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Arizona VFW Auxiliary Newsletter

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President Johnnie DeBoard's Message

What an amazing year this has been for the Department of Arizona. The Auxiliaries have all done wonderful things and most made 100% in membership.

I want to thank all the Chairmen and Co Chairmen for always doing a wonderful job promoting your program and being available to answer any questions a member may have had. To the line officers thank you so much for all your hard work - you are all awesome. A huge thank you to all the PDP'S for the mentoring you have given me throughout this journey.

Although my year as your President is coming to an end, my passion for this organization isn't. I'm always only a phone call away. I have truly been honored

to represent all of you on my travels.

Bambi, you will do wonderful things for the Department and I will be right by your side to help in any way you need. Thank you for a wonderful year.

Hope to see you all at Department Convention. Have a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Department Announcements

*This is the last newsletter of the year. The next one will be emailed on July 1st.

****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, banquet and APPC 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. Talk with Kim Sloan or Janae Kemery if interested.

*******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.



The Department VFW Auxiliary would like to welcome the newest VFW Post 12222 which is in Oro Valley. Their first meeting will be May 2nd at 6 pm at the Catalina Elks Lodge. All VFW and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend and welcome our newest VFW members.

Time is running out to make your arrangements for 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



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



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.

Auxiliary Past-Presidents' Club
Auxiliary VFW Department of Arizona
Meeting – Friday, June 2nd, 2023

Mail Checks & or Tickets To: APPC
Send to: Kristie Purnell - Secretary/Treasurer
PO Box 1748 – Apache Junction, Az 85117

2022-2023 GREENIES (Outgoing Presidents on All Levels),

It's time to gather for LUNCH, have some fun, take care of business, and welcome the newest batch of Past Presidents! The Annual Business Meeting will be held during the Department Convention in Scottsdale, AZ at the Plaza Resort on Friday after the opening session.

MENU: Assorted Fresh Baked Rolls with Butter
Plaza Wedge Salad
Grilled Chicken Breast, Bacon, Heirloom tomato, Native Corn Relish, Black Bean, Buttermilk Ranch, Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Water Services

The Past Presidents' Club or APPC, donate funds each year to the Arizona VA Medical Centers in Prescott, Phoenix, and Tucson. There will be a GRAND prize and several items raffled during the lunch. The VAVS Representatives will report during the meeting on how our funds were used to help our veterans.

All outgoing Presidents on every level are "Greenies" (so named because green is the official color for the APPC). Greenies are asked to make a special fundraising effort by first asking your Auxiliary to donate \$50.00 to the Arizona Past Presidents Club (APPC), selling raffle tickets throughout the year, and at Department Convention. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$1.00...so Auxiliary receives 150 tickets in their name for the \$50 donation. This donation is reportable in the Hospital Project Report. Greenies need to provide their own raffle tickets. Identify the tickets with either a name and telephone number, or auxiliary number. Winners need not be present. **Checks should be made out to "APPC" and mailed to Kristie Purnell, APPC Secretary/Treasurer – PO Box 1748, Apache Junction, AZ 85117 – Greenie Tickets & Money can be turned in at convention (if you have sent me an email telling me you're coming)! We must provide a head count before the convention starts.**

The APPC meal covers dues, project dues, and Lunch = \$22.00. Members can pay and pick up their 2023 cards in the registration area at convention and the card will allow entry to the APPC Meeting.

Those not attending the meeting can mail \$4 for our project and dues and Kristie will mail the membership card directly to you. Please make sure you include your mailing address. You must pay for the luncheon by the **May 17th, 2023, deadline** – we will not sell lunch tickets at convention.

Sheila Lee-Eiler - APPC President
Sheila.eiler1@gmail.com – 602-475-5477

Kristie Purnell-APPC Secretary / Treasurer
klpurnell52@gmail.com – 480-593-8228

APPC LUNCHEON

Assorted Fresh Baked Rolls W/Butter
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
Dessert
Coffee, Tea & Water Service

• Friday •
June 2nd, 2023

• 12:30 PM • Room TBA

Lunch \$18.00 Dues \$4.00

Deadline for Lunch and Registration is May 17th, 2023

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: APPC
MAIL CHECKS TO: KRISTIE PURNELL
PO BOX 1748
APACHE JUNCTION, AZ. 85117

PLEASE BRING YOUR GREENIE
TICKETS FOR AUXILIARY PRIZES
**DON'T FORGET YOUR GREENIE
RIBBONS**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION GREETINGS

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Comrades:

I have been so honored to serve as your National President and to meet with many of you. I want to thank you all for your hospitality; you have helped make memories I will cherish forever.

I commend you for supporting our mission with ***Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care***. Your hard work and dedication improved the lives of our veterans, service members, their families and our communities.

VFW National Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland's theme is ***Every Veteran Counts***. Tim and I have worked all year as a VFW and Auxiliary family to focus on our collective mission. We need to continue to team up for the benefit of our veterans and service members. It has been an honor to work side-by-side with Tim.

With ***Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care***, everyone will know where we stand – and that ***Every Veteran Counts***.

You should all be very proud of a job well done. I know we will continue our important work together as women and men of the VFW Auxiliary, and in partnership with the VFW as one VFW family. We have touched the lives of our veterans in so many ways.

I'm very pleased by the outpouring of support from our members who have contributed to my special project, 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art. Your generosity will help us recognize and reward students who work in three-dimensional media and give them a chance to compete exclusively with other 3-D artists. We can and will make a difference in their lives as we continue to grow this fund.

I know we will keep strengthening our mission of "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes."® You make me so proud to be a member of this amazing organization. Congratulations to the incoming 2023-2024 Officers and Chairmen on all levels; I wish you a productive and effective year. Stay focused on our mission. I regret that I will be unable to join you for your Department Convention. Please accept my congratulations for another outstanding year for your Department.

