

UNIT REPORT

HONORING THEIR SERVICE!

Kickoff of the 2017 Poppy Days at Rillito Park Farmers' Market!

The team took the opportunity to meet new 4-footed friends and share information with the public about the Poppy Story and the Legion Family! This was our first year at this location.



Post 132 Color Guard member Leon Donahue and Auxiliary member Lori Oehlert.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

Unit 132 Leadership Training

On Saturday, March 4, Mary Lou Hackett, Cookie Agan, and I attended the American Legion Auxiliary Leadership Training. The purpose was to encourage, interest and involve more members in all levels of leadership in our Unit 132.

As a result, both Mary Lou and Cookie gave a short overview of their training day at our March 16th general membership meeting. They were well received by our members. Since then, both have agreed to do a 2 minute leadership snippet at our general meetings starting this autumn.

I have two goals in mind: one, to further our Unit's education about the American Legion and all its aspects, and, two, to encourage more members to attend the Leadership Training with me the next time it is offered so they, too, will take on new responsibilities with our Oro Valley Auxiliary.

Alice Bever
President

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

While repeating the words of the preamble at the beginning of each meeting, have you ever wondered what those words mean? As we welcome new members to the organization, it is important to share the history and values as well as the purpose and mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Several years ago we reviewed the meaning of the preamble section by section. Members found that exercise to be very enlightening so we will repeat it over the upcoming issues for the benefit of our new members.

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the

following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America "



"The first of the ten principles of the American Legion and Auxiliary is a sacred pledge of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States. It is most appropriate that the first ideas presented in the Preamble be dedicated to the continued defense of our nation by those very persons who have either served in war-time or had a close relative who served. The pledge to uphold and defend the democracy of America is the first obligation of every Legionnaire and Auxiliary member. "

NEWS BRIEFS

Did You Know?

- Technical Education Scholarship donations totaled \$737.50 in February and the total to date is \$2205.50.
- Auxiliary Emergency Fund donations to date total \$89.52.
- Emergency Requests donations total \$600 to date. Two requests were for rent assistance and one for dental care for a spouse.
- \$295.80 donated to the VA during this period.
- The Post and Auxiliary have a mutual Facebook page! Share with others to help spread the word about our award winning programs! <https://www.facebook.com/OVAmericanLegionPost132>.
- More photos are available on our website, <http://www.ovunit132.info>.



The Unit was on hand to support the Post at their annual German Dinner, Feb. 18, as well as to sell tickets for our beer basket raffle! Left to right, Cookie Agan, Rosie Gonzales, Alane Asp, Alice Bever.



Julianna Martinez, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, our 2016 delegate to the AZ Girls State, will represent AZ at the 2017 American Legion National Oratorical contest to take place in Indianapolis in April.



Judy Haberski and Cookie Agan serving up our delicious salads at the 2017 VA Employee Appreciation Luncheon, March 2.



New faces at the Oro Valley Farmers' Market on the first Saturday of each month. Sandy Briney (l.) has been joined by Unit member Deb Larson and Post Service Officer Jim Martens.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18 - SATP Bridging Ceremony 2:30p - 3:30p

April 23 - Post/Unit 132 annual picnic at Catalina State Park. 1pm - 3:30pm (Gila Monster Group picnic area). Limit 3 guests please.

May 6 - American Legion Arizona District 2 annual picnic, at the McCulloch-Wagner American Legion Post 109, 15921 S. Houghton Road, Corona, AZ, 12noon-4pm. Food and beer provided with \$5 ticket available at the door, children under 12 are free. Includes horseshoe tournament, pool tournament, music and raffle prizes.

May 6 - Honor Flight # 23 Departs

May 8 - Honor Flight # 23 Returns

May 16, 30 - SATP Bridging Ceremony 2:30pm to 3:30pm, SAVAHCS



Past Pres. Mary Couture and Jr. member, daughter Isabella, received recognition for their great jewelry party held at the January 19 general meeting to benefit the Technical Education Scholarship Fund.