



62 News

Passion for Programs



February's sponsored program is Americanism

Let's meet this year's Americanism Chair: Tammy Early

Americanism, also referred to as **American patriotism** According to the **American Legion**, a U.S. veterans' organization, *Americanism* is an ideology, or **belief** in devotion, loyalty, or allegiance to the United States of America, or to its **flag**, traditions, customs, **culture**, symbols, institutions, or form of government.^[2] In the words of **Theodore Roosevelt**, "Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction, and purpose, not of creed or birthplace."^[3]

Hi! I am Tammy Early, get to know me! I am previously your Sargent-at-Arms, Vice President, and President! I currently am your Past Unit President, American Legion Auxiliary State Ambassador and your, Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Program.

Did you know as a member you have probably participated in our program already and never knew it? Have you ever thanked a veteran for their service? Have you ever flown the American Flag? You've already started participating in our program!

Year-to-date we have had numerous programs contributing to our program. Examples of Americanism this year alone would be Veterans Day – Flag raising, and poppies handed out by our Juniors. A wreath placed in remembrance by our member and Gold Star Mother Ginger Emerson. Participating with Chick-fil-A to provide funds for an American Veteran in need of a service animal, we raised \$5k for this program and provided 1 veteran and 1 service dog the training to assist the veteran. Monthly we provide sleeping mats, backpacks and personal care items to homeless veterans. Monthly we provide snacks and drinks to our veterans at the VA Center undergoing Chemo treatment for cancer. In December we shipped out Christmas packages to our troops overseas and included poppies and pocket flags for over 160 care packages. Also, to date we provide monthly art therapy for our Women Veterans, held at Post 1 but hosed by Unit 62.

Future programs would be ordering and have three of our existing Post 62 veterans fold more pocket flags so we are ready to go as needed. Replacement for worn and tired American Flags and appreciation letters as we go throughout our neighborhoods complimenting and thanking them for flying our American Flag proudly.

In closing come see me! If this is something you would be interested in assisting in we would love your help!



From the President's Pen

Greetings Fellow Members:

February is Americanism Month. Our Chairman this year is our Past Unit President Tammy Early. Besides her Past President duties for Past President's Parley and mentoring and guiding me, she has graciously taken on that chairmanship as well.

On February 3rd at 6:30pm, the Post and the SAL Squadron is hosting the "Sons and Shuman" Zoom and in person meeting at the Post. Everyone who would like to attend is more than welcome.

To RSVP or to get the Zoom link, email shuman@matthewshuman.com. This is a meet and greet and Q&A for Arizona's first National Commander Candidate. Matthew is a Post 9/11 US Army Veteran from Post 44 in Scottsdale. He is endorsed by the American Legion Department of Arizona.

On February 15th at our General Meeting, we will be having a joint opening with the Post the Four Chaplains Ceremony. If you haven't been to the Four Chaplains Ceremony

or you don't know about the Four Chaplains, I encourage you to attend. It is a nice and informative ceremony about our Nation's History and four of our Nation's heroes. On February 16th, we will be having our monthly dinner. This month Candy Neagle our JR Chairman and Karon Quigg JR Co-Chairman will be serving Pot Roast for \$10.00.

Regards,
Stephanie



MUSIC

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

Benita Montague was the Jan. 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

Join us!



Upcoming Events

2/3-6:30PM Matt Shoeman-
Candidate for National Legion
Commander Email for Zoom
Meeting details:
shuman@matthewshuman.com.

2/5-1PM Cornhole Tournament to
benefit Connie Moore. 2 person
Team-\$10 Chili will be on the menu

2/12-PPP Sweetheart Luncheon at
Post 61

2/13-1PM AUX Bingo

2/8-6 PM AUX E Board Mtg.

2/9-4:30PM Early Bird Dinner-
Meatloaf

2/15-6PM AUX General Membership
Mtg/1st Nominations for Officers

2/15-6PM 4 Chaplains Joint
Ceremony

2/16-5:00PM AUX Pot Roast Dinner-
\$10

2/19-8AM Mission Training at Post
105



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,

CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT
Fundraiser \$10
CONNIE MOORE LOST HOME IN FIRE
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5 1PM
PARKING LOT
CHILI POST 62
PRIZES RAFFLES FUN!
SIGN UP SHEETS AT
POST

Crossword Puzzles, Word Searches, etc.



Volunteer Hour Forms

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



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why do melons have weddings?

They cantaloupe

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.

ALAAZunit62@gmail.com



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.



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 62

9845 Desert Cove Ave.
Peoria, AZ 85345

623-972-8372

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