Sincerely,

Jane Reape

National President



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Sullivan Post/Auxiliary 2459 which is located in Indiana recently lost their building due to a tornado. Fortunately no one was hurt as those who were in the building hid in the walk in cooler. The Department of Indiana Auxiliary will be making a donation to the auxiliary to help them begin to recover. If your auxiliary would like to send a donation, please make it out to Department of Indiana Auxiliary and send it to the Department Treasurer Kassandra Osborn, 410 E. Dustman Road, Bluffton, IN 46714. Thanks.

Donations
Needed
Can you help?



*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 news/events.

****The incoming National President's shirt is now available for purchase. Flyer is below and can also be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under news/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 news/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 news/events.

Volunteers Needed

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



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



- [Mentoring - Making a Difference](#)
- [Scholarship - Keep the Momentum Going](#)
- [VFS - Focusing on NVS](#)
- [Youth - Teaching Kids and Teens about History](#)



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NATIONAL HOME

VFW National Home

The "gray days of winter" are nearing the end here at the National Home, and we have kept ourselves pretty busy. From assisting in moving in families from Texas and Utah, to saying goodbye to a wonderful family who've purchased a house in Georgia, we kept the fires burning, and the community we call Home has been quite active. Our Valentine's Dance was a great success, and it was fun to watch the parents and children enjoy shaking off the winter blues to some dance favorites.

We are growing daily, both in filling homes, and filling hearts. Families are working hard to increase their skills in relationships, parenting, budgeting, and time management. The safety and security provided by our Home and its like-minded community makes it easy to feel like you belong. The transition from a military lifestyle to a veteran/civilian lifestyle is much smoother when you're supported by others who've made the journey or who are walking the path with you.

Spring is just around the corner. I can smell the fresh cut grass, and May flowers in bloom by just thinking of it. There is so much planned for this summer that I can't wait for it to get here. Thank you for all you do to make this magical place a success. We are blessed and grateful for all we are able to do to support our Veterans and Families, and that's all because of you. Happy Spring!

Michael Wilson, SPHR
CSM, Army National Guard (ret)
Executive Director
VFW National Home

VFW Auxiliary License Plate Story

Carol Lee McElwain
Dept. Chief of Staff 2022-2023
District 2 Treasurer 3 years
Auxiliary Secretary, Past President 6 years



When I heard we could get a license plate for the Auxiliary, there was no question in my mind of what I wanted. I wanted our Post number as we started the Auxiliary in August 2014. We worked on getting members and having meetings to get us ready for not quite 2 years. I joined under the eligibility of my husband, Vern, Navy Vietnam Veteran; I had a choice however of which I would join under. My father was a Navy WWII Veteran and oldest son Kirk was a Navy Desert Storm Veteran. I felt very proud of all of them. I am so proud of my Husband and very honored to have his name as my eligible Veteran on my

Auxiliary application. I love having a VFW Auxiliary license plate on my car for everyone to notice.



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**Department Secretary /Treasurer
Kim Sloan**

**VFW AUXILIARY
2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
SCOTTSDALE PLAZA RESORT**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**THE VFW AUXILIARY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN GRAND
BALLROOM A,B,C**

**JOINT OPENING MEETING AND JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE
WILL BE IN GRAND BALLROOM D,E,F**

WEDNESDAY MAY 31, 2023

1:00 – 4:00 PM REGISTRATION

3:00 PM RITUAL PRACTICE GRAND BALLROOM A,B,C
(Department Officers, Flag Bearer, Banner Bearer, Patriotic Instructor, Color Bearers, Historian, Assistant Conductress, Assistant Guard)

7:00 PM PRACTICE – MEMORIAL SERVICE GRAND BALLROOM D,E,F
(Department Officers, Color Bearers, 2022-2023 District Presidents)

THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2023

8:00 – 10:00 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM JOINT OPENING CEREMONY

NOON LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:00 – 2:00 PM REGISTRATION

**2:00 PM AUXILIARY OPENING SESSION
OPENING CEREMONY
TRIBUTE TO PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS
AND 35YR + MEMBERS**

4:00 PM JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY JUNE 2, 2023

8:00 – 11:00 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM AUXILIARY BUSINESS SESSION
AWARDS

NOON AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON LA VALENCIA

1:00 PM AUXILIARY BUSINESS SESSION
AWARDS
OFFICER NOMINATIONS

FOLLOWING MEETING CANDIDATE FORUM

SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00 AM AUXILIARY BUSINESS SESSION
VFW COMMANDER'S VISIT TO AUXILIARY MEETING
VFW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO VFW MEETING
2023-2024 PROGRAM KICKOFF
ELECTIONS

BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF 2023-2024 OFFICERS

5:00 PM 2023-2024 DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER/PRESIDENT

NO HOST RECEPTION

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD BEFORE DINNER. DRESS IS
COCKTAIL/PARTY.

