

# UNIT REPORT

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY...**

**THE END OF ANOTHER GREAT YEAR !**



Past President Mary Couture handing off the cremains of Army veteran James Harold Lockett (1943-2017) at the Missing In American Project (MIAP) Ceremony April 15 held at Adair Funeral Home, Oro Valley .



President Alice Bever and Secretary Onita Davis accepted 95% and 100% membership certificates from District President Roxy Ruiz at the March meeting!

**Prayer for the Oro Valley American Legion Unit 132**

Our Gracious Father in Heaven, as we approach another summer, and time of “going dark” for our Auxiliary, may we continue to be mindful of the needs of those Veterans we serve, and to realize that their needs are still there, even when we are not meeting every month to talk about them. They still need our attention, our awareness of what is going on in their lives, and our prayers and willingness to step up and do what we can for them. Help us to stand firm in our commitment to them and their families. We also want to praise and thank you for your guidance and grace in all that we have done for our Veterans this past membership year.

Lord God, please keep a watchful eye on our auxiliary members as we travel this summer, and protect us as we go about our daily lives. Help us remember to set aside that small space and time to calm ourselves and seek your guidance. Heal those we know who are ill, grant peace and comfort to those who grieve, and give comfort to those who are lonely.

We humbly ask this in Jesus’ Holy Name,  
**AMEN**

Mary Lou Hackett, Chaplain

**EXPLANATION OF THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

As we continue our effort to familiarize our members, new and old, with the meaning of the preamble to the constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary, stop, read, and think before reciting these words at our next meeting. See you in September!

"to maintain law and order .... "

Law and order must be maintained if freedom is to be maintained. Liberty is not a license. Good government means that all citizens are secure in their lives and property. To this, the Legion and Auxiliary are pledged by the second principle stated in the Preamble.



"To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism .... "

The term "Americanism" covers all of the things which have made the American nation great and the American people free. It implies qualities of character as well as principles of government. Under this Constitution's principles, the Legion and Auxiliary have worked, and are continuing to work, to defeat the attempts of subversive organization to undermine our system, to build loyalty to and confidence in American ideals, and to develop an American citizenship capable of making America's free form of government a constantly greater success.



**A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT!**

Sharing the Unit 132 Workload  
 What a wonderful ALA Unit we have!  
 In preparing for the 2017-2018 American Legion year, we needed volunteers in order to spread the workload that's involved in the smooth running of a Unit. The following are your Committee Leaders who will take charge of much of the Units business:

- Unit Newsletter: Deena Ream-Robinson
- Jr. Auxiliary Members; Manufacturers Coupons; Point person for Christmas shopping: Judy Taub
- Oro Valley Initiative: Sandy Briney
- Guest Speakers; Official Photographer; Leadership Modules: Mary Lou Hackett
- Set up Doodle and track Unit hours: Lori Oehlert
- Calling Committee: Barbara Franke
- Stand Down Committee: Judy Haberski
- AZ State Veterans Home: Karen Lipphardt
- Therapeutic Riding of Tucson: Alice Bever
- Fisher House: Fran Phillips
- Girl's State; Leadership Modules: Cookie Agan

\*We have two unfilled committee positions - Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Poppies.

We're looking to use your time and talents to fill these positions; please offer.

All of us working together and serving our community,  
 Alice Bever - President



Julianna Martinez - Pusch Ridge Christian Academy.

**2017 AL Oratorical Contest** - Julianna, our 2016 delegate to the AZ Girls State and the Post 132 2017 sponsored AL Oratorical contestant, won State and advanced to compete at national representing Arizona. She won her quarter final regional before advancing to the semi-finals. Her 9th place finish is the highest by an Arizona representative in 12 years.



Julia Cardenas-Tellez and Sandy Briney at the San Manuel High School Awards Assembly, May 8.

