



## 62 News

### Passion for Programs



**January's sponsored program is  
Legislative and National Security.**

**Let's meet this years Membership Chair:  
Laura Brieschke:**

I have been an Auxiliary member and ALR Supporter of both Post 62 and Post 1 combined since 2007. I have held various chairs throughout those years.

What is National Security? According to the Unit Guide Book, the purpose of the ALA National Security Committee is to maintain and promote a strong national defense, strengthen our military families and prepare our population for response to natural and other disasters.



### From the President's Pen

Greetings Fellow Unit Members:

Happy New Year!!!

January is National Security Month, please come out to our monthly dinner on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We will be serving Past Department Jane's Chicken and Dumplings. Our Chaplain and National Security

Chairman Laura Brieschke, has some exciting things lined up for our program.

At our December Dinner, we served lasagna, garlic bread, Olive Garden salad and a dessert for \$10.00. Our profit was \$347.00, proceeds went to the VA&R Program.

Veterans' Day flag raising ceremony was well attended and well received by many. The total for the 11% of sales from Chick Fil A that day was \$4,475. This check will be donated to Soldier's Best Friend, on behalf of Unit 62's VA&R Program. That is an increase from last year!! Thank you so much for those that contributed.

On November 30th members of the Post 62 Family and City of Peoria Pine District teamed up with Packages from Home to pack care packages for 140 service members across the world. We were done in 26 minutes and had an absolute blast doing it.

As of the writing of this bulletin, I am working along with PR Chairman Kathy Amery networking to do this again in February. The goal is to do more this time.

I wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year!!! As an old Marching Band Geek would say, "Let's Do It Up, and get the Job Done!"

Stephanie



[Ever wonder what Girls State is?](#)

(as state in the Legion Auxiliary website)

"American Legion Auxiliary Units in all 50 states proudly host ALA Girls State, an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship, leadership, and love for God and Country".

"Female high school students who have completed their junior year are competitively selected and sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary units for this program, where they learn about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government and actively running a mock government. The girls are assigned to mock cities and either the "Federalist Party", or the "Nationalist Party".

"Assistance from dedicated ALA volunteers ensures the programs nonpartisan governmental, patriotic, and civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning. Candidates should be keenly interested in government and current events, and show strong leadership abilities".

The ALA has sponsored Girls State since its inception in 1947.

## ALA Girls State

Unit 62 will be sponsoring 14 schools this year with Canyon View in Waddell as a new addition.

Our Cost will be budgeted at \$6,900. This could increase if Girls are unable to pay their \$100 portion.

It has been virtual for the last 2 years. It will be back in person 6/5-6/11/2022.

Deadline for submissions is 3/1/2022.



## **MUSIC**

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

*Suzanne Rodgers was the Dec. 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.



### **Upcoming Events**

**1/8 12-4:30PM Dept. of AZ Annual Open House**

**1/9-1PM AUX Bingo**-Proceeds will go to Dept. President Jenny Molina's special project- PTSD

**1/9- 2PM District meeting @Post 62**

**1/11-6 PM AUX E Board Mtg.**

**1/19-5:00PM AUX Chicken & Dumplings Dinner-\$10**

**1/18-6PM AUX General Membership**



## **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 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!**



### **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*



### Shop with A Cop

We joined with the ALR and collectively won a trophy.

2021: 1st Place-Best Holiday Display  
2020: 1st Place-Light Display



### JOKE OF THE MONTH

Never buy flowers from a monk.

Only you can prevent florist friars.

### 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.

**Memorial Committee members needed**

**Volunteer to be on the Memorial**

Committee, determine what the standards for Memorial services will be for the Auxiliary.

## 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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### American Legion Auxiliary

(as stated on the [legion.org](http://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.

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## 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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