6:00 PM BANQUET

SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023 LA VALENCIA A

9:00 AM COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MEETING - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
COUNCIL MEETING

Happenings at the Districts

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

District meetings for the 2023-2024 year will be listed
in the July newsletter



District 1

District Meetings - start at 11 am:

District 2

District Meetings -start at 11 am

Aux 12128 (Williams):

- 5/13 - Golf Tournament starting at 8 am (flyer below)
- 6/10 - Gun Raffle with drawing on date listed (flyer below)

District 3

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

Aux 1433 (Glendale):

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

District 4

District Meetings- start at 10 am

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

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):

- 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
- 5/6 - Kentucky Derby Party starting at 1 pm (flyer below)

Aux 9400 (Sunny Slope):

- Every Saturday- Queen of Hearts at 4:30 pm
- 5/6 - Kentucky Derby Party starting at 1 pm (flyer below)
- 5/12 - Navajo Tacos starting at 4 pm (flyer below)

District 5

District Meetings- start at 10 am

Other District Happenings-

- 5/30 - Gold Star Memorial Monument Dedication at 10:30 am (flyer below)

Aux 549 (Tucson):

- 5/2 - Marksmanship Event starting at 7 pm (flyer below)
- 5/5 - Cinco De Mayo starting at 4 pm (flyer below)
- 5/6 - Kentucky Derby starting at 3:57 pm (flyer below)
- 5/13 - Luau starting at 5 pm (flyer below)

Aux 5990 (Marana):

- 5/7 - Taco Dinner

District 6

District Meetings- start at 11 am

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

Other District Happenings -

- 5/13 - Free 5K Run/Walk Honoring Gold Star Families Starting at 10 am (flyer below)

Aux 9972 - (Sierra Vista):

- 5/12 - Aux crockpot dinner starting at 5:30 pm
- 5/14 - Post breakfast starting at 8 am
- 5/19 - Post Steak Fry starting at 5:30 pm
- 5/28 - Post breakfast starting at 8 am
- 5/29 - Memorial Day cookout at the Post Starting at 11:30 am
- 6/11 - Golf Tournament starting at 8 am

District 8

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

Other District Happenings-

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

Aux 11014- (Meadview):

- Food Bank every Tuesday

District 10

District Meetings- start at 10 am



Auxiliary Community Outreach Irene Nowacki & Amy Bennett

A huge shout out and congratulations to all of the Auxiliaries that stepped out into their communities and lent a helping hand. Amy and I are very proud of all that you have accomplished this program year.

We are not done yet though, we still have lots to do. It may be the end of this program year but we should never stop looking for opportunities to show our community that we are not only here for our Veterans, but those needing help with functions and activities. Continue looking for those chances to show that we are the VFW Auxiliary and we are available to help anywhere we can.

We wish you all the best the rest of this year. Also good luck to the Auxiliary that has been submitted to National for a possible award for most outstanding community partnership in the Western Conference to be received at National Convention this year, right here in our great state of Arizona! How exciting would it be to have our Auxiliary win this awesome award at home! We can show just how we **Shine Bright for our Veterans** and our communities. We have our fingers crossed and we will be jumping for joy if our Auxiliary wins and takes home this prestigious award!

Thank you all so very much for a wonderful program year. See you at State Convention and National Convention.

Toodles!

Legislative Jeanne Hampton

What a year it has been! Thank you to all the Auxiliaries who reported Legislation Activity for the year 2022-2023.



Some of the outstanding shared information includes *new* Arizona Legislation- HB2545 to set aside \$1 million dollars for a Veteran Retreat (follow this on [AZLeg.gov](https://www.azleg.gov))- a number reported legislation round-table discussions prior to the election, taking the Vote with a Veteran in mind promo, enlarging and setting up a table to speak to persons- outside the 75' limit, with permission, about Veteran Legislation! Very ingenious!

Things I wish I would have known- how wonderful and easy it is to speak with candidates. When invited to speak to a United States Senator- don't squeal

like a school-girl. (I don't think Kim Sloan has recovered, yet). **DO** get to know Jim Ellars- what a gem the Department of Arizona has for our VFW National Representative. (Let him know "pictures, or it didn't happen" and see what you get!). Media **LOVES** a conversation. Where there are Legislators, there is media. Make friends!

Most sincere gratitude to Department President Johnnie DeBoard for believing in me and asking me 2 years ago to be her Legislation Chairman. I would have never dreamed it would be so wonderful. Sincere thanks also must go to Connie Hargreaves for being the patient trailblazer, PDP Melody Judd to remind me "they work for us", and National Ambassador Bobbie Goldman for inspiration and ideas while I impatiently waited for *something* to happen with the Legislative Conference.

Tips for Auxiliaries- get started now. The clock is ticking, 2024 is just around the corner and a *new* Election Year. Candidates will start jockeying for position- let them know the VFW Auxiliary means business on Veteran issues. **FOCUS** on Veteran issues- know what is on the ballot- write to your representatives, be an advocate for Veterans and our Military. **ATTEND** events where representatives are present- get photos, **SPEAK** to them- so many, especially in Arizona, **ARE** Veterans themselves. Remind them it is our Honor to serve our Veterans but it is their **DUTY**.

Legislation goes hand-in-hand with every Program for the VFW Auxiliary. When I first took this chairmanship, I was reminded- "Don't just talk about "Action Corps Weekly". My first passion in the VFW Auxiliary was the POW/MIA section of "Action Corps Weekly". I didn't understand all the rest of the Legislation, but I could readily identify with POW/MIA- and it was cemented when my Veteran husband was invited to the Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. On the way home he attended a funeral for an identified and repatriated Veteran- missing for nearly 70 years. The Veteran was to be buried in Columbus, Ohio- Bob went to the local WalMart, purchased a flag, went to JoAnn's purchased a shadow box, with his nephew folded the flag (a first for the nephew) and attended a funeral for a Veteran that only ONE family member had known- his youngest brother of 11 siblings.

The Programs of the VFW Auxiliary matter. Be an advocate. Be a voice for those who do not know where to turn or how to find the information they need. They were willing to give their life for the freedom you know today.

God bless you all in the work that is still before us to do, together.



Chief of Staff
Carol Lee McElwain

Spring has Sprung and we
are hoping to see those
May Flowers soon!

Well, we have our newly elected officers getting ready and waiting for Dept.

Convention, then they can assume their new roles.

