Billiards - new bridge	Amazon.com : Skylety Pool Cue Snooker Pool Bridge	14.99	
Sonor Primary PRWEST 5-2 Bass Bar set of 5	Sonor PRWEST5-2 Bass Bar Set of 5 - Perfect for Orff	1938	1
Meinl Sonic Energy SBZ1 Zen Singing Bowl Set	Meinl Sonic Energy SBZ1 Zen Singing Bowl Set - Clear	169.9	1
Alesis Demo Turbo Mesh Electronic Drumset	Alesis Turbo Mesh Electronic Drumset - Ultimate Play	299	1
Snark SN-1x Original Guitar and Bass Tuner	Snark SN-1X Guitar & Bass Tuner - Fast, Accurate & Easy	17.69	2
Portable CD players	Amazon.com: GPX PC332B Portable CD Player with Auto	25.84	5
Headphones to use with audio book players for SWBRC	https://www.amazon.com/Industries-HPXHM800-Headphones	25.00 ea	12
multi-blade razors for memory care unit	Amazon.com: Amazon Basics 5-Blade MotionSphere	22.57	20
Body wash/soap for men for memory care unit	Amazon.com : Old Spice Hydro Body Wash for Men, 12	23.88	12
Ball Caps			as many as possible
fleece blankets			as many as possible
duffle bags			as many as possible
back packs			as many as possible
thermoses / portable cups			as many as possible
Sun Catcher	https://www.swww.com/item/sun-catcher-mandalas	32.99	4
Storage Bins - variety of sizes, all with lids, clear	Amazon.com - IRIS USA 54 Qt Stackable Plastic Storage	74.99	3

Colored Note Cards	Amazon.com : Utron 248 Sheets Colored Index Cards	5.99	1
Air Pump Needles	Amazon.com : Elmer's Liquid School Glue, White, Wa	5.99	1
Paint by Number Kit	Amazon.com: Jasmore Paint by Numbers Kit Framed	19.99	5
Pant By Number Kit	Amazon.com: 4 Pack Landscape Paint by Number Kit	14.99	5
Paint by Number Kit	Amazon.com: LWZAYS Paint by Numbers for	19.99	4
Paint by Number Kit	Amazon.com: FQOVKYN 6 Pack Paint by Numbers for	19.99	4
Brother Sewing Machine	https://www.walmart.com/ip/Brother-MZ53-Mecha	127	1
Level 2 Watercolor pad by Artist's Loft 6"x9"	https://www.michaels.com/product/level-2-waterco	5.99	at least 10
white t-shirts sizes L-3XL for tie dye project	michaels or walmart		as many as possible
tie-dye kits	Tulip® One-Step Tie-Dye Kit®, Large Michaels	24.99	5-10 of them
sturdy table top easels to hold up to a 12"x12" canvas	Mini Pro Folding Easel by Artist's Loft™ Michaels	12.99	6-12 of them
white canvas boards or frames, small, up to 12"x12"	28 Pack White Canvas Boards and Panels for Painting	34.99	2 dozen +
acrylic paint, variety of colors, large bottles	milo Acrylic Paint Set of 12 Colors 16 oz Bottles St	74.9	12 bottles variety
Level 1 and 2 models	planes, cars, boats		as many as possible
sketch pads small	Strathmore® 400 Series Drawing Paper Pad Michae	4.49	25
sketch pads	Necessities™ Sketching Pad by Artist's Loft™, 9" x 12'	5.99	
dream catcher kits	Buy in Bulk - 6 Pack: 5" Dreamcatcher Kit by ArtMind	44.82	3
tan sketch pads	Strathmore® 400 Series Recycled Toned Tan Sketch F	6.74	3
Acrylic paint pens	Amazon.com: Betem 24 Colors Dual Tip Acrylic Paint	8.99	2
Decorations for all holidays			



Donations Wanted:

Baby Baskets for New & Expectant Mothers



The Women Veteran Program is seeking organizations and volunteers to contribute maternity baskets, stuffed diaper baskets, or stuffed diaper bags for soon-to-be Veteran mothers receiving care at Southern Arizona VA Health Care System.

Our Maternity Care Coordinators organize quarterly virtual baby showers to provide new mothers with essential baby and maternity items. All donated items must be brand new. Donations can be delivered to the Center for Development and Civic Engagement office, located in building 58. Please contact the office prior to bringing your donation. Thank you for supporting this important program.

List of Baby Care Items Needed:

- ♥ Diapers
- ♥ Onesies
- ♥ Socks
- ♥ Bibs
- ♥ Baby Hygiene Kits
- ♥ Baby Thermometer
- ♥ Baby Wash Cloths/Towels
- ♥ Bottles
- ♥ Bottle Brushes
- ♥ Swaddle Blankets
- ♥ Baby Lotion, Shampoo, Soap
- ♥ Burping Rags
- ♥ Baby Books
- ♥ Play Mat
- ♥ Bobby (Nursing) Pillow
- ♥ Baby Sling/Carrier

For Mom:

- ♥ Body Lotion
- ♥ Slippers
- ♥ Herbal Tea
- ♥ Breast Pads
- ♥ Nursing Covers
- ♥ Baby Picture Albums
- ♥ Gift Cards
- ♥ Beauty Products for Hospital Stay



For more information, please contact:

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Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE)
3601 S. 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85723
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FROM THE WEBSITE MANAGER

2026-2027 Directory Corrections

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-Secretary Unit 133

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-Secretary Unit 108 is tonyalmaltbie@gmail.com (transposed letters in first publish)

-Unit 30

Correct mailing address is

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Please remove Unit 134 from listing of District 11 Units

*****Over the summer I have received so many Excellent enews bulletins both from the National organization and National Committees. All have been posted to aladeptaz.org. Unfortunately, if we tried to make hard copies of all of them to mail to you we would never get anything else done. Here is a compilation of what I found interesting and some things I never knew. Hope you enjoy.

