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Department President Lynn Pierre

As of March 28th, we are so proud of our 101.37% membership for the Department of Arizona. You have all worked so hard, but we can't stop now! Western Conference is at 99.38%. We can push them over 100% by getting every Auxiliary in the State to get just one more member. Our year is not over yet, we have time. When you are out in your communities, be sure to identify yourself and talk about what we do. We are a proud, hardworking group. People want to know what we do for our veterans and their families.

Elections are upon us for both Auxiliaries and Districts. Please look for and be open to people who might be interested in holding a position. Our duty is to encourage that participation and to provide mentors. Succession planning is key to providing strong, knowledgeable and participative leaders. Many people are open to learning something new and we have the tools to support that. Not only our past officers can help, but there are so many resources online on our Department website (Vfwauxaz.org) and on the National website (Vfwauxiliary.org).

My President's Homecoming took place at VFW 9399 on March 22, 2025. Not only was the Luau amazing but we had great fun. I wish to give my heartfelt thanks to the folks who were on my homecoming committee from both VFW 9399 and VFW 7968! These folks worked their butts off to make it successful. Not only was it fun but we managed to raise a substantial donation for my Special Project, Suicide Prevention - Guitars for Vets, a 501(c3) nonprofit organization. Their mission is to provide therapy through music for our Veterans. Located in Gilbert, they hope to start classes in our VFW Posts all over the State. Look on *Facebook* under Guitars for Vets Phoenix Chapter as a local chapter of the National Organization.

March was an amazing month with many more exciting events coming up all over Arizona



Department Announcements

*4/5 - Department Golf Tournament starts at 6 am. This tournament benefits the youth. See the flyer at www.vfwauxaz.org under news/events

*6/5-6/7 - Department Convention. Info on the hotel and banquet tickets are under News/events. Don't wait to get your room!

*Sr. Vice President Brenda Kinghorn's pins and shirt for next year are now available for order. The order forms are on the Department webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org under Resources/Forms

*Click [here](#) to look at the **District Corner** to find all the upcoming events around the state.

Kim Sloan Department Secretary/Treasurer

*Posted below is the information for District and Department delegates. These forms can also be found on the Department website - www.vfwauxaz.org behind log in under secretary.



*Please send your District delegates to your District Secretary prior to your District convention in April. You may also bring them to the meeting and provide them to the secretary.

*The Department Delegates with a check are due to me no later than May 23rd. Also send a copy to the credential chairman, Dallas Emery. If you miss that deadline, please bring them with your check to Department Convention.

*See Section 304 of the Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual Book 2025 for information on delegates for the National Convention. Remember that the

Auxiliary Secretary needs to get the delegate names inputted into MALTA by May 31st. If you plan on attending National Convention, be sure to let your Auxiliary Secretary know as soon as possible.

2025-2026 District Delegates and Alternates Instructions

- **Review Bylaws Sec 302**

Delegates and Alternates to Districts shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the District Convention at which the District Officers are to be elected.

All District Conventions this year will be held in April, so Auxiliaries should elect their Delegates and Alternates at the March Auxiliary meeting.

- **Number of Delegates and Alternates**

National Bylaws state that the number of Delegates and Alternates may be set forth differently in the Department Bylaws. Department of Arizona Bylaws call for one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for every ten (10) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election.

EXAMPLE:

On the night Delegates and Alternates are to be elected, MALTA shows the Auxiliary has 102 members in good standing.

102 divided by 10 = 10.2 (.2 is fraction thereof and so you round up to 11)
Therefore the Auxiliary would elect 11 Delegates and 11 Alternates

- **Election**

Delegates and Alternates are elected by the members – they are NOT appointed. Most Auxiliaries have more Delegates/Alternates than attend Auxiliary meetings. Note that members do not have to be present to be elected as a Delegate or Alternate. The membership should consider those members who may not be able to attend Auxiliary meetings but do attend District meetings. All Delegates and Alternates must be members in good standing of that Auxiliary (life members or current annual members).

- **District Composition Members**

The Auxiliary President has his/her own vote at the District meetings and should be listed at the bottom of the form AND as an Alternate in the right column.