May is great month to visit your Post. The current and the newly elected Presidents should visit their Posts and let them know you are ready to work with them for the coming year. This is a good time to let them know you will be sending the form for the Auxiliary with information on Community Service that they are allow to count for the Post. Take along a copy of the form and refer to the information that the Auxiliary will be forwarding each month.

The Auxiliary and Post getting together is a good way to communicate and doing face to face is much better than assuming that information is shared with the Auxiliary and Post. Maybe set up a quarterly visit with each other. It doesn't have to be the President and Commander, it can be a representative from the Post and Auxiliary. They can get the information needed to pass on and go to each other meetings. Just remember to contact the Commander and President prior to the meeting, so they are able to get it on their agenda.

We are always working for our Veterans and their families and communication is the best way.

And as always

Remember: Together Everyone Achieves More.

Let's make this a **GREAT YEAR!!!!**

This is the last time I will be writing to you as the Dept. Chief of Staff. I want to thank Johnnie for appointing me to this position and I have enjoyed working with her and everyone. I hope I have helped at least one Auxiliary along my journey and they are a Healthy Auxiliary.

Good luck to the new officers.

**Buddy Poppy/National Home
Sue Bancroft &
Sandi Shuman**



Yay...it's May and all of our project reports are turned in and we can breathe and take a few minutes to get ready for the upcoming year. A new year, new officers, new program chairs and hopefully, new volunteers. All these people come together to make us successful in our efforts to support veterans and their families.

In a few months the new program books will come to tell us what the priorities are for this year. This program book will be one of the biggest helps in getting you started on a successful year.

New officers and new program chairs, please get started learning everything you can about your new responsibilities. Remember that there are plenty of people out there to help you, so don't be afraid to ask questions. An unasked question may never be answered. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to help make 2023-2024 successful.

Enough of that. It's May and we still are actively working. May is a big month for the Buddy Poppy/National Home because of the focus on Memorial Day. Be sure to train your volunteers so that they can answer questions that will come up. Remember that we are not "selling" Buddy Poppies, but we are certainly not averse to receiving donations. One of the main questions I hear every year is "where do the donations for Buddy Poppies go?". That's easy. The Buddy Poppy Program provides financial assistance to local, state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs. It helps fund our local relief funds and partially funds the VFW National Home.

There are so many things you can do for Memorial Day with the Buddy Poppy Program besides holding donation events. It's a great time to educate people. Remember that the Buddy Poppy is one the best known symbols of the VFW.

More importantly, Memorial Day is a prime time to honor our senior veterans whether they are in health care facilities, in local senior programs or even in our own posts. Let's not forget who we are and why we work so hard.

At this time let's not forget our VFW National Home. The National Home is asking for financial assistance in renovating the Veterans Resource Center which helps veterans and service members access resources they might otherwise be unable to access. Also, remember the National Home Hotline... 800-313-4200 or help@vfnationalhome.org. This service is available to all veterans nationwide.

Thank you for all your hard work this year.



Membership Brenda & Doug Kinghorn

As President Johnnie DeBoard's Membership Chairmen for the year 2022-2023, we want to say "Thank you" to all the members of the Department of Arizona. Because of each and everyone of you, we were able to reach several goals this year, one of them reaching over 100 percent in membership. While attending the MITs (membership involvement training), we met and had great conversations with every one of you. Your questions and ideas helped other auxiliaries grow their membership. Continue to grow your membership.

Ask your new members to accompany you to this year's convention, June 1st – June 4th.

From Co-Chairmen, Doug, I would like to thank everyone for helping the Department, in hitting 100 plus, in membership, and that came out to the MITs.

I hope you took the "Welcome Raffle", idea back to your auxiliaries and gave it a try.

Hope to see you all at the Department of Arizona Convention. We will be having our last raffle, as Membership Chairmen, with a very nice "Thank You", door prize to the attendees. The ticket will be pulled while handing out the Membership awards.

Continue to reach out to new members -

- Work programs in the community.
- Make videos showing what we do and post them on social media.
- Invite new members to events and Auxiliary business sessions.
- Ask them what they would like to do or if they have any ideas to better the situation.
- Be nice and professional.
- Hold membership drives.
- Ask if they need anything.
- Ask them to help fold or send out member renewals or member packets.
- Just simply give them a call, chat with them, get reacquainted and remind them how vital they are to the organization and veterans everywhere.

100+% Membership

Department of Arizona!!!

Thank you!!!

Hospital Lynn Pierre

Memorial Day is so close and there is so much we can accomplish for our hospitalized Veterans. If you are thinking about visiting a homebound Veteran, perhaps take a prepared meal. If visiting the nearest hospital or Senior Citizen Center, bring Flags and a huge smile!



This is a great time to gather the young ones, visit the Veterans' Home and sing or read to them. The smiles you will produce will be more than rewarding. Here is an idea many of us don't think about . . . some of those hospitalized or shut in Veterans are women. How about a Mother's Day Bouquet with Flags and Poppies?

Speaking of the young ones, Mothers' Day and Thank You cards are always welcome and make our Veterans feel appreciated. Many of our young ones are so creative and would love to put something together for them. If you can't take their cards, someone at the Post will always be sure to get them delivered to a Facility.

Memorial Day Celebrations are being planned. Perhaps there is someone who can provide transportation to an event for a Veteran who otherwise cannot get out to join us for the Flag Raising, Celebration or meal. Thoughtfulness is

always appreciated and many of our folks are lonely. We will not forget them or the sacrifice they made for us.

I am so very grateful for the opportunity to be your Hospital Chairman this year, and so amazed at what you all have been able to accomplish for our Veterans! Due to your support, many more Honor Escorts are being provided as appropriate; many Veterans have enjoyed your company and gifts and so many of you have stepped up and out!

Thank you for your undying efforts.



