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President Johnnie DeBoard's Message

I had the privilege of attending the legislation conference last month in Washington, DC. It was definitely an eye opener. Jim Eliers is a great person to lead us on Capitol Hill. He gave those of us in attendance the talking points and explained what to expect, then we stormed Capitol Hill. When I say stormed, there were hundreds of VFW and Auxiliary members from all over the world. Everyone there visited with their congressman or representatives to advocate for our Veterans. It was amazing to see the amount of members and responses we received. I know we made an impact. To hear the Commander in Chief speak on the issues of our Veterans was pretty exceptional as well.

On March 6th, the Department Commander Mike Kemery and myself had the honor of escorting the Department of Arizona Voice of Democracy winner for the parade of winners. Although she didn't take the big prize home, she along with her fellow department winners all went home winners. Those young adults will be high achievers in their life's journey.

I hope everyone has a beautiful Easter.
Johnnie DeBoard

President Johnnie DeBoard in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery during her trip to Washington, D.C.



Commander Mike Kemery and President Johnnie DeBoard escorting the Arizona Winner, Vivian Chang, at the Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners Ceremony.

Department Announcements

***March 31st** was the deadline for completing activities for reporting. All reports and PAR's need to be turned in by **April 15th** for Auxiliaries to be considered for awards at State convention. The Outstanding Auxiliary Award sheet is on the webpage,

www.vfwauxaz.org behind log in. Be sure and check to make sure the Department has not missed anything.



****District President's Training** will be held on May 20th at 10 am in Phoenix. More information will go out to those elected to that position after the April Conventions.

*****State Convention** dates are 6/1 - 6/4. See the flyer below for hotel and banquet information.

******The National Convention** - 7/22-7/27 will be here in Phoenix and it seems like we have lots of time to plan but it will creep up on us fast. The Department is basically tasked with providing manpower. Volunteers to give

directions, watch over Patriotic Art items, assist members with registration and assist with setting up the meeting room. If you have mobility issues, we'll find a place for you. Want to keep moving around, we'll find a place for you. Can only volunteer in the morning, we'll find a place for you. Only coming for one day, we'll find a place for you.

*******Western Conference** is Nov 2nd- 5th in Salt Lake City. Conference and Hotel Registration is now open. Deadline is Oct 16th. Cost of conference is \$175.00 and hotel is \$139.00. Click [here](#) to download forms. Forms are also on the Department webpage www.vfwauxaz.org under news/events.

*******Western Conference March newsletter** has been emailed out. You can read the latest news on www.vfwauxaz.org behind log in under Western Conference.

It's Time to Start Thinking About Coming to State Convention

Convention is being held at Scottsdale Plaza Resort from June 1 through June 4th.

See the flyer for hotel and banquet information. Click [here](#) to book your room online. Be sure to use the group code - 182943 to get the discounted rate. The flyers are also on the Department webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org under new/events.



Room Block Open Now

**\$89 (Phone or Online)
Deluxe King or Double Queen**

Upgrades based on Availability
\$124 Patio Suite (Phone Only)
\$141 Bi Level Suite (Phone Only)

Reserve by Phone
480-948-5000
Group Code 182943



Click Here to Book Online

IMPORTANT NOTE
Site defaults to a Tuesday, May 30 check-in. You can change this by clicking on the check in date and choosing a new date.

**DEPT OF ARIZONA VFW & AUXILIARY
CONVENTION AND COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
Commander and President's Reception and Banquet
Scottsdale Plaza Resort**

**Reception & Banquet
Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Organic Free Range Chicken Breast
Rolls and Butter
Arizona Harvest Greens
Potatoes
Corn Relish
Lemon Meringue Tart

\$50 until May 22

\$60 May 23 to 29

**AFTER MAY 29
WAIT LIST ONLY**

Deadline for \$50 Price is Mon, May 22, 2023

Pay by Check

Complete this form and return **entire page**
with payment to:

VFW Dept of Arizona
6423 S Ash Ave
Tempe, AZ 85283

How many Meals? _____
Special Diet? _____
Who is paying? _____
Who is picking up? _____
Check # _____
Post/Auxiliary # _____

Order and Pay Online

Visit Convention Page on Department
website or scan QR code below



Scan to pay

Deadline for \$50 Price is Mon, May 22, 2023



AUXILIARIES ARE ASKED TO DONATE A BASKET FOR RAFFLE AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

Please bring to Department convention on Wednesday May 31 or Thursday June 2.

Orders for incoming President Bambi Johnson's shirt are now being taken. The order form is near the end of the newsletter.

You must have your order in by **April 6th** to receive your shirt at State Convention.

The order form is also on the Department webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org under resources/forms.

Don't miss your chance to get your shirt at State convention. Shirts ordered after April 6th will be delivered after State convention.



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National News

* This year's candidates for National Guard will be on Facebook Live on April 15th at noon Arizona time. Take the time to listen so you can be better informed on election day at National Convention.

**This year's Resolutions are behind log in on the Department webpage at www.vfwauxaz.org and will be on MALTA

in mid April. They will be voted on at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix.

Please direct any questions you may have about the resolutions to your Department line officers.

***You can now register for National Convention. Go to www.vfwauxiliary.org and log into your MALTA account. Click on events. Costs is \$25 through May 31, 2023 and \$40.00 at the convention.

****The Incoming National President's Celebration is on July 28th starting at 5 pm. Deadline to send in your money is July 14th. Flyer is below and can also be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under events.

*****CAFE 2023 will be held at the Golden Spike National Historical Park in Utah on Sept 18th. Registration is open on MALTA from 6/1-8/18. Room reservations can be made now. Flyer is below and can also be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under events.

*****Mid Year 2024 is a cruise leaving from Florida. Reserve your spot by June 2023 with a \$150 deposit. Reminder of trip is due by November 2023. All are welcome! Flyer is below and can also be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under events.



Looking for volunteers for the National Convention starting on July 20 thru July 27. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the convention so we're only asking for about 4 hours from each volunteer. There is no compensation, just knowing that you helped to make Arizona shine!

Right now we need volunteers in many areas:

- Assist Staff at Convention Center Office, Set Up and Pack Up
- Decorate for 45 Year Luncheon
- Assistant Guards
- Convention Meeting Room Set Up and Teardown
- Guides, Meet and Greet
- Registration at Hotel and Convention Center
- Patriotic Art Attendant
- Stage Attendants

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Call or email me or Janae Kemery and let us know what you'd like to do.

Kim Sloan, Convention Chairman 520.307.7940
auxvfwarizona@msn.com

Janae Kemery, Convention Co-Chairman 602.339.3192
janaetrout@yahoo.com



Below are links to Blog Articles written by the National Ambassadors. Each month that the Ambassadors post information on the National Blog, it will be in the next Department newsletter. These articles will also be on each program's page on the Department webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org



- [Extension & Revitalization: Spring Clean-Up](#)
- [Historian & Media Relations: PowerPoint Presentations](#)
- [Hospital: Spotlight on Veterans Affairs Program](#)
- [Legislation: Year-End Briefing](#)
- [Membership: Mission Possible](#)



Department Secretary /Treasurer Kim Sloan

This is the time of the year that I morph into the Biggest Baddest Witch. You know that time when I start to nag you about sooooo many things.

2023 Department Delegate List – Must be completed and mailed to me along with check for Delegate fees by May 15.

First Quarter 2023 (Jan – March) Audits – Must be completed and approved by the Auxiliary by May 31 with a copy to me by June 1. That is the magic date that I have to report to the National Secretary which Auxiliaries are in arrears for audits and will not be allowed to vote at the National Convention. Believe me that I will nag, nag, nag you before I let that happen.

2023 National Convention Delegates – must be elected at April meeting and input by the Auxiliary Secretary between May 1 and May 31. That delay may cause you to forget to enter them. If your Auxiliary does not have Delegates entered by May 15, expect to get that dreaded phone call from me.

2023-2024 Installation Reports – These must be input into MALTA by the 2022-2023 Secretary by June 30th. If you need assistance, call or email Asst. Secretary Chrissy Harlan or me and we'll help you. But that is a very hard deadline! No exceptions! Installation Reports are below and can be found on the Department webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org behind member log in under Secretary.

2023-2024 Bonds for President and Treasurer – Every Auxiliary must have their 2023 – 2024 Bonds in place by July 31. While the dates overlap, the bonds do not. If your Auxiliary is not bonded by July 20, I'll be nagging you to get it done.

I look forward to morphing back into my lovable self!

Kim Sloan
Department Secretary Treasurer

INPUT INTO MALTA OR MAIL TO DEPARTMENT SECRETARY BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023

2023-2024 Installation Report for Auxiliaries and/or Districts

The following information about the Auxiliary's meetings is required:

Date of Installation: _____ Continuous Annual Dues Per Member: \$ _____
 Meeting Date: 1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th ____ Last ____ (select Date)
 Meeting Day: Mon. ____ Tues. ____ Wed. ____ Thurs. ____ Fri. ____ Sat. ____ Sun. ____ (select Day)
 Meeting Time: _____ A.M. ____ P.M. ____ (select A.M. or P.M.)
 Meeting Place: _____
 Meeting Street Address: _____ Meeting City: _____ Meeting State and ZIP: _____, _____
 Phone No. of Meeting Place: (____) _____

Please note offices/positions denoted with an asterik (*) listed below are REQUIRED.

