

## **ALA Arizona – Monthly Chaplain’s Message – January 2026**

As we step into a new year, I invite each of you to pause for a moment of gratitude. January gives us a clean page — not because the past disappears, but because we are given the strength to carry its lessons forward with renewed purpose. Our mission in the American Legion Auxiliary is rooted in service, compassion, and remembrance — let these values guide us into 2026 with clarity and hope.

This month, I encourage all of us to reflect on the quiet heroes who surround us every day.

- The caregiver who sits through long nights.
- The veteran who continues to serve their community long after their uniform is folded away.
- The Auxiliary member who shows up early, stays late, and never asks for recognition.

These acts of love and service are the heartbeat of our organization. The Auxiliary family is a living testimony of service, compassion, and resilience. Each act of kindness, each prayer lifted, and each moment of fellowship is a stream of hope flowing onto the lives of others.

As we begin this year, let us recommit ourselves to kindness — not the soft, passive kind, but the strong, steady kindness that lifts others when they cannot lift themselves. Let us be present for our veterans, our military families, and for one another. Let us be patient with those who are struggling and generous with our time, our talents, and our compassion.

For those who are grieving, healing, or carrying burdens unseen, may this New Year bring comfort and renewed strength. You are not alone. Your Auxiliary family stands beside you.

And for all of us, may 2026 be a year of purpose — a year where we serve boldly, love deeply, and honor the sacrifices of those who have given so much for our freedom.

Wishing each of you peace, hope, and a meaningful start to the new year.

NOTE to ALL District and Unit Chaplains - please join our Chaplains Circle on the Band app so that we can all be united in prayer. Scan with your phone the QR below. If you have any questions or issues please reach out to me at [AzDeptChaplain@gmail.com](mailto:AzDeptChaplain@gmail.com) or 562-370-0080 (text). (P.S. Chaplains Circle on the Band App is open to any auxiliary member)



**In service and faith,**

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ALA Arizona State Chaplain

