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## VFW Auxiliary Arizona September Pinpoints

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Department of Arizona Auxiliary members - Welcome to the Department's new Pin Points. We have a new format so it is a work in progress from month to month as new things are learned. Your feedback is always welcome. Please let us know what you think by emailing your thoughts to the Pin Points Editor - Kim Harney at [emma32680@hotmail.com](mailto:emma32680@hotmail.com)



### President Melody's Message

A HUGE YEEE HAAA! to all the Auxiliaries and Districts for the great job you are doing supporting our Veterans and their Families and your Communities with Back to School Drives, Water and Snacks for Fire Fighters and First Responders, Bottled Water for Schools, Diaper

Drives for VA Women's Centers, Diaper Bags full of Diapers for National Guard Units, Back the Blue Events, Cleaning Supplies/Diapers/Food Drives for Apache Tribe and Navajo Nation, participating in Patriotic Celebrations and Ceremonies and Breakfast and Dinner Fundraisers.

Continue to send your pictures and event information to Media/Historian Chairman Brenda Kinghorn to share on Facebook and the Department website. Thank you one and all! Arizona Rides Together!

There are sure to be many more challenges and changes within our organization, as we proceed with our work for our Veterans, Their Families, and our Communities. Please be patient with everyone. Most of us have not encountered something like this in our lifetime. We all are doing our best to overcome completely different obstacles, in each of our own lives. This is harder for some, than it may be for others. Please remember the 5 Signs of Emotional Suffering and reach out to members if you see them struggling. One small act of



Kindness or just a smile can turn someone's day around.

There is a lot of second-guessing going on as to if a Post should open, when it should open, how it should open, etc. and a lot of Auxiliary members are voicing their opinions. The Auxiliary is not responsible for decisions regarding the Post and COVID-19 and we want to be clear - the VFW leadership at the Post level is responsible for those decisions and we will support their continuing efforts to keep our members safe. The Department VFWA Officers will not second guess the VFW leadership on this issue and we encourage our members to support their VFW Post officers and comply with a smile!

I want to thank the Districts and Auxiliaries who have embraced zoom, phone conferencing, or having members on speakerphone to hold meetings and audits. If your Auxiliary needs help with any of these platforms to hold a meeting, please get in touch with myself or Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sloan and we will be happy to assist you.

District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents - the Department Officers and Chairman would like to attend your meeting if you are using zoom. Please forward that information to us when inviting your members.

### **BE A LEADER, NOT A BOSS**

A Boss knows everything. A Leader admits mistakes.

A Boss tells people what to do. A Leader shows how to do things.

A Boss gives orders. A Leader gives advice.

A Boss demands respect. A Leader earns and deserves respect.

A Boss rules with threats, not love. A Leader shows Human Kindness.

A Boss depends on hearsay. A Leader investigates.

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### **Kim Sloan Secretary/Treasurer**



I participated recently in a Zoom meeting with other Department Treasurers. It was very interesting to see old friends and meet the new Department Treasurers.

Some of the items that we discussed:

#### **\* DATES OF BIRTH**

We need accurate date of birth on all applications. This helps us to confirm if we have a duplicate member or not. Susan Jones with a DOB of 5.13.56 is not the same Susan Jones with a DOB of 12.3.48. If the DOB is different when I'm inputting the second Susan Jones as a new member, MALTA will let it go thru. Otherwise I have to stop, confirm that the member is in fact not a new

member but a Rejoin or a Transfer.

### **\*TRANSFERS**

Please include the membership number on Transfer Applications and attach a copy of their current membership card. Saves me lots of time if I don't have to look it up or contact National Headquarters to get their number.

### **\*MALTA TIMEOUTS**

We extended the time that MALTA gives you to 30 minutes. If there is no activity the system will "time out" after 30 minutes and then you'll have to log back in. This is a security feature to keep prying eyes out of MALTA.



### **\*MESSAGES THRU MALTA**

When you open MALTA you see this icon for messages. We are working on enabling that feature so you can get personal messages from National Headquarters and also messages specific for Treasurers, Secretaries.

### **\*ZOOM MEETINGS**

In the near future, I'll be setting up a Zoom meeting for Treasurers and one for Secretaries. I know that it's impossible to schedule so everyone can attend but I will probably host one on a weekday afternoon and one in the evening. Look the invite soon!

### **\*COMPREHENSIVE MEMBERSHIP REPORT (CMR)**

Both Secretaries and Treasurers will find a new look when they click on Reports. Check it out! The CMR is posted there. That report gives you the Membership status for your paid/life members. If a member pays their dues and then passes away, that member is still included in the your membership count. If a membership is cancelled, that member is included in your membership count until next year.