Any Past Department President, District Officer or Past District President that is a member of your Auxiliary has their own vote at District meetings/convention. They should be listed at the bottom of the form and should be considered for election as an Alternate.

If the Auxiliary President is the only Delegate or Alternate at a District Meeting, he/she may choose to vote as a Delegate rather than as Auxiliary President. In the example above, the Auxiliary is entitled to 11 votes (each Delegate has one vote) plus the President's vote. But if the President chooses to vote as a Delegate (which he/she may do if no other delegate or alternate is present) he/she would cast 11 votes instead of just the President's vote.

- **PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION – If you have a large Auxiliary consider attaching list of Delegates and Alternates to the Delegate form.**

- **Submit to District Secretary**

2025-2026

District

Delegates and Alternates

District _____ Auxiliary _____

PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

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USE SECOND SHEET IF NECESSARY

The following District convention composition members have their own vote.

NAME	OFFICE
	Auxiliary President
	District Office - District President
	District Office - (insert office)
	District Office - (insert office)
	Department President
	Past Department President
	Past District President
	Past District President
	Past District President

2025-2026 DEPARTMENT Delegates and Alternates Instructions

- **Review Bylaws Sec 303**

Delegates and Alternates to the Department Meetings and Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Department Convention.

Auxiliaries should elect their Delegates and Alternates at their April or May meeting.

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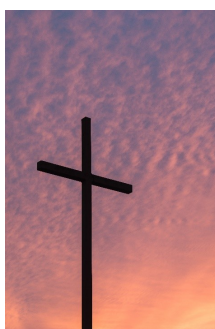
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		Auxiliary President	
		National District Council Member/Nat. Officer	
		Department President	
		Past Department President	
		Past Department President	
		District President	
		Department Officer	
		Department Officer	
		Department Officer	



Chaplain Jeanne Hampton

Tried and true standing the test of time, the words of the prayer in the VFW Auxiliary podium book still reflect our values as a whole more than 110 years later. Together we begin the Auxiliary business off on the correct footing and set the tone: “As we gather here today as members of the VFW Auxiliary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our services to Veterans. Guide us in our deliberations....” Resilient and still relevant today.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give your peace. Amen

Americanism Rhonda Follett



Well, another year has been completed. Elections this month for new Officers should be completed in April.

It has been a challenge this year for me with the Americanism Program both with my equipment and with my personal life. I have heard from all the Auxiliaries except 3. I find that outstanding. But it has come to an end and a new chairman will be taking over as of April and that new chairman will be introduced at the Program Kickoff at Department Convention.

My National Ambassador has reminded us all year to remember not only the well-known Veterans related Flag ceremonies but to remember the lesser-known ones. I hope all of you did a Flag Ceremony with your Post in remembrance of the Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29th.

Here are some dates for April to remember from our National Ambassador: Significant dates in April include Gold Star Spouses Day on 4/5 and the day the United States entered WWI in 1917 on 4/6, which is also known as Army Day.

Other April observances include April Fool's Day on 4/1, World Autism Acceptance Day on 4/2, We Need Diverse Books Day on 4/3, National Siblings Day on 4/10, Passover 4/12 thru 4/20, Titanic Remembrance Day on 4/15, Good Friday on 4/18, Easter on 4/20, Orthodox Easter on 4/20, Earth Day on 4/22 and Arbor Day on 4/25.

April is also Autism Acceptance Month, National Volunteer Month, Keep America Beautiful Month and of course Month of the Military Child.

If your Auxiliary participates in programs or events relating to any of these, please send up to 10 pictures and a brief description with your Auxiliary number and Department to info@vfwauxiliary.org. National is especially interested in photos of Auxiliary members working together to beautify the planet and pictures of Auxiliary members with siblings under whom they joined the Auxiliary (in other words, brothers or sisters who are their auxiliary eligibility) to be shared social media.

I hope to see many of you at Department Convention in Tucson this June.

Auxiliary Outreach Donna Ventola

Hello Team Az! This month's article is about highlighting some of the Auxiliaries project reports that have been submitted. I know we got off on a rocky start, but in time



you understood the program better and off you all went. No one could stop you even if they tried. Below is a brief glance at the projects/events that have happened in our communities:

We had over 30 Auxiliaries working with various partners like Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, Food Banks, Town Carnival, Marathons, Health Fair, Police Department, Fire Department, and Senior Center, just to

name a few.