Veterans and Family Support Melissa Martin & Connie Hargreaves

WOW can't believe this is the last Veteran Family Support Article for 2022-2023. What a year of fun and information. 35 Auxiliaries sent in their project reports as of this writing! Two new Auxiliaries were approved, and they sure stepped up to the plate in support of our Veterans.

Some of the great things that were sent in:

- Dinners for members and Veterans at the Post and Veteran homes
- Kentucky Derby Chili Cookoff
- Food drives and Pantry's
- Many Stand downs – Stand Up resource fairs
- Comfort items for VA Homes, Hospital and assisted living (placed on roving carts)
- Participation in events such as Wheel Chair games, Operation Homefront, Run for the Wall
- Diaper Bags, blankets, clothing collected for Veterans
- Christmas, Easter, Valentine lunches or dinner for members, caregivers, Gold Star, White Star, Blue Star and Silver star mothers and families.
- Supporting women and veteran outreach places that support them with clothing and essential items.
- Hosting Veteran concert
- Cakes for all branches of service on their Birthday (Army, Navy, USMC, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force)
- Heal her Art, Do It Yourself projects, Help Heal Veterans
- Adopt a Unit
- Adopt a VA Home or Assisted Living Home
- Recognize Volunteers and Recognize Caregivers
- The providing of information

So many ways our members, Auxiliaries and Posts stepped up to show we care for our Veterans, their families, and our communities.

One note to take away, many of you waited until the end of the project report year to send in a project report. (Old habits are hard to break) Just a reminder,

as you do an event or anything for our Veterans, send a project report in right away and if you took pictures include only THREE of your best for that event. These are not end of the year reports any longer. We get a better chance to swap and share at District meeting or MIT training.

Remember, help is just a simple deed away!

If you know a friend that's struggling, but don't know what to say...let me help you 🤔

1. Laundry party?? I'll bring by popcorn and help you catch up!
2. How are YOU doing...can I help with something so you can take a break to shower?
3. I don't know what to say, but know I'm thinking of you.
4. I'm dropping by some snacks at 6pm. I'll leave them in the mailbox!
5. Sometimes it IS too much to handle, isn't it?
6. For what it's worth, I think you're really holding it together.
7. I know you won't tell me what you need, so I'm going to list a few things. Just simply say yes or no if it's something I can help with.
8. Is Tuesday a good day to bring dinner?
9. You are so unbelievably enough.
10. I will always love you no matter what.

To those struggling, keep your chin up. We're all in this together ❤️

**Youth
Becky Baldwin**

Happy almost end of the program year. What a great

year Arizona had! We continue to engage and commit to the Youth of our state. Great Job!

I just want to share some of the projects that came through on Youth Project Reports this year. Let's celebrate together in June.



- 9 Auxiliaries complete and submitted Grave Beautification Projects which was forwarded to National for consideration for a National Citation and Award. A shout out to my home District, District 5 for having **EVERY** Auxiliary in the District participate! Way to go!
- Auxiliaries across the state really got moving in supporting our schools having a variety of events! Such as
 - back to school events including back to school bingo where students won additional fun school supplies!
 - donating books to school classrooms, school libraries and community center for Patriotism through Literacy.
 - Partnering up with local schools for Trunk or Treats, Holidays festival and just being in the classroom.
 - Visiting classroom to teach about flag etiquette and how to fold a flag.
- Not only the events above but Auxiliaries in Arizona also hosted a variety of Community Events tailored towards youth in their communities. Such as:
 - Halloween, Fall, Christmas and Valentines parties and/or Events!
 - We even had a Mr. and Mrs. VFW Santa Claus (whom are husband & wife Life Auxiliary Members) that went around making appearances in local neighborhoods! How cool is that?
- Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue - we had 3 entries into the contest. These winners will represent Arizona at National Judging.
 - K-8 Department 1st Place Winner- Leighton sponsored by Auxiliary 2357
 - 9-12 Department 1st Place Winner- Erandy sponsored by Auxiliary 7968
- We had some amazing artists submit for Illustrating America - a total of 12 1st place winners came to Department for judging. These winners will represent Arizona at National Judging.
 - K-2 Department 1st Place Winner- Etta sponsored by Auxiliary 7061
 - 3-5 Department 1st Place Winner- Ryan sponsored by Auxiliary 3632
 - 6-8 Department 1st Place Winner- Ailis sponsored by Auxiliary 7968

As my 1st year as a chairman ends, I reflect on the fun I had. The fun of supporting coaching and cheering on the Auxiliaries in this Great State I call home! Thank you for this opportunity to support you all.



Scholarships Janice Robertson

Scholarships are over for this year.

We received only one 3-D Young American Creative art project, 10 Young American Creative Art projects, 3 Merit Scholarship Applications, and 2 Continuing Education Applications. Now is my time to judge the winners. To be announced at Department Convention. See you there.

But Wait, we are not done. We have the themes for 2023-2024 Patriots Pen which is “How are you inspired by America?” and the Voice of Democracy theme is “What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?” Let’s hit the ground running this spring and summer and get these out to the students so they will have more time to prepare. Contests end on October 31st, 2023. Don’t wait until the school year ends get it out to them now. Applications are on the vfwauxaz.org website under programs/scholarship. Or you can contact me, and I will be happy to get you a copy of them.

It has been my pleasure to be your scholarship Chairman this year. I look forward to next year.

See you all at Convention.

Americanism Lori Schaeffler



As the 2022, 2023 wraps up, I want to take the opportunity to recognize and thank the members of the Department Arizona Auxiliary for all the hard work and dedication to our veterans and their families and their communities. I enjoyed seeing all of the Americanism reports this year, and how many veterans we honored. Many of you included our youth and as we know we need to teach our next generation that freedom is not free. Don’t stop! We have much more to do and I’m excited to see you at State Convention and share the Americanism Program for next year.