But if a member transfers, they are subtracted from your count and added to the count of the Auxiliary that they transferred to. This alleviates a member being counted twice.

**Always here to help! Call 520.307.7940 or  
Email – [auxvfwarizona@msn.com](mailto:auxvfwarizona@msn.com)**



**Johnnie DeBoard,  
Department of Arizona Chaplain**

While there have been many ideas to honor these families, it is just as important to educate our communities of what these families have sacrificed. With the pandemic happening right now it is hard to gather in large groups.

Thinking outside the box, I am working on getting a full page in the Arizona Republic to honor these families and educate the communities. Hopefully, there will be no cost. However, if there is maybe all the Auxiliaries in the Department can split the cost. This way every Auxiliary whether big or small

will have participated in this project. As of printing time, I have not gotten a call back from the Arizona Republic. As soon as I do, I will pass this information on to the Auxiliary Presidents and Chaplains. We all need to think outside the box.

Maybe your Auxiliary can make a video interviewing these families and post it on your Facebook page and send it to Kim Harney to post on the webpage and Brenda Kinghorn to post of the department Facebook page.

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## **Americanism Vickie Rippel**

As defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary, Americanism is “an attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of the United States.”

There are many patriotic holidays throughout the year when we can promote Americanism. This is a great way to involve families and the community and bring attention to our organization. Now, more than ever, we need to practice, teach, and recognize Americanism. As members of the VFW Auxiliary, we need to spread patriotism within our Posts as well as our communities! September’s patriotic holidays include Patriot Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Gold Star Mother’s and Family Day.

### ***Patriot Day – September 11***

Let us not forget the lives lost on this day. Let us show how united we can stand on this day – just like we did on that dreadful September day in 2001. Though we have to maintain social distance, and not gather in large groups, we can still show how united we are by flying our Flag, hosting or participating in an outdoor ceremony and/or making a tribute video and sharing it on social media.

### ***POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 18***

Auxiliary members are passionate about bringing attention to Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. One way to honor these veterans is to educate youth and the community about who POW/MIAs are. This can be done by holding a Missing Man Table ceremony at a restaurant, hospital, library, community center or assisted living facility. Leave the table set for a week or so; display a list of each item’s significance for people to read. The table provides a physical and visual reminder of POW/MIAs and that we will never forget their sacrifice.

### ***Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day – September 27***

We, as a country, owe our Gold Star Mother’s and Families a debt that can never be repaid. We must honor them and their loss by making sure their loved one is never forgotten. Try and find your local Gold Star Mother’s and Families. Ask them their Stars’ name, a bit about their Star, and tell them you will never forget. Ask how you can honor them and their fallen service member’s memory. (When honoring these families there should be no applause.) You could plan a socially distant ceremony or reception at a local park or outdoor

location and present them with a certificate in their honor. Let them know that we, as an organization, will never forget their sacrifice and their Star.

As part of the Arizona Circle of Excellence, Auxiliary Chaplains must assist the Auxiliary in coordinating an event to honor Gold Star Mothers and Families, Blue Star Mothers and Families, White Star Families and Silver Star Families and submit a report to Department Chaplain.

### **Arizona Gold Star Military Medal**

The Arizona State Legislature has created the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal to honor Arizona members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America who have been killed in action since Arizona became a State on February 14, 1912.

#### **Eligibility**

Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in time of conflict and meet the criteria may be awarded the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal. Only one medal will be issued to the next-of-kin per qualifying individual.

#### **Criteria**

A member of the Arizona National Guard, United States military reserves, or regular United States armed forces who was a legal resident of this state at the time the member was killed in action or died in the line of duty while deployed in support of combat operations.

#### **Application**

The families of qualifying individuals applying for the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal must complete an application form and forward the request along with a copy of DD Form 1300, Casualty Report attesting to the fact that the qualifying individual was a resident of the State of Arizona at the time of death. In addition, the request must include a copy of proof of relationship as father, mother, marriage, baptismal certificates, or a notarized certificate which clearly shows the relationship.

<https://dvs.az.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Arizona%20Gold%20Star%20Military%20Medal%20Information.pdf>

#### **Presentation**

Once eligibility has been verified, the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services will contact primary next-of-kin to schedule a presentation ceremony if desired.

### **Arizona Gold Star Family License Plate**

\$25 initial application fee/ \$25 annual renewal. The applicant must be a spouse or (by adoption or blood) a child, parent,





brother, or sister of a person who lost his/her life while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. \$17 goes for construction and maintenance of the Enduring Freedom Memorial. May be ordered [online](#). May be personalized with a maximum of 5 characters. Available with a disability symbol.