They worked at registration tables, handed out food boxes, sorted food, set up tables/booths/chairs, tear down booths, cleaning up parks, cleaning up the highways, having a dump day, hand out water/snacks, teaching people something new (dancing/sewing). The list goes on and on.

I can say one thing, that you all have been busy all over the state. Please keep up the good work!

- "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" (Aesop)
- "The more we give away; the more is given to us" (Wayne W. Dyer)
- "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" (Martin Luther King Jr.)

HOWEVER, I have one more article to write, and I hope you continue to lend a helping hand or two. Please stay tuned for next month's edition.....

Buppy Poppy/National Home Jeanne Hampton



From our Roots to Our Branches- the National VFW Auxiliary President's theme, could not be more fitting for the Centennial Celebration of the VFW National Home. 100 Years traveling through time- from the beginning, rooted in the dream of 23-year-old Amy Ross seeing the need to help Veteran families, to today branching and growing having just opened the 43rd home on the VFW National Home Campus in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

The final scheduled Centennial Celebration date is June 28th. Continue watching for bus tours to the VFW National Home from the 126th National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. View the VFW National Home January 7th Celebration photos! See if you can find YOUR Auxiliary's card: [100th Birthday Party | Flickr](#)

To every Auxiliary and member who participated in sending a card, a contribution, items from the Amazon Wish List, a Memorial Brick- Thank you! Please remember, it is not one and done- Because of you, families find a place to thrive and grow at the VFW National Home.

Buddy Poppy

Quick Links for Buddy Poppy Display information:

[VFW National Convention Buddy Poppy Display Contest Rules.doc \(1\).pdf](#)

Buddy Poppy Display Entry Form (from last year)

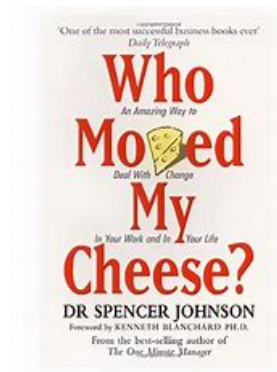
<https://vfwaz.com/uploads/Documents/Reports & Forms/2023-2024PoppyEntryForm.pdf>

Buddy Poppy Chairman's Guide (a must read) [Buddy Poppy Chairmans Manual.pdf](#)

As we end our Program Year for this season we enter into the active Buddy Poppy distribution time with the known Patriotic remembrance days- Memorial Day, Loyalty Day, Independence Day. There is more than one way to get the message out. As National Ambassador Jodie Hollinger pointed out in her March Blog- Buddy Poppy "cards" can be printed that share how contributions give back to Veterans Programs [Buddy Poppy Story Cards-print using Avery 5371 or equivalent \(4\).pdf](#)

Thank you to each of the members for embracing Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home and your amazing activities and reports- also to Jodie Hollinger, Sue Alverson, Kim Sloan, Kim Harney, Connie Hargreaves and Madame Department AZ President Lynn Pierre, for believing in the energy.

Welcome Home!



Chief of Staff Johnnie DeBoard

This is the month that all auxiliaries will be having elections. Are you recycling your officers?

If the answer is yes, I suggest you read the book "Who moved My Cheese" by Spencer Johnson. This book talks about change and why change is good.

This is a wonderful book that can help within your personal life as well as your auxiliary.

Without change you will become extinct. Just because something didn't work before doesn't mean it won't now. Listen to your members, mentor them so they can hold a position and feel confident in that position. If someone is holding a position that is new to them keep mentoring them.

Always be willing to help new members and members holding a new position.

If you need any assistance, please reach out to any department officer.

Historian Lori Schaeffler

March 29th was the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War Recognition Day. Did you do something to recognize the Vietnam Veterans? Please tag me on social media so I can share with National VFW and Auxiliary (Make sure your post is set to share public, not just friends).



As we near the end for 2024-2025 project reports, we need to keep in mind that this year's reports are all due now and will be accepted until April 15th. All chairmen need to have the chance to send reports to National and also make decisions for the awards for Department Convention which is June 5th - 8th. Have you made your reservation yet?

