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President Johnnie DeBoard's Message

Thank you to everyone in the Department of Arizona who attended Winter Conference. National President Jane Reape truly enjoyed all of you. Everyone who participated in the Aisle of Flags did an amazing job. Jane said it was the longest she has gone through.

The National Mid Year was held Jan 22nd - Jan 27th and this year was a Mexican Riviera Cruise with stops in Cabo San Lucas and Ensenada. The Department Presidents were treated to a special trip in Ensenada to see a natural blowhole, do some shopping and have lunch. There was also a National Council meeting. National Mid Year is held in a different place each year that is selected by the National President. All Auxiliary as well as VFW members and guests are welcomed to buy in to the trip each year. There were 10 of us from

Arizona attending this years' Mid Year (see photo below). It's a great way to meet other Auxiliary and VFW members from across the United States.

The last 3 MIT'S are this month. If your Auxiliary haven't attended one yet, please do so. They are very informative and each auxiliary must have at least one member attend one in order to qualify for the Outstanding Auxiliary Award.

If I can be of any assistance to any of you please call or email me.



Department Announcements

***Member Involvement Trainings** from 9-3
Date and Places:

- 2/4 at Post 9400 - 840 E. Purdue Ave., Phoenix
- 2/11 at Post 6271 – 233 E. 5th St., Benson
- 2/25 at Post 1677 – 111 E. 2nd St., Casa Grande

Come to any training that works for your schedule.

Feel free to come to more than one! These are the last trainings for this program year!



****Incoming President Bambi Johnson's shirt can now be ordered. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter. Must have your order in by April 6th to receive your shirt at State Convention.**

*****Western Conference** information can be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under Log in/Members Only. Once you are logged in, you will see a Western Conference link. Click on that for access to the Western Conference 2022 Roster, Nov Audit, Treasurer's Report and Minutes from the meeting held in Portland on November 4th. Also available here is the Jan 2023 Western Conference newsletter.

******The National Convention** 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.

Ready, Set, Go! Let's make Arizona proud by having the best volunteer group ever! Shoot either of us an email and just let us know you'll be available. Convention Chairman Kim Sloan and Co Chairman Janae Kemery

*******National Convention Housing** for the 124th VFW National Convention in Phoenix opens Feb. 17, 2023. Booking information will be available on that date.



National News

- National has launched BenefitHub. This is a FREE discount marketplace that offers deals on thousands of brands in categories like entertainment, restaurants, apparel and more.

It is very easy to get started.

- 1) Visit vfwauxiliary.benefithub.com or click on the Member Benefits section of the homepage at vfwauxiliary.org. Scroll down to the Member Benefits icon at the bottom of the page, Additional Benefits, BenefitHub.
- 2) Scroll down and select "Sign up" to establish an account.
- 3) **Enter the Auxiliary referral code: HDDLQA**
- 4) Complete your free registration.
- 5) Explore a world of discounts and start saving today!

Questions? Contact BenefitHub at 1-866-664-4621 or email customer care@benefithub.com.

National Ambassador's Blog Articles

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



- [Scholarship - Making Dreams Come True](#)
- [Veterans and Family support - Turning the Corner](#)



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NATIONAL HOME

Click [here](#) to read about the history of the National Home

National President's Visit

National President Jane Reape visited the Department the weekend of January 13th - 15th. She arrived into Phoenix on Thursday evening and spent Friday morning with Auxiliary and VFW members in the Old Town area of Scottsdale. That evening, she along with members, paid a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River (more information on the Gardens is below). Saturday started with the Aisle of Flags (thanks to all those auxiliaries who participated in this event) and then was spent at Department training, lunch with the students, the Heal Her Art program and the banquet for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen awards. National President Jane spent Sunday morning at Mass before heading for the airport. Her visit was enjoyed by all those who could attend Winter Conference.



USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River

This memorial is located at 7455 North Pima Road between Great Wolf Lodge Arizona and Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. The Memorial Gardens is a 5 acre development that features a piece of the original boathouse of the USS Arizona that sank at Pearl Harbor in 1941. The Gardens is free to the public. The Memorial lights come on at dusk each day. Below is more information on the Memorial or you can go to discoversaltriver.com to read more about the Memorial Gardens. If you have never visited, it is a wonderful place to see.

The columns that outline this **Memorial** mark each of the **1512 individuals** serving aboard the **USS Arizona** Battleship on **December 7, 1941** when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

Together, the columns at the outer edges mark the ship's perimeter spanning its **608 feet in length and 97 feet wide**.

Columns within the gardens represent the **expanse of personnel** a battleship requires to function.

You will also see breaks between some 335 lit columns. These unlit columns symbolize **those who survived** the attack and were able to tell the stories of that day, lest we forget their sacrifice.

The varying column heights symbolize the **distinct nature of individuals**, different in as many ways as they are similar.

It is these **differences that strengthen** the whole as each unique skill and perspective, when set to a common purpose can accomplish endeavors beyond numbers.

Each column **stands at attention** as do personnel aboard **U.S. Naval** ships that pass by the **USS Arizona Pearl Harbor Memorial**, extending respect to those who perished in the attack so many years ago.



Department Secretary /Treasurer Kim Sloan



Donations

Below is a screen shot of the donations that can be made through MALTA. Note "Donations" – these are not mandates, they are not requirements, there is no penalty for not donating, there is no credit for making a donation.

BUT consider what your donations do –

Cancer Aid & Research – your donations fund the grants that are given to members fighting cancer. Without your continued donations this program will run out of funds eventually. \$2 per member based on the June 30 membership is requested, BUT give what you can. Every dollar helps!

Health & Happiness – these funds are held by the Auxiliary for support of the National Home. The Auxiliary has multiple buildings on campus that we maintain much like we donate to the Arizona House. 25¢ per member based on the June 30 membership is requested, BUT give what you can. Every penny helps!

Patriotic Art – These donations are used to fund the scholarships given out under the Young American Creative Patriotic Art program. Ultimately, we would like enough to make this a self sustaining fund, but we have a ways to go. Give what you can, Every dollar helps!

Continuing Education - your donations fund the grants that are given to members that want to pursue their education. One scholarship in every conference is awarded. Wouldn't it be nice to give more than one, or to increase the scholarship amounts? No specific amount is requested, so give what you can, Every dollar helps!

National President's Special Project – these donations will be used to fund the Patriotic Art 3D scholarships. It was decided that it was too difficult to judge 2D art alongside 3D art, so we've started a separate scholarship fund with separate judging. Give what you can, Every dollar helps!

