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VFW Auxiliary Arizona October Pinpoints

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Happy Halloween



President Melody's Message

Fall has arrived in Arizona. Here in Eastern Arizona where I live, we say goodbye to our VFW and Auxiliary summer visitors and settle into a slower pace of life. In the rest of the state, you are welcoming back all of the VFW and Auxiliary Snowbirds.

This is your busy time; a time to work the programs, and hold fundraisers. I encourage Auxiliaries to work with their Post during this time. I also encourage Auxiliaries to support and help each other. As my Grandmother Bess said, "Many hands make light work". This was evident when the call went out to help our Native American neighbors. You all stepped up and made a huge difference to those communities.

I am looking forward to Fall Conference in Lake Havasu City. The theme for the training is "How will the VFW and Auxiliary grow in these unprecedented times?" The Program Chairmen will present ideas for Auxiliaries to help promote and work the programs during the pandemic. If you cannot be there in person, please join us via Zoom – ask your President, District President or email me for the link.

Thank you to all of the members who work tirelessly for our Veterans, their families and our communities. Your hard work and dedication are what makes this organization great.

Remember No One Rides Alone, Be Kind, Be Encouraging, Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Healthy.

National Headquarters Correspondence

September 16, 2020

Meeting Quorum Executive Order

In light of the changing restrictions and guidelines of COVID-19 regarding the number of participants that may gather in a room, meeting hall, stadium, etc., for a meeting of any kind varies from Department to Department and even within a single Department, therefore, in the cases of Auxiliary, District, and Department meetings, audits, official visits, etc.,

Section 212— Quorum becomes effective immediately: “Five (5) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Auxiliary.”

In areas where members, due to age, health, etc., are reluctant/refuse to participate in in-person meetings to establish a quorum for the transaction of business, the Auxiliary President may appeal in writing to the Department President for written permission (to be attached to the meeting’s minutes) that the members needed to establish a quorum may attend virtually. Should audits or official visits be completed virtually, the audit/books may be signed at a later date with a copy of the written permission from the Department President attached.

/s/ Sandra Onstwedder

By order of Sandra Onstwedder, National President
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary

/s/ Ann Panteleakos

Attest: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1, issued by National President Sandra Onstwedder, and effective September 16, 2020, supersedes Executive Order No. 2 issued March 26, 2020 by then-National President Peggy Haake.

Department of Arizona Districts and Auxiliaries:

If a District or Auxiliary is aware that they may not have a quorum of 5 members attending in person:

The President must advise the Department President in advance of the

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meeting (email is sufficient) –

“District _____ Auxiliary _____ request permission to have those members that are attending “virtually” be counted to establish a quorum for the meeting on (date).”

The Department President will respond:

"District _____ or Auxiliary _____ has permission to include both members attending onsite and those attending virtually in order to meet the quorum requirement of the Bylaws at the (date of meeting) meeting. "

The Department President's email response will be sent to the President and Secretary and must be read at the meeting and attached to the minutes.

Permission must be requested in advance every time the President (District or Auxiliary) needs to count those virtual members in order to meet the quorum requirement.



Americanism Vickie Rippel

Recognize and Honor Blue Star, Gold Star, Silver Star and White Star Families

Service members don't serve without the support of their families. Several groups I am very passionate about and highly respect are our Blue Star Mothers and Families; Gold Star Mothers and Families; Silver Star Families; and White Star Families. You may have seen a blue star, gold star, silver star or white star service flag or service banner in the window of a home in your area. A service flag or service banner is a banner approved by the Secretary of Defense that family members of those serving in the United States Armed Forces can display.

- Blue Star Families can display a flag or banner that is officially defined as a white field with a red border, with a blue star for each family member serving in the United States Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities.
- Gold Star Families can display a flag or banner with a gold star (with a blue edge) that represents a family member who died during military operations.
- Silver Star Families can display a flag or banner with a silver star that represents a family member who was injured, wounded or became ill in combat.
- White Star Families had a family member who served in the military and lost their life to suicide. This service banner has yet to be approved by the Secretary of Defense. I encourage everyone to recognize and honor these mothers and families in your community every day!