May 6th 2023 is the 2nd annual VFW Day of Service which is part of the VFW’s #StillServing campaign that unites veterans across America around a common goal — showing the nation the impact veterans make in their communities. The Auxiliary can team up and do a community project with our children and other community members. Let’s show the community that the VFW and VFW Auxiliary are willing to get our hands dirty and help out.

Don’t forget to go and register your event on the interactive day of service map, and receive a special participation, decal or find a local event to join in on and honor veterans around the country to make a difference.

Armed Forces Day – Third Saturday in May. A day to pay tribute to the men and women currently serving in our nation’s armed forces. Armed Forces Day, the day was designed to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, particularly within their respective services.

Run for the Wall (RFTW) will be all over Arizona overnighting May 17th. They

will have lunch in Needles CA and Blythe CA before crossing into AZ. They also go through the White mountains. They will be on Interstate 40 and Interstate 10 so watch out for motorcycles. These patriots will overnight in Williams, Flagstaff and Casa Grande.

RFTW comes into Casa Grande 5/17 about 5pm for dinner at The Elks Lodge. The next morning 5/18 arrival into Marana Az at approximately 730am and after morning briefing are off to Willcox for lunch

This is the 33rd year RFTW has conducted its mission of promoting healing among all veterans and their families and friends, calling for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel around the world. This mission is supported by thousands of citizens from communities like yours who come out to greet them, who provide donated gas and oftentimes food, and, most importantly, to demonstrate their patriotism and support.

As they work their way across America, whether from California to D.C or D.C. to Marseilles, IL., they visit towns and communities, veteran organizations like the VFW and American Legion, VA Centers and hospitals, schools, Gold Star families, and civic organizations to help spread the word. They need your help to promote the healing of those who have answered our nations call; to help remind our legislators that they need the accountability that was promised; and most importantly, we need to NEVER FORGET those who sacrificed all for us.

They would love to have you come out to meet or join them anywhere along the Southern Route of RFTW as they work their way across this great country of ours; showing Patriotism is alive and thriving across the USA

Memorial Day – May 29th

to commemorate those who died in the war by decorating their graves. It was declared “Memorial Day” by federal law in 1967, by which time the remembrance had been extended to honor all Americans who died while serving in America’s armed forces.

Many people celebrate Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials; volunteers place American Flags on every grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day, originally celebrated on May 30, now designated on the last Monday in May, is a day sacred to all war veterans. By honoring the nation’s war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice. All U.S. Flags should be displayed at half-staff during the day.



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

Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

We wanted to let you know it has been a sincere honor and privilege to serve all the Auxiliaries that make up the

Department of Arizona VFW Auxiliary and we want to thank President Johnnie DeBoard for allowing us to serve on her staff as the Historian/Media Relations Chairman for VFW year 2022-2023.

We really enjoyed seeing the reports come in, what all the Auxiliaries have done over the year to serve our veterans, and how all of you did so by living up to President DeBoard's theme "Shine Bright for our Veterans". The projects the Auxiliaries participated in over the year and how you documented your successes are a true inspiration. Your efforts reflect great credit upon your Auxiliary, District, and the Department of Arizona VFW Auxiliary.

We would also like to thank everyone for all that you did as it was enlightening to see what others are doing to support our programs. The knowledge shared at meetings, on Facebook, and through your reports brought about a lot of positive discussion for other Auxiliaries to try throughout the state. We wish all of you nothing but success in your future endeavors not only as Auxiliaries but as individuals who support our veterans day in and day out. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all and a true inspiration heading into next year.

We look forward to seeing you all at the convention.

Mentoring Chrissy Harlan

Last month each of our auxiliaries was to elect officers for the 2023-2024 term. Are all of your offices filled? If so, Congratulations! If not, you need to find out why no members were interested in holding that office. Maybe they were not sure what holding that office entailed.

Maybe the perceived expectations were too much for them.



Per the National Bylaws most of the officers below President include statements such as "assist the President", "under the direction of the President", "as the President may require", etc. Statements such as these are a bit ambiguous. How many times have we heard someone say "oh don't worry about being Senior Vice President because you won't have to do anything"? What does your auxiliary really expect of each officer? When mentoring members on the duties of the offices be honest.

Now that your officers have been elected it is every members responsibility to help them. Past officers and seasoned members have the responsibility to mentor the new officers. Mentoring does not mean telling them what to do and how to do it. It means counseling them and offering ideas to help make your auxiliary successful. I highly recommend organization and planning meetings to mentor and be mentored.

I am so very proud of the members of this Department for the wonderful job you did in Mentoring for Leadership this year. I hope everyone learned some new things this year and that we all spread that knowledge on to others.



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.

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.



VFW Post 5990 Calendar ★ May 2023



VFW 5990 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Check your meeting time!

- Planning Meeting ★ Thursday 5/4, 6 PM
- Cooties Meeting ★ Saturday 5/6, 1 PM
- Comrades' Meeting ★ Thursday 5/11, 6 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting ★ Thursday 5/18, 6:30 PM
- House Committee ★ Thursday 5/25, 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
 ★ **MAY CANTEEN SPECIALS** ★
 Dos Equis \$2.50 ★ Monte Alban Tequila \$3.50

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

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 May 31st.

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.

