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## Arizona VFW Auxiliary Newsletter

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### President Johnnie DeBoard's Message

Its hard to believe its November already. October was a busy month for all of us. The pictures on Facebook showed great Halloween events with our children. Those pictures warmed my heart.

Speaking of Facebook, I've seen where some auxiliaries have done fundraisers for Heal Her Arts. I truly appreciate all the support for such a great cause. Remember if you have flyers for your events send them to Kim Harney so she can put them on the website.

I have completed all but one of my official district visits. The districts are doing great things and it has been my pleasure visiting with the members. Please let me know if you have events coming up. I would like to try and attend as many as possible.

## Department Announcements



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

- 12/3 at Post 6790 – 29389 Oakland Ave., Wellton
- 12/4 at Post 10005 – 1611 Marble Canyon Dr., Bullhead City
- 12/11 at Post 3584 – 405 W. Main St., Superior
- 12/17 at Post 8807 – 197 E. Stevens Lane, Tonto Basin
- 2/4 at Post 9400 - 840 E. Purdue Ave., Phoenix
- 2/11 at Post 6271 – 233 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Benson
- 2/25 at Post 1677 – 111 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Casa Grande

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

**\*\*Project Report Forms** are up on the webpage. There is one report for each program. Go to Programs and then scroll down to the program you are looking for.

**\*\*\*Winter Conference** is January 14-15, 2023. The flyer is below.

**\*\*\*\*PDP Kim Harney** has a new address -2718 Avondale Dr. Sierra Vista, Az 85650



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## National News

- VFW National Auxiliary Mid Year will be a Mexican Riveria Cruise on Jan 22-27 2023. See the flyer below for more information. The flyer is also on the Department webpage - [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under News/events

## 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](http://www.vfwauxaz.org)

- [Mentoring - Making Mentoring Fun](#)
- [Veterans & Family Support - Reporting & Reaching Out](#)
- [Youth- Remember Their Names](#)



The National Home hopes you were able to join them Saturday, October 22nd for the livestream of their Annual Meeting, but if you were unable, no worries! Here is a [link](#) to a recording of the meeting.

## National Council of Administration Questions



What is the role/ how do they represent our District?

*The answer to this question is in our 2022 Podium and Bylaw book Sec. 710, and the "Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation" 2.0, Guidebook 4.*

***Representation of the National Council of Administration:***

- ***The NDCM is a representative of the National Organization and the National President. They should be positive, kind, and friendly in their actions to all members.***
- ***Be the elected person to represent their territories. (Arizona and New Mexico). Elections for the National District Council Member is held at the Department convention, with installation at the National convention.***
- ***Make Department Official Visit***

***Once elected National contacts the newly elected NDCM member for Contact Information, General Travel policies, and NDCM training. General training is given to the newly elected NDCM on matters such as:***

- ***The role and composition of the National Council of Administration***
- ***The role of the NDCM***
- ***The duties, responsibilities and obligations to their Departments and to the National organization.***
- ***The current NDCM keeps copies of information to pass along to the newly elected, so they will be well informed when they start.***

***The role of the National District Council member is described as:***

- ***Being prepared to vote at called Council meetings on any subjects brought before the Council.***
- ***Approve the National budget***
- ***Have full power to fix the salaries of the Officers of the organization***
- ***Approve the Audit of the Auditing committee***
- ***Propose and approve expenditures outside the National Standing Rules, Budget, and Bylaws***

- *Can request (with majority of the members of the National Council of Administration) that the National President call a special meeting.*
- *The National Council consists of the National President, National Sr. and Jr. Vice Presidents, National Secretary/Treasurer, National Chaplain, National Conductress/Conductor, National Guard, National Chief of Staff (only if appointed by the National President) National Regional District Council Members (see Sec. 804E) and the 4 Jr. Past National Presidents.*

Does the VFW's Council Member serve from the same state at the same time?

*The VFW's National District 15 Council Member (NDCM) serves a 4-year term. Our current VFW NDCM for Arizona is PDC/Department Adjutant Gene Wood. His term began in 6/2019 and he serves until 6/2024. Each State has their own council member on the VFW comrade's side. In 6/2019, Kim Harney was elected to serve as the Auxiliary National District 15 Council Member for the term of 2019 to 2021. Arizona served together until Kim's term ended in 2021.*

*Mary Sanchez of New Mexico is now serving her two-year term for the Auxiliary NDCM 15 for the term of, 6/2021-6/2023 with Arizona's VFW NDCM. For NDCM Auxiliary 2023/2025 term, Arizona will once again serve with the VFW's NDCM Gene Wood for his last year of service 2023/2024. All National Council members (Districts – with 2 states or Area's with 1 state) are installed at the National convention the year they are elected.*

What happens if the elected Council Member cannot fulfill their tenure?