Community Flag Education

It is such a great feeling to see our U.S. Flag flying. Our Flag is a living symbol of national pride and the freedoms we hold dear. We need to reach out to our communities and teach others about our Flag's history, respect for our Flag, Flag etiquette and how to properly retire the Flag.

Ways to do this include:

- Recognize businesses and individuals in your community who display the Flag. Patriotic certificates are available from the VFW Store and online at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. If you see a tattered or worn-out Flag flying, offer to exchange it for a new one.
- Host a Flag exchange at your Post Home or another location in your community.
- Businesses and/or individuals can trade their tattered or worn-out Flag for a brand-new one.
- Provide a community flag disposal receptacle to collect Flags that should no longer be displayed.
- Invite members of your community to a Flag retirement ceremony so they can learn how to properly retire the Flag.

By doing these things, we have the opportunity to educate others about our nation's most prominent symbol and to share the great work of our organization.

Navy Birthday

October 13th is Navy Birthday, honor our Navy Veteran's with something special. Have cake and punch at your post home.

Auxiliary Community Outreach Kim Harney

Our organization has been and is all about service work. We mainly focus on Veterans and their families but many of us also contribute to our communities through our churches, clubs or other non-profit groups. We as a group are helpers – it's what we do. We love to help others. However, the way we have helped in the past is not always working these days with the COVID-19 and the restrictions that go with this virus. That is hard for many of us. We are now having to think outside the box – how do we continue to help our communities but still follow the restrictions that are in place?



Let's focus on the holidays with that question in mind. In the past, many Auxiliaries have done community Trunk or Treat events. One idea is to hold a drive thru Trunk or Treat. The city of Show Low is holding a drive thru Trunk or Treat event at the park. Businesses can have their own space free of charge for their decorated vehicles which must be in place by 5 and stay until 8 pm. They will be handing out prepacked treats to the first 150 families to drive thru. Maybe you could approach your city with the idea of one central place such as the mall parking lot, the Park or even your Post where the families could drive thru and the kids could collect goodie bags. Or maybe your Auxiliary could select one local school and make up goodie bags that could be

dropped off at the school to be distributed to the kids. Don't forget to include information about all the programs along with the candy!

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, many ideas come to mind; your Auxiliary could get with the school and ask teachers to have their classes make cards for those who are shut in whether it's at the VA or a Care Center; volunteers are always needed in Soup Kitchens; contact your local Toys for Tots and ask how you can help out; contact the Salvation Army to inquire about being a bell ringer; get your Auxiliary together and video tape yourselves singing Christmas Carols; or tape yourselves reading Christmas stories and then distribute them to the care centers for the residents to enjoy.

I am sure that you can think of many more ideas than I have mentioned here. Just remember to be flexible, wear your VFW Auxiliary attire when out and have fun even if it is not the way we have always done it. I would love to hear things that you have planned to help out in the community during the holidays. You can email those ideas to me at emma32680@hotmail.com and I will be happy to share them with other Auxiliaries.



Buddy Poppy/National Home Connie Hargreaves

October is here, and what an excellent time for Buddy Poppy and National Home events.

As a continued education project, Auxiliaries should promote the National Home Help Line in your newsletters and meetings. The Help Line is a free service that offers information, creates connections, and gives hope to struggling military and veteran families.

Military & Veteran Family Helpline!

800.313.4200

Hours: Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

(Closed Holidays)

Messages left after hours are answered the next business day.

You may also email the helpline at help@vfnationalhome.org

Auxiliaries along with the Posts should consider doing a fundraiser to send money to National Home, Thanksgiving is just a month away, and since many of their fundraising events have been canceled, they would appreciate any help our members can provide. General donations, as well as a gift card for upcoming holiday meals, would be helpful.