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the VFW Auxiliary Member Portal. The page title is "Make a Gift Payment for Department of Arizona". It features a table for selecting funds and amounts, a "Pay Now" button, and a "Read Terms and Conditions" link. The table is as follows:

Fund	Amount
Cancer Aid & Research	\$
Health & Happiness	\$
Patriotic Art	\$
Continuing Education	\$
National President's Special Project	\$
Total Gift Amount	\$0.00

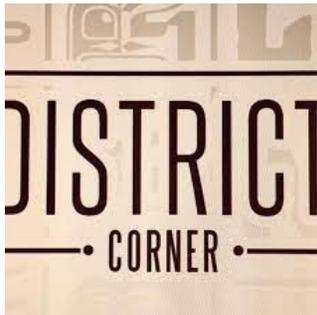
Below the table, there is a checkbox for "I hereby agree to the terms and conditions of purchase." and a link to "Read Terms and Conditions". A "Pay Now" button is visible, along with a "Cancel" button and a warning: "Please do not click the payment button twice."

DELEGATES

District Conventions are all in April this year so delegates/alternates should be elected at the **MARCH** auxiliary meeting. Instructions and Forms will be in the March newsletter and posted to the website. That Delegate List needs to be sent to the **DISTRICT SECRETARY**.

Department Delegates/Alternates should be elected at the Auxiliary **APRIL** meeting. Instructions and Forms will be in an upcoming newsletter and posted to the website. That Delegate List needs to be sent to the **DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN AND THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY**.

Delegates/Alternates to the National Convention must be elected at the Auxiliary April meeting. Then the Auxiliary Secretary will enter in **MALTA**. **MALTA** will not allow the Secretary to enter them prior to **April 1**, so don't even try.



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

Other District Happenings:

- 2/14 - Valentines Day Dinner at Auxiliaries 2357, 6790 & 8242
- 3/17 - St. Pats Day Corned Beef & Cabbage at Auxiliaries 2357, 6790 & 8242

Aux 769 (Quartzsite):

- 2/6 - Legends Show starting at 3 pm (flyer below)
- 3/10 - Veteran Stand Down in Parker starting at 9 am

Aux 2357 (Bouse):

- 2/12 - Superbowl party
- 3/15 - Toga Party

District 2

District Meetings - start at 11 am

- 4/22 at Post 1709 in Flagstaff

Aux 10227 (Prescott Valley):

- 2/12 Superbowl Steak Fry starting at 2 pm
- 4/1 Bowl-a-thon starting at 10 am

District 3

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

- 2/4 at Post 12098 in Buckeye

- 4/29 at Post 1433 in Glendale

Aux 1433 (Glendale):

- Steak Fry on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 5-7 pm
- 2/14 - Valentine Day Cards
- 2/18 - Mardi Gras
- 3/23 - Post 97th Birthday

Aux 12098 (Buckeye):

- 2/23 - Career Fair
- 3/4 - Veterans Lift-Up

District 4

District Meetings- start at 10 am

- 4/23 at Post 720 in Phoenix

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
- 11/11 - participating in the East Valley Veterans parade starting at 11 am

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
- 2/3 - Navajo Tacos starting at 4:30 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
- 2/12 - Superbowl Party all day

Aux 3632 (Tempe):

- 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

- 2nd Saturdays at 1 pm at American Legion post 2 is Auxiliary monthly meeting
- 2/14 & 3/17 - Delivering cupcakes and cards to the Az Veteran's Home

Aux 9400 (Sunny Slope):

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

District 5

District Meetings- start at 10 am

- 4/22 at Post 549 in Tucson

Other District Happenings:

- 2/12 - Aux 549, 4903, 5990 & 12054 participating in Grave Beautification at various cemeteries starting at 10 am
- 3/15 & 16 - Aux 549, 4903, 5990 & 10254 participating in Tucson Stand Down

Aux 549 (Tucson):

- 2/11 - Poker Party starting at 5 pm (flyer below)
- 3/18 - Paddle Auction starting at 1 pm

Aux 5990 (Marana):

- 2/10 - Love of Reading
- 2/19 - Italian dinner starting at 4 pm (flyer below)
- 3/19 - Corn Beef Dinner

Aux 10254 (Three Points):

- 2/5 - Vaccine Clinic
- 2/18 - Poker Ride Steak Dinner
- 2/25 & 26 - Desert Fest Band & Wrestling
- 3/25 - Animal Rescue

District 6

District Meetings- start at 11 am

- 4/8 at Post 1704 in Globe

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

Aux 9972 - (Sierra Vista):

- 2/10 - Auxiliary crockpot dinner starting at 5:30 pm
- 2/12 - Superbowl Party starting at 4:30 pm
- 2/17 - Steak Fry at Post starting at 5:30 pm

District 8

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

- 4/16 at Post 10005 in Bullhead City

Other District Happenings-

- 2/17- Veterans Resource Fair in Bullhead City (flyer below)
- 3/25 - Troop Box Convoy in Lake Havasu City (flyer below)
- 4/15- Awards dinner- Time to be determined
- 5/5 - Veterans Resource Fair in Kingman (flyer below)

Aux 404- (Mohave Valley):

- 2/14 - Valentine's dinner starting at 5 pm (flyer below)
- 3/11-President Johnnie's Homecoming Celebration starting at 4 pm (flyer below)

Aux 9401 - (Lake Havasu City):

- 3/25 - Spring Fling starting at 3 pm (flyer below)

Aux 9833 - (Dolan Springs):

- 2/18 - Celebration of life for Fred Stilt starting at 12 pm (flyer below)

Aux 11014- (Meadview):

- Food Bank every Tuesday

District 10

District Meetings- start at 10 am

- 2/18 -4H Rifle Soot at 720
- 2/24,25 & 26 - 4H Rifle Shoot at Casa Grande
- 4/16 at Post 3713 in Coolidge

Other District Happenings-

- 3/25 - Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day at Mt. View Cemetery (flyer below)
- 4/1-District PDiC/PDiP Dinner at Post 9399 in Apache Junction starting at 4 pm

Aux 1677 (Casa Grande):

- 2/1 - Valentine Tree & purchasing Valentines in honor of Veterans
- 3/11 - County Air Rifle Shoot

Aux 7968 (Apache Junction):

- 2/17 - Feather Party starting at 5 pm
- 3/17 - Feather Party starting at 5 pm

Aux 9399 (Apache Junction):

- 2/3 - Feather Party starting at 5 pm
- 2/4 - Big Band Swing Memories starting at 4 pm
- 2/21 - Crawfish boil starting at 4:15 pm (flyer below)

Legislative Jeanne Hampton

Proposition 130 passed in the November 2022
General Election. This is the % of Veteran Disability

off the Veteran's State of Arizona Property Taxes- after meeting certain criteria such as the letter of disability % from the VA, the application, the Veteran applying in person, and each county has an allowance for the Veteran's income. Visit your County Assessor's website or call their office to learn how this applies to Veterans in your county. **Deadline to apply differs by County- most applications due by the end of February.** A list of each of the Arizona County Assessor sites and phone contacts has been added to the VFWAuxAZ.org website under

Programs, Legislation and Proposition 130 [Prop130information.pdf](#) (vfwauxaz.org)

While preparing this article one was found under the "Be Connected" Arizona site:

https://azdor.gov/sites/default/files/media/PROPERTY_AssessorContacts.pdf
Look to "Exemptions".