*National is to be notified immediately if the elected member can not fulfill their role on the council. The Department of the elected member, then elects a new Council member. The mentor I asked this very question to said, this has happened on one occasion, and it was at the end of the council member's term. The newly elected NDCM completed that term and ran for the next term.*

*Thank you, again for the questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me or to ask more questions.*

*Sheila Lee-Eiler*

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## Department Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sloan

### New Member/Rejoin Applications –

Let's review what constitutes a completed application –

- All of Sections A, B, C (if affiliated), D (if Non-Affiliated) and E.
- Section D must show that the veteran received ribbons/medals that has or would qualify that veteran to belong to the VFW. Only show the ribbon/medal that makes that veteran eligible for the VFW. If necessary refer to Bylaws Sec. 101 – VFW Eligibility Guide. Please do not use

abbreviations for medals/ribbons. Note that Vietnam Service Medal is a qualifying VFW medal but the Vietnam Campaign is not. If you need assistance determining what ribbon/medal to show, contact me or Asst. Treasurer Kim Harney.

- The Applicant **MUST** sign and date under the **OBLIGATION**.
- New Life Member Applicants must complete the Life Membership section showing they paid by cash check or cc and the Life Membership Fee. The rest of the credit section needs to be completed if paying by credit card. It must be completely filled out and signed by the cc holder. Only the credit card holder signs and dates the credit card section.
- If affiliated, you must show the VFW membership number for the veteran.

We no longer accept debit or ACH payments. You'll notice that the current application (Revised May 2022) no longer includes that option. If you use an old form, the applicant may think that they can pay that way which creates a delay.

Once that you see that new members have been entered in **MALTA**, please review all new member information and make any corrections. I try my best to decipher the applications but there may be errors that you need to correct. If the new member does not receive their membership card because the address was entered incorrectly, National Headquarters will not reissue the card until it's ordered and paid for by the Auxiliary or the member.

I would caution all Auxiliaries – Applicants must sign and date the application. We recently had a situation where a relative wanted to sign someone up, filled out the application and signed it. Unfortunately the application was incomplete and I called the applicant to confirm the date of birth. The applicant had no idea that someone had signed their name to the application and did not appreciate it at all. Take the time to verify that the applicant did sign especially if they live out of state. No one should be signing someone else's name to an application.

As we start the holiday season, please take time to enjoy your family. If you have room at the table, invite a veteran to join you. Everyone needs to feel the love!

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## 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:

- 1/22 at Post 769 in Quartzsite

- 4/16 at Post 2357 in Bouse

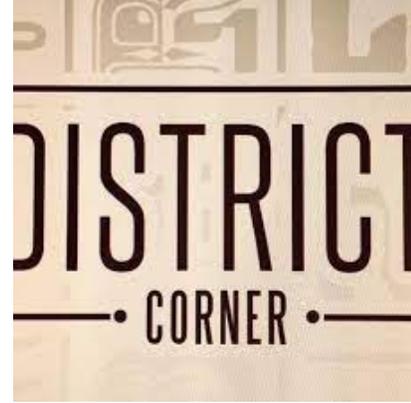
### **Other District Happenings-**

- 11/19 - Veterans Stand Down in Quartzsite from 9-3 pm (flyer below)

### **District 2**

#### **District Meetings -start at 11 am**

- 12/17 at Post 7400 in Cottonwood



### **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

### **District 4**

#### **District Meetings- start at 10 am**

- 12/4 at Post 9400 in Sunny Slope (this is a change from 11/13)
- 1/29 at Post 1760 in Mesa
- 4/23 at Post 720 in Phoenix

#### **Aux 720 (Maricopa):**

- 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):**

- Every Sunday Nine Ball Tournament at 2 pm
- Every Tuesday Trivia Night at 7 pm
- Wednesday Pool Nights at 6 pm
- Every Thursday Queen of Hearts at 7 pm
- Friday Nights Darts at 7 pm
- Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am – Red Cross Blood Drive

#### **Aux 1796 (Black Canyon City):**

- Wednesday nights- music night at 6pm
- Friday "Fun" meals for \$8 4:30- 6pm or until sold out
- Saturdays- Karaoke from 3-6 pm
- 10/22- Cornhole Tournament starting at 11:30 am (flyer below)

#### **Aux 3513 (Scottsdale):**

- Sunday Brunch, and 50/50 is held Sundays at 1 pm
- Queen of Hearts every Wednesday along with Dinners at 5 pm
- Friday nights- Jack of Hearts and Fish Fry night
- Ongoing Cat Rescue program – <https://www.azbw.com/vfw-cat-rescue>
- 11/10 - Marine Corp Birthday Ball starting at 5 pm (flyer below)

- 11/24 - Thanksgiving Dinner

### **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
- 11/11 from 9 – 11 am will participate in the Tempe Veterans Day Parade on Mill Ave from ASU Gammage to Tempe Town Lake Park
- 11/12- Boxes for the Troops Packing Party from 1-4 pm at American Legion (flyer below)

