



Engaging our Youth in Patriotism for our Veterans

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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,

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