Monday, May 1
 Loyalty Day ★ Toast 6 PM

Saturday, May 6
MOC Chicken Dinner ★ 5 PM ★ \$8
 Served with Potato Salad & Tossed Salad

Sunday, May 7
Auxiliary Cinco de Mayo Dinner ★ 4 PM
 \$8 Presale ★ \$10 Door
 Taco Bar with Rice, Beans & Toppings
Proceeds benefit Auxiliary General Fund

Monday, May 8
 V-E Day 1945 ★ Toast 6 PM

Sunday, May 14
 Mother's Day
 Canteen Opens 9:30 AM

Mother's Day Brunch ★ 10 AM
 Free for Moms – All others \$5

Saturday, May 20
 Armed Forces Day ★ Toast 6 PM

Joint Comrade/Auxiliary Officer Installation Ceremony ★ 4 PM

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

Monday, May 29
 Memorial Day ★ Toast 6 PM

Memorial Day Open House and Post Officers Meet & Greet ★ 3-6 PM
 Bring a Friend! ★ Open to the Public!
 Free Hotdogs & Chips! ★ Games - Raffles - Prizes!

Flag Retirement ★ 4 PM

COMING SOON

- June 1-4 VFW AZ Convention ★ Scottsdale AZ
- June 18 Father's Day Event – Details TBD
- June 24 Steak Dinner
- June 25 Free Rock Painting Class - Fun for all ages!

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

Post/Auxiliary 10005 May Calendar





















May 2023



MEMORIAL DAY BUDDY POPPY DRIVE
27-28-29
SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED IN THE POST
PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

 MAY 6 th. 5 pm	1  KJ MIKE & DEBRA 5PM	2	3  CHICKEN FRIED STEAK KJ MIKE & DEBRA 5PM	4 FINANCE COMMITTEE 0900 HOUSE COMMITTEE 1000	5  NO FISH FRY MEXICAN FOOD NIGHT W/MARGARITA BAR KJ RIC & DEBRA 5PM	6 POST MEETING: 10 AM STEAK OR RIBS W/ FIXINGS KJ RIC & DEBRA 5PM
7	8  KJ JOHNNIE 5 PM	9	10  CALENDAR MEETING 10 AM BREAKFAST FOOD DINNER KJ JOHNNIE 5 PM	11	12  AUX MEETING 1 PM KJ RIC & DEBRA 5PM	13 STEAK OR RIBS W/ FIXINGS KJ RIC & DEBRA 5PM
14  MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH 10 to 1	15  KJ JOHNNIE 5 PM	16	17  JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR POST & AUX. 4 PM GOULASH KJ JOHNNIE 5 PM	18	19  NAT. ARMED FORCES DAY KJ RIC & DEBRA 5PM	20 PAINT CLASS 1 PM W/ YVONNE MEDRANO STEAK OR RIBS W/ FIXINGS KJ RIC & DEBRA 5PM
21	22  KJ JOHNNIE 5 PM	23	24  MEAT LOAF DINNER KJ JOHNNIE 5 PM	25	26  VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLAG PLACEMENT AT CEMETARY KJ RIC & DEBRA 5PM	 STEAK OR RIBS W/ FIXINGS KJ RIC & DEBRA 5PM
28 	29  MEMORIAL DAY BAR-B-QUE 11-2 KJ JOHNNIE 5 PM	30	31  REUBEN SANDWICH DEPT OF AZ CONVENTION SCOTTSDALE MAY 31—JUNE 4 KJ MIKE & DEBRA 5PM	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		

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!

Marksmanship Event at VFW Post 549



7pm Tuesday, May 2nd

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

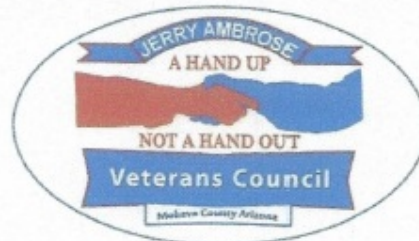
If you have children or grandchildren
ages 8-18, they can join us for an air rifle
marksmanship event.

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



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

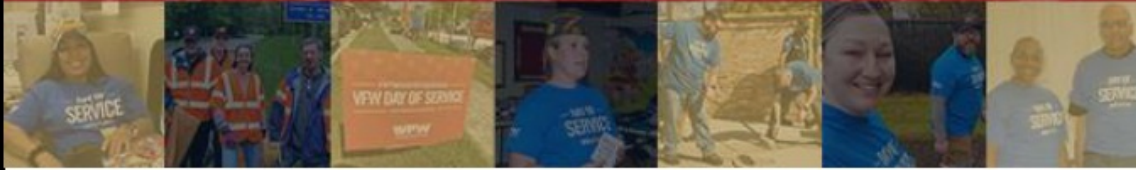




Cinco de
Mayo
at Post 549
May 5, 4-
8pm

\$3 House
Margaritas \$2
Mexican Beer
(Estrella, Dos Equis, Modelo,
Corona)

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 AUXILIARY POST 3632 IS PROUD TO PRESENT
IT'S ANNUAL KENTUCKY DERBY FUND RAISER AT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2
2125 S INDUSTRIAL PARK AVE TEMPE AZ 85282
(480)967-2968**



**Join the
FUN**

**Saturday, May 6TH 1:00 pm - Until everyone is
pooped out!**

More than just a day at the races ...

**Fun Events ALL Day :
Stick Horse Races, ALL RIDERS WIN A PRIZE!!
50/50, Bake Sale, Raffles,
Chili Cook-off**

ALL CHILI'S MUST BE TO POST BY 3:00 JUDGING AND EATING BEGINS AT 3:30

EACH ENTRY IS TO BE: ONE FULL CROCK POT with a ladle
and any fixings need to perfect your chili!!!

JUDGING IS DONE BY EVERY ONE WHO PURCHASES CHILI! They GET A SAMPLE BOWL OF EACH CHILI TO TRY
FOR JUST \$5.00

**\$50 BEST OVER ALL, \$30 HOTTEST WITH NICE FLAVOR, AND \$20 MOST ORIGINAL
(NO MULTIPLE WINNERS)**

Best Hat Contest

1st place \$30, 2nd Place \$20, 3rd Place \$10

Judging during the Chili Cook Off maybe earlier.

