



62 News

Passion for Programs

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



June's sponsored program is Girls State.

**Let's meet this year's
Poppy Chair:
Nicki Cruz**

Girls State has been training female high school students for civic leadership since 1937 through a week long "simulated government" immersive training program. The girls attend in the summer between their Junior and Senior year of High School. Unit 62 sponsors girls from 14 schools located in Peoria, Glendale, El Mirage and Surprise. The average is two delegates and two alternates from each school. No federal funding is used for this program. The cost is \$400.00 each.

Our unit has fundraisers and pays \$300.00, each girl is responsible for \$100.00. Scholarships are available. Those attending agree to follow the customs and practices that come with our preamble of "For God and Country". Our program is located at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Nationwide the program has grown from a few hundred to over 25,000 annually. Two Senators from each state also attend Girls State Nation in Washington D.C. for Seven Days.

I am Noreen (Nicki) Nickerson-Cruz, I joined the American Legion Auxiliary in 1992 through the eligibility of my father. He served in the Army, Air-Corp then Air

Force and was deployed during WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

At Unit 62 I have served as President, Secretary, Chaplain, Sgt-at-Arms, Executive Committee and many chairmanships, at District 11 as President, Vice-President and Chaplain, also as Department Legislative Chairman.



From the President's Pen

Dear Auxiliary Unit 62 Members,

My term this year has come to an end. At gavel fall on the adjournment of our Department Convention at the end of this month, I will be your Unit Past President. On July 1st, President-Elect Kathy Amery and the new 2022-2023 Officers will take office.

My goal this past year with the support of this Unit, was to bring us back to our roots, “helping veterans”. I believe that by getting back to our roots and what this organization was founded upon, we could also have a more fiscal approach.

I feel that the leadership this past year, brought forth to this Unit a strong sense of dedication, strong leadership skills, growth, and the ability to think on our feet. I look forward to seeing this Unit grow and prosper, with **Forward Progress**. We need to build a strong foundation to make it last! We need to continue to build and nurture a lasting relationship with the rest of the Post Legion Family.

I would like to see the continuing open and honest communication with the rest of the entities within the walls of our Post home. That same communication that this place once had and now has again. The Richard Bieri Award is a prestigious cooperation award. Wouldn't you love to continue to see that second trophy in our social quarters? You must have total cooperation to have that.

Winning trophies and awards are

nice, but first and foremost our focus needs to be the veterans. After all, they are the reason we are here. I believe with that renewed sense of focus, we will be more grounded as a Unit and individually.

I have been honored and blessed to serve as your Unit President this past year. I want to thank all of you for giving me that opportunity. I now ask for your support for Kathy and her fellow leaders, as we work together to, "Make it Meaningful".

For God and Country,

Stephanie M. McMullen
2021-2022
John J. Morris
Unit 62 President

Volunteer Awards

The following awards were won by Unity 62 Auxiliary Volunteers

**Volunteer of the Year-Beth Olive
30 Years of Volunteer Service-Nicki Cruz
Bingo Support Volunteer-Sandy Ellingston**

CONGRATULATIONS LADIES, GREAT JOB!!





Paint Night at the Legion
21 Painters including 1 Woman Veteran





MUSIC

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

Margaret Mary Kelsey was March's Meeting winner with tickets to the Queen of Hearts.

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:

We will be needing new volunteers for our auxiliary duties within the post for 2022.2023:

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

Send us an email with your interests, questions, & volunteer requests to ALAAZunit62@gmail.com

Join us!



Upcoming Events

6/5-4:30PM New Officer Installation

6/12-1PM AUX Bingo

6/14-6 PM AUX E Board Mtg. Meet your mentor.

6/21-6PM AUX General Membership Mtg.
Election for Open Executive Board position.

6/22-5:00PM AUX Dinner

6/23-6/26 State Convention

JULY-Save the Date

7/19-6PM AUX General Membership Meeting-Meet incoming Commander-Snack Potluck

7/23-Packing Party-More info to come

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why did Karen press
Ctrl+Shift+Delete?

Because she wanted to see the
task manager.

Open Executive Board Position

There is an Executive Board Member position open for the 2022-2023 Auxiliary. If you are interested, please let Beth Olive know or come to June's general membership meeting and ask to be nominated.



Memorial Day at Post 62

Current Auxiliary President:
Stephanie McMullen

Incoming Auxiliary President:
Kathy Amery

Past Auxiliary President:
Tammy Early

EMAIL ADDRESS

Email address for submission of articles, pictures, recipes, jokes, volunteer requests, and newsworthy items.

Please keep us in your Auxiliary loop so we can share with all of our members.

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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.

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