President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Junior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>

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2023-2024 Installation Report for Auxiliaries and/or Districts

Secretary*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee No. 3*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee No. 2*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee No. 1*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>

2023-2024 DEPARTMENT Delegates and Alternates Instructions

- **Review Bylaws Sec 304**
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.

- **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 the Department Convention. All Delegates and Alternates must be members in good standing of that Auxiliary (life members or current annual members).
- **Department Composition Members**
The Auxiliary President has his/her own vote at the Department Convention and should be listed at the bottom of the form AND as an Alternate in the right column.

The National District Council Member, any Department Officer and Past Department Presidents, that are members of your Auxiliary have their own vote at Department Convention. They should be listed at the bottom of the form and should be considered for election as an Alternate. They will need to notify the Credentials Chairman if they are voting as a Delegate or voting their own vote.

If the Auxiliary President is the only Delegate or Alternate at the Department Convention, 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 all of the Delegates are not present) he/she would cast 11 votes instead of just the President's vote.

- **PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION** – It is acceptable to print the list and attach it to the Delegate form.

- **Submit to the Department Secretary AND the Department Credentials Chairman.**

The Auxiliary Secretary is responsible for sending the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary and the Department Credentials Chairman. This list should be sent immediately after election.

Department Secretary Kim Sloan 326 E. Burrows St. Tucson, AZ 85704
Department Credential Chairman to be announced.

- **Fees**

Delegate Fees are \$4.00 based on number of Delegates the Auxiliary is entitled to, plus \$4 for each Department composition members.

Example: The Auxiliary is entitled to and elects 35 Delegates (\$140), plus the Auxiliary President (\$4.00), plus the District President is a member of that Auxiliary (\$4.00) plus there is one Department Officer (\$4.00) and one Past Department President(\$4.00) that are members of that Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary Secretary would give a copy of the Delegate List to the Treasurer and request a check for \$156).

- **Arrearages / Audits**

Any Auxiliary in arrears for District Dues or which has failed to submit quarterly audits through December 31, 2022 shall be deprived representation at the Department Convention and shall not be allowed to vote.

- **Term**

Delegates/Alternates serve for one (1) full year from the date of election to the next election.

- **Absence**

If the Auxiliary President is absent or not in the room, the Auxiliary Sr. Vice President or in their absence, the Auxiliary Jr. Vice President may function as the Department Composition member.

**2023-2024
DEPARTMENT Delegates and Alternates**

Auxiliary _____

PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Delegates		Alternates	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
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16		16	
17		17	
18		18	
19		19	
20		20	

USE SECOND SHEET IF NECESSARY

The following convention composition members have their own vote.

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



Happenings at the Districts

(Any events listed without times, please contact the Auxiliary President for more information)

District 1

District Meetings - start at 11 am:

- 4/16 at Post 2357 in Bouse

District 2

District Meetings -start at 11 am

- 4/22 at Post 1709 in Flagstaff

Aux 10227 (Prescott Valley):

- April meeting moved from 4/1 to 4/8 due to the Bowl-a-thon. Starting time is 10 am
- 4/1 Bowl-a-thon starting at 10 am

District 3

District Meetings -School of instruction at 9 am with meeting at 10am

- 4/29 at Post 1433 in Glendale

Aux 1433 (Glendale):

- Steak Fry on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 5-7 pm

District 4

District Meetings- start at 10 am

- 4/23 at Post 3513 in Scottsdale. This is a **change** from the original location

Aux 720 (Maricopa):

All Activities are on hold until repairs at the Canteen are completed

- Every Friday Bake Sale and Jack of Hearts Drawing at 6 pm
- First Fridays with food trucks at 5pm and comedy show starting at 7 pm
- Monthly Auxiliary meeting is the second Tuesday at 6 pm
- Sunday brunch 11 am-2 pm each week
- Taco Tuesday featuring Navajo Tacos 2-8 pm each week
- Wednesdays are Poker & Darts League Night – serving dinner

Aux 1760 (Mesa):

- Wednesday Pool Nights at 7 pm
- Every Thursday Queen of Hearts at 7 pm
- Monthly Auxiliary meeting is the second Saturday at 1 pm

Aux 1796 (Black Canyon City):

- 2nd Tuesdays is Auxiliary meeting at 6 pm
- Wednesday nights- music night at 6pm
- Friday "Fun" meals for \$8 4:30- 6pm or until sold out
- Saturdays- Karaoke from 3-6 pm
- 4/14 Yard & Bake Sale from 9 am - 2 pm

Aux 3513 (Scottsdale):

- Sunday Brunch is held Sundays at 1 pm
- Queen of Hearts and 50/50 every Wednesday along with Dinners at 5 pm
- Every Thursday is Fried Chicken at 5 pm
- Friday nights- Jack of Hearts and Fish Fry night at 5 pm
- Ongoing Cat Rescue program – <https://www.azbw.com/vfw-cat-rescue>
- Second Sunday at 1 pm is monthly Auxiliary meeting

Aux 3632 (Tempe):

- Starting in April, Auxiliary meetings will be on the 2nd Saturday starting at

noon.

- Ongoing, we have boxes set out at both Tempe American Legion Posts collecting quarters to fund raise for the Arizona Veterans Home
- Sundays at American Legion Post 138 – Music by Trevor, Meat Raffle, and Lunch Specials for \$5 made by Chef Stolie. Boxes for the Troops fundraiser

Aux 9400 (Sunny Slope):

- Every Saturday- Queen of Hearts at 4:30 pm
- 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm is Auxiliary monthly meeting

District 5

District Meetings- start at 10 am

- 4/22 at Post 549 in Tucson

Aux 549 (Tucson):

- 4/5 - Marksmanship Event starting at 7 pm (flyer below)
- 4/8 - Miss Red/White/Blue Pride from 12-5 pm (flyer below)
- 4/9 - Easter Breakfast starting at 9 am (flyer below)

Aux 5990 (Marana):

- 4/9 - Easter Breakfast starting at 10 am (flyer below)
- 4/23 - Fried Chicken Dinner starting at 4 pm (flyer below)

District 6

District Meetings- start at 11 am

- 4/8 at Post 1704 in Globe

Aux 8807 (Tonto Basin):

- Free hair cuts for Veterans the first Monday of each month at the Post starting at 9 am (flyer below)

Aux 9907 (Show Low):

- First Sunday of month - Breakfast at Post

District 7

District Meetings- start at 10 am

- 4/23 at Post 9972 in Sierra Vista

Other District Happenings -

- 4/1 - Cochise Serving Veterans Outreach Event (flyer below)

Aux 9972 - (Sierra Vista):

- 4/13 & 4/27 - Burger Night from 5:30- 7:30 pm
- 4/14 - Aux dinner starting at 5:30 pm
- 4/21 - Steak fry from 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- 4/30 - Birthday Breakfast from 8 - 10 am

District 8

District Meetings- School of Instruction at 10 am with meetings at 11 am

- 4/16 at Post 10005 in Bullhead City (flyer below)

Other District Happenings-

- 5/5 - Veterans Resource Fair in Kingman (flyer below)

Aux 10005 - (BullHead City):

- 4/9 - Easter Brunch starting at 10 am (flyer below)

Aux 11014- (Meadview):

- Food Bank every Tuesday

District 10

District Meetings- start at 10 am

- 4/16 at Post 3713 in Coolidge

Other District Happenings-

- 4/1-District PDiC/PDiP Dinner at Post 9399 in Apache Junction starting at 4 pm

Auxiliary Community Outreach

Irene Nowacki &

Amy Bennett



Happy April ~~~~~ Happy Easter

We are wrapping up our program year, and what a year it has been!

Between everything that has gone on through the year, we have received a good turnout of reports from our Auxiliaries serving their communities. As Amy and I start to go thru and judge them, we are able to relive your wonderful volunteer moments and smile knowing that the Auxiliaries of Arizona are crushing all of the program year goals.

We will be sending in just one outstanding report from the Department of Arizona for a possible prize that will be given out at the National Convention right here in the great state of Arizona!

How cool would that be to receive a National award in your home state in front of everyone! Amy and I wish you the very best holiday with family and friends.

As always, if you need any help or have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact either Amy or myself.

Thank you all so very much for all that you do for our Veterans and our Communities.

Continue searching out volunteer opportunities in your community.



**Legislative
Jeanne Hampton**

The Legislation Year in Review- in considering what to write about for the April newsletter- the VFW Legislation Conference has passed, November had elections, the PACT Act passed, the State of Arizona

passed Proposition 130 the % of Veteran disability off their property taxes – and the “Talking Points” for this year’s conference: Protecting Veterans from Predatory Claims especially now associated with the passing of the PACT Act, Economic Opportunity vs Veteran Suicide and Chapter 61- the Major Richard Star Act- it has been quite a year. [Legislative Priorities - VFW](#)

On [VFW.org](#), under Advocacy and Legislation, along the right- hand side, lists a column of contacting your representatives; as well as all the VFW has done in Legislation since 1917 - including helping to establish the VA, Priority Goals, the “how to” become involved, “Action Corps Weekly”, “Know the Issues” and “View Current Legislation” which, as this is being written, has changed from 2 bills being watched to 6 and now 9. Interestingly, bills relating to Veteran disability/retirement pay and suicide prevention.

Looking to VFW Legislative Victories [VFWLegislativeVictories.pdf](#) ([azureedge.net](#)) - it shows having passed in 2022, Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act- toxic exposure led to stage 4 breast cancer – completely undiagnosed and in a unanimously approved vote- to provide breast cancer screenings to Veterans who served in burn pit and exposed to toxic substances areas.