But please do not stop. Let's keep going and doing projects for the upcoming year. That's right, no Spring Break for those of us who work so hard to support our Veterans and their families.

We have so many important events coming up. April is the month of the military child. Events supporting this as well as preparing Easter cards and gifts for our veterans offers many great picture opportunities.

Upcoming events:

4/5 - Gold Star Spouses Day

4/9 - National Prisoner of War Day

5/3 - VFW Day of Service

5/14 and 5/15 - Run for the Wall 35th Anniversary
(comes to many different parts of AZ)

5/17 - Armed Forces Day

5/26 - Memorial Day

Remember to not only utilize social media such as Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok but also contact your local newspapers, radio and television stations. Send them press releases which can be found on the Department website - www.vfwauxaz.org under Historian/Media. Be sure to catch our members in action in those photos. The best way to keep our momentum and our memories is to smile and take those pictures. Tell a story through your photos.

Thanks for all you do and remember to share your smile with the world but don't let the world change your smile.



Hospital Amy Timbes

Hello Sisters and Brothers, we have reached the end of the reporting year, but our mission is never over.

Just think someone is just entering a nursing home for the first time today or is starting rehab after a fall.

At the veteran's center Mr./Mrs. Smith sits by the window watching for someone to come. This is where **WE** as Auxiliary volunteers play a huge role. We are the one who bridge the gap between

the family and the veteran. We share ourselves. Imagine going into their room with a huge smile and a cheerful hello. "Good morning Mr./Mrs. Smith. I am with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and would love to visit you, what branch of the armed forces were you with, where did you serve, how did you meet your spouse?" Before long, you will see a grin on their face. When a veteran goes in the VA all they have is their memories. You are helping them remember.

I know that everyone cannot visit a veteran's center, but you can participate by making things and sending them. Get in touch with the activity director they can inform you of different items they may need. Remember there are male and female veterans. We have so many holidays. Make party trays for them. Can you see the smiles on their faces as they get their food trays with a small homemade Easter basket on it? How about a smores setup with a marshmallow bunny in it? Sometimes the smallest things mean the most. On the Department website under hospital is the newest wish list. Click [here](#) to see how you can help.

You can recruit members and non-members to be volunteers. Get excited and let them know how one person can make a difference. You can volunteer at VA, non-VA hospitals or nursing homes. Just make sure at an auxiliary meeting to vote to participate.

If these words sound familiar, I borrowed them from the 2024-2025 program book entry by National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord. After all she has been there cheering us on all year.

In addition, every time an ambulance goes by, I am reminded that we must educate our community on proper respect for our veterans when they make that final ride. They earned it long ago and we cannot forget.

April is here and may we enjoy the flora and fauna that the Lord has provided. God bless you everyone.

AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS CLUB "APPC"

The APPC donates funds each year to the Arizona VA Medical Centers.

We are asking all Auxiliaries to donate \$50 for the raffle tickets for this project.

When your \$50 donation is received by Janae, 50 raffle tickets with your Auxiliary Number will be put into the drawing for prizes during our meeting. You will also receive a list of the ticket numbers that were assigned to your Auxiliary for the drawing.

We will have a meeting room available for our use on Friday morning, June 6th, from 7:30 am to 8:30 am at the Loews Ventana Resort.

If you have not paid your \$5 dues for 2025, please include that amount in with your \$50 donation check. Thank You!

Your Paid Membership Card will be available for you to pick up at the Department Convention registration table.

Please make your check payable to **APPC** for the VA Hospital Program and send your check to Janae as follows:

**APPC
c/o Janae Kemery
55308 W. Hathaway Avenue
Maricopa, AZ 85139**

Legislative Connie Hargreaves

HONOR THE CONTRACT – we did!

March came in like a lion with the VFW Advocacy team hitting Washington DC this year. What a strong voice on the VFW and VFW Auxiliary sides. The opening meeting of the Conference was well attended with many standing in the back.

Monday started with the opening meeting, followed by many states meeting with legislators in the afternoon and culminating in the Voice of Democracy



Parade of Winners that evening. On Tuesday, Commander Al Lipphardt addressed the Joint Hearing of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs in a room overflowing with Veterans, and Auxiliary members.

