

History of the VFW Auxiliary APPC of Arizona

The Auxiliary Past Presidents Club (APPC) of Arizona was founded to unite past presidents of VFW Auxiliaries across the state in continued service, friendship, and mentorship.

Established in **1949**, the APPC was created as a fellowship group for outgoing presidents who wished to remain active in supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and its mission.

Membership in the APPC is open to **all outgoing presidents at every level, & any past president at every level** — Auxiliary, District, and Department — is invited to join and carry forward the proud traditions of leadership and service.

The APPC still proudly retains its **original 1949 bylaws**, a testament to its deep roots and history. Over the decades, these bylaws have been **updated many times** to reflect the organization's growth and inclusivity.

One of the most significant changes in the club's history was the **removal of the word "Ladies"** from all official documents, ensuring that the APPC remains welcoming to all who serve, regardless of gender.

The Arizona APPC continues to uphold meaningful traditions that embody the spirit of service and remembrance:

- **Support for Arizona VA Medical Centers:** Each year, the APPC donates funds to Arizona's VA Medical Centers, providing direct assistance to veterans in care and helping enhance their quality of life.
- **Department Memorial Service:** The club also takes great pride in purchasing **flowers for our Department Memorial Service**, honoring the memory of departed auxiliary members with dignity and love.

For more than seven decades, the Auxiliary Past Presidents Club of Arizona has embodied the heart of the VFW Auxiliary — fellowship, remembrance, and service and demonstrates that leadership doesn't end with one's term — it transforms into a lifelong commitment to service.