In January, the new VFW Priority Goals were announced. Please look to [PriorityGoalsBrochure.pdf](#) (azureedge.net) to learn how the VFW will focus advocacy for Veterans in the upcoming year.

The 2023 VFW Legislative Conference will be taking place March 5-9, 2023 in Washington D.C. This is where all the cumulative efforts of the VFW and Auxiliary are made known to Congress when the VFW storms Capitol Hill to advocate as a presence as to *why* we should be heard. All the collective volunteer hours, dollars spent, membership numbers, program activities are an integral part of that movement and why each should be noted on your VFW's Community Service Report.

Just released the [VFW Fact Sheet](#). Everything we do is in effort to advocate for our Veterans! Learn more at: [2023 VFW Legislative Conference - VFW Tentative Agenda: Legislative-Agenda-2023-Tentative.pdf](#) (azureedge.net)

VFW Action Corps Weekly, new edition each Monday, to learn of current Veteran Legislation and how we, as Auxiliary and VFW Members, advocate for our Veterans, Military and their families. Act on the "Action Alerts" by clicking on the notices- a prewritten, VFW approved message goes directly to the Representatives needing to know the VFW actively supports the Legislation and is calling the representative to action. Sign up and VFW Action Corps Weekly will be delivered to your inbox each Monday. [Action Center](#) (votervoicenet.net)

Thank you to those Auxiliaries that have sent a Legislation Project Report. Advocacy is why we exist as the VFW Auxiliary. It is easier than you might think- it **IS** what we do. If your Auxiliary is interested in how it may have already completed a Legislation worthy project to report, let's have a conversation!



**Historian/Media
Olga Knock &
Dallas Emery**



While you are taking pictures for your Auxiliary/Post, do not forget the handy dandy tool called by many names including, but not limited to a “thumb drive”. These can be used (plugged into) your phone to store pictures. Those same pictures can then be transferred to a computer for storage, or kept on the thumb drive to be used in an electronic scrapbook.

Portable history!

Thumb drives are a very inexpensive (cheap) way of gaining additional storage. They can be used for storing files if you don't have very much memory on your computer/tablet/phone. Articles written for newsletters can be saved to a thumb drive so you have the article with you to show to others. Portable advertising!

You can download the information/application needed for signing up new members to a thumb drive so it's always available. Portable membership!

Most newer printers have the capability to print from a thumb drive. This gives you the ability to print whatever is necessary from the thumb drive in order to work more efficiently for your Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Community Outreach Irene Nowacki & Amy Bennett

Happy February to all.



It was great to get to see and speak with so many of you at Winter Conference. If you were not able to make it unfortunately, you missed out on the opportunity of meeting our National President Jane Reape.

Do not fear though, you will get the opportunity to meet her again when National Convention is here in Phoenix next year as we watch our very own Kim Harney move her way up the chairs to that prestigious position.

How are you all doing? Are you getting your reports in? Are you showing that your Auxiliary is an **Outstanding Auxiliary!** We are still in need of reports from quite a few Auxiliaries. So far we have only received 12. If you need any help please let us know. It is never looked down upon to ask for some assistance.

That is why we are here. We are coming ever closer to our report deadlines.

Please make sure that you are putting in every effort to get them accomplished. We look forward to receiving your program reports. Keep up the good work.

Happy Valentine's Day



Hospital Lynn Pierre

Here is a huge thank you to all the dedicated VFW Auxiliary members and volunteers who made the holidays and post-holidays better for our hospitalized and shut-in Veterans. You are amazing!

As we move into February, we have the opportunity to make Valentine's Day a bright one for all as well. This is a fun time to involve our youth in making and decorating cards, creating Poppy baskets for gifts and/or helping these folks to read or write. The smiles they share with you and all your volunteers will make every effort worthwhile.

Please remember to document every volunteer and the total number of each person's hours. The form needed to award these folks who have the appropriate number of hours donated can be found on the VFW Auxiliary National page at VFWAuxiliary.org. Please fill out the form completely and send it to me for processing through National.

It is extremely important that we recognize those individuals who go above and beyond to help our hospitalized or stay-at-home Veterans and an award luncheon or party to hand out the service pins is appropriate. Also, if you have non-VFW Auxiliary volunteers, (which is impressive), there is a separate form on the National VFW Auxiliary site, (VFWAuxiliary.org) to help get them service pins as well.

As you all move forward, please remember to let me know about those new, innovative ways you have produced to serve our veterans. Many of our folks have spent many years in a VA Home or hospital and see the same efforts from us every year. The challenge this year is to come up with some innovative ideas to celebrate our heroes and heroines. Please share those ideas to help everyone try something new. Again, try to keep our women veterans in mind and do something aimed at helping them out as well.

Finally, sometimes just a Thank You or Thinking of You card will perk up a Veteran beyond imagination. It only takes a moment and can mean the world!

**Chief of Staff
Carol Lee McElwain**

HAPPY VALENTINES

I know each and every one of you is a Sweetheart. I know this because we all love our Veterans and support them in every way. I believe the Veterans in the Posts are proud of their Auxiliaries when they are given recognition for showing the support that our Programs are designed to do.

Maybe, a little housekeeping reminding everyone that we have two



months left in our “year”. Let’s look at the reports that are needed to achieve those recognitions. Are your PARs being reported in a timely manner and using the correct form? Are your project reports sent to the correct chairman for credit? Are you attending trainings and District meeting and are those being reported to Department? All these things count for something and if your Auxiliary is doing the work, then let’s make sure you are getting the credit.

If you have questions or need help just ask, there are so many people that can help you achieve the credit. Remember there are a lot of members out there and maybe one or two of them can help, just ask.

Remember: Together Everyone Achieves More.



**Youth
Becky Baldwin**

**Department Wide Grave
Beautification Day- Sunday 2/12/2023**

Some Questions have come my way in preparation for the Grave Beautification-

Q: How many graves do we need to clean?**A:** There is no minimum and no maximum, clean as many as you and your team can do.

Q: Do I need to buy a bunch of cleaning supplies?**A: NO!** Please review the brochure and visit <https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/cleaning.asp> Most of the graves can be cleaned with just water and a soft brush like a toothbrush. If soap is needed the VA recommends liquid Ivory Soap.

Q: There is water listed on the supply list who buys it?**A:** It is up to the Auxiliary/District or why not reach out to the community for donations.

Q: We have members that can not bend and kneel to clean how can we complete this? **A:** This is a **YOUTH** project! Your young people should be doing the actual cleaning. Auxiliary and Comrades are there to help, support, teach. If your members can not bend, kneel then have them in charge of the water table or filling out the log.

Q: I am a member of one Auxiliary, but another Auxiliary is doing the cleaning closer to my home, where do I go? **A:** Go where you want. It is not about **MY** Auxiliary or **YOUR** Auxiliary; it is about the State of Arizona Auxiliaries showing our love for our veterans!

Love of Reading Week is in February! Reach out to your local schools to sign up to read a few patriot books to classrooms. Think about donating to the school or local library. Check out the suggest book list on the department website.