States once again met with Senators and Congressman or their staff and some attended the Subcommittee meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday like the House Sub Committee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs where the major attention was on the Claim attorneys (sharks) and the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs by Pat Murry, VFW Legislative Service Director.

March 10 & 11 Kristina Keenan, VFW Legislative Service Director at the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, i.e. Post 9/11 GI Bill and Homelessness. Retiring VFW Legislative Pat Murray attended the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee meeting, Senator Jerry Moran, Chairman, to discuss and advocate for pending legislation.

Commander Al Lipphardt met with the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs and discussed the Secretary's plan for reduction in workforce and emphasize he should not reduce Veteran Care or Benefits. Please check out Action Corps Weekly, click on View Current Legislation, also read and handout the VFW Priority Goals 2025.

We ended our Program Year on March 31st, please make sure to get all reports to the program chairs as soon as possible! You still have time to finish them. Also make sure to go to Programs and fill out the National Program award for Legislation, include all projects you did as well as pictures showing what your Auxiliary did to promote Legislation. You can do this for each program you wish to try for a National Award.

I've included the Link for Legislation.

[https://vfwauxaz.org/uploads/documents/LegislativeAuxiliaryAwardNo.1DennaGuyette\(1\).pdf](https://vfwauxaz.org/uploads/documents/LegislativeAuxiliaryAwardNo.1DennaGuyette(1).pdf)



Membership Irene Nowacki

It is getting closer to the end of the program year. Have you hit 100% yet? Do you need any assistance getting there? Please reach out to your surrounding auxiliary brothers and sisters, and don't forget the Post. We are all in need of members to keep this organization going. Don't forget to reach out to family members and friends. You never know where you can find eligible prospects.

Our February Sweetheart Membership Blitz is over. Kudos to all that brought in members and/or retained annual members. Our winning Auxiliaries are Auxiliary 769 for Highest percentage of paid continuous annual members with 41.67%. Auxiliary 9401 had the most newest or rejoin members with 22. Each of these auxiliaries will receive \$125.00 for their auxiliary to use at their discretion.

As of this moment, the Department of Arizona is at 101.72% (3/13/2025). We are crushing it this year. Congratulations to each and every one of you. Just 1 new member brought in, extends the life of our organization. Our ultimate goal is to never have this great organization fold due to lack of members.

I want to shout out the districts that have hit 100% also.

Dist. 1 – 102.09%

Dist. 2 – 102.63%

Dist. 6 – 107.16%

Dist. 7 – 100.74%

Dist. 8 – 104.00%

Dist. 9 – 103.36%

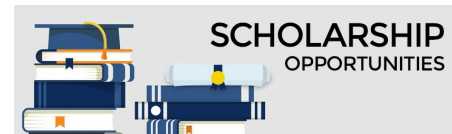
Dist. 10 – 102.07%

District 3 only needs 17 more members. District 4 only needs 10 more members. District 5 only needs 2 more members. If you have some time and are available, reach out to them and see how you may be able to assist them hit their goal of 100%. We are all here to help each other.

Currently the Western Conference has dropped to third place in the standings with 99.03%. I know that we can pull this off and hit first place before the other conferences.

With that said, gaining new members is an ongoing venture. We never stop branching out to see who is eligible and invite them into our veteran loving organization. Let's keep it strong and keep recruiting.

Scholarships JaNice Robertson



April 15th is a very special day.

Yes, it is Tax Day but that is not why it is special. It is special because it is the deadline for getting your Young American Creative Patriotic Arts winners in 2D and 3D, your Merit Scholarship entries, and your Arizona Continuing Education grant entries to me or Kim Sloan.

By now you have received them so get them to me. Call 928-580-8872 and I will come to you or send them to me at PO Box 728 in Bouse AZ 85325 or to VFW Auxiliary Department of Arizona at 326 E Burrows St in Tucson, AZ 85704.

On a new note, the 2025-2026 Themes for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests have been revealed. This year the topic is the same for both of them and it is **"How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for our Country?"** This should be quite interesting to see what the different age groups feel and how they show their patriotism and support. I look forward to hearing their ideas.

