



The Tradition

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From The Ladies Auxiliary President

Ginny Graves



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Sat, Feb 12th - Holly's Pork Roast Valentine's Dinner

Scholarship

February is the month we promote our Scholarship program under the leadership of Chairwoman Holly. We recently were contacted by a new college graduate who benefited from our Scholarship program for the past two years. His aunt, an Auxiliary 770 member, expressed her pride of her nephew's accomplishments and appreciation of the Auxiliary's commitment to higher education. We also donate to the National Scholarship program every year.

Child Welfare

Our Child Welfare program is partnering with Aviva Children's Services (foster care) to provide children with their most desperate needs. Currently Aviva is asking for our help with providing large fleece blankets for teens (12-17yrs old) and large transport bags (size of a king size pillow) for the children to put their belongings into before they move to a foster home. Chairwoman LouAnn and others are now sewing eight fleece blankets. Aviva will accept new/purchased blankets and transport bags too; please donate prior to our final April meeting.

Windin' Down '21-'22

The Auxiliary will be winding down another busy year of supporting the Post, our veterans, and the community in a few months. Our April meeting will include the election/appointment and installation of new officers and it will be our final meeting before we go dark.

Gearin' Up '22-'23

The Auxiliary is currently recruiting and mentoring our members who'd like to fill a position next year from Oct '22-April '23. We support new officers and will continue to mentor as requested.

Upcoming Aux events

Tues, Feb 8th 10am Executive Board Meeting

Sat, Feb 12th Pork Roast Valentine's Dinner, Scholarship

Sun, Feb 13th 9:30am Aux Business Meeting (*Come early for a Breakfast Burrito*)

Sat, Feb 19th Dinner, Community Service

Save the Date...

Sat, March 12th the Aux is planning a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner in support of our Community Service program. More info on this fundraiser next month. Watch for the flyers.

From Post Member Valerie H. Davis

How Much Do You Know About Arizona?

Monday, 14 February 2022, is Arizona's 110th anniversary of becoming a state! How much do you know about Arizona? Are you a snowbird or a desert rat?? How many of the following can you answer correctly? See the last page of the newsletter for the answers.

What is Arizona's state tree?

What is Arizona's state gemstone?

What is Arizona's official neckwear?

What is Arizona's state bird?

What is Arizona's state flower?

Public Relations Officer

Valerie H. Davis

Newsletter: The next newsletter will be the March 2022 newsletter. All articles are due to me no later than Tuesday, 15 February 2022. Electronic articles are greatly appreciated. Articles need to be written in Word and sent as an attachment to an email. Photos for the newsletter are also accepted when sent as an email attachment. Articles received after the deadline will **not** be published in the March newsletter. If you have any questions, you may email me at amvets_news@q.com.

Business card advertising: If you have a business and would like to advertise it in the newsletter, please give The Post's administrative assistant or Val Davis a copy of your business card and \$25 for a calendar year (1 Jan to 31 Dec 2022) of advertising in the newsletter and on the Post's website. It is \$5 a month, if you chose to advertise monthly.

UPCOMING VETERAN ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, 3 February 2022 – 79th anniversary of the Four Chaplains.

Sunday, 6 February 2022 – Four Chaplains Sunday. There will be a 79th Annual Memorial Service for the Four Chaplains at 1 pm at Kino Memorial Park. It is free and open to the public. (See attached flier.)

Saturday, 19 February 2022 – Military parade at Sacaton, AZ, to honor the flag raising. (See attached flier and entry form.)

Wednesday, 23 February 2022 – 77th anniversary of the flag raised at Iwo Jima.

Honor Flight Of Southern Arizona: According to the Honor Flight of Southern Arizona's website all Honor Flights have been suspended until spring 2022. If you are a WW II or Korean War veteran that has not been on an Honor Flight, please think about filling out your application now and submitting it to Honor Flight of Southern Arizona. Since so few Korean War veterans have applied, Honor Flight of Southern Arizona has opened up applications to Vietnam era veterans. This is a trip that you will remember for the rest of your life!! Get your application in so you can be put on the waiting list. **Veterans with terminal conditions do have priority.** If you are iffy about anything, you can always cancel. You can also go to www.honorflightsaz.org and fill out an application on-line, or pick up an application at the Post. **The trip includes:** Airfare to and from Washington, D.C; two-night hotel accommodations; breakfasts, lunches, and sit down banquet dinners; transportation to all venues; Honor Flight t-shirt; and assistance to and from all venues, wheelchairs are available as needed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Post and leave a message for me.

February: Official Days To Fly The Flag

- Saturday, 12 February – Lincoln's Birthday
- Tuesday, 15 February – Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, 22 February – Washington's Birthday

February Dates Of Interest

- Thursday, 3 February – 79th anniversary of the Four Chaplains
- Sunday, 6 February – Four Chaplains 79th Annual Memorial Service
- Tuesday, 15 February – 124th anniversary of the sinking of the Maine
- Wednesday, 23 February – 77th anniversary of the flag raising at Iwo Jima
- Monday, 28 February – 31th anniversary of the end of the Operation Desert Storm

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

The 79th Anniversary of the Four Chaplains will be on Thursday, 3 February 2022. The history of The [Four Chaplains](#): When the Army troop-transport ship [USAT Dorchester](#) was torpedoed by the German submarine U-223 on 3 February 1943 during World War II, four Army chaplains ministered to the soldiers and sailors on the sinking ship, they gave up their life jackets, and sacrificed their lives when the ship sank so that others might live. Those chaplains were [LT George L. Fox](#), Methodist; [LT Alexander D. Goode](#), Jewish; [LT John P. Washington](#), Roman Catholic; and [LT Clark V. Poling](#), Dutch Reformed.



From Post Member Valerie H. Davis

How Much Do You Know About Arizona? Answers.

What is Arizona's state tree? The state tree is the Palo Verde. When in bloom, it is a blaze with shimmering yellow.

What is Arizona's state gemstone? Arizona's official state gemstone is turquoise. It is found primarily in Indian jewelry produced in Arizona and the Southwest.

What is Arizona's official neckwear? The bola tie is Arizona's official neckwear.

What is Arizona's state bird? The official state bird is the Cactus Wren. It is a woody brown bird with a speckled breast. They prefer to build their nests in the protection of thorny desert plants, often saguaro cactus.

What is Arizona's state flower? The state flower is the blossom of the saguaro cactus, the largest cactus found in the United States. The saguaro is found only in the Sonora Desert. The cactus grows to height of 30 to 50 feet and lives to an age of 150 to 200 years. The pure white waxy flowers appear on the tips of the long arms in May and June.

How did you do? If you got all of the questions correct, you are a true desert rat!

(Questions and answers taken from the 2006 Scenic Arizona calendar produced and distributed by Magnalite Distributors, Phoenix, AZ.)