**2017 Girls State Update**  
 - Denise Alexander and I attended the Girls State Orientation held at American Legion John Burns Post 36, in Tucson, on Sunday, April 30th. We went to greet our two delegates to Girls State this year. The young women are required to attend the orientation with a parent or guardian. Our Pusch Ridge Delegate, Kate Maxfield attended with her father, Rob. Our San Manuel Delegate, Julia Cardenas-Tellez attended with her mother, Rosa. There was a two hour orientation, and then refreshments were served. It was a very concise/complete presentation. No one had any questions, always a good sign!  
 Sandra Briney, GS Chair

**2017 - 2018 OFFICERS**

President: Alice Bever  
 Vice President: Carol Brown (she will attend Exec. meetings, via Skype)  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Onita Davis  
 Recording Secretary: Sandra Briney  
 Sgt. at Arms: Rhonda Sadler  
 Chaplain: Mary Lou Hackett  
 Historian: Judy Taub  
 Jr. Historian: Rani Nelson  
 Exec. Committee members: Denise Alexander, Past President Mary Couture, Deena Reams-Robinson

**Baby Bags!**  
 On May 1, Mikey Hoeye and Linda Miller, both Unit 132 members and National Guard support personnel, accepted baby bags for soldiers of the 98th Aviation Troop Command. Our 7th and 8th "new baby" bags since September, and 39th and 40th bags since the inception of the program in 2012.





SERVICING OUR VETERANS AND OUR COMMUNITIES!



On March 23, Alice and Onita delivered baby blankets and lap robes to Answers for Life Pregnancy Center. The items were donated by the Church of the Knitting Ministry of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church West Haven, CT.



On March 27, Denise Alexander delivered lap robes to CopperHealth Rehab located in Sun City. These items were also donated by the Knitting Ministry. We are very thankful for their continued support.



Poppy Time! Laurie Iwataka, Lori Oehlert, and Onita distributed poppies at the Fry's Food Store located at La Canada and Lambert in Oro Valley.



Alice, Rosie Gonzales, and Onita welcomed members and guests to the annual Post/Unit 132 picnic, April 23.



Jr. member, Isabella Couture (r.), presented Kelly Laurich of the Fisher House (l.), and guest, with a \$100 gift card from the Post and \$200 from the Unit in response to an emergency request.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **June 13:** Resource Day for homeless and At Risk veterans. Days Inn, 222 S. Freeway, Tucson. Clothing needed: new socks and underwear for men and women and gently used summer clothing, shoes and accessories. To donate contact: Bob Slocum 520-975-5858, bob66rvn@outlook.com. Opening ceremony at 9AM. Post 132 color guard to post colors.
- **June 14:** Flag Day "Unserviceable Flags" service at 10:30AM. . Joint Post 132 and Catalina Mtn Elks Lodge Flag Day program. Elks program begins at 10:00am followed by the Post's Unserviceable Flags service at 10:30am. Location: Elks Lodge, 16045 N. Oracle Rd.
- **June 15** Post general membership mtg: Unit members invited to attend. There is NO Unit general meeting.
- **June 22-25** Dept Convention in Carefree, AZ.
- **June 28 and 29:** OVPD Explorer Scout Cadet Academy training scenario role playing volunteers needed. 7:30AM-4:30PM each day. No experience needed. Give a couple of hours or a day. Golder Ranch Fire District training facility on Golder Ranch Rd in Catalina. Contact Ray Kennedy 520-419-1199, rakennedyaz@gmail.com

July:  
Note: No July Post or Unit general membership meeting.

August:  
• **August 26** - 2017 Post 132 golf tournament at The Views Golf Club at Sun City. Printable flyer at <http://www.OVAmericanLegion132.com>  
• Note: No August Post or Unit general membership meeting.

Steve Didio, Post 132 1st Vice Commander and Commander-elect, and Unit 132 Secretary/Treasurer Onita Davis place the Post/Unit Memorial wreath at the Memorial Day Service held at Evergreen Cemetery, May 29.