Following the links, by going to [www.GovTrack.US](#) in the “Search” box and putting in S. 2102, the 117th Congress (the year just passed when this bill was voted) it is noted who introduced, the text of the bill, who supported (both Arizona Senators Kelly and Sinema) and a Google search brings up the case for more information.

From the Arizona Veteran Caucus March 8th, several bills are being introduced for Veterans; HB2336 tuition for family members of posttraumatic stress related suicide, HB2589 for Military members already trained as medics to be able to transition that training to being an EMT/ Emergency Medical Technicians/Military Reciprocity. Another bill will include family members of National Guard service members killed in line of duty to receive the same benefits as other first responders. These can be tracked on [AZLeg.gov](#).

It is never a bad idea to contact your representatives and let them know of your interest in Veteran Legislation issues, what is going on in your area, invite them to participate – that is how Senator Kelly’s Staff members attended the Winter Conference Voice of Democracy luncheon- Kim Sloan asked! Which has continued to be an ongoing invitation to the Staff to participate in VFW and VFW Auxiliary events. By contacting your local representatives, your invitation will be directed to Staff Members who may best address your correspondence or event.

In closing, a year of apprehension of being completely overwhelmed in a field I knew nothing, unexpectedly this has been one of the most exciting Auxiliary Programs. Representatives are real people. As PDP Melody Judd stated early on- “They work for us!” (and you will not squeal like a school girl) “Stay focused on the issues and press for answers.”

Remember, “VFW Action Corps Weekly” is not a crutch to be leaned on when you can’t come up with anything else in Legislation. It is a “Tool” to be used as part of the Auxiliary kit to continue to be relevant in assisting Veterans, Military,

their families and our Community by being an ADVOCATE Membership alone brings. Thank you for being a part of this journey.

Veterans and Family Support **Melissa Martin &** **Connie Hargreaves**



Well, another project year has ended. Many of our Auxiliaries came up with some wonderful ideas and events. It was a pleasure to receive your reports and see how you care for your Veterans, their families and all our caregivers.

Easter is this month. Please remember your Veterans who are in facilities unable to travel to be with family, who may need a ride to church on this special day. A card, a plastic egg with candy and a tiny basket with malted eggs or just something to say “thank you” or thinking of you”. Maybe a fun handmade item from a youth group such as a bunny, or flower.

March was National Woman’s month. The tributes to our female veterans and female family members was astounding! From clothing to food and diaper bags and toiletries. Your support of Lady Veterans who joined an auxiliary under a family member because they didn’t receive boots on the ground orders and your respect for what they did to take care of our nation. Please encourage female veterans to sign up and watch VA Women Veteran Health Transition Training on VA.gov. which walks them through all the benefits the VA provides for women.

Attention Caregivers! 211 has a Caregiver program for resources. Give 211 a call at 602-599-0110 for more information and answers to your questions. Your appreciation dinners and certificates for your local caregivers and even beyond by providing cards for your hospital and nursing facilities volunteers.

Arizona Veterans - a wealth of information is available at <https://dvs.az.gov/> Employment opportunities, assistance programs, filing claims and benefit information are available. Don’t hesitate to contact this agency. Past Director LTC (ret) Wanda Wright has moved on and will be missed as she accomplished a lot for rural veterans. We welcome new Director LTC (ret) Dana Allmond.

The Arizona State Veterans Home in Flagstaff has opened. The number to call for admissions is 602-234-5678 and for employment call 602-781-7032. Veterans receiving over 70% VA compensation are free. It is not cheap to reside there, but payment assistance is available. Mohave County has a State Veterans Home coming within two years. Location has yet to be determined.

The Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) will be releasing brand new driver license and ID cards this March. The new design will include several new security features that help prevent counterfeit reproductions or fraudulent use. Current Drivers licenses are good until expired.

DVNF (Disabled Veterans National Foundation) is relaunching it's Grants to Provide Stability (GPS) program. GPS is a grant program for veterans who find themselves in temporary financial setback. DVNF can provide up to \$1,000 to help eligible veterans pay for rent or mortgage and essential utilities such as water or electricity. This program started on March 1st. The link for the GPS application is <https://www.dvnf.org/gps> . For more information contact gps@dvnf.org.

Suicide and mental health is still a priority and if you watched any of the legislative conference at the beginning of March, you saw how much of our programs are based on advocacy for Veterans and their families and that not only are we here for our community, but our county, state and national needs. Our voice is strong when we shout, but it is stronger and louder as a group.

Please make sure that you always have materials out on display in your post, Crisis line, mental health line, the VA rack card with the names and phone numbers of 20 organizations that benefit our Veterans.

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFS-Resource-Card-revised062818.pdf>

Information on Helping Heal Vets, whether through art project or craft projects, because unless you've been in someone's shoes, you don't know what will help with their anxiety. Please read once again the information on a veteran in a mental crisis. They do not have to pass a facility to find help. They now can stop at any mental health facility, ER, urgent care and they will be helped.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-militaryveteran-resource-navigation-training-tickets-219379920247> Events you can attend for veterans and family, meditation, interactive well-being workshops, entrepreneurship, home buying, navigating veteran resources, re-entering workforce and creative writing, plus many more. They are different each month.

Warrior Care Recovery Program <https://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/caregiver-resources/> has resources for caregivers.

For assistance with rent, moving, utility, security deposit or childcare see Housing for Hereos <https://vfwauxaz.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=79270> There is also the VFW Unmet Needs program, need to apply through VFW.org site and restrictions apply. <https://vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants>

Remember, keep projects going in April, May and June as they count for the incoming program year.

Melissa and Connie both thank you for all you do for Veterans and Family Support.



Buddy Poppy/National Home Sue Bancroft & Sandi Shuman

Can you believe it is already April??? Welcome to spring and to all the wonderful outdoor events that are coming our way in the next few months.

If we had fields of poppies, they would probably be in bloom now. Wouldn't that be wonderful? The Buddy Poppy can be used as a very real reminder of that long ago field of poppies. It is a tangible reminder of who we are, why we are here and what we do.

By now you have submitted your project reports and I thank you for some of the most creative ideas (that I may have to steal at another time). Right now is the time to be finalizing your Buddy Poppy displays. Remember that they must be shown at an event or at your post for at least two weeks prior to being submitted at your district meetings for judging. I've heard from many of you to say that you're working on your displays, so I look forward to seeing them at the Department Convention in June.

May is coming up quickly and, of course, Memorial Day. The Buddy Poppy was adopted by the VFW to honor our fallen so Memorial Day is a perfect time to tell the Buddy Poppy story. During the week prior to Memorial Day why not visit your local veterans in healthcare facilities to remind them that we appreciate their service and have not forgotten them. Visits to our schools prior to Memorial Day with flags and Buddy Poppies is a great way to remind them that we owe so much to our veterans for fighting for our freedoms.

Don't forget our National Home. If you have not sent in your Health and Happiness donation, why not do it now? Another way to support the National Home is by becoming a lifetime member with a one-time donation of \$50.00.

The National Home hotline is a free service for all service members and veteran families with pressing needs nationwide. The Helpline is answered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, except holidays. The Helpline number is 800-313-4200 or email to help@vfnationalhome.org.

So, Lest We Forget, our promise as Auxiliary brothers and sisters is to support veterans and their families.

So good luck and thank you for all you do for our veterans.

**Chief of Staff
Carol Lee McElwain**

HAPPY EASTER

We all celebrate Easter differently, so
I hope each one of you enjoy your
Easter celebration.



DON'T QUIT !!!!

Just because March 31 was the dead line for programs to be done for "this year", doesn't mean we quit working, have a vacation or a rest period. We keep on working for our Veterans.

You need to keep working your programs. Anything you do that is reportable

but cannot be submitted before July 1, 2023. KEEP TRACK of those projects. My suggestion is to go ahead and fill out a report form using the old form from this year, then transfer it to a "new" form for this coming year. That way you don't forget the details and all information needed while still fresh in your mind.

It is easier to do one report as the event happens, then try to remember and do a lot at one time. TAKE PICTURES, this makes the report complete and then you can also use them for your Historian reports.

Just remember we are always working for our Veterans and their families.

Remember: Together Everyone Achieves More



Historian/Media Olga Knock & Dallas Emery

We want to remind you that the end of the year for reporting is March 31st and you must have reports in by April 15th.

If you haven't sent a report into us, dig through your Auxiliary's year and look for some pictures. Just attach them to the Historian/Media Relations report form with a description of what was done and send it to us.

Your Auxiliary has surely done **SOMETHING** notable. If not notable, then something that the Auxiliary would like to have memories of. The name of the program is Historian/Media Relations. Remember the history part of the program even if you don't have anything to report about media relations.

If you have questions contact either one of us. Thank you for your participation in this program.

**Membership
Brenda &
Doug Kinghorn**



APRIL SHOWERS BRING
MAY FLOWERS!

CONGRATULATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA!!!!

WE HIT 100% MEMBERSHIP BEFORE MARCH 31ST!!

Thank you to every Auxiliary in the Department for the hard work with our members and to the new members.

It's all gravy from here to May 31st, 2023, continue the recruitment of new members and re-sign lapsed Annual members. Our members will make Arizona stand out to all the other states in the Western Conference and Nationally.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS

1. ***Heart-Shaped Hands Pin** to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits **five (5) new members** to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA by June 10, 2023. Pin will be mailed directly to the member from National Headquarters.