Buddy Poppy/National Home

**Sue Bancroft &
Sandi Shuman**



V F W
N A T I O N A L H O M E

Happy New Year everyone. We're half way through our fiscal year and going strong. Thank you all for all your hard work.

I've received many wonderful Project Reports and I can see that many of you have very creative minds and excited members that are ready to help. Looking at the Outstanding Auxiliary Report, I can see that there are many more of you that have not sent in reports. Now is the time to get it in gear and document all you have been working so hard on.

And don't forget that there will be a National Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that shows how "Buddy" Poppy and the VFW National Home impact each other. You'll find the complete criteria in the National Program Book at vfwauxaz.org under resources on page 21.

The "Buddy" Poppy/National Home can and should be promoted throughout the year and either as a separate event or in conjunction with another program event. Unfortunately, I often hear that Auxiliary members don't really understand exactly what the National Home is or how it relates to us locally.

The VFW National Home is where veterans and/or their families can find help and remain together keeping the family circle intact. These needs may include reintegration, post-traumatic Stress, high unemployment and rehabilitation from battlefield injuries. Sometimes families just need a fresh start. These families can live there rent-free for up to four years with access to professional care and on-site child care. Through it all, they are given the help and skills they need to be able to help themselves.

It is open to families of active-duty personnel, veterans and descendants of members of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary. The only thing that is asked is that they be committed to making changes in their lives to reach their full potential. Even those not living at the National Home can receive help through their help lines 24/7. There is so much more to the story so please check it out in the National Program Guide or by visiting the National Home website at www.vfwnationalhome.org

For ideas on how to plan your event, you might check other Auxiliary's Facebook pages and newsletters. Also, don't forget to attend your district meetings to share stories with your Auxiliary sisters and brothers. Hope to see and hear some great new ideas and projects...and have fun with it.

**Membership
Brenda &
Doug Kinghorn**



VFW Auxiliary Member Benefits - Have

you or your Auxiliary members used any of the membership benefits that are available to our members?

- Stars and Stripes Loyalty Accidental Death Insurance
- Auto and Home Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Medicare Supplement Insurance
- Dental and Vision Insurance
- Critical Cancer Insurance
- BenefitHub
- Cancer Grants
- Hearing Plans

Personal Benefits -

- Veteran & Military Support – Anyone with a heart for veterans can count their membership as an important way to stand with veterans and the military community on Capitol Hill and in local legislative battles affecting them.
- Networking – Through local and national events, members have the chance to meet people from all walks of life and many career backgrounds, creating a vast network of people who are passionate about veterans, active-duty military and their families.
- Friendships – The camaraderie gained from serving together for a cause that is close to everyone's heart leads to lifelong friendships and a strong network of support.
- Personal Fulfillment – Longtime volunteers will be the first to tout the benefits of serving others and the sense of personal fulfillment it brings. The organization offers multiple avenues for service, such as hospital volunteering and the adoption of military units.
- Personal Growth & Development – We offer multiple ways for members to acquire skills, such as leadership, fundraising, event planning and community outreach.
- Cancer Grants – After one year of continuous membership, members who are battling cancer may be eligible for a grant to help cover expenses.

Service Benefits -

- VFW National Veterans Service – A network of highly-trained professionals are available to identify the benefits you may be eligible for and assist you in filing a claim. These services are available at no cost to veterans and their dependents.
- VFW Auxiliary EMagazine – Published 6 times a year, this magazine will keep you informed about what members are doing nationwide, as well as exciting events and national programs.
- Insurance Benefits – The VFW Auxiliary sponsors discounted policies for life, health, accident, long-term care and dental, along with many other benefit plans.
- Discount Shopping – Get access to discounts on products and services that are important to you – including local offers!
- VFW Store – A wide variety of VFW Auxiliary and other patriotic products are available at www.vfwstore.org.
- Financial Services – Credit cards and certain financial services are available through USAA by calling 1-866-575-2859.

Americanism

Lori Schaeffler



It is time to get back to the basics and teach our nation's future leaders the true meaning of patriotism. In doing so, we will create awareness among parents and educators about the importance of bringing patriotism to the forefront in the classroom and the community. Have you contacted a school and asked them if you could?

Arizona Department Wide Grave Beautification Day- Sunday 2/12/2023

Let's all partner up with Youth, Americanism, Veterans and Family Support and other programs. Let's be **TEAM AZ** and all work together to make this very successful event.

We all remember the **SWAP**. Stephen Doherty our National Americanism Chairman reminded me that it's time to bring this back up and remind us to share our ideas. Talk up your ideas the old-fashioned way! Go to a District, Department or County Council meeting, Conference or Convention and chat with fellow members about what you did, how you did it, what worked, what didn't, and what may work for others in the future!

Answer questions, but also exchange ideas for the future that might improve upon what you've done and help them to have the same positive experience your Auxiliary did. When you share your Auxiliary's ideas and another Auxiliary runs with them, that's a successful Auxiliary **SWAP!**

#AuxSWAP #auxiliarypatriotism

Please use the hashtags on social media so we can share our ideas.

There are many ways to honor veterans beyond telling them "thank you for your service". Listed below I have shared a couple of ideas:

- Tell your children and grandchildren about the veterans in your family. My son constantly asks his Dad to share his Army stories with his friends. Believe me, it works as it opens a line of communication for others to share.
- Invite Veterans, active duty, military, first responders and their families to your post.
- Remember we have the presidents day coming up. It's a great time to share some history of what presidents day means. Have some board games ready for the children and adults. And of course, some fun treats.
- Ask the veteran to share with you a song that really resonates with them, possibly have it played. It opens a new friendship when you really listen to what they have to say and remember to say thank you.
- Present a certificate of appreciation or recognition to a local business or one to the neighbors that display their American flag. Present a certificate in recognition of those displaying the POW MIA flag. They will be honored to be recognized for being a patriotic American.

- And of course always wear your red shirt on Friday and wear patriotic clothing. You can never have too much pride for your country



Scholarships Janice Robertson

Happy Valentines Day!

Congratulations to the winners from Arizona: Voice of Democracy, Vivian Chang from District 10 Post #7401 and Patriots Pen, Avery Hicks from District 8 Post #9833. They will both make Arizona Proud!

Warning!! Deadline approaching. **Warning!!**

VFW Auxiliary National Continuing Educational Grant open to all VFW Auxiliary members, their spouse, son, or daughter due on February 15th 2023. This is a grant from National in the amount of \$1000 in each of the four conferences and the applications go to directly to National. Please if any Auxiliary member is interested in continuing their education get these applications to Headquarters as soon as possible.

Please keep encouraging our youth with their **Young American Creative Patriotic Arts** projects. We have 2 contests they can enter. Deadlines for these are **March 31st to a sponsoring VFW Auxiliary** and **April 15th** (Just like our taxes) **to Department**. Please get them to me at PO Box 728 Bouse, AZ 85325 or call me at 928-580-8872. We can make arrangements to get together if you do not wish to send them through the mail.

Students may enter both contests. But a complete application form needs to be filled out for each entry.