Remember to send in your Health and Family Donation, encourage Life membership in the National Home. Hand out the Life Membership pin to anyone that brings in/fills out an application or have a drawing for a member to win a life membership.

Instead of treats this Halloween, hand out Buddy Poppy coloring books, or give the parents a brochure about Poppy Story. Both can be purchased at the [VFW Store](#). You can also include information about youth programs like scholarships, Illustrating America, and the "Get Excited For The Red, White

and Blue" singing contest.

Decorate plastic pumpkins with Poppies- have a contest between the Post and the Auxiliary on who can make the best one. Members can put quarters in the pumpkins to vote for the best one. The pumpkin with the most quarters is the winner. How about doing a lemonade stand at your events like the kids do at National Home, decorate it with Poppies. Make the tabletop stands out of foam board is easy to make and easy to transport. Cardboard can also be used, be creative! Program information can be available wherever it is set up. Draws attention and provides educational info as well as a sweet treat for fundraising!



November 3rd is Election Day; get a bag of miniature soldiers, attach Remember to Vote stickers along with a poppy, or a sticker with Remember to Vote with your Veteran in mind and a poppy! Hand them out at your monthly meeting to encourage members to vote. Please place them in the foyer and bar area along with a Poppy Bank for donations.

Share your ideas, and please DO SWAP ideas at your District Meetings.

Chief of Staff Donna Ventola

Saddle Up Team Arizona. This month's topic is about Healthy Auxiliary tool kit and maintaining current members and Auxiliaries.



Each year every Auxiliary faces new challenges, new opportunities and embraces new ideas. Auxiliaries are also looking for new ways to improve attendance at meetings and getting members involved.

Let's put into action the various tools available in the Healthy Auxiliary tool kit, which are on the website - www.vfwauxaz.org under the Programs page - Chief of Staff. Did I tell you it's free, and at your disposal?

Below are some tools in the tool kit on the resource page:

*Review the [Auxiliary to dos and deadlines](#): this is to assure important tasks are completed on time and that you don't forget anything.

*Review the [Auxiliary Meeting Checklist](#): which will guide the President in his/her duties.

*Review the [VFW Auxiliary Sample Meeting Agenda](#): this is to assist in conducting an effective meeting. The President can check with the Secretary and Treasurer and draw up an agenda about unfinished business, events/projects to be discussed, motions to be voted on and any other business. This helps keep the meeting on track and reasonable time.

*Set up a [Healthy Communication Phone/Text tree](#): which will keep your members informed. This tree will also remind members about upcoming meetings and events. This is a great way for officers, chairmen, and members to get comfortable with each other and a great way to have open lines of communication.

*Last but not least is the [Good Job Award](#) and [Healthy Auxiliary Certificates](#): these are great ways to recognize the outstanding support of a member(s) or the Auxiliary. Everyone likes to be thanked for their time and service. If you don't like the ones on there, by all means create one.

While the Auxiliary tool kit is a guideline to increase meeting attendance, let's think outside of the box for other suggestions.

Here are some things to maintain current Auxiliaries:

*Auxiliaries should have at least ten (10) business meetings per year. (Sec. 210)

*Five (5) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction on business. (Sec. 212)

*Quarterly audits by Trustees must be submitted to the Department Secretary/Treasurer. (Sec. 207)

*Officers elected and installed and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30th. This will then generate a bond application via email. (Sec. 804A & 806A)

*The offices of President and Treasurer MUST be bonded by August 31st. (Sec. 814)

Partner Up: Buddy Poppy/National Home- When assisting Buddy Poppy Drives, or holding a fundraiser for National Home, have some kind of visual aide, like a poster board, or a canister or whatever you come up with to show the donations raised by your members in your community. More people might donate when they know where the funds are going to.

Thank you for all you have done and for all you will continue to do. Remember what Team NORA says " No One Rides Alone".