2. ***National Membership Achievement Award** to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who **recruits twenty (20) new members** to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA by June 10, 2023. Award will be presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona or mailed directly to the member from National Headquarters.

3. **Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care Award** to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who **recruits the most new members** from July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. The award will feature the member's name on it alongside the name of an honored veteran.

Award will be presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona or mailed to the Department for presentation. Department Treasurers and VFW Members are not eligible.

Forms are no longer needed from VFW Auxiliary Recruiters; reports are compiled by VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters staff from information entered in MALTA.

*VFW members who qualify for award(s) #1 and #2 above will still need to complete the form and mail to National Headquarters by June 10 as Auxiliary cannot track VFW members in MALTA. See Resources page on the Auxiliary National website.



Scholarships Janice Robertson

Happy Easter

This year was a very busy one and went by quickly. Thank you all for all the hard work you have done. Now it is time to get the reports out.

The deadlines for entries in the 2022-2023 Scholarship Programs are done. All entries were to be to the Auxiliaries by the 1st of April.

All Project Reports are due to me by **April 15th**.

If you have multiple applicants for any of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art, please share with another Auxiliary so that more of our students can be recognized. These were due to your Auxiliaries by the 31st of March. First place Auxiliary winners must be sent to me **April 15**.

If you do not want to send your Young American Creative Patriotic Art entries in the Mail, please contact me and we can make arrangements for meet. Especially the 3-D art; which may be hard to ship. Phone me anytime 928-580-8872 or email me at bells_whistles@hotmail.com. **Remember there is an (_) between bells and whistles.**

My address is:
JaNice Robertson
PO Box 728
Bouse AZ 85325

We have no postal service. UPS and FedEx both know where we are. If sent that way; use 28532 Ron Dee Court. USPS only to PO Box.

Let's all work together for a great Scholarship year.

Youth Becky Baldwin

Happy Spring!



It is hard to believe that the year is almost over! Many Schools have spring events during the month of April such as carnivals, book fairs and more! Consider partnering up with your local schools to help out!

Here are some ideas to get a jump start to your Youth Program for next year!

- Many school districts around the state are unable to just accept books for the classroom or library. Books have to be vetted by the district prior to allowing student to have them. If you plan to donate books, please reach out to your school Principal and/or librarian. These individuals will have a list of prevetted books and are happy to give that to you!
- Another option is to have a community library box at the Post where children can come in and “check out” books and either return them or replace with a different one. This is a great way to get families into your post and encourage children to read.

Thank you all for all the hard work you do not only for our veterans but our potential future veterans - our youth.



Hospital Lynn Pierre

“Although the Program Year is winding down, there is still time for many more projects that can be carried out to make our hospitalized veterans smile”.

- April 9 is Easter Sunday. Bring in the bunny, have an Easter egg hunt or even decorate some eggs with your Youth. Then share with our patients. Use your creativity!
- May 14 is Mother's Day. Help patients celebrate this special day. We tend to forget our female veterans. Let us do something special.
- May 29 is Memorial Day. Many of you have parades or special ceremonies. Sometimes taking pictures of those events and sharing them with our shut-in Veterans can mean the world to them.
- June 14 is Flag Day. A small treat to present with little flags.

We have done an outstanding job educating first responders, hospitals and clinics regarding the Honors Escort Program. You can still utilize the hospital grant to get monies to help you supply the proper flags to be used. Please continue to disseminate the information regarding the Program all Veterans are entitled to.

I am so very proud to see the many Project Reports for the Hospital Program you have all submitted. So many great, creative ideas and so much caring for our Veterans and Caregivers.

Please remember, if you have recruited Hospital Volunteers this year, there is a special National Citation available. Please let me know how many you've recruited and how. I will be so pleased to send in that award. Whether members or not, they count!

Have a remarkable Easter and Spring and keep those awesome projects coming.

Americanism Lori Schaeffler



If your auxiliary did a patriotic community event, please make sure I get your report before April 15, so I can get the citation sent to National.

Loyalty Day (May 1)

Loyalty Day not only celebrates the loyalty Americans possess for their nation but also looks at the historic events that led to the formation of the U.S.A. The first National Loyalty Day took place in 1921 during the First Red Scare — a time when America was struggling with the fear of far-left extremism including Bolshevism, due to real and imagined events. It is during this period of uncertainty that the day came into being and was initially celebrated as Americanization Day.

In 1955, Loyalty Day was recognized by the U.S. Congress since the country was facing a great threat in the form of the rise of communism. During this time, Congress felt it necessary to honor America and remind people of the loyalty they owe to the nation. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared the day a legal holiday to be celebrated with great fervor. According to the President, it was essential to observe a National Loyalty Day to look

back on the history of the country and understand how valuable the gift of freedom is. The basic motive behind the day is to awaken a sense of patriotism in all Americans.

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Flag Education is a large part of Americanism and demonstrating the patriotic spirit is respecting and properly caring for the United States Flag (Old Glory). The more I watch the news, the more I find that the Americanism Program is needed.

VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM

Connecting veterans with schools and classrooms gives students an opportunity to learn about life in the military, the rigors of war, and how the service of America's veterans affected their lives and the lives of others. Students also gain a greater respect for and understanding of the veterans' sacrifices and commitment to service.

Flag etiquette should be taught to all Americans. Our Flag represents all Americans and has a long history. The members of our organization have spent more than a hundred years defending and honoring our nation's most iconic symbol of freedom. Whether you're looking for historic details of how the U.S. Flag came to be, or the rules and regulations that encompass her daily flight, Flag etiquette covers everything from proper display to acceptable conduct around this symbol of our great nation. We are here to ensure you can find information on the following Flag-related topics:

- Displaying the Flag
- POW/MIA Protocol
- Flag Disposal
- Official U.S. Flag Code
- Order of Precedence
- Correct Method of folding Flag
- U.S. Flag History

Throughout the history of the United States of America, our citizens have laid down their lives for our freedoms, liberties and pursuit of happiness. Thank you all for everything you do as a member to make sure we do the right thing and teach all of American citizens the traditions we cherish every day. □□



Mentoring Chrissy Harlan

Spring is in the air and the desert wildflowers are in full bloom. I have heard that in many areas of our state we are experiencing a Super Bloom due to all of the moisture we have received.

Our wildflowers need rain to bloom and grow. What does your auxiliary need to bloom and grow?

I hope you all answered **Mentoring!**

As VFW Auxiliary members we all stated our journey as seeds. We met new people, learned about our programs, participated in projects and grew as members. Then we held offices in our Auxiliary and then maybe even District and Department. We continued to learn and participate and we bloomed!

We did not bloom without the help of other members who showed us the way and encouraged us to participate. When we were merely seeds as new members, someone welcomed us and showed us something that interested us so we germinated and came back to the next meeting.

That someone was a mentor whether they knew it or not. Someone got us to volunteer for something and we began to sprout. That someone was a mentor. As we learned more about the VFW Auxiliary's mission and programs we stated to grow. The other members around us were growing too. Every meeting we attend, project we volunteer for, and information we read helps us grow as members and as people. There are mentors in the meetings as well as participating in the projects and the individuals that write articles for Department and National newsletters are mentors.

We are surrounded by mentors. They are our **RAIN!**

As you can see mentoring is not always formal and specific. It is often done one on one or in small groups simply having conversations and passing on knowledge and information.

Let's all enjoy the rain and have a Super Bloom in our auxiliary.



Program Activity Reports Melody Judd

melodyfaye@frontier.com

The PAR form can be found at www.vfwauxaz.org under Resources/Program Activity Reports.

Auxiliaries have an option of what form they would like to fill out, PDF or Excel that is emailed to me or use the google doc (my favorite) that I get once you have answered the question and hit the finish button.

Each month, the updated Monthly PAR recording sheet will be behind the login on the Department webpage at www.vfwauxaz.org. Go to Login/Members Only, sign in and then click on Program Activity Report.

A black x means that the PAR was done using this year's form, and a red x means that the auxiliary used an old form from a previous year. For an auxiliary to receive the "Arizona Outstanding Auxiliary Award" they must use the current 2022 -2023 PAR FORM.

ARIZONA OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY AWARD

Progress Sheet

The Auxiliary must complete all of the following by March 31, 2023

The Auxiliary **must** complete the following:

- **Veterans and Family Support** – Complete at least 1 project, activity or donation that benefits veterans.
- **Program Activity Reports (PAR)** - Auxiliary must submit Program Activity Reports at least quarterly for all quarters **USING THE 2022-2023 FORM.**
- Attend all your **District Meetings** and **District Convention** (July thru District Convention)
- Attend **Fall Conference, Winter Conference and Department Trainings** (Department Officers and Chairmen will not be included in the attendance).