Young American Creative Patriotic Arts, This is two-dimensional art on canvas or paper. Open to grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 due March 31, 2023. All entries **MUST** be matted in white, if on paper. Original art please. First place winner receives \$15,000.

Young American Creative Patriotic Arts Contest 3-Dimensional Art. This is our new contest. So let's get promoting or better yet, let's get participation in this contest. It is also the National citation on our program reports. National first place gets \$2,500.

Dept. of Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant - open to any Arizona Auxiliary member due to me by April 1st, 2023. Are there any of you that want to go back to school continue your education? **Applicant must be a current member of an Arizona VFW Auxiliary AND must be 18 years of age or older**. Maybe we can get new members if they want to go back to school. Winner of this grant receives \$1000 from Department.

Talk to High School Seniors and Home schoolers. See if they want to apply for this year's Merit Scholarship.

Dept. of Arizona VFW Auxiliary Merit Scholarship - open to High School student that is graduating in 2023- son, daughter, sister, brother, grandson, granddaughter of an Arizona VFW or VFW Auxiliary member. also due to me by April 1st of 2023. Winner receives \$1000 for this scholarship.

Also, we need to increase the **Young American Creative Patriotic Arts**, and

the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art escrow accounts. Let's get out and do some fund raising for the youth of our Nation.

Please send me your project reports. I do not have very many at this time. We do the job we need to get the credit.

Veterans and Family Support
Melissa Martin &
Connie Hargreaves



February is here and we are coming to the end of our reporting year. So far, 15 have sent in project reports. Please remember that this is no longer end of the year reports, after your event or program, write a paragraph, attach pictures if you have them and send in your report. This way it should only take 10-15 minutes to complete your project report instead of having a bunch to do at the end of March.

Interesting point, at a recent Health Fair for Veterans and community, I asked why there promotional material still used the long crisis/suicide number instead of 988, I and her co-person at the table were taken back by her answer. "Why would we use that, it's only for Veterans". Wow, the person was from a local hospital. Only 38% of people know about the new number to make it easier to reach out for help. Please continue to put that number out, maybe put it on the back of your business cards on your next order.

There are many pages, podcasts, videos and zoom education for our veterans on www.va.gov Please take time to go through this site to see what is offered to veterans and active duty; education, classes, jobs, health news, caregiving information. It is a plethora of items to help veterans and their families.

Reach out also to your local care facilities and non-profits that provide information for information and preparation for losing your loved ones. Death does not always give a warning and your financial stability can change desperately or cause hardship do to surviving member needs. Have that discussion no matter what age, young or old. Reach out also and tell someone you care, you love them and be that friend that cares.

Swap ideas. Start an unmet needs fund for your members. It doesn't have to be based on the restriction of Department or National. You know the needs your members may face at change of disability, loss of loved one, loss of job, loss of vehicle, damage due to nature of the home or just needing help to access your home. Have a fund raiser, do a dinner to raise some restricted funds. Create your rules for what you want to pay, how you provide the funds to them, any restrictions you wish to place and maybe include an emergency amount in your standing rules. Remember, your membership must vote and be involved in the planning.

Also, look at Arizona Charities information and application and the VFW Unmet Needs program which is applied for on the VFW website by the Veteran. Please note there is a difference whether before and after 2001 as

well as to what it can or cannot be used on.

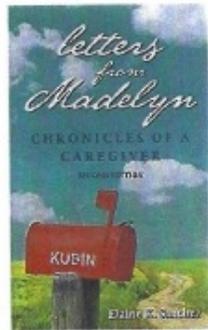
Please go to vfwauxaz.org for wording on 40 day challenge. At the start of Lent, February 22nd and for the next 40 days, take an item you no longer use out of your closet, drawers or storage boxes and place it in a large garbage bag. At the end of lent, (40 days) take it to a local shelter. Also, you can do the same with toiletries, soap wrapped in washcloth, underwear, and socks. Place one item a day in the bag and utilize at local facilities both with veterans and your community members and at Resource Fairs. Better yet, set it up at your Post with their permission.

Please remember your caregivers, support them and let them know there is help in the community and online if they need it.

#Happy Valentine's Day

NEW VIRTUAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) will be holding a virtual caregiver support group for caregivers who are taking care of loved ones with a debilitating illness and you don't have to leave home. It's done by computer access. Our facilitator will be Elaine Sanchez, Co-founder of Caregiverhelp.com and author of the unflinchingly honest and hilariously funny book, *Letters from Madelyn, Chronicles of a Caregiver*, filled with stories that will touch your heart and tickle your funny bone and discover mental and spiritual growth even in the very worst of end-of-life situations. Elaine also is the presenter for the webinar series "Finding Hope, Humor and Heart in Caregiving".



Meetings are free and take place bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. For those who live in La Paz, Mohave or Yuma Counties and do not have access to a computer with a camera and speakers, please call 928-377-4694 for further information on how to join. For those that do have access to this type of computer, please go to CaregiverHelp.com and fill out the registration form for the group at the bottom of the home page. You will receive an electronic invite with the link to the group on the program Zoom. Please register only once and you will be registered for all meetings.

WHO could be a great mentor?
A. me
B. you
C. everyone!



Mentoring Chrissy Harlan

In the words of the National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador Stephanie Krueger, "it is time for all of us to step up, if we have not already done so, and help at least one member navigate the waters of our organization".

Whether you consider yourself a Mentor, a Mentee or even both, informal mentoring is a great way to spread the word of our organization. Another word for informal mentoring is **NETWORKING**.

Networking is simply talking and when we network with other Auxiliary members at District and Department meetings and events, we spread our knowledge and also gain knowledge and ideas from others.

Networking puts Mentors and Mentees together in a relaxed atmosphere where they can share. I challenge you to go to your next District meeting, one of the remaining MIT's and the Department Convention. While there, sit with members from other auxiliaries during the meeting and at lunch or during breaks. Ask questions about what works for them and share what works for your auxiliary. If you do this, I guarantee that you will learn something even if you have been a member for 50 years and you will likely mentor someone else at the same time.! New ideas happen every day.

Has your auxiliary had an activity to show members how to find Mentees and train them? Suggest a fun event to identify Mentors and Mentees that will lead to information sharing and offer to assist with it. A few auxiliaries in our Department have done game shows such as Jeopardy, Family Feud and Clue.

To identify Mentors and Mentees, try dividing members into teams that consist of seasoned members, lightly seasoned members and newer members on each team. Some auxiliaries are awarding prizes for the winning team or gifts to all that participated. Make it fun and educational. If your auxiliary has not planned a Mentoring for Leadership event yet speak up and get one planned.

Set up an event to assist Mentees in MALTA and help them navigate the site to find information on all kinds of topics. Get them logged into the Department site at www.VFWAUXAZ.org and show them where to find things there.

Mentoring is a circle with no end. We were all once new and someone taught us the ropes, we grew in the auxiliary and began mentoring others who grew and began mentoring others,...