Thank you all for your support and involvement in the Scholarship program this year. I appreciate each and every opportunity to talk to you and get to know you and how your auxiliary works with our youth. It has been a great

year. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Have a great Easter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. It has been a pleasure to be your Department of Arizona Scholarship Chairman this year.



Veterans and Family Support Becky Baldwin

Thank you all for all you have done this year for Veterans and their families. I am excited to say we had 100% of Auxiliaries submit a VFS report this year. Amazing work!

The National Award is the “**Most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military and their families**”

We get into a cycle of doing the same activity or event each year and I am excited to share some of our out of the box events and activities that have been submitted this year.

Across **YOUR** state

- Operation Bottom Cover- National Guard Baby Shower!
- Checking in with Veterans & Care Givers- Bringing Meals
- Donations to the VA Hospital
- Participation in Wreaths Across America, Missing in America and other Events
- Hosted Suicide Awareness Tables

Around **YOUR** town

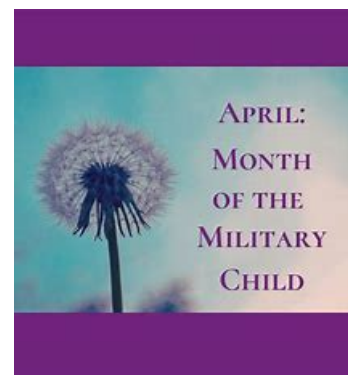
- Auxiliary 769- Held 22 a Day Memorial Event
- Auxiliary 1433- Donated to Care Carts for grieving Family Members
- Auxiliary 5990- Event & Donation to Support the TAPS program
- Auxiliary 11014- Adopting a Veterans Village
- Auxiliary 8807- Participating in Quilts of Valor

Thank you **ALL** and remember our commitment to our Veterans and Family Members does not end just because the program year does. See you all in June

Youth Stephanie Quinton

Hope this Newsletter finds you all well. We are winding down for the year for Project's for 2024-2025 year but in April start thinking and planning for 2025-2026 year.

This is a perfect time of year to host an event for



Veterans, Reading to Children and Children Reading to Veterans. Check with your local Libraries, Community Centers and Schools to see if any events are being held and ask if you could join in and get the Veterans involved. See about partnering with the Post and/or Hosting your own Event. Just a heads up, April is Military Child Month, so let's start thinking of a project to do. Always keep trying to get to our Veterans that are in the Hospital, Assisted Living, or Living Alone and get our Youth Groups in your Community and Read to our Vet's.

Here is something still from National Home to look into: <https://vfwnationalhome.org/the-home-front/july-2024-edition-of-the-home-front/>: On page 4 it shows VFW National Home Mike Wilson reading to one of the National Home resident youth- and captions "March is designated National Reading Month" With the Youth promotion of "Youth reading to Veterans and Veterans reading to Youth"- this would be a lovely way to tie the two together. So, this could be multiple projects for you Auxiliaries.

Also continue to Promote the Art Scholarships for next year. Very happy to see all the Patriotic Education our Auxiliaries are doing. Keep handing out those RAP Coin's/Cards your youth love these. I see that all our Auxiliaries are doing GREAT! Projects with our Youth.

Keep up the GREAT! work.



PARs (Program Activity Report)

Our Website, VFWAUXAZ.ORG, contains the Google form to be used for your regular reporting. This is the only form being used this year! You can find the form behind log in/program activity report. This is also where

you can find the tracking sheet each month. Please take the time to look at the tracking sheet to make sure you Auxiliary's PARs are being recorded.

Please remember that in order to be considered for the Outstanding Auxiliary Award, your Auxiliary must turn in 12 PAR reports.

We have made your reporting so very simple; it can be done in a matter of minutes! It is a new year and Program Activity Reports (PARs) are so very important!

This is the monthly or quarterly report every Auxiliary sends to provide numbers to the Department of Arizona, then, National, starting every year in April. Why are these numbers so important?

All these numbers are important because they demonstrate our Mission to support our Veterans and their families through our Programs. Every Donation, act of charity, Fund Raiser, Patriotic Festivity, etc., is what we need so desperately to hear about. When we compile all these numbers, they affect our ability to represent our Veterans and their families in the legislature to get and keep what is owed to them in Benefits, Support and Understanding.

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Brenda

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