

Auxiliaries in the Wild – Membership Highlights

Our Auxiliaries have been out roaming the state like bright little beacons of service, showing Arizona exactly what our members' commitment to veterans *looks* like. Here's a peek at 2025 (all found on social media through the #AZ2526Membership tag) — a trail of community footprints, handshakes, open conversations, and plenty of good energy:

- **Aux 8807** teamed up with the *Tonto Basin Chamber of Commerce* to spotlight the Auxiliary and strengthen community partnerships.
- **Aux 2066** staffed a table at the *Santa Cruz County Job Fair & Community Expo*, sharing membership information with job-seekers and families alike.
- **Aux 9907** hit *Show Low Days* and even mixed it up with **Miss White Mountain Apache Queen, Shavaughn Titla** — a crown-worthy moment for membership outreach.
- **Aux 769** jumped in to help their Post put on a **Young Kidz Concert**, later giving heartfelt kudos to their volunteers and Comrades on Facebook.
- **Aux 8242** showed their support at the *Yuma Police Department Annual Event*, hosting a table that cheered on the **Special Olympics** community.
- **Aux 10254** connected with neighbors and reminded them that their dedication to veterans endures — even in challenging seasons.
- **Aux 3632** marched proudly in the **Tempe Veterans Day Parade** and then kept the momentum going with membership outreach at Tempe Beach Park.
- **Aux 1433** passed out water and shared who we are at the *Out of the Darkness Walk* supporting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

It's been a bold, beautiful start — and the second half of the year is ready for even more footprints in the sand.

The Nice List: Celebrating Our Members This Holiday Season 🌲 ✨

Any season is the perfect time to sprinkle a little extra appreciation across our Auxiliary family. Membership appreciation doesn't need pomp to make an impact — just heart, intention, and a little creativity. Spotlight members on social media so their good work shines beyond the meeting hall. Send a **short-handwritten note** (a bit of old-school charm never misses). **Thank them publicly** at a meeting or event for *anything* meaningful to them — a project they led, help they gave, or simply their steady presence. Offer small gifts like **flowers from your garden**, a homemade card, or a \$5 gift card for coffee or a quick bite. **Host a mini-celebration at a meeting** by keeping business short and letting most of the time be about joy and connection. Even simple touches — a **“you're appreciated” board**, a fun photo wall, a bowl of favorite candies, or a **traveling “Auxiliary High-Five Award”** passed from member to member — create a sense of belonging. *Appreciation doesn't have to be grand to feel genuine; it just has to be shared.*



A Personal Note:

As we close out 2025, I'm looking back at everything we've done together — the energy at our MITs, the conversations at district meetings, the connections made at Fall Conference, and the countless phone calls and emails that kept us moving forward. I've had the joy of meeting members all across Arizona and making new friends in every corner of the state. It's been inspiring to see business cards and QR codes in action and to watch our numbers rise simply by showing up in our communities and talking about our mission. With the fire at my own home Post, this year has carried its share of challenges, but this incredible group of members has reminded me over and over again of my *WHY*. Thank you — truly — for every effort, every idea, every moment of support, every phone call offering help. Happy Holidays, and bring it on 2026... we're more than ready. 🌲 ✨