* **Programs** –Submit a minimum of 1 Project Report to the Department Program Chairmen in at least 8 of the following National Programs:

- Americanism
- Auxiliary Community Outreach
- Buddy Poppy / VFW National Home for Children
- Hospital
- Legislative
- Media Relations
- Membership
- Mentoring for Leadership
- Scholarships
- Youth Activities

The Uniting to Combat Hunger - Spring 2023 fillable form can be found on the Department webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org under resource/forms

UNITING TO COMBAT HUNGER (UTCH) GRANT - SPRING 2023

In 2018 the VFW joined forces with Humana to establish the Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) campaign. As of October 2022, the initiative has raised the equivalent of more than 4 million meals to address food insecurity in America. To reward the efforts of VFW Posts and Auxiliaries that support the campaign, the VFW Foundation offers the Uniting to Combat Hunger Grant. Posts and Auxiliaries may qualify for an unrestricted grant by meeting the following criteria:

1. For every \$1 raised by a VFW Post/Auxiliary to support Uniting to Combat Hunger, the VFW Foundation will provide a \$1 match in the form of an unrestricted grant to the VFW/Auxiliary Post. A minimum of \$500 must be raised to qualify for the matching grant. An applicant may receive up to \$1,500 in UTCH grant funding.
2. For every pound of food donated to a food bank, food pantry or community kitchen, the VFW Foundation will provide a \$1 match. A minimum of 500 lbs. must be collected to qualify for the matching grant.
3. For every \$1 spent on food purchased to support a food pantry ran by the Post or Auxiliary, the VFW will provide a \$1 match. A minimum of \$500 must be spent to qualify and the applicant must prove that the food pantry has been operating for at least one year and show that it is sustainable.

Donations of food and financial contributions to UTCH may be combined in the grant application. For example, a VFW Post or Auxiliary that donates \$500 and 500 pounds of food to a food bank could receive a \$1,000 grant.

While not required to do so, applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with their local Humana associate(s) on UTCH activities.

UTCH GRANT GUIDELINES

1. UTCH grants are restricted to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries. Other VFW entities are not eligible to receive this grant. To qualify, a Post must be in good standing with the VFW National organization, meaning they have a fully completed election report on file, are not in financial arrears and are not on suspension.
2. Grants will be made to Posts or Auxiliaries for completing the following on or after July 1, 2022:
 - a. Making financial contributions to a local food bank, food pantry or community kitchen. If you donate to an organization that provides programs in addition to providing food, you must provide the VFW Foundation with a letter from them stating that your donation is restricted to their food pantry service. Applicants may alternatively donate through www.vfw.org/UTCH, or via check made out to VFW Foundation, designating UTCH in a cover letter or the memo portion of the check.
 - b. Donations of food may be made to any food bank, food pantry or community kitchen that provides meals or food to anyone seeking assistance regardless of their immutable characteristics or beliefs.
 - c. Purchasing food to distribute through an existing food bank operated by a Post or Auxiliary.
3. Only a VFW Post or its Auxiliary may receive this grant. For example, if a Post receives this grant its Auxiliary may not, if an Auxiliary receives this grant the VFW Post may not.

VFW FOUNDATION

406 W. 34th Street Office 816.968.1128
Kansas City, MO 64111 Fax 816.968.2789

foundation@vfw.org
www.vfwfoundation.org

4. The grant that the Post or Auxiliary receives from the Foundation may be utilized by the Post or Auxiliary for any purpose, so long as it is in accordance with VFW or Auxiliary by-laws. The maximum amount for a UTCH grant back to the Post or Auxiliary is \$1,500. A Post or Auxiliary may receive multiple grants during the year so long as the total amount awarded by the VFW Foundation does not exceed \$1,500.
5. This is a retroactive grant; applicants will submit their requests after their projects have been completed. VFW Posts and Auxiliaries must document financial contributions and volunteer hours; for example, a copy of the VFW Foundation receipt for the UTCH grant, photos or social media/news article screenshots of qualifying volunteer event, etc. The exact donation amount and number of volunteer hours must be specified on any such documentation. Supporting documentation must be provided at the time of submission.
6. The VFW Foundation reserves the right to make changes to the application procedure at any time.

Little Free Pantry Additional Funding Opportunity

The VFW Foundation will reimburse Posts/Auxiliaries for up to \$500 for constructing and establishing a little free food pantry at their Post home or local community center, providing food at no cost to the recipients. A Post/Auxiliary must provide receipts showing all expenses incurred in placing the pantry upon submitting their request. Please be advised that a grant awardee may receive no more than \$1,500 total in UTCH grant funding. For example, a Post could donate to a food bank totaling \$1,500 and receive \$500 for expenses incurred placing a little free pantry. However, if a Post donated \$1,500 to a local food bank, they could not receive any additional funding for also placing the little pantry. For design plans more information, please visit <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

Please see the next page for the application form. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Jason Couch at 816-968-1174 or at jcouch@vfw.org.

FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, HERE WE COME!



On 2/25/22, Kingman Academy High School robotic team, Roaring Robotics Team 14436, won the prestigious Inspire Award at the

Arizona FTC State Championships

Based on the coveted award, Roaring Robotics will be ONE of TWO teams representing Arizona in the

FIRST Championships, aka "Worlds", in Houston Texas (competing against 192 teams from 34 countries) on the 18th to the 22nd of April.

Roaring Robotics has the honor of being the only FTC team in Kingman and Mohave County to make it to Worlds.

We also made Arizona FTC History by being the first Arizona FTC team to win the Inspire Award two years in a row!

The great honor of representing Arizona, Kingman, and Mohave County is going to require some help from the community.

We need to raise \$18,000 for the championship fee, airfare, hotel, accommodations, meals, crate and freight of the robot, spare parts, and a rental car(s) for our 10-member, 2-mentor team.

To donate or inquire, please contact our Team Mentors at KAHS 928-681-2900

Celeste Lucier, 928-377-8586, clucier@kaolaz.org

BJ Maticic, 928-263-9998, bjmaticic@kaolaz.org.



Sponsorship Levels 2022/2023 Season

Platinum: \$2500+

- Large Business Logo Team t-shirt
- Large Business logo on webpage
- Large Business logo on robot
- Large Business Logo in pit
- Three Team t-shirts
- Sponsorship Plaque
- Continued sponsorship for 2023-2024 season
- Onsite demonstration of the robot
- Invitation to the sponsor open house
- Shout out on our Social Media accounts
- Thank you letter

Gold: \$1000+

- Business logo on team t-shirt
- Business logo on webpage
- Business logo on the robot
- Business logo on sponsor banner in pit
- Two Team t-shirts
- Invitation to the sponsor open house
- Shout out on our Social Media Accounts
- Thank you letter

Silver: \$500+

- Business name on team t-shirt
- Business name on webpage
- Small Business logo on the robot
- Business name on sponsor banner
- Invitation to the sponsor open house
- Shout out on our Social Media Accounts
- Thank you letter

Blue: \$250+

- Business name on webpage
- Business name on sponsor banner
- Invitation to the sponsor open house
- Shout out on our Social Media accounts
- Thank you letter

Friend of the team:\$50+

- Invitation to the sponsor open house
- Shout out on our Social media accounts
- Thank you letter



**ROARING
ROBOTICS** 14436



Business name: _____

Contact name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Amount donated: _____

Make checks payable to Kingman Academy of Learning or KAOL with Roaring Robotics in the memo

Please list all your social media handles:

Please email your logo to either bjmaticic@kaolaz.org or clucier@kaolaz.org
Final date for logo's to be on the t-shirts is March 31st, 2023.

For any further inquiries please email or call Celeste Lucier clucier@kaolaz.org
928-377-8586 or BJ Maticic bjmaticic@kaolaz.org 928-263-9998.

Kingman Academy High School Tax ID is 86-0807808.

Mail to: Kingman Academy High School

Attn: Roaring Robotics

3420 N. Burbank St

Kingman, AZ 86409

District 10 Calendar 2022-23

JULY	
	Trustee Report for 4 th Quarter (Apr – Jun)
16-21	National Convention
9 (7968)	District Dinner Social
24 (9399)	District Meeting
	Pay State Delegate Fees for current (NEW) year
	Order and pay Buddy Poppies
	If you can afford it, pay ALL fees for programs (AZ Cottage, Mil Asst.)
AUGUST	
	Contact Schools about new VoD and PP topics and Teacher Awards
	Contact Public Safety Offices about Gold Awards
7 (9399)	District 10 Interactive Training Session for Post and AUX
SEPTEMBER	
	Contact Schools about VoD and PP essays and Teacher Awards
	Contact Public Safety Offices about Gold Awards
OCTOBER	
	Trustee Report for 1 st Quarter (Jul – Sep)
1-2	Department Fall Conference and CofA
8 (9399)	District Dinner Social (Assisted by Post 3584)
15	Deadline for all programs to Posts
16 (1677)	District Meeting (Assisted by Post 12043)
	Collect all awards from schools and Public Safety Offices
	ALL Post Inspections in conjunction with respective Post Meetings
NOVEMBER	
15	DEADLINE for ALL programs to District
DECEMBER	Trustee Report for 2 nd Quarter (Oct – Dec)
10 (7401)	VOD/Patriot's Pen Awards, Teacher, Public Servant Awards
JANUARY	
12-14	Department Winter Conference (VOD/PP) and CofA
21 (7401)	District Social and Buddy Poppy Ball
29 (7401)	District Meeting
FEBRUARY	
	Contact Schools about new VoD and PP topics
MARCH	
	Nomination of new Post Officers
APRIL	
	Trustee Report for 3 rd Quarter (Jan – Mar)
	Send in National Delegate Fees
	Election of Post Officers
1 (9399)	District PDiC/PDiP Dinner
16 (3713)	District Convention
MAY	
21 (7401)	District Planning Meeting



VFW 5990 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE
APRIL IS ELECTIONS MONTH!

Check your meeting time!

- Cooties Meeting ★ Saturday 4/1, 1 PM
- Planning Meeting ★ Thursday 4/6, 6 PM
- Comrades' Meeting ★ Thursday 4/13, 6 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting ★ Thursday 4/20, 6:30 PM
- House Committee ★ Thursday 4/27, 6 PM

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

The Planning and House Committee Meetings are open meetings. Join us to share your ideas and learn about volunteer opportunities & upcoming events!