### **Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award**

Effective this Program Year, the VFW has updated the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award program. There will not be a National Teacher of the Year. Each Department winner submitted to VFW National Headquarters will receive a citation for the teacher and their school. These will then be forwarded to the Department Headquarters for presentation. Entry's for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award are due to the Post by October 31.

Please [review the new rules and eligibility requirements](#) and, [click here for the 2021 nomination form](#) to nominate a teacher you know.



### **Auxiliary Community Outreach Kim Harney**

Any of us who have ever watched commercials have seen the ad for State Farm; "Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there". That is how your Auxiliary should be perceived in your community – like a **good neighbor**. We want those we interact with on a daily basis to see us as a positive role model in our communities, not just a canteen where Veterans go to hang out.

There are daily things that we take for granted; housing, electricity, running water, food, and access to supplies. During this stressful time, there are those who don't have many of the things we take for granted. One such group is the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Department President, Melody Judd who lives in Show Low has been in touch with Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman for the White Mountain Apache Tribe concerning their immediate needs due to the COVID-19. For those that are unaware, tribal members are under curfew and are only allowed to go off the reservation 2 days a week between the hours of 8-2 pm. This is a time that they can try and gather what they need and yet they are contending with those who live in Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside for goods which are in short supply.

Department President Melody has set up an Amazon Wish list to assist those who would like to donate to this group. Items purchased through the link <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1G0JHV00GFZ33?>

will be shipped directly to Gwendena Lee-Gatewood for distribution. If you want to help but don't want to purchase through Amazon, your Auxiliary can buy items in your area and ship them directly to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

The address to ship items is:

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwomen  
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
306 North Chief Avenue  
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

Due to the virus and limitations on what can be done in communities, those who decide to donate to this cause can count this as the Department Community Outreach Project, or a Veterans and Family Support Project. Simply fill out the Project Report Form and along with your receipt for items purchased send to the Department Chairman. The Project Report can be found on the Department webpage – [vfwauxaz.org](http://vfwauxaz.org) under resources/forms.

So far, I received report forms from the following Auxiliaries for projects they have done in their areas:

**Auxiliary 1433** – put together 10 food boxes and delivered them to 5 families in need.

**Auxiliary 5990** – has donated dinners to the community for free since the virus outbreak and collected and donated items for the Bighorn firefighters.

**Auxiliary 7968** – held a forum for political candidates in the Apache Junction area.

**Auxiliary 9399** – collected items for the Bighorn firefighters and took them to Aux 5990 for distribution.

Congratulations to Post and Auxiliary 1677 in Casa Grande. They were featured in the August edition of the VFW magazine - page 28 for the work they did assisting their community. Take the time to read the article.

Thank you to all our Auxiliaries who are **good neighbors** to all of those in their communities!

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## Buddy Poppy/National Home Connie Hargreaves



## Buddy Poppy

September is upon us. There are many opportunities to promote Buddy Poppies.

This year you might want to talk with your Post Commander to recognize our frontline workers, Doctors, Nurses, Store Clerk, Firemen/women, restaurant staff and many more by holding a flag raising and lite lunch on Labor Day, **September 7th**. Give each one of the workers a "Buddy Poppy", let the folks attending know our labor force is attending and wearing a Poppy. Encourage them to extend a handshake and say "Thank You". After all, COVID-19 has made the work atmosphere a hard place to be at times and along with an increased workload.

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** is Grandparents Day. Encourage Veterans to bring their

grandkids in for a lunch or dinner, present the Grandparents with a “Buddy Poppy”, give the younger grandkids “Buddy Poppy” stickers or “Buddy Poppy” coloring book. You could also work with your youth and do a card for the grandparents and include a “Buddy Poppy” on the outside of the card.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** is POW/MIA flag raising. After the Flag raising many Posts/Auxiliaries do the missing man table.

Have Poppies and brochures on a nearby table so people can learn about the Poppy Program and why we feel it is so important. In fact, this can be done at all events as well as your Post Display area

### [VFW National Home For Children \(website\)](#)

As you may have noticed the 8th Annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event on Friday, September 11, 2020 VFW National Home for Children, has been cancelled. Please consider making a cash donation to National Home or when purchasing items from Amazon go to Operation Smile and choose the National Home as your nonprofit of choice.

The effects of COVID-19 have impacted The VFW National Home for Children operations in many ways including the cancellation of fundraising events both on and off campus. Your undesignated donation today will help immediately and ensure the future of the National Home.

As always, The National Home is committed to continuing to provide quality services, care, and resources to the military and veteran families living in our community, but we can't do it without your support.