Set your auxiliary up for success for many years to come. Don't wait; mentor someone today.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MATERIAL DONATIONS

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Office: (520) 629-1822 Fax: (520) 629-1753

Please fill out all the information below that applies to you or your organization.
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_____ Veterans Creative Arts

_____ Comfort Cart

_____ Substance Abuse Program

_____ Fisher House

_____ Other

_____ Blind Rehab

_____ Hospice

_____ Recreation/Patient Activities

_____ Community Living Center

_____ Rehabilitation & Transitional Care (RTC)

_____ Voluntary Service Staff Discretion

Thank you for your donation.

Every effort will be made to utilize the item(s) in the area indicated.

If this cannot be done, we reserve the right to utilize the item(s) where they are needed.

SAVAHCS 678-2-135 FY21



Program Activity Reports

Melody Judd

melodyfaye@frontier.com

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

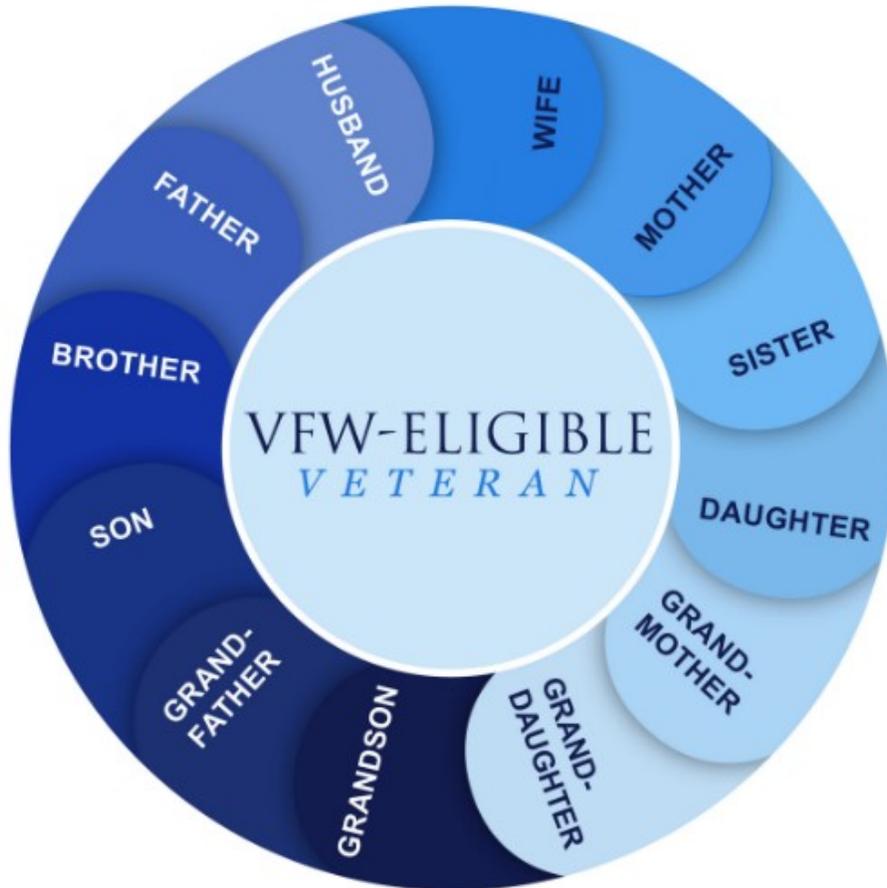
Auxiliaries have an option of what form they would like to fill out, PDF or Excel that is emailed to me or use the google doc (my favorite) that I get once you have answered the question and hit the finish button.

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.

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



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

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.

A Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____
 Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (if already a member) _____
 Annual Membership Rejoin
 Life Membership Transfer
 Member at Large in Department of _____ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
(If not a transfer, skip to B.)
 LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____
 ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying Nonpaying
 ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary _____

B *THESE FIELDS REQUIRED*
 Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Address _____ Female Male
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ Email _____

C POST-AFFILIATED (**Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.*)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

D *THESE FIELDS REQUIRED*
 NON-AFFILIATED (**Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.*)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post (if applicable) _____
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____
 Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Location: _____

E Investigating Committee Signatures
 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
 Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Accepted Meeting Date _____ Obligated Date _____

F *By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.*
OBLIGATION *In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 18 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.*
 Signature _____ Date _____
(Must be signed by all members.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY Check here if this is a gift.
Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.
 Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX _____ Life Membership Fee
 Name on credit card _____
 Billing address for card _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Credit Card No. _____ CWV Code _____
 Exp. Date _____ Date _____ Signature _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
Life Membership fees are not refundable.
 Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

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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
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Member Involvement Trainings (M.I.Ts)

Open to all Auxiliary and Post Members

Come and learn new information that will help your Auxiliary have a
GREAT year!

Trainings are from 9 – 3 pm.
Lunch will be provided for a donation

*Auxiliaries must have at least one member at one training in order to get
credit for the Outstanding Auxiliary Award (formerly Circle of Excellence)

Time and Places:

- 2/4 at Post 9400 - 840 E. Purdue Ave, Phoenix
- 2/11 at Post 6271 – 233 E. 5th St., Benson
- 2/25 at Post 1677 – 111 E. 2nd St. Casa Grande

Come to any training that works for your schedule.
Feel free to come to more than one!

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

February

VFW Post 404 **2023**

POST MEETING 10AM SATURDAY 4TH

AUX. MEETING 9AM SATURDAY 18TH

ACTIVITIES MEETING 3:30pm

THURSDAY 23RD

BE KIND & BE HAPPY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 TACOS \$2.00 EACH 12-6	3 FISH FRY OR SHRIMP \$9.00	4 CHICKEN FETTUCCINE BAKE, GARLIC BREAD & SALAD \$9.00
5 STEAK & EGGS \$15.00	6	7 WII BOWLING SOUP & CRACKERS \$6.00 3-6PM	8	9 TACOS \$2.00 EACH 12-6	10 FISH FRY OR SHRIMP \$9.00	11 LASAGNA, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD, & DESERT \$9.00
12 PORK CHOP & EGGS \$9.00 SUPER BOWL POTLUCK 4PM	13	14 VALENTINE'S SURF & TURF \$20.00 5-7PM TICKETS AT THE BAR	15	16 TACOS \$2.00 EACH 12-6	17 FISH FRY OR SHRIMP \$9.00	18 FRENCH DIP W/POTATO SALAD \$9.00
19 OMELETTES \$9.00	20	21 WII BOWLING CHILI CHEESE DOG & FRIES \$5.00 3-6PM	22	23 TACOS \$2.00 EACH 12-6	24 FISH FRY OR SHRIMP \$9.00 BAKE SALE 4PM-7PM	25 TERIYAKI CHICKEN, RICE, VEGGIES & DESERT \$9.00
26 HAM STEAK \$9.00 CELEBRATION OF LIFE RON JOHNSON 1-3PM	27	28 WII BOWLING POTATO BAR \$8.00 3-6PM				

Queen of Hearts drawing at 6:30pm every Saturday

BAR food available daily

Karaoke Saturdays 7PM TO close.