Historian/Media Brenda Kinghorn

Family Freedom Festivals (FFF) hopefully can begin over the state.

This event can show future members of your auxiliary how the FFF brings the community

together with the VFW Auxiliaries. Take pictures of the programs that are presented at your tables. The photos then can be submitted to the different program chairmen. Any guests that you do an interview with be sure to add photos. MAKE SURE YOU GET A SIGNED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PEOPLE IN THE PHOTOS. (See forms on Media resource page)

Ask your local newspaper to come by and interview the members and VFW Comrades and take pictures of the event; hopefully to put into their paper.

Don't forget the [Thank you certificate](#).

Add articles and photos to your scrap book for the history of your auxiliary.

Did your auxiliary print the "[Publicity Guide](#)" out? Take a picture of it and email the photo to me. Thanks!

Print out the Pinpoints. Have each chairman keep their page and use the ideas.

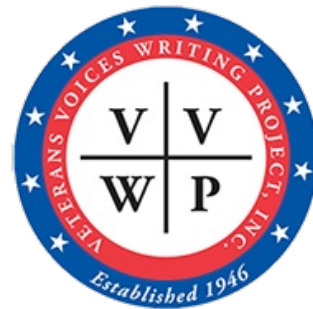
Does your Auxiliary have a Facebook? Please send a picture of your Facebook cover to me.

If your auxiliary has event flyers and pictures that you want on the Department page, email them to me.

Hospital Melissa Martin

Veterans Voices Writing Project

Veterans Voices Writing Project (VVWP) enables military veterans to experience solace and satisfaction through writing.



Envision a world where people appreciate that writing can both heal and entertain. The project encourages veterans to express their thoughts and feelings in writing and to send their stories, essays, poems, and artwork to the VVWP headquarters for potential publication in *Veterans' Voices* magazine.

VVWP Could not Exist Without Volunteers!

The Veterans Voices Writing Project (VVWP) has been helping veterans since 1946. Without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers, Veterans' Voices could not continue to exist as it has since 1952!

Volunteers support the VVWP mission by:

- Helping veterans write (writing aides)
- Starting a writing group with other veterans in your area (we can help you do this)
- Organizing fundraisers within your community or workplace
- Sharing our mission and information with other veterans, their families, and community
- Representing VVWP on Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Committees
- Typing manuscripts by veteran writers

Get involved today by contacting the VVWP office at 816-701-6844 or send an email to support@veteransvoices.org.

To volunteer within the VA System:

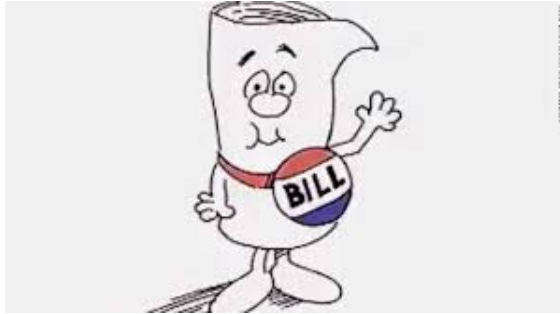
Print and complete the following downloadable form or send your request to

Veterans Voices Writing Project, Inc., 406 West 34th St., Suite 103, Kansas City, MO 64111. Also, complete the VA application for voluntary service here:

VA Application: <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-7055-fill.pdf>

Writing Aide Information Sheet: https://veteransvoices.org/wp-content/uploads/formidable/2/VVWPWriting_GroupLeaderQuestionnaire.pdf

The magazine is made possible by ongoing contributions to VVWP. VVWP is available online <https://veteransvoices.org/> and publishes a *Veterans' Voices* magazine three times a year.



Legislative Bambi Johnson

Fall has officially come and for us in Arizona that means milder weather for outside events and our Fall

Conference in Lake Havasu. We hope to see many of you in attendance and provide more information on all of our programs.