Gifts can be made online at [vfnationalhome.org/donate](https://vfnationalhome.org/donate) or checks can be mailed to: VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

Just for fun with kids and adults, get the cloth face masks and decorate them with fun colors and designs. Draw in a few Poppies, smiles, rainbows, unicorns. Add something happy to your Post and home windows, make them happy and colorful so when you look out you smile and remember the kids at National home who are still quarantined and adjusting to and missing things they normally do. They would love to see your pictures.



**Covid-19: How you can help The VFW  
National Home for Children**



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Please contact me at 517-663-7983 or [salverson@vfwnationalhome.org](mailto:salverson@vfwnationalhome.org) if you have any questions.

With Gratitude,  
Sue Alverson  
Development Director

### **Other Ways You Can Promote the National Home**

Share the National Home's website with your members: [vfwnationalhome.org](https://vfwnationalhome.org) and our [resident's stories](#).

Ask members to [follow us on Facebook](#) and share our content with their friends and family.

Encourage your members to sign up for AmazonSmile and turn your purchases into a donation to the National Home! Amazon has a great program that helps raise money for non-profits while people shop – AmazonSmile. Learn more on our [“Other ways to Give”](#) page on our website.

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**Chief of Staff  
Donna Ventola**



Saddle Up Team Arizona. This month's topic is National Award for members and Official Visit Communication.

Members have been invited to earn an extension award this year again. A \$25 VFW Store gift card to one member in each conference who assisted in revitalizing/rejuvenating a struggling Auxiliary and utilized the "Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation" guide in the efforts. Any member at any level of this

organization can be nominated by the revitalized/rejuvenated Auxiliary. The award requires a member to nominate a member, complete and send the form to me by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Nomination form can be found on our new Department website at [vfwauxaz.org](http://vfwauxaz.org) under the programs tab, scroll down to Chief of Staff.

The official visit to the Auxiliary by the District President is necessary to see that the Auxiliary is in good working order, and to have communication with the members on current events, program projects, and Department functions.

On the resource page you will find a link on Official Visit Guidelines and Expectations. This is a guide for District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents to get prepared for when your District President make their official visit to your Auxiliary.

It talks about the preparation and duty for both the District President and the Auxiliary President on:

1. Prior to Official Visit
2. Being prepared
3. Meeting room (room set up)
4. Agenda and Gavel
5. Books for both the Secretary and Treasurer
6. Program reports
7. After the meeting

Presidents, this is one tool that will guide you to have smooth visit at your meeting. Another good tool on the Chief of Staff resource page is a handout on suggested talking points from the District President to the Auxiliary President. It gives you suggestions on how to reconnect with the members and rejuvenate with members and get them involved in the Auxiliary. Also, on the resource page is two different District inspection sample notification letters, and the District meeting introduction list.

**Reminder District Presidents; please distribute a copy of the completed Official Visit Form to the Auxiliary President, Department President Melody Judd, Department Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sloan, and myself as the Chief of Staff.**

**Partner Up: All Programs-** Hold an appreciation event for members and invite your community to attend. The people in your community should be recognized for their support and donations. Or you can do a message on social media like Facebook to thank your community for their involvement by donations and participation.

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

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**Historian/Media  
Brenda Kinghorn**



Fall is coming. Stay safe and God Bless.

Print and use the [Publicity Guide – The Tools You Need to Get the Word Out](#) from the National

Organization Website. In the guide, you will find information on the following:  
Proven Methods of Generating Publicity  
Formats for a News/Press/Media Release  
Media Interview Questions & Answers  
Samples - TV Public Service Announcements (PSA) – Radio  
News Releases  
National and Local Fact Leaflets – examples  
Information on Auxiliary coverage

Any use of the Publicity Guide, please email copies of paperwork to me.

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

Look for the [DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY FACEBOOK](#) page and like it. If your auxiliary has event flyers and pictures that you want on the Department page, email them to me.

Start a scrap book. Keep your news clippings, events, pictures and write-ups. Something different? Use Digital scrap book sites:

<https://katehadfielddesigns.com/what-is-digital-scrapbooking/>  
<https://www.shutterfly.com/digitalscrapbook/>

Please take your “Back to School” pictures and any newspaper clippings and send to me in your project report form.

The Five Ws: WHO – WHAT – WHERE – WHEN and WHY

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## Hospital Melissa Martin

Hi everyone, I hope you all are doing well in these uncertain times that we all are going through. Because of the new norms with social distancing and avoiding large crowds, I would like all of you to start thinking of ways to help our Women Veterans with their needs. I encourage all Auxiliary Hospital Chairman to contact their local VA Facilities Women’s Services and find out what their needs are at this time. You can collect items at your Post and deliver them or do a collection over a few months and make a few small deliveries. If your VA isn’t taking any outside items the auxiliary could purchase gift cards that can be given to Women Veterans to purchase items that they may need.