Join your friends down at the Canteen!

OPEN 3-8 PM DAILY ★ HAPPY HOUR 3-7 PM

★ APRIL CANTEEN SPECIALS ★

Captain Morgan \$3.50 ★ Miller Lite \$2

EVERY WEEK IN THE CANTEEN

SUNDAY	3 PM-Close: Free Pool 5 PM: Dogs \$2 ★ Brats \$3 ★ Wings \$3 6 PM: Queen of Hearts Drawing
MONDAY	4-8 PM: Texas Holdem' Poker
TUESDAY	6:00 PM: Bingo Kitchen \$5 6:30 PM: Hall Bingo
WEDNESDAY	5 PM: ½ lb. Angus Beef Burger & Fries
THURSDAY	4-8 PM: Texas Holdem' Poker
FRIDAY	5 PM: Dogs \$2 ★ Brats \$3 ★ Wings \$3 5:30 PM: Bar Bingo
SATURDAY	6-10 PM: Karaoke

BULLETIN BOARD

KARAOKE JOIN US FOR KARAOKE SATURDAYS 6-10 PM

Join us every Wednesday for Burger Night!
Now Serving ½ lb. Angus Beef Burgers.

We Rent Our Hall
Open to the public.
520-682-6134

CANTEEN RAFFLE BASKET!
Tickets \$1 each - 6 for \$5 -
Arms Length for \$20 -
Drawing April 30th.

HELP WANTED!

Volunteer Kitchen Manager needed.
See Commander Skip if you can help. Thanks!

WELCOME FRIENDS!

Veterans & Active Duty Personnel welcome with ID.
Other non-members must be accompanied by a member and signed in to our guest register.

Saturday, April 1

MOC Chicken Dinner ★ 5 PM ★ \$8
Served with Potato Salad & Tossed Salad

Saturday, April 8

Comrades Spaghetti Dinner ★ 5 PM ★ \$8
Served with Garlic Bread & Tossed Salad

Sunday, April 9

EASTER DAY

CANTEEN OPENS 9:30 AM

Auxiliary Easter Pancake Breakfast ★ 10 AM
FREE for Kids ★ Adults \$5
Fun Kids Activities! ★ Canteen Beverage Specials!
Proceeds benefit Auxiliary Youth Programs.

Friday, April 21

Flag Retirement ★ 4 PM

Saturday, April 22

Comrades Philly Cheesesteak & Fries Dinner
5 PM ★ \$8

Saturday, April 22

District 5 Meeting & Elections at Post 549 ★ 10 AM

Sunday, April 23

Gloria's NASCAR Fried Chicken Dinner
4 PM ★ For carry out please call ahead
\$8 Presale - \$10 at the Door
Includes mashed potatoes, green beans, & dessert.

Saturday, April 29

Comrades Steak Dinner ★ 5 PM
\$15 Presale/\$20 Door
Served with potato, salad, dessert

COMING SOON

- May 7 Cinco de Mayo Dinner
- May 14 Mother's Day Brunch
- May 20 Steak Dinner
- May 29 Memorial Day Event - Open to the Public
- June 1-4 VFW AZ Convention ★ Scottsdale AZ

CALENDAR EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Post Commander ★ Auxiliary President
Canteen Manager ★ Missy Hall, Editor

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5990 Avra Valley/Marana

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Post/Auxiliary 10005's April Calendar

April 2023



BREAKFAST SERVED 9 AM—12:30
SUNDAY 9AM - 12:00
DINNERS SERVED 5 PM—7 PM
WII BOWLING: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 4 PM
SHUFFLE BOARD: TUES. & THUR. 1PM
POKER: MON & THUR. 8 AM
QUEEN OF HEARTS: EVERY WED - DRAWING 6 PM



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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FREE Hair Cuts for Veterans



Are you a Veteran in need of a hair cut?

The VFW Auxiliary Fort Reno Post 8807 is proud to offer FREE hair cuts for our local Veterans. Suzi Harness will be donating her time & skills to serving our honored Veterans!

When: the FIRST Monday of Each Month starting at 9am

Where: The Fort Reno VFW Post located at 198 E. Stephens Way Tonto Basin – Next to Desert Community Church

Cost: FREE!! While donations are graciously accepted, they are not required nor expected.

Please check Facebook for any scheduling changes/updates and feel free to contact Erin Reed 480-917-7071 with any questions!

**VFW District 10 Auxiliary
Handmade Quilt Fund Raiser
Drawing at April's District meeting**

Thank you for your Support

\$1.00 per ticket.



**Mail your money to:
Debi Rankin P.O.Box 5003
Apache Junction, AZ 85178**



**COCHISE SERVING
VETERANS
Benson Community
Outreach Event**

LOCATION: American Legion Post 45

Address: 150 W 5th Street

WHEN: 1 April 2023

TIME: 8am - 2pm

Cochise Serving Veterans would love to invite the community to come out, meet the CSV team, and local organizations that support our veterans. This event will provide information and services for Housing, Food, VA benefits, and Pet's.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30am

Assisting Veterans in need to obtain self-sufficiency through collaborative efforts within Cochise County

Marksmanship Event at VFW Post 549



7pm Thursday, April 5th

**VFW Post 549 in cooperation with 4-H to
host a youth marksmanship event!**

**If you have children or grandchildren
ages 8-18, they can join us for an air rifle
marksmanship event.**

**They can bring their own rifles or
there will be limited rifles available.**

If interested, please contact:

Tony Fennell 412-651-9880

Tony Cardan 520-343-4152

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Pageants, Fundraisers & More



MISS PINUP AZ



PRESENTS

THE 5TH ANNUAL

MISS RED WHITE & BLUE PRIDE 2023

JOIN US

APRIL 8, 2023

12PM-5PM

AT THE VFW POST 549 HALL

8424 E OLD SPANISH TRAIL

TUCSON, AZ, 85710

(520) 790-4626



FUNDRAISER FOR OPERATION TOOTHBRUSH

USA

SERVING OUR HOMELESS VETERANS

PINUP PAGEANT, VENDORS, RAFFLE, 50/50

PATRIOTIC TATTOO CONTEST, BIKES, CARS

LIVE MUSIC

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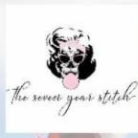
TOMMY PRICE & THE STILETTOS



FOR INFO CALL

KATHY

602-819-0375



**PLEASE BRING ESSENTIAL
ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS**





Easter Breakfast

at Post 549

April 9, 9-11am

\$5.00

**Breakfast: scrambled eggs, bacon or
sausage, hashbrowns, white or wheat
toast**

Drink specials: \$2.00

Mimosas or Bloody Marys



**Plus, an Easter
goodie bag and
egg hunt for the
kids!**

VFW Auxiliary 5990 is having an

Easter Breakfast

AND MORE

Sunday, April 9th
10am - 12pm

Free breakfast for kids 12 and under. \$5 donation for 13 and up.

Crafts
Egg Hunt
Easter Basket

Your choice of
Pancakes, Biscuit & Gravy,
or Breakfast Casserole.
Comes with Juice, Milk,
and Coffee

All proceeds go towards our youth programs.

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EASTER Brunch



VFW 10005

Sunday April 9th

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$12

All you can eat

928-758-7808

*Pit Ham, Chicken Tenders, Biscuits & Gravy
Scrambled eggs, Hash brown triangles, Sausage
patties, Corned Beef Hash, Fresh fruit, French
Toast, Veggies, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad
Tossed salad, and assorted Desserts.*





YARD & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

VFW Post 1796/American Legion Post 90
34801 Velda Rose Rd, Black Canyon City
(Exit 242 off I-17)

Friday, April 14th & Saturday, April 15th
from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



VFW AUXILIARY
UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®



**Coordinated by: The VFW Auxiliary Post 1796 and the
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 90**

Proceeds will go to the VFW Post 1796 Building Fund.

Questions: Call 623-374-9246

THANK YOU!



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

*PLEASE HAVE BUDDY POPPY DISPLAYS ENTERED BEFORE 9:30
FOR JUDGING, NONE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9:30*

GENERAL MEETING
10:00 AM

COMRADE/AUXILIARY MEETINGS

BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY
12 NOON



VFW AUXILIARY 5990

Fried Chicken Dinner

\$8 presale
\$10 at door

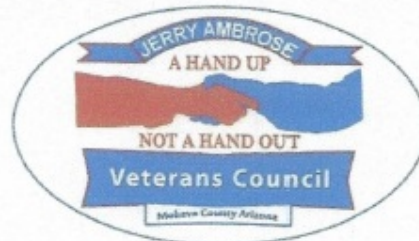
APRIL 23, 2023
4-6pm
or while supplies last

WATCH LIVE
ON OUR BIG SCREEN

*Fried Chicken, Mash Potatoes,
Green Beans, and Dessert*

Proceeds goes to Relief Fund

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Veterans Resource Fair



Kingman
Mohave County Fairgrounds
2600 Fairgrounds Blvd
Kingman, AZ 86401



Friday, May 5, 2023
From 10 am to 2 pm



Multiple Agencies Available



Contact:

jennifer.burch@javc.org



VFW DAY OF SERVICE



Dear VFW Leaders,

Last year, veterans across the country turned out in force to show how they are **#StillServing** during the first-ever VFW Day of Service. They united with one another and their communities to strengthen bonds and help neighbors.

