
Legislative Report – January 2026 Message

As we turn the corner into a new year, January always reminds me of one important thing: **reporting season is here**. I know... reporting isn't anyone's favorite task. But I cannot stress enough how vital it is—not just for the Department of Arizona, but for **every Department across the nation**. And this is Legislative month, along with National Security of course.

Too often, we get comfortable inside our own unit and forget to look at the bigger picture. We ask ourselves, "*Does what I do really matter?*" The answer is **yes—absolutely**.

Think of your unit as a pebble. When you drop that pebble into water, the ripples travel far beyond the point of impact. Every action you take—every hour volunteered, every letter written, every conversation about legislation—creates a ripple that reaches your district, your department, and ultimately, our National organization.

Arizona has more than **80 units**, and I truly believe we can achieve **100% reporting** this year.

I know Legislative is not the most popular program. I even heard someone say recently, "Well, that's more of a Legion thing." While the Legion certainly leads the charge, our own preamble reminds us that we support **the aims and purposes of The American Legion**. When they have a mission, we stand beside them.

And here's why your report matters:

Everything you submit—hours, activities, letters, advocacy—gets compiled and sent to National. In March, the National Commander goes before Congress and says, "**Here is what our members have accomplished.**" Your work becomes part of that national testimony.

So if you do only **one thing** for the Legislative Program this year, let it be this:

👉 **Fill out the simple reporting form.**

No narrative required (though I'd love one if you've been active).

Even if you did *nothing*—fill out the form.

You don't even need a stamp. Just **email it to me**.

I'm shooting for the moon this year, and I know Arizona can shine.

This newsletter will come in two parts:

- **This month:** the reporting form
- **Next month:** a step-by-step narrative walkthrough

Let's make those ripples reach far. **Kathy Amery 2025-2026 Legislative chair**