There are many Women Veterans that haven’t seen a Service Officers or a VA Representative. Many Women Veterans do not know about the benefits or services available to them. Refer them to a Post Service Officer, or State

Service Office located at VFW Headquarters in Tempe so they can secure the benefits that they have earned.

VFW Department of Arizona  
6423 S. Ash Avenue  
Tempe, AZ 85283  
Phone Number: 480-702-0680  
Hours: 8 to 3, Monday thru Friday

It is best to call and make an appointment with State Service Officers Kin Deist or Lisa Miller before going to the VFW Headquarters.

Auxiliaries can also make flyers for VA Facilities to let Women Veterans know where the nearest Service Officer is located in their area.

For more information visit: [Womenshealth.va.gov/womenvet](https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/womenvet)

**Attention Hospital Volunteers!** The VA announced plans to reintroduce volunteers back into VA Facilities. If you are a Hospital Volunteer contact your local VA Facility about volunteering. See the article below with information for volunteers.

## **VA prepares to welcome volunteers back to health care facilities**

**WASHINGTON** — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today plans to gradually and safely reintroduce volunteers to its health care facilities.

While volunteers are important to the operation of VA services and programs, most volunteer activities have been paused to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

“Just as our facilities are gradually reinstating services, volunteers are slowly reintegrating into them,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Volunteers are an integral part of our health care teams, offering fundamental services. We look forward to their return.”

Some volunteer roles will be new, while others will stay the same, be modified, go virtual or remain paused as a precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Individual VA facilities will tailor the reintegration of volunteers based on the facilities’ operational needs and the volunteers’ abilities.

Volunteers can expect the following safety measures:

**Phased reentry:** Volunteers are being asked to return to duty on an as-needed basis while maintaining physical distancing. VA asks that volunteers do not return to the facility unless they have been approved to do so.

**Retraining:** Volunteers must complete an orientation and training on VA’s policies and procedures. This includes the proper use of personal protective equipment including face coverings.

**Health screenings:** Volunteers, like staff and patients, must consent to being screened for COVID-19 exposure and symptoms prior to entering facilities. These actions are being taken to protect the health, safety and well-being of Veterans, staff and volunteers.

Visit <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/> for more information.

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## Legislative Bambi Johnson



Mercie Woolfolk, our 2019-2020 National Legislative Ambassador, has shared her passion with us thru her Blog, reminding us that we have a duty to Respond and Reshape the Future.

This year, Carmelita Jones, our 2020-2021 National Legislative Ambassador, is keeping us on point with three steps to accomplish that duty:

*Be an advocate – Join the VFW Action Corps*– Spread the word about veteran issues by encouraging general public to sign up for this important newsletter.

*Be Informed – Know the VFW Priority Goals*– To strive for a Goal you must understand it.

*Be Engaged – Use the VFW & VFW Auxiliary Legislative Tools & Resources*– Strap on your Toolbelt and let's get going!

While we are all struggling with how to fulfill our missions during the restrictions placed due to Covid-19, we have an important role in something that can shape our future. Every 10 years the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population. Based on the reported population, funding is calculated for communities which utilize the funding for needed services. These services can include: health care, emergency services, and education. The census also helps determine the number of seats that each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the federal funds to be allocated by state, local and federal law makers every year for the next ten years. These funds and the representation in Congress effects the services available for our veterans and their families. Please visit the Legislative page of our Arizona website, [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org), for the link to the 2020 Census Community Benefits Toolbox to assist your auxiliary and community on this extremely important item.

While some primary voting has determined the outcome of various local elections, there are many offices to be determined in November. The Presidential election will determine the upcoming four years of the nation's direction. However, the Congressional seats will determine the pathway of that leadership and every vote will matter on who sits in those seats. We are a nonpartisan organization and as such do not advocate for any party or candidate.

We advocate to all citizens that they should be Involved in their future and that of our veterans. Educating thru current events and the Action Corp publication; attending Town Hall Meetings and contacting their representatives; responding to Action Alerts thru email and most importantly... **VOTING.**

Sept. 24 is National Voter Registration Day -

<https://www.vote4arizona.org/tothepolls>

Below are some tips on how members of your Auxiliary can participate in National Voter Registration Day.