This year for our Legislative Program is offering a special National Legislative Award for best project to educate people regarding the legislative process. While most Americans say “they know how the government works....” a person may find it hard to understand the actual process for an idea to make its way into a law, or how the different branches of government function pertaining to laws. This year we are asking for your help in educating not only your members, but your communities on the legislative process.

Ideas for projects

Ask a member of your state legislation to speak at an event about their experience in either writing or participation in the process of getting a state bill passed.

Distribute Legislative process educational materials at public events.

Post a legislative question thru email or social media at regular intervals to keep interest in the subject.

Make a fun flyer for kids and pass them out with Halloween goodie bags.

Here are some low-cost items I have purchased thru Amazon to educate youth. They are also great easy guides for adults and the 3-D puzzles are both challenging and can be used for display.

[Government for Kids - Citizenship to Governance | State And Federal Public Administration | 3rd Grade Social Studies](#) \$ 10.53

[Liberty Imports 3D Puzzle DIY Model Set - Worlds Greatest Architecture Jigsaw Puzzles Building Kit \(US Capitol Hill\)](#) \$11.93

[CubicFun 3D Puzzles Small US Architecture Building Paper Craft Model Kits Toys Gifts for Adults and Teens, White House](#) \$14.99

[The US Congress for Kids: Over 200 Years of Lawmaking, Deal-Breaking, and Compromising, with 21 Activities \(For Kids series\)](#) \$11.89

[The Electoral College: A Kid's Guide \(Kids' Guide to Elections\)](#) \$6.99

[How Congress Works and Why You Should Care](#) \$11.99

These cartoon youtube videos will entertain & educate children and you can send them in a link to anyone to share.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvwIRTYvU8o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFroMQIKiag>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9H3gvnN468>

Membership Ray Williams



Be Proactive

This month's theme is to "be proactive." This is another one of Stephen Covey's ***Seven Habits of Highly Effective People***. Being proactive means thinking and acting ahead of anticipated events. There are so many ways that you can be proactive in your Auxiliary that there would be no way to list them all. Here are a few:

- Study the list of Awards for Auxiliaries and their deadlines
- Have a Membership plan
- Include current members

Department of Arizona Awards for Auxiliaries

100% Membership by January 31, 2021

Department - \$30

Any Auxiliary that is not 100% by January 31, 2021, will receive additional mentoring for membership by the Department Membership Chairman Ray Williams and a Department Officer.

100% Membership

Department 100% Pennant

100% Plus Membership

Department 100% Plus Streamer

All members attending Department convention will get ribbon to attach to their badge 100% Auxiliary or 100%+ Auxiliary. (as applicable)

101% PLUS by May 30, 2021

Department - \$50

National Packed Parachute Award for Auxiliaries

- \$10 to each Auxiliary that reaches 95% in Membership by November 30, 2020*
- \$20 to each Auxiliary that reaches 98% in Membership by March 31, 2021*
- \$50 to each Auxiliary that reaches 101% Plus in Membership by June 30, 2021*

**Based on the June 30, 2020, total membership numbers.*

Have a Membership Plan

A proactive person puts a plan in place and then acts on it. Does your Auxiliary have a Membership plan? Make sure your plan includes the following:

1) Contact all Annual members for their dues using one, or a combination, of the following ways:

- A mailed dues notice
- An email

- A phone call
- A text

2) Have your Treasurer look up former members on MALTA, and have the Membership Team contact them.