### **Aux 9400 (Sunny Slope):**

- Every Saturday- Queen of Hearts at 4:30 pm
- Auxiliary meeting is first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

## **District 5**

**District Meetings-** start at 10 am

- 1/28 at Post 4903 in Tucson
- 4/22 at Post 549 in Tucson

### **Aux 549 (Tucson):**

- 11/3 through 11/5- Rummage sale starting at 8 am each day

### **Aux 5990 (Marana):**

- 11/12 - Veterans Day Celebration starting at 4 pm
- 11/13 - Sausage Hoagie Dinner starting at 4 pm
- 12/11-Ham Dinner starting at 4 pm

## **District 6**

**District Meetings-** start at 11 am

- 1/21 at Post 8807 in Tonto Basin
- 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

- 1/22 at Post 836 in Bisbee
- 4/23 at Post 9972 in Sierra Vista

### **Other District Happenings-**

- 12/10 District 7 VOD/PP Dinner at Post 6271 in Benson

### **Aux 9972 (Sierra Vista):**

- 11/24-Thanksgiving Potluck dinner starting at 12

### **Aux 10385 (Thatcher):**

- 11/12- Rib Contest & Nickel Auction starting at 10 am

## District 8

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

- 1/29 at Post 11014 in Meadview
- 4/16 at Post 10005 in Bullhead City

### Other District Happenings-

- 2/17- Stand Down in Bullhead City
- 4/15- Awards dinner- Time to be determined
- 5/5- Stand Down in Kingman

### Aux 404- (Mohave Valley):

- 3/11-President Johnnie's Homecoming Celebration starting at 4 pm (flyer below)

### Aux 2190- (Chloride):

- 11/5- Volunteer and member appreciation luncheon after meeting

### Aux 9401 - (Lake Havasu City):

- 11/11 - Veteran Day Parade with lunch at the Post afterwards
- 11/26- Chili cook off starting at 11 am

### Aux 11014- (Meadview):

- Food Bank every Tuesday

## District 10

**District Meetings-** start at 10 am

- 1/29 at Post 7401 in Chandler
- 4/16 at Post 3713 in Coolidge

### Other District Happenings-

- 12/10 - VOD/PP 1st Responders Awards at Post 7401 in Chandler starting at 4 pm
- 1/21 - Buddy Poppy Ball at Post 3713 in Coolidge starting at 4 pm
- 4/1-District PDiC/PDiP Dinner at Post 9399 in Apache Junction starting at 4 pm

### Aux 9399- (Apache Junction):

- 11/11- Outdoor concert starting at 6pm



**Chief of Staff  
Carol Lee McElwain**

**HAPPY FALL TO ALL!**

“This year lets work on the TEAM approach to making our Auxiliaries health and strong.”

I hope you have starting using our **T**, **E** and **A** from the last month's newsletters. This time we are going to look at **More**.

We all know the meaning of More and the first meaning in the dictionary: greater in amount. We have to look no further than this one meaning to put to use in our TEAM. We all know that more is better, in food, money, objects (toys, boats, ATVs, electronics, etc.) but let's add respect, faith, honor, humility, kindness, helpfulness.

These all are very important for Healthy and strengthening your Auxiliary. It is very important no matter where you are to practice all these virtues.

Remember: Together Everyone Achieves More.

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**Legislative  
Jeanne Hampton**

**Get Out and Vote!**

**YOUR**

**✓ VOTE**

**MATTERS**

November 8, 2022 polls open at 6:00 AM and remain open until 7:00 PM. Look at the information on [Vote.AZ](https://Vote.AZ) and [AZCleanElections.gov](https://AZCleanElections.gov)

Watch the candidate debates. Learn who our representatives are and may be. Write to them! Text them! Vote with a Veteran in mind.

A "Yes" vote on proposition 130 helps to pass the Legislation for the % of Veteran disability to be reflected on their property taxes. This will also assist widow and widowers. Read the information on proposition 130.

Thank you to everyone at Fall Conference who wrote down the information regarding the Major Richard Star Act (HR 1282, S 344) Chapter 61 Retirees, Predatory Claims HR 8736 and those who have gone on to "Action Corps Weekly" and acted on the "Action Alerts". It is because of your efforts our representatives will act on these important issues in Legislation. Thank you, also, to Garrett Gracy for pointing out HR 8888, Veteran Food Insecurity and wanting to push that bill up to the Senate. Contact YOUR Legislators! They work for us!

In finding that ONE thing in the VFW Priority Goals that drives your passion, you are doing your part to help pass Legislation. [PriorityGoalsBrochure.pdf \(azureedge.net\)](#)

In looking for locations for a recent "Office Hours" for Veterans, I stumbled into a find for connecting with potential Young Adult Voters- contact your Community College "Veteran Student Services Officer". They may have activities with student services to open a line a communication and offer assistance. Veterans, voters, students and could meet the criteria for the National Legislation citation.