BREAKFAST
9am-11am or till gone

CHECK WHITE BOARD FOR UPDATES



VFW 5990 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE
 Planning Meeting ★ Thursday 2/2, 7 PM
 Cooties Meeting ★ Saturday 2/4, 1 PM
 Comrades' Meeting ★ Thursday 2/9, 7 PM
TAKE NOTE: Auxiliary Meetings begin at 6:30 PM
 Auxiliary Meeting ★ Thursday 2/16, 6:30 PM
 House Committee ★ Thursday 2/23, 7 PM

Join your friends down at the Canteen!
 OPEN 3-8 PM DAILY ★ HAPPY HOUR 3-7 PM
 ★ **FEBRUARY CANTEEN SPECIALS** ★
 Wine \$2.50 ★ Bud & Bud Light \$2

EVERY WEEK IN THE CANTEEN	
SUNDAY	3 PM-Close: Free Pool 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: Burger & Fries \$8
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

WELCOME FRIENDS!
 Veterans & Active Duty Personnel welcome with ID. Other guests must be accompanied by the member who invited them. All non-members must be signed in to our guest register by a member.



We Rent Our Hall
 Open to the public.
 Reserve your date today!
 520-682-6134



CANTEEN RAFFLE BASKET!
 Tickets \$1 each - 6 for \$5 -
 Arms Length for \$20 -
 Drawing February 28th.

CALENDAR EDITORIAL COMMITTEE
 Post Commander ★ Auxiliary President
 Canteen Manager ★ Missy Hall, Editor

THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!
 Meal quantities are based on past participation; meals are available while supplies last.

Saturday, February 4

 **MOC Taco Dinner** ★ 5PM ★ \$8
 Served with beans and rice

Saturday, February 11

Canteen Opens 10 AM Today
 Military Order of the Cooties
 Grand of AZ Council of Administration
 Meeting Time TBD
 Luncheon following the meeting.

Sunday, February 12

 **Dept. of Arizona Grave Beautification Day**
10 AM ★ Marana Mortuary
 Adult & Youth Volunteers Needed!
 Contact Becky Baldwin for more details.

 **Super Bowl Party!**
 Game Time 4:30 PM
 Bring your favorite "tailgate" potluck dish!

Tuesday, February 14

♥ Valentine's Day ♥

Wednesday, February 15

Sinking of the USS Maine 1898 ★ Toast 6 PM
Sunday, February 19

 **Auxiliary "Dinner With A Clue" ★ 4 PM**
 Baked Penne, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
 Presale \$5/Door \$8/Call ahead for to-go.
 A VFW "Clue" game will be held during dinner, so bring your spy glasses and be ready to play!

Monday, February 20

 **President's Day**

Flag Retirement ★ 4 PM

Saturday, February 25

 **Comrades Steak Dinner**
 5 PM ★ \$15 Presale/\$20 Door
Tuesday, February 28

Liberation of Kuwait 1991 ★ Toast 6 PM

COMING SOON

- March 19 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
- April 9 Easter Pancake Breakfast
- April 23 Gloria's NASCAR Fried Chicken Dinner
- May 7 Cinco de Mayo Dinner

VFW Post 769 Auxiliary Presents

Legends

With Michael Cullipher & Dana Myers



An Auxiliary Youth Programs Fundraising Concert

featuring Tributes to Johnny and June Carter Cash, Loretta Lynn, Merle Haggard,
Patsy Kline and many more.

Monday, February 6, 3 pm

VFW Back Patio

\$10 tickets from VFW Canteen or Aux. Officers

Join us for the 1st Annual
Salute to Patriots Poker Party



**A Texas Hold-em Tournament to benefit the
Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1261
& Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 549**

Saturday, February 11th, 2023

**VFW Post 549
8424 E. Old Spanish Trail**



**Doors open at 4pm
Tournament Play
starts
at 5pm sharp**



**Suggested Donation (Buy-In) : \$65 per player
Table Sponsorship (includes 5 players) : \$500
\$20 Rebuys / \$20 Second Chance Table**

**Limited Seating Available.
RSVP and Sponsorship Inquiries:**

PatriotsPokerParty@gmail.com

Additional Sponsors Needed!



All Sponsorships are tax deductible as a contribution to a 501c19 Organization

Resources & Info

District Presidents:

- Assign Auxiliaries to cemeteries. or have all members work at one cemetery it is up to you.
- Assign a Project leader

Auxiliary Presidents:

- Meet with youth partners & Auxiliary members get commitment
- Show up on site & be ready to go

Resources:

- <https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/cleaning.asp> (has cleaning supply list)

Supply List:

- Cleaning supplies
 - See list on va.gov site
- Bottled Water
- Flags
- Logs

Statewide Grave Beautification Project

Sunday 2/12/23 10:00am

Department of AZ- 2023
Youth Activities Program
Becky Baldwin- Chair



Pre- Event

- Identify cemeteries in your areas- Focus on Non-Veterans Cemeteries
- Identify a Leader for each cemetery (Aux Member)
- Gain permission from the cemetery to clean Veterans Gravestones
- Get local youth & local youth groups to commit to the project
- Review cleaning Veterans Gravestone guide with Auxiliary/Post/Youth Participates

Event Day- Leader

- Arrive at site with supplies
- Assign teams. Each team should have a minimum of 1 youth
- Give each team their supplies and provide a return time
- Get a group photo
- Provide help & support where needed- take pictures

Event Day- Teams

- Take a before and after picture of the Veterans Gravestone
- Clean the grave per guidelines, place a flag & salute the Veteran
- Log the Veterans Gravestone include **Veterans name, branch, name of cemetery, city, and state**

Post- Event

- Say Thank you and give praises to everyone's hard work
- Team leader to collect the logs and pictures
- Send logs to Youth Chair along with picture
- Share your picture on Facebook be proud of your work
- Auxiliaries complete your Youth Activity Program Report- send it in



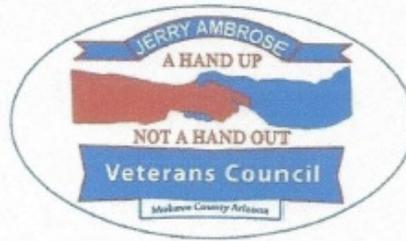
VFW Post 404
SWEETHEART DINNER
Valentine's

**SURF & TURF
W/ VEGGIE &
DESSERT**

20\$ PER PERSON

**FEB 14, 2023
5 PM TO 7 PM**

Get Your Tickets NOW!



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.
www.vfw.org



Veterans Resource Fair



Bullhead City
Chamber of Commerce
1251 Hwy 95
Bullhead City, AZ 86429



Friday, February 17, 2023
From 10 am to 2 pm



Multiple Agencies Available



Contact:
jennifer.burch@javc.org





He was our
super
Veteran

COMRADES & AUXILIARY



He was a
husband
dad
grandpa
great
grandpa

will be HOSTING

a memorial in HONOR

of

FREDERICK (FRED) STILT



He loved
his furry
buddies

FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Noon 12:00 p.m. sharp



He was #1
in our
books

AT THE

VFW POST 9833

15943 N. Pierce Ferry Road
Dolan Springs, Az.



He was
loved by
everyone and
everyone

Potluck after services, so
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VFW Auxiliary 5990

Italian Dinner with a Glue

BAKED PENNE, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD & DESSERT.