- Assign a mentor to a new member.
- Plan several recruiting events in your community.
- Check your state Member-at-Large list (if you have one) for possible transfers to your local Auxiliary.
- Make sure all Auxiliary members carry a blank application with them.
- Ask your VFW if you can write a letter to their members asking them if they have any family members eligible to join the Auxiliary. Include the following:
 - Letter
 - Eligibility Wheel
 - Application
 - Contact information

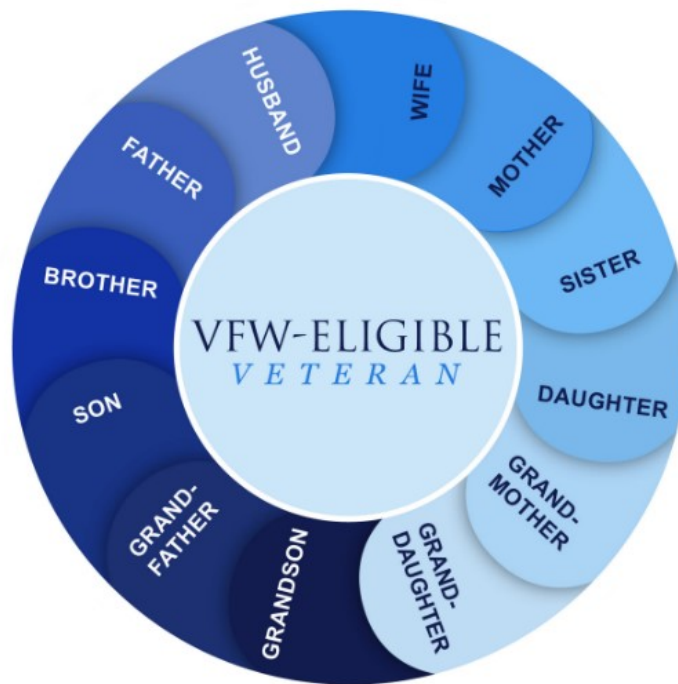
Include Current Members

You've invited new members and sent out dues notices, now what? Let's find a way to keep all our members interested in the VFW Auxiliary. The best way to do that is to include them in your activities. Here are some ways you can go about doing that:

- Get new members involved.
- Offer to pick up members for meetings or events
- Put a team member in charge of contacting members who haven't been to a meeting recently.
- Send out emails asking for assistance at an event or as a reminder for a meeting.
- Make a phone call asking for a donation for an event; this could be money or baking a cake-whatever you need.
- Plan family-friendly events to include your members with children.

Thank you for all you are doing to invite, include and invest in our VFW Auxiliary by working the Membership Program.

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



**Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*



Mentoring For Leadership Chrissy Harlan

An auxiliary members journey begins when they join our great organization. Mentoring them should begin there as well.

A welcome letter should be sent to each new member within a week of their application being approved. I suggest enclosing one of the Member Benefits flyers as well.

Clicking on these links will take you directly to the following resources:

[Sample Welcome Letter](#)

[Member Benefits](#)

The moment a person becomes a VFW Auxiliary member is special for both the member and the local Auxiliary. Make sure you acknowledge and celebrate their involvement in the VFW Auxiliary by initiating them. Being initiated helps a new member feel welcome and a part of the organization. Encourage Auxiliary members to participate in welcoming this new member to your Auxiliary family. The Initiation ceremony is also mentoring on our mission, our expectations,

meeting protocol, and explains our emblem. The Auxiliary President, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and Chaplain all take part in this mentoring. If you hold one of these offices in your auxiliary please become familiar with your part so it can be delivered with emotion and meaning.

Please remember to present the new member with their membership pin and Podium Book.

New members should also be given a New Member or Membership Engagement Packet. Suggested items to include are:

***Contact Information for Auxiliary Officers, District, Department and National Officers** - <https://vfwauxaz.org>

*[VFW Auxiliary National Programs Overview](#)

*[Understanding Auxiliary Traditions](#)

*[Auxiliary Acronyms and Common Terminology](#)

*[Know your Bylaws Sheet](#)

Other items could include a calendar of Auxiliary events and volunteer opportunities.

These tools will help an auxiliary member feel welcome and part of the organization. They will also help guide them into becoming the Auxiliary member THEY want to become.

“The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.”

~ Steven Spielberg

Scholarships Jeanne Hampton



It's time to begin reaping the harvest! The seeds have been planted, the crops tended, now is the time to call upon the youth groups, youth leadership clubs, schools, home educated students, past entrants to remind them that entries for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy are due to the local VFW by October 31st.