It was amazing to see. Now, it's time to gear up for next year and do it all over again!

The second annual VFW Day of Service will kick off May 6, 2023. Last year, veterans everywhere participated. [See how your Department stacked up against the others.](#) We were blown away by the turnout, but we want to do even better in 2023 — and we need your help.

Let Us Know You're In

We're challenging you and your members to help make VFW Day of Service 2023 even bigger! Help us get the word out to VFW Posts and veterans in your state, and encourage them to participate.

Let's show America all the different ways veterans are **#StillServing** their nation.

We'll be in touch with more details and ideas for joining us for VFW Day of Service 2023. Thanks for helping us gear up for another successful nationwide event!

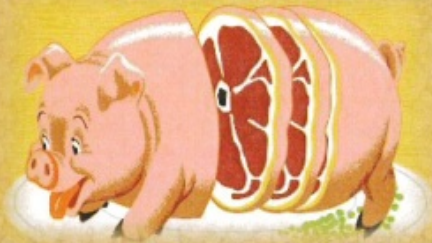
VFW STATE YOUTH PROGRAM

HALF HOG RAFFLE

\$375 worth of pork - 75 lbs total weight

6 lbs Bacon - 8 Pork Steaks - 1 Loin Roast
24 Chops - 1 Pork Butt - 1 Rack Spare Ribs
1 Smoked Bone-in Ham - 2 Country Ribs
18 lbs Mix and Match Sausage

\$5 Per Ticket



only 500 tickets will be sold!

Drawing
Saturday June 3, 2023
VFW Department Convention

Contact Derek
520-252-5677 for tickets
or questions.



MINGUS MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE CAMP

JULY 17-21
JAMES 4-H CAMP

Calling all military youth! Join Arizona 4-H in beautiful northern Arizona for the Mingus Mountain Adventure Camp!

- Learn blacksmithing, archery, kayaking, fishing, and outdoor survival skills!
- Youth ages 13-18 from Active Duty, Guard, Reserve and Retired military families are eligible to participate.
- Registration is \$25 with travel stipends up to \$359 available for attending youth.
- Camp staff will provide transport for youth traveling nationally or located on-base in Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma, and Flagstaff Arizona!

Questions?

Contact Jenna at
jsmennetti@arizona.edu

Register at

<https://bit.ly/3EakSrM>

Military Teen Adventure
Camp is Sponsored by
USDA & Purdue



[HTTPS://EXTENSION.ARIZONA.EDU/MTAC](https://extension.arizona.edu/mtac)



Personal Information

Chrissy joined Auxiliary 10188 in 1991 under the eligibility of her hero, VFW Member & husband Army Veteran Gary Harlan.

After Chrissy's first Auxiliary meeting she was hooked. She was welcomed into the Auxiliary family with open arms & immediately started volunteering. She has been a life member and dedicated volunteer ever since.

Experience/Knowledge:

In 1992 shortly after joining the auxiliary, Chrissy was elected to Jr. Vice President.

During her time with VFW Auxiliary 10188 Chrissy had the honor to serve each office including Auxiliary President. Chrissy is now a member of Auxiliary 5990 and is currently serving as Secretary.

At the District level, she has also served in many different offices including her current role as District Secretary.

At the Department level Chrissy was honored to be elected Department Guard in 2011 and served as Department President 2015-2016. She continues to serve her department as Assistant Secretary.

Not only had Chrissy served as a chair in some fashion or another but also held most chairmanships on each of the levels. She has a well-versed knowledge in each of the programs we promote.

During the 2018-2019 term Chrissy was honored to serve as the National Scholarship Ambassador.

"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."

- John C. Maxwell

Achievements:

During Chrissy's 2015-2016 Presidential year the Ladies Auxiliary was updated; this allowed our auxiliary brothers to join under the newly branded VFW Auxiliary. This change was a passionate advocacy for Chrissy as all that qualify should have the ability to join and serve regardless of gender.

It is important to acknowledge that it is the work of every member of the Auxiliary to be successful not just the job of the President. Chrissy recognized this and during her presidential term made the change to award "Outstanding Auxiliaries" to honor each Auxiliary as a team.

During Chrissy's 2018-2019 National Scholarship Ambassador Term, she had the amazing opportunity to escort the 1st place winner of Voice of Democracy on their tour of Washington D.C.

She also had the privilege to affect change within the Scholarship Program by adding 3D Art. Since her term as a National Ambassador Chrissy has served as a judge twice for the National Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship.

Chrissy Harlan

**Candidate for National District 15
Council Member**

**To be elected at the
Department Convention June 2023**



**Proudly endorsed by:
Auxiliary 5990- Avra Valley- Marana
Arizona- District 5 Auxiliary**

Questions for your candidate:

1. What is the National Council of Administration?

The National Council of Administration (NCOA) operates much like the Department Council of Administration (DCOA) does.

The NCOA is comprised of the National Officers, National Regional and District Council Members and the immediate four Past National Presidents. Its duties include proposing plans of action and representing the members in the interval between National Conventions. It has full power to fix the salaries of the Officers of the organization and may, if necessary, hold a special meeting; and the council may consider appeals of decisions of the National President.

The NCOA handles the affairs of the organization between National conventions much like the DCOA does for our department.

The National District 15 Council Member represents Arizona and New Mexico and is elected for a two-year term alternating between the two states.

2. Why do you want to be National District 15 Council Member?

I want to represent you, the Auxiliary members of Arizona as well as those in New Mexico, in important matters that are critical to the Auxiliary's success.

The organization must continue to grow to aid our veterans and our communities and affect the legislative process that determines the benefits our veterans receive.

Our organization, at all levels, must be fiscally responsible, inclusive, and respectful of our diverse membership, and find ways to not only attract but keep younger families involved.

With these goals in mind, I can be your voice on the National Council of Administration and facilitate making the decisions that will make us all more successful.

3. What qualifications do you bring to the table as the National District 15 Council Member?

I have served this great organization on all levels from Auxiliary, through District and Department as well as serving as a National Ambassador.

I am familiar with the By Laws, budgets, payroll, and employee benefits packages, all of our programs and the rules and protocols of Council of Administration Meetings.

I have spoken out during debates on the National Convention floor on items that were at times contentious but important to our organization. I am not afraid to speak my mind and will not be afraid to voice your opinions in a respectful manner.

"Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity. The greatest problem with communication is we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply. When we listen with curiosity, we don't listen with the intent to reply. We listen for what's behind the words."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

As you can see, Sheila, is not afraid of work. In her short 14-years of dedication to this great organization and the community.

Sheila's professional background of over 40 years, is in finance. Accounts payable / receivables budgets, salaries, and reconciliations. To include mortgage lending and commercial processing and finance closings. Sheila brings her experience, working with her Sandy Coor Post and Auxiliary, to appeal to the younger members with families, who are our future leaders. Engaging both the young Post and Auxiliary member to gain their support with the VFW, Auxiliary and their families, in the community.

Sheila is married to Past Department of Arizona Commander 2020 – 2021, Jeffrey A. Eiler, Ret. Naval Submarine Veteran. Between them, they have 3 children, who are active members of the VFW and Auxiliary. And (4) future Auxiliary members. Sheila has the loving support of her family, Post, Auxiliary and Districts.

Sheila is prepared to represent you, Arizona, and the Department of New Mexico for 2023 – 2025, bringing your voices to the Council with high integrity, respect, honesty, and focus. And in return she will bring you all the information the Council wants and needs you to know.

Sheila Lee-Eiler

Sheila Lee-Eiler

Serving
our
Veterans
with
integrity
and
pride.



Candidate for
National District 15
Council Member
2023 - 2025

Sheila joined the VFW Auxiliary in March 2008, at the Sandy Coor Post 1433 in Glendale, Az., under the eligibility of her father, Chester H. Lee Sr. A Korean War Army Veteran who earned 4 Bronze Stars while in service. After moving to Arizona in March 2007, Sheila was immediately introduced to the VFW and Auxiliary family at #1433. She volunteered with the bingo, kitchen, and Auxiliary functions before becoming a member.

"My dedication to serve Veterans their families and the community has become one of my greatest joys of service. I believe in this National organizations principles of Veterans, their families, community, and commitment to excellence. My sense of duty to work hard and to serve with integrity, will continue in my service as your representative as your National District 15 Council Member".

National Consideration

* National Certified Recruiter for Arizona in 2014 - 2015.

Department of Arizona Service

The position of Department Guard was vacated in 2014 where Sheila was elected to this position in January 2015. That journey with continuous service holding every position, led Sheila to be your Department of Arizona President 2019 - 2020.

The Department of Arizona received the Circle of Excellence 2019 - 2020 for the 5th year.

Department Chairmanship

- * Veterans and Family Support Chairman 2012 - 2013 Outstanding
- * Department Presidents Special Project Chairman 2013 - 2014
- * Scholarship Chairman 2015 - 2016 Runner up
- * Membership Chairman 2017 - 2018 Runner up
- * Arizona Convention Committee 2019 - 2021
- * Michael K. Ferguson Veterans of Foreign Wars Arizona Charities Board member 2020 - 2022
- * President of the Arizona Past Presidents Club (APPC) 2022 - 2023

Department of Arizona - District 3 Auxiliary Service

- * President 2012 - 2015 - District 3 President of the Year 2012 - 2013
- * Secretary / Treasurer 2020 - Present
- * VFW White Tank Mountain Riders 2013 - Present
- * Auxiliary Chairman of the Voice of Democracy / Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year 2022 - 2023

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary Service

- * Jr. Vice – MOCA 2009 - 2011
- * Trustee – MOCA Grand 2009 - 2010
- * Special Assistant to the MOCA Supreme President Cathy Seipple 2022 - 2023.