February 19th, '23
4pm - 6pm

While supplies last.

\$5 Presale
Until February 16th

\$8 Day of Event
17th thru 19th price.

To-Go are available.

Proceeds goes to Auxiliaries Veteran and Family Support Fund.

VFW Post 9399

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AUTHENTIC CAJUN CRAWFISH BOIL

February 21, 2023
4:15 PM til gone

Limited to 125 people - sign up at Post

(Authentic crawfish boil has corn on the
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Cajun Music



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March 10th, 2023 - 9am-3pm

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OH TOODLES!
PUT ON YOUR EARS!

Madam President
Johnnie DeBoard's



Saturday, 11th March 2023

Cash Bar at 4 pm with Dinner, drawings & dancing to follow.

**Pre-Purchase tickets \$25
\$ 30 at the door**

Event open to Members & Public

**Contact Johnnie for
Tickets at
928-202-1581**



*****Save The Date*****



50th Anniversary Welcome Home! Vietnam Veterans Day

Everyone
is Welcome
to Attend!!

Saturday, March 25, 2023

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mountain View Cemetery and Funeral Home

7900 E. Main Street

Mesa, AZ 85207



What is Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day?

More than 8 million U.S. Troops served in Vietnam. The last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the end of March 1973. These veterans came home to a country divided on their feelings about the war. Many who returned did not receive recognition for their service.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 am - 11:30 am - We are honored to have Major General Peter Alyward and his staff from Washington, DC, several guest speakers, Veterans Heritage Project Students, Presentation of Colors by the Navy JROTC Color Guard, 6th Grade Students from Patterson Elementary School, Native American Blessing, Veterans Pinning Ceremony performed by the Dept. of Defense USA Vietnam War Commemoration, Bagpipes, USA Army Field Band (Six-String Soldiers), and White Dove Release.

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Enjoy fun and entertainment for the whole family:

Informational booths for Veterans
Free haircuts for Veterans
Military Equipment
Wreaths Across America Educational Trailer
Bands
Dunk Tank, Food trucks and much, much more!

Questions? Please contact Nancy Fassbender at (520) 280-4715

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SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

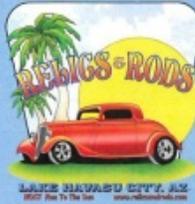
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Please join us for the

VFW MC AZ Big River

"2023 Spring Fling"
Spaghetti Dinner

March 25, 2023
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
at the VFW Post 9401

In conjunction with
VFW Post 9401 and Auxiliary

This evening is open to VFW members and their guests offering a complimentary dinner (donations welcome) with karaoke, opportunity drawings and 50/50.

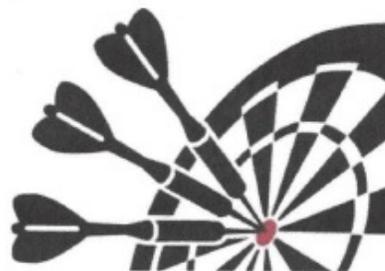
All proceeds to help veterans and their families through the work of the VFW MC, the Post and the Auxiliary.

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MONDAYS STARTING AT 5:00 PM

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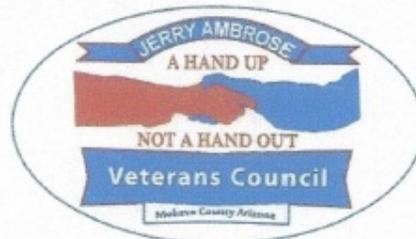
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Drawing at April's District meeting**

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Kingman
Mohave County Fairgrounds
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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!



President DeBoard's Special Project: Heal Her Art "Helping women veterans through art"

*Activities subject to change at any time. Version July 2022

For more information about this program or Heal Her Art classes for women veterans, please contact HealHerArt@gmail.com
Please send donations to:
VFW Auxiliary Dept of Arizona
326 East Burrows Street
Tucson, Az 85704
Attn: President's Special Project

Raise funds while having fun!
Heal Her Art will come to your location and help you raise funds for President DeBoard's Special Project!!!
Select a project, schedule it with Heal Her Art, invite members and friends. Collect fees and send proceeds to President DeBoard!
Instructional event is \$25 per person. All proceeds go to Heal Her Art. (Must have 25 participants minimum: Greater Phoenix metro area only)
Heal Her Art encourages other fun fundraising activities to occur simultaneously such as dinner and silent auctions/raffles!



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Poppies

Acrylic painting on 16x20" canvas - Studio grade acrylic paint on wrapped canvas



Old Glory



Make a Wish



Fanciful Horses Partner



Desert Ride



Violet Stems



Grateful Heart



Hummingbird Silhouette



Lady Succulent Terracotta Planter
Learn how to paint with acrylics on terracotta. Then customize by using line embellishments. Planters range from 4-6".



Snow Friends



Best Friends



Quarter Sun



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Glass Bottles **Dessert Plates** **Candy Dishes** *Ask for images
Learn about etching solution and how to easily etch everyday glass forms with custom stencils.

10" Dessert Plates



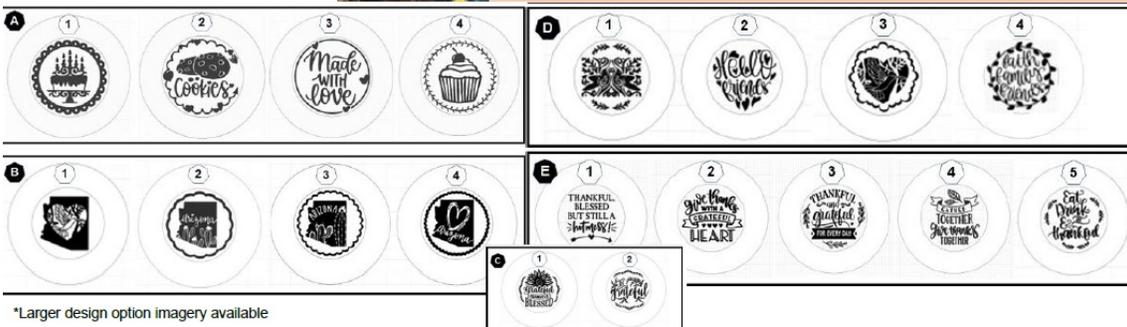
Arizona Hummingbird (shown in this photo)



Bottles



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Painting on Glasses or Bottles



(2 Frames ea.) Mod Podge Paper on Wooden Frames w/ Embellishments



Winter/Spring Transition Hoop Wreath



Paint your glassware with poppies!



Custom Suncatcher



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
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Questions - please email at wzzrd2@hotmail.com or call me at 480-318-2131

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

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