There is still opportunity, too, to reach out to the media- radio PSA, local newspapers, social media. [Sample Social Media posts](#) are on the [website](#) as are other contact ideas. Invite potential candidates to activities at your VFW, be encouraging and grateful for their participation in Patriotism.

As we begin to gather the scholarship entries, look to sister Auxiliaries who may not have students in their area, share the harvest if bountiful. This, too, recognizes more of our students for their efforts and puts a positive light on their experience.

It's an election year- start to consider who may be invited to assist in judging your entries for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. A tremendous resource,

[“Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen Chairman’s Manual”](#), by the VFW, available on the Scholarships page, is beautifully written and offers great ideas, judging criteria and is helpful to organize the process.

Answering the Question of “how will the VFW Auxiliary grow” in these unprecedented times? Without any effort, we have been invited into the homes of students by offering Patriotic themed activities. A usual curriculum, in the recent past, has been based on learning the answers for the test at the end of the week. Through the VFW, a Patriotic activity is offered as a supplement, an essay, a drawing, a song and the student view and voice is given a platform. As the recent VFW Magazine cover read, “The National Home inspired me”. That is how we grow. We continue to look for ways to “inspire” heartfelt Patriotism.

So very grateful for what is being shared -your ideas are fantastic! Auxiliary 404 in Mohave Valley is holding a fundraiser for Scholarships. They have raffle items with separate buckets for tickets to be placed in the chosen raffle item. Last reported, this fundraiser had already raised over \$500.00! Thank you! Please remember to share your idea on your Scholarship Report Form!



Veterans and Family Support Lynn Pierre

Huge drives are going on to support our National President’s Project this year per an excerpt from our National Ambassador’s (Laquetta McCarter) Blog:

“National President’s Special Project: Stars, Stripes and Support”

Food insecurity is a challenge for military families; many struggle to feed their families. According to a recent report, nearly 15 percent of military and veteran families worry about how they are going to feed their families or afford food. By supporting this project, you can provide aid to these military families.

Donate by mail by sending funds to the VFW Foundation earmarked for Unmet Needs – Hunger. Mail check to:

VFW National Headquarters
Attn: VFW Foundation
406 W. 34th Street, 9th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

A citation will be mailed to every Auxiliary, District and Department that donates a minimum of \$25 to the VFW Foundation earmarked for Unmet Needs – Hunger by April 30, 2021. Amounts are cumulative – make one donation or many small donations. The citation will be awarded for the highest donation level reached. Citations will be mailed directly to the Auxiliary, District or Department after May 1, 2021.

- Platinum Certificate: \$1,000.00 or more
- Diamond Certificate: \$500.00 to \$999.99
- Gold Certificate: \$250.00 to \$499.99
- Silver Certificate: \$100.00 to \$249.99

In addition, don't forget to bring your nonperishable food donations to the Fall Conference in Lake Havasu October 2nd to the 4th. These donations will be going to help support the Havasu Food Bank.

Here's a fun project submitted by Auxiliary 5990 in Marana to help educate the community on Suicide Awareness among our Veterans. They gathered some flat rocks, washed and dried them and then traced the teardrop pin and colored it in. Adding the suicide hotline would be an awesome way to get the word out when these rocks are distributed throughout the community.

Also, this month, I'd like to bring awareness to our Caregivers and how we can support them. [The Elizabeth Dole Foundation](#) is out there to provide ideas on ways to support and assist our caregivers. "The Elizabeth Dole Foundation is the preeminent organization empowering, supporting, and honoring our nation's military caregivers; the spouses, parents, family members and friends who care for America's wounded, ill or injured veterans." We need to remember just how very difficult and stressful this part of our lives can be.