4 Ways to Participate in National Voter Registration Day (Without Leaving Your Sofa)

1. Register to vote. By far the best and most important way to get involved



- is to register to vote yourself.
2. Post something on social media. National Voter Registration Day is all about awareness.
  3. Find and spread word about an event in your area.
  4. Directly reach out to five friends or family members.

If your community is hampered by Covid-19 and participation for an event is difficult, approach area businesses that are open and ask if you can set up a small display with voter registration forms, flyers about Action Corp, and Auxiliary contact info for additional information.

The question has been asked if watching the national conventions and debates can be counted on the PAR. The answer is **YES!**

Under Legislative, the last row asks how many members participated in election activities. Watching the conventions and debates would count as an election activities, so simply put how many have done so! Great question!

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## Membership Ray Williams

This month I am writing to all my Brothers and Sisters who have never had their 1<sup>st</sup> recruit. I'm sure for most of us there are reasons we use to justify not recruiting, such as to difficult, afraid to speak, do not know enough about the VFW Auxiliary, etc., etc., etc. I pledge to you one of greatest strengths is convincing a person that they too, can contribute by joining and volunteering for this great organization. I ask that you recruit just 1 member.

Yes, there are excellent resources available such as [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org), [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org), and [www.malta.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.malta.vfwauxiliary.org) to aid you in learning about the VFW Auxiliary. As an organization we do have membership drives, however we can recruit members at the store, gas station, carnival, hair salon, auto parts store, social event, etc.

Why would you think someone may be a candidate? Are they wearing military clothing, patriotic clothing, with someone who is a veteran or active military? Were they in the service or attached to someone who was? You need to strike up a conversation with the potential recruit. Why do you think they may be a possible member? Ask them, for example "I see you have been staring at that M2, my wife used one in the gulf war. Are you a veteran?" Are you a member of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary?

Once a prospect has answered that, then tell them why you are an Auxiliary member (keep it short). Give them the enthusiasm of why you joined and what you do. Ask them to join. Ask them is there anything that the organization might be able to assist them with.

Expect more noes then yeses. An old sales quote is there is 99 noes before you get a yes!

My Challenge to you is sign up your first recruit and I want to hear about it.

Email me at [ray@ydwk.com](mailto:ray@ydwk.com) or give me a give at 702.706.4512

**I REALLY WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!!**

# DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA SCOREBOARD

As of July 31, 2020

**National:** AZ was 8<sup>th</sup> at 77.85%

**Department of AZ:** top 3 districts

#1 District 1 – 87.24%

#2 District 7 – 87.17%

#3 District 4 – 81.45%

**Department of AZ:** top 3 Auxiliaries

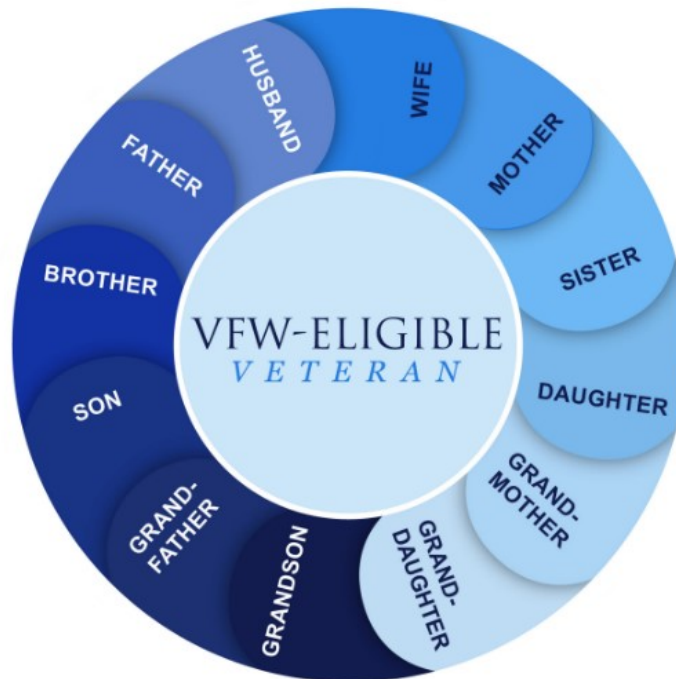
#1 Auxiliary 1760 – 95.73%

#2 Auxiliary 9972 – 94.22%

#3 Auxiliary 769 – 91.75%

**SPOILER ALERT:** A big shout out to Auxiliary 40 for being the first to 100% as of 8/19!!! Keep it going!!

## 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.*

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**Mentoring For Leadership**  
**Chrissy Harlan**



(don't know who is a ROCK? Look back at the August Mentoring for Leadership Pin Points article)

*"A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you, than you see in yourself, and helps bring it out of you"*

*Bob Proctor*

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## Scholarships Jeanne Hampton

Several important Patriotic events take place in September. Two, in particular, Patriot's Day, September 11 and Constitution Day, September 17 are opportune to open discussion with Youth on this year's Patriot's Pen theme- "What is Patriotism to Me?", and the Voice of Democracy theme- "Is this the Country the Founders Envisioned?" respectively.