“Honoring the fallen is best accomplished by honoring their living brothers and sisters — those who continue to bear the mental, physical, and emotional wounds of service. When care, compassion, and commitment are extended to living veterans, remembrance becomes more than words.”

— Steve Yetter, U.S. Army veteran

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

“I encountered a challenging period, as we all do at certain points in our lives. In seeking help, I approached several local agencies, but none had available funds. I am incredibly grateful for an organization that supports its members. Within two weeks, I received the hardship grant, which enabled my daughter and me to regain our footing.”

— Member from Louisiana

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Through the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF), the American Legion Auxiliary continues its mission of members helping members by providing grant assistance to eligible members facing financial hardship after disasters or other qualifying emergencies.

Learn more at www.ALForVeterans.org/AEF.

Flags of Valor is a veteran-owned company creating handcrafted patriotic gifts from reclaimed American wood. ALA members receive 10% off with code ALA10, and 15% of proceeds support American Legion Auxiliary programs serving veterans, military servicemembers, and their families.

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American Legion Baseball World Series starts in August

Pack up your peanuts and Cracker Jacks — The American Legion's Baseball World Series is set for Aug. 13 at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, N.C., where eight American Legion Baseball teams will bat for the championship title. To learn more about the championship game and the American Legion Baseball go to <https://www.legion.org/information-center/calendar/american-legion-baseball-world-series/>

Being around veterans feels good again for NVCAF artist

U.S. Army veteran Paula Zielke from Kansas said she was “completely shocked” when she found out her fiber arts pattern bag secured her a spot to the 2026 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival for the first time.



<https://member.legion-aux.org/Blog/Being-around-veterans-feels-good-again-for-NVCAF-a>



Looking for ways to promote kindness and character in the classroom? Visit Character Counts for free lessons and videos that show how teachers are incorporating it into their classrooms.

<https://charactercounts.org/>

Please continue doing all that you are doing to support our youth and schools. It was truly amazing to read that over \$350,000 was donated toward Give 10 to Education, and over \$340,000 was awarded in scholarships. Great job!!

The Education Committee will hold its National Convention Pre-Convention meeting on **August 18th at 7 PM ET/6 PM CT**. Registration links and times for all Pre-Convention meetings are available at this link, with registration opening in mid-July.



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

Military Child Education Coalition: What is it and how can we engage?

The mission of the Military Child Education Coalition is to ensure quality education experiences for military children. The MCEC is an organization that the American Legion Auxiliary promotes, and we share the same mission — to take care of military children.



<https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/Military-Child-Education-Coalition-What-is-it-and>

Helping others benefits kids and our organization

A 2025 Tufts University analysis shows that 50% of young people say they “rarely or never spend time in person with others in their community.” It’s a worrying statistic, considering the lifelong benefits that community involvement provides for young people. But one simple activity can strengthen the community ties that are lacking among today’s youth. That activity is volunteering.

Don't miss out! The August *Auxiliary* magazine is heading your way! The August issue of our national quarterly magazine is heading to mailboxes in mid-July. A digital copy will be available on our [website](#). Send us your thoughts on this issue: Email PR@ALAforVeterans.org.

Missed a webinar?

Go to ALA Academy to review recordings and see what other webinars are coming up. <https://www.legion-aux.org/ALA-Academy>

Have an idea for an Academy Course?

Email ALAAcademy@ALAforVeterans.org to send your ideas for potential courses.



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.

Need a new podcast? Try The American Legion podcast *Tango Alpha Lima*

This podcast aims to engage veterans and The American Legion Family with authentic stories, education, and entertainment, while also building a virtual community. Available on various listening platforms, such as [Spotify](#), [YouTube](#), [Amazon Music](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [iHeartRadio](#).

<https://www.legion.org/information-center/in-the-media/tango-alpha-lima-podcast>

Help the next leader in line succeed

Leadership and mentoring are incredibly important for the future of the American Legion Auxiliary as members pass down knowledge on how to move the mission forward. This is true for all levels of the organization — from unit to national.

<https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/Help-the-next-leader-in-line-succeed>



The American Legion Legislative Center

The ALA supports the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

[Get involved.](#)

<https://www.legion.org/advocacy/legislative>

Get convention ready with Pam's picks!

National Convention is almost here! As we gather in Louisville to celebrate a year of service, conduct the business of the American Legion Auxiliary, and commemorate USA 250, show your ALA pride with Pam's picks from Lands' End Business. From cozy soft-shell jackets and classic button-downs to versatile totes and timeless layers, you'll find convention-ready styles designed to keep you looking your best all week long.

Looking for convention-ready style? Check out Pam's picks on the [ALA Blog](#), then shop ALA-branded apparel in our [Lands' End Business Store](#).

<https://business.landsend.com/store/ala/>



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If your prescription isn't covered by insurance or you find a price lower than your copay, your Prescription Savings Card can help you save at thousands of participating pharmacies nationwide.

Ready to start saving? Call **800-407-8156** or visit www.wellrxpremier.com/417 to learn more and access your prescription savings.