



# American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66 Latest Updates

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## Tuesday, January 19th Auxiliary Meeting • 2:00 p.m.

Join us on *the third Tuesday in January*. We will be discussing how we will be handling Friday lunches and any other days the Auxiliary is willing to volunteer for, depending on the outcome of the January House Committee Meeting. Please join us for this important discussion.

We are also looking for an interim replacement for our 3rd Year Trustee on the Executive Committee to finish out the year. Pam Shykes has had to step down and we are looking to fill this position.

Don't forget to help us support the Women Warriors with donations of clothing, toiletries and items for their members or for them to sell in their Boutique that is open to the public. This is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donations are tax deductible per IRS specifications. Collections are handled in the Library.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**WE ARE OPEN and READY FOR BUSINESS!** Now that we're done with 2020, I look back at fact that we were closed 188 days the first time and 19 days the second time, for a total of 207 days. We were literally closed more than half the year! When COVID closed our Legion Post on March 16th, I don't think anyone imagined how many changes would occur in the businesses across our nation, here in Green Valley, and at our Home Post. It was six months later before we reopened, but at less than 50% of our total capacity, per the Pima Co. Health Department guidelines. Unlike other businesses in Green Valley (and we all know who they are), we have adhered to

those Pima Co. guidelines and have received a Satisfactory Rating, allowing us to stay open and serve our members in a safe and responsible manner. There is a sticker at the entrance to the lounge showing that we are in compliance with Pima Co. guidelines. And we will continue to keep your safety in mind. Knowing that, *WE WANT YOU BACK!* I can't tell you how many times people have stopped me and members of our Executive Committee in the grocery store and around town, asking when we will be open again. We are open NOW! Stop in for lunch, Monday through Friday. The Lounge is open every day from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. And, while there is still football, join us for **Football Food** from 11am – 3pm on Sunday. Many of our snowbirds are here, and many more are returning every day. Stop in to see your old friends and make some new ones. And, now that the vaccine is starting to become available, it will make it even safer for people to finally get out of the house.

Did you know that we have over **1,000 Auxiliary members** in our Auxiliary Unit? (FYI – Legion members are called Post Members. Auxiliary members are called Unit Members.) We are the second largest unit in the state of Arizona but you wouldn't know it when you stop into our Legion. When people come to visit our post, I want them to understand immediately why we have over 1,000 members. That reason needs to be because we have great people working, volunteering, socializing and visiting this great post. And we need YOU to help make that happen. We have many members who only

hold their membership in honor or someone they love, or loved and lost or for the lowest priced drinks/food in town. In years past, that hasn't been a problem because there were enough other members who were willing to help decorate at Christmas, work in the kitchen, or serve on a committee. But, more and more, fewer people are willing to step forward to help out, which causes all the work of running the Auxiliary to fall on those few volunteers we currently have.

We have 11 members on the **Executive Committee**. That is only 1% of our current membership. Those members are on our board because they are expected to volunteer and lead in some way. Whether it's membership, money, the kitchen, the veterans, or whatever it is that made them THAT SPECIAL REASON they were asked to serve on our Executive Committee, they were expected to make a positive effect on our board, our Legion, and our Auxiliary. They have been trying to reach out to each of you to help serve our veterans here at our Legion – with your values, your ideas, and your hands. Lately, there have been too many “Negative Nancy’s” with no ideas and a bunch of “you should”, “you need to”, or “you can’t.” What we really need are those positive ideas along with your help to make them happen.

Currently, of our entire membership, less than 4% have offered to help in some way. We need that number to be much, much higher. Could you help us? Right now, we are looking for cooks, servers and cashiers as well as door monitors and future committee members. Soon, we'll be starting Bingo, Queen of Hearts and some of the other things that have been so popular at our Post. Maybe there is something you can do for one of these events.

I know, for me, I plan to walk around the Lounge to say hi and thank people for coming in before I sit down. I want everyone to feel like they are APPRECIATED AND WELCOME. Now, I want each of you to think of something you can do to make this Post and our Auxiliary better and help get us back on track.

On Monday, December 28th, we had our drawing for the **Christmas/New Year's Raffle Basket Winner**. The winner was Dave Van Lieshout. Congratulations! His winnings were over \$660 worth of stuff! Watch for further information for our next raffle, which will be our **Valentine's Day Basket Raffle**. Please help support the Auxiliary by purchasing tickets whenever you stop in. We will be selling them whenever we have someone available in the Library or the Lounge to sell tickets.

We are still handling **Membership Renewals** in the Library. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please stop in any weekday between 9:00 am and Noon to renew. As of January 1st, you will not be allowed into the Lounge until you have renewed, so get your 2021 card now!



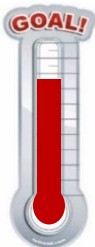
## January is National Blood Donor Month

National Blood Donor Month has been observed since 1970, with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during winter – one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood products to meet patient needs. The need is even greater during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## FREE Online Food Service Certification Classes

In order to help us in the kitchen, our volunteers need to be certified in food handling. Please contact the Post Manager, Tim Shykes to get certified. It's an easy on-line process, and the Post reimburses you for the cost. Call Tim at 520-393-0331 or email him at [postmanager@amlegpost66.org](mailto:postmanager@amlegpost66.org).



## Membership

Membership Renewals are going very well, especially now that the Post is open for business! Thank you to all who have already renewed. Face masks are required to enter the building as well as following social distancing guidelines.

Our goal for this year is 1,027 members. We're almost two thirds of the way to our goal with renewals, transfers and new members. If you haven't renewed yet, stop in any weekday morning from 9am - Noon to renew.

On the last page, you will find the new, easier to fill out Community Service Form. If you donate any of your time at the Legion cooking, serving meals, taking temperatures or cleaning tables, or you donate any of your time within the community, fill out the form and bring it to the next meeting or email it to me at [diane\\_helser@yahoo.com](mailto:diane_helser@yahoo.com). That includes any time you donate to your church, giving blood, volunteering at the library, Friends In Deed, The Animal League, White Elephant, etc. On behalf of everyone at Auxiliary Unit 66, we thank you for your time and effort.

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*Lunch Menu serving 11 AM - 1:30 PM*

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