Several links have been added to the [VFWAuxAZ.org](http://VFWAuxAZ.org) website to consider as contacts for scholarships. The link to the Arizona Home Education shows an interactive map listing the Homeschooling Organizations and Associations by county in Arizona. Offer the scholarship topics to be used in English essays, Civics, or History projects to open the conversation.

A recent suggestion was to leave scholarship information at the local library, if they are open, or to contact libraries that are doing art "Grab and Go" projects or virtual story reading sessions.

Contact your local newspaper outlet with the success of past candidates from Arizona, or your community/Post, and the basic grade eligibility and themes for this year's Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy as a promotion. Invite the community to one of the several September recognized VFW Patriotic events at your Post and have scholarship information available.

A big "shout out" to Auxiliary 10005 and Vickey Robertson- while drafting this article she had contacted, and went to press, with the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen information in the "Mohave Valley Daily News". Way to go! With a phone call, she got the word out! A perfect example of a Scholarship Project Report!

National Ambassador Francesca Bill has emphasized 4 scholarship goals:

\*Student Participation- view the links, contact schools, and homeschool groups.

\*Recipient Recognition- make certain the students are recognized for their scholarship participation.

\*Community Awareness- Share the VFW Scholarship opportunities through media and events in the community.

\*Increase the Fund- consider a fundraiser toward Young American Patriotic Arts.

October 31st, the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen is due to the local VFW Post. Begin to consider who to invite as essay judges. In an election year, consider reaching out to your community and civic-minded leaders.

No One Rides Alone! I would love to learn of your scholarship success stories.

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## Veterans and Family Support Lynn Pierre

### ARIZONA AUXILIARIES EXCEL!

While COVID has handicapped our abilities to support our Veterans and their families, it has certainly not stopped us! Several Auxiliaries came up with ways to get information and supplies out to folks in very creative fashion. Here is a school supply drive put together by VFW Auxiliary 9399 where all kinds of school supplies were gathered, packed up and handed out to families of not only veterans but the entire community. School has started again but, unfortunately not in the old fashion and some children are looking for paper, pens, etc., in order to complete their assignments.

On another note, VFWA 5990 painted rocks with the 5 signs to promote the VFW Mental Wellness Campaign and distributed them throughout their community. These are some amazing projects to SHARE in order to get the word out that we are still supporting our Veterans and their families.

VFW Auxiliary 9399 also put together some old Pink Flamingos they had on hand with saddle bags full of Veteran Benefit information as well as Rack Cards, to distribute at local places of businesses. The word is getting out!

With Labor Day coming up, as well as Patriot's Day, people will be out and about and if we continue to get this information out to them, we can only help ensure our Veterans get the benefits they so deserve. Don't forget to pull up the [Packages From Home](#) webpage to see how you can gather items to be sent to our troops on duty.

You've all been doing such an awesome job and I hope to be able to share more of these great ideas in future articles as a way to help us do what we are all about; supporting our Veterans and their Families!



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**Youth  
Co-Chairs – Carolyn Quinton &  
Stephanie Quinton**





Hopefully, all of our youth are back in school. But if not, no worries. All the information here can be used in class or at home. We know that we want all of our youth to be safe, so whatever your school district deems safe, please do your part to help out.

That said, let's see what can be done!

Call your local library, let them know about our program Patriotism through Literacy, and ask if they have any suggestions/ideas. Librarians are a wealth of information and ideas.

If your schools are having classes, call the administrator (or School District administrator) and ask if the PTO/PTA are having a meeting, possibly by ZOOM, and ask if you can be invited to attend. That way you can talk to the parents and teachers and explain our programs at that time. Always ask for their participation.

Always include information about our Scholarships and Americanism (flag education). You never know who you might connect with.

You can also ask if anyone present is military past or present. You just never know!

**DON'T FORGET HOME SCHOOLED**

**STUDENTS.** Email: [homeschool@afhe.org](mailto:homeschool@afhe.org) .... [www.afhe.org](http://www.afhe.org). This website is statewide.

Now for the new contest: "Get Excited for the **Red**, White, and **Blue**".

An individual National Anthem singing contest for ages six to 16 yrs. at the time of entry.

Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 submission to a local participating VFW Aux. Youth Activities Chairman.

