





## From the President's Pen

Greetings Fellow Members:

We are over halfway through the Legion Year!! First and foremost, I would like to thank Jane Shoemaker and Company for organizing the cornhole fundraiser for longtime member Coni Moore. Everyone had so much fun, and we raised a lot of money for a member in need. I want to also thank Post 62 ALR members for all of your assistance.

Speaking of our ALR, I would like to take a moment to also thank them for their assistance and participation in the Celebration of Life Service for Legion member Lynn Carnes. She was a friend and confidant to many. May she rest in peace. Lynn passed away at the medical center in Oro Valley due to complications of COVID on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Her celebration of life was held at Post 62 on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

As of the writing of this bulletin, my official announcement for Department Chaplain has been made. I am very grateful for all your support in taking our Unit to Department leadership once again. We have been very fortunate to have not one but two Past Department Presidents within our ranks. Both are very knowledgeable leaders that I consider mentors. We wouldn't have a District or Department without the

Unit. That is where our good work starts.

First round of nominations are this month at our General Membership Meeting. If you are considering an officer position, your membership must be in good standing and verified by our Nomination Committee. Beth Olive is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and in charge of Membership. I would consider checking with her first.

Initiation is also this month at our General Membership Meeting for all new members and members who have not been previously initiated. Please come to our meeting to share in this informative Initiation experience.

Regards,  
Stephanie



**For God and Country**

John J. Morris Unit #62  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Proudly Endorses

**Stephanie McMullen**

For Department of Arizona

**Chaplain**

**2022-2023**

Endorsed by Unit Action  
February 2022

**Eligibility**

Stephanie is eligible through the service of her husband, Noah B. McMullen, US Army Kosovo Era Veteran. She is also eligible through both of her grandfathers whom served in the US Army and US Army Air Corps in WWII.

Stephanie has been an active member for 8 years.

**Unit Level**

President 1 year  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 3 years  
Executive Committee 8 years  
Poppy Chairman 3 years  
Education Chairman 1 year

**Department Level**

Department Legislative Chairman 4 years  
Department Scrapbook Chairman 1 year



## National Level

National President Alternate Driver / National Secretary Driver 2021  
National Alternate Local Page 2021  
National Delegate 2021

## Activities and Other

Attended Leadership Training  
Unit Audit Committee  
Attended Arizona and National Mission Trainings  
Attended Washington DC Legislative and National Security Conference 2020  
Arizona Girls State City Advisor 4 years  
Participated in the Department Convention and Department Fall Conference American Legion Family Choir 8 years  
Ordained Minister with Universal Life Church, December 2021



## MUSIC

A fun puzzle is **attached below**. Please **print out**, complete for some fun, and return to the March Meeting for a chance at a prize.

*Kathy Amery was the Feb. Meeting winner with tickets to the AUX raffle.*

### **PRINT ME FOR A PRIZE!**

If you open this from Facebook, choose the 3 dots, choose open in browser, Print.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### For the Unit:

**Volunteer to serve and help with the monthly dinners the month prior to ensure proper coverage and enough time to place on your calendar.**

We need Auxiliary volunteers for Sunday Bingo, Food Service, & Wednesday night dinners among other items.

Send us an email with your interests to [ALAAZunit62@gmail.com](mailto:ALAAZunit62@gmail.com)

**Join us!**



## Upcoming Events

3/8-6 PM AUX E Board Mtg.

3/13-1PM AUX Bingo

3/15-6PM AUX General Membership Mtg/1st Nominations for Officers

3/16-5:00PM AUX Pot Roast Dinner-\$10

3/17-8-4PM Stand Down@Veterans Collesium



## Charity News

### **Backpacks for the VA**

These include water, sleeping mat, toiletries, snacks, masks etc. These are given out to the homeless vets that are seeking cancer treatment.

*The VA Doctors are very appreciative to have these on hand, to hand out to the truly needed.*

### How you can help?

#### **Backpack Program:**

If your traveling, keep unused bottles of shampoo and soap from your travels and turn them into Beth Olive to be added to the backpacks.

Sleeping Bags, Blankets, and Socks are also being requested as the weather turns cold.

Clean out your closets, clothing for Veterans is needed during this cold weather.

Please donate new in Package makeup that will be donated to our women's shelters.

Bring in your old suitcases for Foster Children to have a belonging of their own to move with them and call their own.

Bring in Reading Material for the residents at Immanuel Campus of Care. Magazines, Books,



## Crossword Puzzles, Word Searches, etc.



## Volunteer Hour Forms

Please turn your volunteer forms in to Shirley Klein, Community Service.

**2022**

**RICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN**

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ZONA STATE FAIR GROUNDS  
1826 W. McDowell Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

DOORS OPEN: 8AM  
SERVICES CLOSE: 4PM

**COVID-19 & GENERAL SAFETY**  
Indoors, COVID-19 safety protocols will be strictly followed including wearing masks at all times. For a list of all protocols, please turn over (or refer to second page)

Arizona StandDown is considered a "safe zone" for all. This is a drug-free and weapon-free environment.

**AVSA**  
ARIZONA VETERANS STANDDOWN ALLIANCE

**ALL ON-SITE SERVICES OPEN TO U.S. MILITARY VETERANS**

**VETERANS SERVICES**

- DCS Benefits Assistance
- Maricopa County & City Courts
- Identification Assistance
- Social Security Administration Services

**MEDICAL SERVICES**

- Medical
- Dental Registration (For VA Subsidized Abuse Assist)
- Behavioral Health Services
- Hearing & Mobile Phone Hearing Aids
- COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination

**HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT**

- Housing Services
- Emergency Shelter Options
- Employment Services
- Education Services

**PET SERVICES**

- Very limited Pet Health & Veterinary Services available
- Animals brought to the event will be scanned except for all animals as defined by DPH who must be leashed, tethered or treated at all times

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- No pre-registration available
- Event attendance is limited to Veterans & caregivers
- Very limited on-site storage is available (cash, food, etc.)
- Clothing & Shoes are NO LONGER accepted at this event

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## JOKE OF THE MONTH

What did the Ocean say to the Sand?

Nothing, it just waved.

EMAIL ADDRESS

We have an email address for submission of articles, pictures, recipes, jokes, and newsworthy items. Please keep us in your Auxiliary loop so we can share with all of our members.

Volunteers that are good at writing are needed to write articles for the newspaper please reach out to Kathy Amery.

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## We Make a Difference

We are the American Legion Auxiliary. And we make a difference. You'll find us in more than 8,000 local communities in the USA and in foreign countries. Founded in 1919 during the first National Convention of The American Legion, the ALA has grown to be one of the largest veterans support organizations. And we'd love for you to be part of our mission outreach.



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### Who We Are?

#### **American Legion Auxiliary**

(as stated on the legion.org website)

"Founded in 1919. The American Legion Auxiliary has nearly 1 million members from all walks of life. The Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises millions of dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities familiar to Americans. It is all accomplished with volunteers.

While originally organized to assist the American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to The American Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community.

The American Legion Auxiliary is made up of the male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and

direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion. Through its nearly 10, 500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with The American Legion, it solidly stands behind America its ideals".

## Our Mission

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

[READ MORE](#)

## Our Impact

We are one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families. We help to advance the mission of The American Legion. From helping to draft the GI Bill in 1944 to advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, the nonpartisan American Legion Family is instrumental in advancing legislation that improves the quality of life for our nation's veterans and servicemembers.

**FOLLOW US**