All HATS MUST BE HOME DECORATED, NO RENTAL'S OR STORE BOUGHT FINISHED PRODUCT

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HAVE FUN AND SHOW YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

**Kentucky Derby Race ETA 3:45
COME JOIN THE FUN!!**

Post/Auxiliary 9400



2nd Annual



Kentucky Derby
Party

Saturday

May 6th - 1pm



Drink Specials



**Derby & Hat
Contest**



Horse d'oeuvres

Sign Up to bring your favorite snack

\$ Race Wagers \$

Come Join the Fun!!!



at Post 549

May 6, 3:57 pm

Come watch

“The Greatest Two Minutes in
Sports”!

The 149th Kentucky Derby!

Join us for drink specials and fun!
Wear your best Derby Hat and get
happy hour prices from 1-5pm
(Sorry, baseball caps don't cut it!)





Come join Post/Auxiliary 9400

Navajo Tacos

Friday - May 12th

4:00pm-6:30pm

(or until gone)

\$10 - Taco & Dessert



Sponsored by:

MOCA #11

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Matthew J Broehm
Post 12128, Williams, AZ
7th Annual
Golf Tournament at
Elephant Rocks Golf Course
Williams, AZ



May 13, 2023
8 AM Shot Gun Start
2 Person Best Ball Scramble - Blind Draw for Hole Pairing

If returned by May 1, 2023

\$90 per person or \$180 per team
\$95 per person or \$190 per team AFTER MAY 1, 2023

Includes Lunch

50/50 Drawing, Raffles and Silent Auction Available
Hole Sponsorship Tee-Box Sign \$125.00

For Information please call (928) 225-0930. Please send Sponsor/ Entry fees, and make all checks to:

VFW Post 12128
117 Route 66
Williams, AZ 86046

Pick your Own Team (If you are a single we will pair you up)

Player 1 _____ Handicap _____ or average 18-hole score _____

Player 2 _____ Handicap _____ or average 18-hole score _____

Please return by May 1, 2023

The tournament is available to all persons (one team member must be at least 21 years of age). We plan to have many options available to win exciting prizes and \$\$\$!
Please remember this is a Veterans Services Organization sponsored event, all monies after costs, are used to assist Veterans and their Families!!

BOSS & SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

5K WALK TO REMEMBER

HONORING OUR GOLD STAR FAMILIES

FREE 5K RUN/WALK

13 MAY 2023

10AM

BARNES FIELD HOUSE



CALL 520-533-2404/5767 FOR INFORMATION



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FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS



VFW POST 549
LUAU
 SATURDAY, MAY 13
 5:00- 8:00 PM

TICKETS \$20.00

Dinner served Buffet Style
Seating starts at 5 PM

MENU
 Teriyaki Chicken
 Grilled chicken thighs marinated in Teriyaki sauce
 Kalua Pig
 Roasted, salted, shredded pork roast
 Macaroni Salad
 W/Tuna and Black Olives
 Tossed Green Salad
 W/Miso Ginger or Asian Vinegar Dressing
 Lomi Salmon
 Salted minced Salmon, tomato, green onion
 Pineapple Upside Down Cupcake
 Alcohol Free Fruit Punch

Island Mac
 Live Entertainment
 Starts at 6 pm
 With dancers
 Siva Maia Polynesian Dancers

Tucson, Arizona
Gold Star Family Memorial Monument Dedication Celebration

Tuesday, May 30th 2023
At 1030am
2773 S Palo Verde Road
Tucson, Arizona 85713

****Please RSVP to Barb Brownlie at barbbrownlie@icloud.com by May 12**

WOODY WILLIAMS
 ★ FOUNDATION ★

"Dying for freedom isn't the worst thing that can happen. Being forgotten is." Georgie Carter-Krell (Mother of Posthumous Medal of Honor Recipient Pfc. Bruce W. Carter, USMCD - Florida)

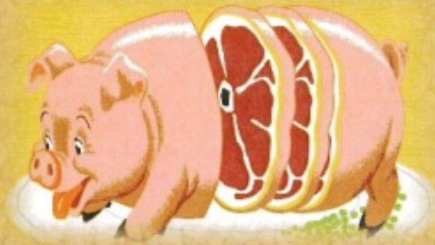
VFW STATE YOUTH PROGRAM

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.

GUNS & ROSES *& DINNER*



Matthew James Broehm VFW Auxiliary Post 12128

SPRING RAFFLE

Winner's Choice - 3 drawings

Tickets \$20 each or 3/\$50

Drawing June 10, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.

For information contact 760-703-1297 or 928-225-0931

Carol Lee McElwain will have tickets at Dept. Convention



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/
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Military Teen Adventure
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Chrissy Harlan

Candidate for
National District 15 Council Member

★ Proudly Endorsed by ★
Auxiliary 5990 & District 5 Auxiliary



Becky Baldwin

Candidate for Department Guard

VOTE

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



2023-2024
AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT
CARLA
MARTINEZ

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S SHIRT Order the president's shirt, available only with the embroidery as shown.



- Embroidery included; No additional embroidery available
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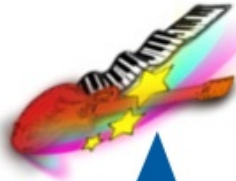
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DEPARTMENT OF UTAH
Cordially invites you to attend

**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:
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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



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VFW Auxiliary Mid-Year 2024
February 12-17, 2024
5-night cruise round trip from
Port Canaveral:
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Reserve your spot today for \$150.00 per person
Feb 12-17, 2024

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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.
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