Contestants must record a video of their solo vocal performance of "Star-Spangled Banner".

The video must be saved to a DVD or flash drive or uploaded to an online platform (e.g. YouTube or Vimeo). Think about all the YouTube videos ..... ones that parents are always putting out there.

Youth are encouraged to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" in the style of their choice: rock, pop, reggae, R&B, hip-hop, country, classical, or another musical genre. Get creative. More to come.

We are:

**"HONORING THE PAST WHILE EDUCATING THE FUTURE"**

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## **Change of mailing addresses or emails -**

PDP Sheila Shutts - new email: [smshutts@frontier.com](mailto:smshutts@frontier.com)

PDP Dee Bong - new email: [deebong1@outlook.com](mailto:deebong1@outlook.com)

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# VFW and VFW Auxiliary Department of Arizona Fall Conference

*How will the VFW and the VFW  
Auxiliary grow in these unprecedented  
times?*

**October 3-4, 2020  
Hampton Inn  
245 London Bridge Rd.  
Lake Havasu City  
928-855-4071**



**2020 Convention Buddy Poppy Displays may be brought to Fall Conference and will be judged for awards. Contact Tom von Ahlefeld or Jim Johnson for more information.**

**Auxiliaries are asked to bring a gift basket to Fall Conference.  
Please bring your basket to the hotel.  
Tickets will be sold to benefit VFWA  
Department Ways and Means.**



**VFW and  
VFW Auxiliary  
Joint Project**

## **Food Drive To Combat Food Insecurity In Our Communities**

**Please bring donations of  
non-perishable food to the hotel.  
Monetary donations will also be accepted.  
Donations will benefit the Havasu Community**

## Saturday Agenda – Hampton Inn Fall Conference Theme

*How will the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary grow in these unprecedented times?*

**9:00 - Opening Ceremony and Introductions**

**Programs - All chairmen will discuss the conference theme.**

**10:30- approx 15 Minute Break**

**Noon - Lunch on your own (VFW Post 9401 is serving lunch for \$7)**

**1:30 - Continuation of Programs, Organizational Knowledge, Uses of MALTA, Remarks by National Representatives and Closing Ceremony**

**4:00 - Dinner by reservation only at VFW Post 9401 – Recognition of Volunteers**

## Sunday Agenda – Hampton Inn

**8-11:30 -VFW Post 9401 Open for Breakfast**

**9:00- VFW and VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration Meetings**



### Program Activity Reports Received From Auxiliaries As of August 31st

Has your Auxiliary started turning your Program Activity Report (PAR) ? If not, you can still turn them in! The report below shows which Auxiliaries have sent in their PAR's. Your Auxiliary is listed by District and then the number of your Auxiliary. The reports received are listed by quarters. Each X represents a month in that quarter. So for example if next to your Auxiliary there is 1 X, I have one report from you; 2 X's is two reports and etc.

The question has been asked if watching the national conventions and debates can be counted on the PAR. The answer is YES!

Under Legislative, the last row asks how many members participated in election activities. Watching the conventions and debates would count as an election activities, so simply put how many have done so! Great question!

The form can be found on the Department website -[vfwauxaz.org](http://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](mailto: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
<b>District 1</b>				
769	X,X,X	X		
1763	X,X,X	X		
2357				
6790				
7061	X,X,X	X,X		
8242	X			
<b>District 2</b>				
541	X	X		
6739				
7400	X	X		
10227				
12128	X,X,X	X		
<b>District 3</b>				
40				
285	X,X,X	X		
1433	X,X,X	X,X		
3715				
12098	X.X.X			
<b>District 4</b>				
720				
1760				
1796	X,X,X			
3513				
3632				
9400	X,X,X	X		
<b>District 5</b>				
549	X,X,X	X		
3578				
4903		X,X		
5990	X,X,X	X		
10254	X,X,X			
<b>District 6</b>				
1704	X			
2364	X,X,X			
8987	X,X			
9907	X,X,X	X		
<b>District 7</b>				
6271	X,X,X	X		
9972	X,X,X			
9977				
10385	X,X,X	X		

Program Activity Reports Received	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q	1st Q
	Apr, May, June	July, Aug, Sept	Oct, Nov, Dec	Jan, Feb, Mar
<b>District 8</b>				
404	X,X,X	X		
2190	X,X,X	X		
2555				
6306	X,X,X	X		
9401	X			
9833	X,X,X			
10005	X,X,X	X		
10386				
10726				
11014	X,X,X			
<b>District 10</b>				
1677	X,X,X	X		
3584	X	X		
3713	X,X,X			
7968	X,X,X	X		
9399	X,X,X			
12043	X,X	X		