Lastly, it is so important to get involved in the [Packages From Home Program](#) for both our soldiers serving overseas and the over 9.700 dogs serving with them. Please utilize the attached form in order to get your Auxiliary/Post involved in the Packages and/or Bones From Home Program. Once again, thank you for all you do.

Youth Co-Chairs – Carolyn Quinton & Stephanie Quinton



Some of the obstacles we have come across for this year in reaching out to our Youth have been incredibly challenging, to say the least. Some good has come of it as we need to get out of our comfort zone.

That being said, here are some more ideas to reach out to the Youth of today. I know there are a lot of very creative members out there that would love to brainstorm and think of other ways to stretch your imaginations.

On the National website, is a template for a [Power Point Presentation](#). I am actually working on it at this time to be able to showcase what can be done. It has our Auxiliary logo and you just input whatever you want to say and any pictures you want to use.

This can then be sent out to a multitude of recipients anywhere. Think schools, home-schoolers, PTO/PTA, school district administrators, other Aux. members, scouting organization, sports organizations, etc. Come up with your own list. Get creative! Have fun.

This also is true for a video. Have your child/grandchild, a friend's child/grandchild, etc. help you make a video, talking about the contests that we promote in our organization. This could be a special project that they might get extra credit for. You know how kids love to be in the limelight.

Check with your Post and ask if you can have students come in to use your WI-FI with parent/guardian supervision.

Ask sports teams to donate their time to help veterans with yard work, etc. If you do this, make sure fill out the [“Youth Groups Supporting Veterans” citation request form](#) under Youth Activities. Present the citation at a meeting or special presentation.

If you come up with a great idea that other Aux. members could use, SWAP, please send it to me and I will showcase it in Pin Points if you like. We all can benefit from other members “thinking outside the box” or “brainstorming ideas”. Maybe this will get the creative juices flowing in other Auxiliaries.

We are:

“HONORING THE PAST WHILE EDUCATING THE FUTURE”

Change of mailing addresses or emails -

None this month



Program Activity Reports Received From Auxiliaries As of September 30th

The form can be found on the Department website -vfwauxaz.org under resources/forms.

Remember that to make the Circle of Excellence, your Auxiliary needs to turn in completed PAR's.

If you need help or have questions, please email Kim Harney at emma32680@hotmail.com or call at 520-226-6363.

Program Activity Reports Received	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	1st Q
	Apr, May, June	July, Aug, Sept	Oct, Nov, Dec	Jan, Feb, Mar
District 1				
769	X,X,X	X,X		
1763	X,X,X	X,X		
2357	X,X,X			
6790				
7061	X,X,X	X,X		
8242	X,X	X,X		
District 2				
541	X	X,X		
6739				
7400	X	X,X		
10227	X,X,X	X,X		
12128	X,X,X	X		
District 3				
40				
285	X,X,X	X,X		
1433	X,X,X	X,X		
3715				
12098	X.X.X	X,X,X		
District 4				
720				
1760				
1796	X,X,X	X,X		
3513		X		
3632	X,X,X	X,X		
9400	X,X,X	X		
District 5				
549	X,X,X	X,X		
4903		X,X		
5990	X,X,X	X,X		
10254	X,X,X			
District 6				
2364	X,X,X	X,X		
8987	X,X,X	X,X		
9907	X,X,X	X,X		
District 7				
6271	X,X,X	X,X		
9972	X,X,X	X,X		
9977				
10385	X,X,X	X,X		

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	Apr, May, June	July, Aug, Sept	Oct, Nov, Dec	Jan, Feb, Mar
District 8				
404	X,X,X	X,X		
2190	X,X,X	X,X		
2555				
6306	X,X,X	X,X		
9401	X			
9833	X,X,X			
10005	X,X,X	X,X		
10386				
10726				
11014	X,X,X			
District 10				
1677	X,X,X	X		
3584	X,X,X	X,X		
3713	X,X,X			
7968	X,X,X	X,X		
9399	X,X,X	X,X		
12043	X,X	X		