Auxiliary Service

- * President 2009 – 2012 President of the Year 2009 - 2010
- * Secretary / Treasurer 2017 - Present
- * Buddy Poppy Chairman
- * Community Outreach Chairman
- * Membership Chairman
- * Mentoring for Leadership Co - chairman
- * (2) "Adopted Units" the Post and the Auxiliary share. Her service is obtaining the necessary grants for our events.

Current Service with Veteran Groups and the Community:

- * Maricopa County Standdown – works closely with the Executive Board to provide volunteer hours and monetary support for the Woman Veteran's section volunteer
- * City of Glendale's Mayors "Big Dog Run" which supports the Veteran Community and provides scholarships to Veterans volunteer
- * City of Glendale's "Stand-Up-4 - Veterans" volunteer
- * "Blue Sleigh Christmas" – Provides Christmas presents to underprivileged children in the Glendale/Avondale/Goodyear/Phoenix school districts volunteer
- * Veterans Administration of Phoenix "Adopt a Family for Christmas" Chairman – provided gifts for 12 Veterans and their families in 2021.
- * Operation Homefront – Chairman "Back to School Brigade" – filled backpacks with school supplies and distribute them to children from Pre-K – 12th grade for 298 children in 2021 and 235 children for 2022.
- * "Star Spangled Baby Drive" - resulting in over 35 military mothers receiving 500 diapers and baby supplies each.

Becky Baldwin Department of Arizona Guard 2023

VFW Auxiliary

The scoop of the day Becky Baldwin for Department of Arizona Guard

Becky Baldwin of Auxiliary 5990, in Marana, Arizona announces her run for Department of Arizona Guard in 2023. Baldwin states, "Not only do I want to continue to serve our Veterans, as well as the families of our Veterans, but I also want to show my children how important volunteering for your passion is!"

Becoming a Department Guard allows the candidate to be immersed in Auxiliary operations and learn the ropes as they move through the chairs to become Department President. This journey can take 6 years to achieve.

"I look forward to making a difference and showing that anyone can be part of this organization. There is no cookie cutter version of an Auxiliary Member or Office everyone including working parents, stay at home parents, retirees, member from big or small auxiliaries, new members and seasoned members all are an important piece to the Auxiliary puzzle and are able to go as far as you desire to go."

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Becky via email at beckybaldwin10@gmail.com



Baldwin Family- January 2022



Baldwin at Fall Conference 9/2021

Personal Information & Experience

A little about your candidate.

Becky Baldwin was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona. Her grandparents were very much involved in many organizations including the American Legion, VFW, Eagles and Elks. This showed Becky that volunteering gives you the ability to give back, which has been part of her life always.

Becky joined the VFW Auxiliary originally in 2010 under the eligibility of her Grandfather Donald M. Bish Sr a Korean Air Force Veteran. Becky joined Auxiliary 10825 in Three Points Arizona.

In 2019 Becky transferred to Auxiliary 5990 in Marana at the recommendation of her best friend Mary Butler. That transfer allowed Becky to be involved in Auxiliary work and find her place within the Auxiliary.

Becky had the privilege to serve for 7 years as the President at Roadrunner Elementary in Marana. As her children grew the volunteer work needed to grow as well and where else than to serve our Veterans.

During her time with Auxiliary 5990 she has had the honor to serve as Trustee (2020-2021); President (2021-2022 & 2023-2023). At the district level Becky is currently serving a Sr. Vice for District 5 (2022-2023); and on the department level Youth Activity Chairmen (2022-2023).

Becky is currently living in Marana, AZ with her husband Scott, Annual Member of Auxiliary 5990, and her 4 children, Dakota (18), Savanna (16), Madison (12), and Makenzie (12). All life Members of the American Legion.

To be voted for
at the 2023 Department
Convention

Voting for Department Guard will occur at the VFW/VFW Auxiliary Department Convention in June 2023. Becky humbly asks for your VOTE!

Endorsed by:
VFW 5990 Auxiliary

Becky is proudly endorsed by her home Auxiliary of 5990 in Marana, Arizona

"You will never be bored when you try something new. There is really no limit to what you can do."

- Dr. Success

Why:
Are you running for
Department Guard?

"I want to run and hopefully serve as Department of Arizona Guard because I want to show that people like me are just as able to serve. People from all walks of life, skills, motivation, from any Auxiliary with the right passion, support and determination can make a difference. There is no mold for what a leader looks like, BE YOU!"



Department President's Shirt 2023-2024

The shirt is Navy Blue Polo with red shoulders shirt with 3 buttons



Ladies Size		Quantity	Size	Price
Small to XL	\$25	_____	_____	_____
2XL – 4XL	\$30	_____	_____	_____

Men's Size		Quantity	Size	Price
Small to XL	\$25	_____	_____	_____
2XL – 4XL	\$30	_____	_____	_____

Totals \$ _____

Name: _____ Post / Auxiliary # _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Paid Check #: _____

Send the completed form with payment to:

Bambi Johnson
2319 N. Cortez Rd.
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

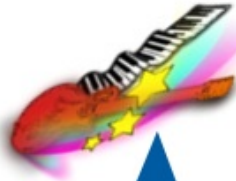
Questions - please email at wzrd2@hotmail.com or call me at 480-318-2131

Orders for pickup at Department Convention must be ordered by April 6, 2023



DEPARTMENT OF UTAH
Cordially invites you to attend

**National President Carla Martinez's
Celebration Dinner and Karaoke**



Cocktails
(Cash Bar)
5 pm

Friday, July 28, 2023
Renaissance Downtown Phoenix Hotel
3rd Floor in the Grand Ballroom
100 N. 1st Street, Phoenix, AZ

Make checks or money orders payable to:
VFW Auxiliary Department of Utah - Memo: "Celebration"
Sorry! No Credit or Debit cards will be accepted!

Celebration
begins
6 pm



Dinner Includes:
Salad, Potatoes, BBQ Beans
BBQ Pork and Chicken
Dessert, Starbucks Coffee and/or Tea

Cost is \$50
per
person

Mail (USPS) completed reservation form
& check or money order to:
Karen George
6304 W. Lake Ave
South Jordan, UT 84009



Must be received by July 14, 2023
Please be sure to allow adequate time for postal delivery.
Any questions? Email Karen George at klkgeorge@gmail.com

Requested
dress is
smart
casual

Gift Table
*No Gift Presentations
Include gift form with your gift

Celebration Tickets may be picked up at the Convention Exhibit Hall until July 26 at 11:00 a.m.



**Celebration Dinner
Reservation form**



Honoring National President

Carla Martinez



COST IS \$50.00 PER PERSON

General Seating

SORRY! NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



Name: _____

Department: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Number of Reservations: _____ @ \$50.00 = Total enclosed: _____
Check number: _____



Make checks or money order payable to:
VFW Auxiliary Department of Utah – Memo: "Celebration"

Mail (USPS) completed reservation form & check or money order to:
Karen George
6304 W. Lake Ave
South Jordan, UT 84009

Reservation form and payment MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 14, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please be sure to allow adequate time for postal delivery.

Celebration Tickets may be picked up at the CONVENTION EXHIBIT HALL
by 11:00 am Wednesday, July 26, 2023.



Contact Karen George with questions
Email: klkgeorge@gmail.com * Phone: 801-209-2670



VFW AUXILIARY 11th CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOM EVENT
GOLDEN SPIKE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023



WHEN: 9/18/23
9/17: Arrivals
9/18: Golden Spike
National Historical Park
9/19: Departures

WHERE:
Golden Spike National
Historical Park
Promontory, Utah



CAFE Registration is \$30 per person and includes transportation to the park. Register in MALTA from 6/1/23 to 8/18/23. Bring spending money for food trucks & souvenirs.

Find more information about the location, visit the Golden Spike National Historical Park website: www.nps.gov/gosp/index.htm



HYATT REGENCY SALT LAKE CITY
170 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101



Accommodations:
1 King Bed - \$169
2 Queen Beds - \$169

Reserve by 8/18/23
Group Code: G-VFFW
Hyatt Regency Hotel Booking
Online: www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SLCRS/G-VFFW
Or call: 1-801-596-1234

Questions? Email: SLCRS-RFP@hyatt.com

VFW Auxiliary Mid-Year 2024
February 12-17, 2024
5-night cruise round trip from
Port Canaveral:
Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas



Reserve your spot today for \$150.00 per person
Feb 12-17, 2024

Arrangements by:
Veterans Travel Service, Inc.
406 W 34th Street, Suite 106
Kansas City MO 64111
(800)325-9377
Val@vtstvl.com



Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
1	Port Canaveral		4:00 PM
2	AT SEA		
3	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
4	AT SEA		
5	Perfect Day Cococay, Bahamas	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
6	Port Canaveral	7:00 AM	

Prices are per person.

What's included:

- Deluxe Beverage package/ per person
- Taxes and port fees
- Gratuities
- Cocktail party for the group/may have to be split into two conferences.
- 530p dining for the entire group.
- Airport transfers if airline tickets are purchased through VTS.

Arrangements by:
 Veterans Travel Service, Inc.
 406 W 34th Street, Suite 106
 Kansas City MO 64111
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