Please remember to contact "shut-ins" and offer to assist to take them to their polling location. For those who have Youth Activities- look to [LawForKids.org](https://LawForKids.org) for Kids Vote ideas! Possibly offer an incentive for anyone wearing an "I Voted" sticker.

Thank you for being an active voice for our Veterans! Please send in your Legislative Project Reports with what your Auxiliary is doing to advocate for Veterans.

## Vote with a Veteran in mind!

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### Auxiliary Community Outreach Irene Nowacki & Amy Bennett

Now that we have had our fill of candy, spooky costumes and haunted houses, it's time to switch gears and start thinking about what we

can do to help others in need.

This time of the year, local food banks and soup kitchens are looking for volunteers to help serve meals or box up food to give to the less fortunate. Fall festivals will be in full swing also. Get out in your communities and see if any local businesses need help with booths. It can be very easy to find opportunities. Look for information boards in coffee shops, libraries, grocery stores, multi-generational centers and online.

Just like Amy's booth for A.A.R.F at the Fall Conference, sometimes the volunteering opportunity will fall into your lap. A good idea is to always carry an Auxiliary pin, hat/visor or badge with you so when something pops up expectantly, you will be ready with your VFW Auxiliary logo to get credit for the volunteer work.

Will your Auxiliary be volunteering with one of these organizations? Make sure that you vote on your volunteer opportunities in your monthly Auxiliary meeting and document it in your minutes. Take pictures of your members in action volunteering for another organization.

Let's make these last two months of 2022 the best with lots of volunteer work.

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### Hospital Lynn Pierre



With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, there is so much we can do for our hospitalized or shut-in Veterans.

Involving our youth can make many of our hospital projects so easy and teach the young ones about Veterans and why they are so very important to us.

If you have a classroom you are working with, its easy to create Holiday cards, have the children sign them and deliver them to patients in hospitals, care centers and at home. While doing so, recruiting some of those children to help pay visits to veterans and offer to read to them, help them write and listen to their stories can be invaluable to men and women who can't get home for Christmas and would truly enjoy company.

This is our mission. Hospitals are opening to volunteers again, and all we need to do is understand their rules, get friends and folks who would like to help our Veterans over the holidays and track the hours you and they give to this endeavor. Our Volunteers do not need to be Auxiliary members. You can recruit friends, relatives, their children, and anyone who might be interested in community service to help.

Our challenge this year is to come up with the most creative ideas for serving our Veterans in hospitals and care centers, etc. Someone showed me a VFW Magazine which gives everyone online access to all issues of the VFW Magazine. This could greatly improve the way hospitalized patients see the VFW and Auxiliary and our mission. What an awesome new idea! Another great idea for Christmas is to stash a Poppy, a Flag and perhaps a great Christmas card in a Santa Hat for Patients. They will know they've been remembered.

Lastly, please remember our Women Veterans. Hospital VAVS Chairman Melissa Martin is still collecting diaper bags with supplies for new veteran mothers. Please gather what you can and get them to Melissa any time.

I wish you all the warmest Holiday season ever! Without the Pandemic, we can all spend time with our loved ones. Once we've taken care of the Hospital patients who cannot do the same, we can truly enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas as they should be enjoyed; with family and loved ones.

I am so very proud to be a part of what we do and look forward to hearing from you all as you come up with those great new ideas!

# ON THE GO?

Did you know VFW magazine is available in a digital form?



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Magazines from 2009 to the present are available. This format also allows users to easily create PDFs of individual articles for readers to email to friends and family.

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**Membership  
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**Retaining your knowledgeable  
Members!!!!**

Never underestimate the importance of engaging existing members. What keeps them coming back? Think of your members as your best customers, and work hard to deliver an experience that keeps them engaged and excited

about the VFW Auxiliary.

Engaged members are more likely to stay with your Auxiliary, so be sure to show your appreciation regularly. Also, make sure that they have a variety of options for getting involved and staying active.

Here are some suggestions for engaging existing Auxiliary members:

- Make members feel appreciated by recognizing their achievements and celebratory occasions such as membership milestones (for example, a 10-year member), work promotions, anniversaries, or birthdays.
- Develop a formal mentor program for involved members to support less active or new members.
- Receive regular feedback from members to confirm that they are experiencing the benefits they were promised when they joined.
- Encourage members to serve on committees that suit their skills or interests.
- Give members a clear sense of your Auxiliary's long-range goals and vision.
- Invite them to attend a District or Department meeting or training event.
- Keep an up-to-date list of service projects, and have members take turns leading projects that interest them.
- Feature photographs of your members at recent Auxiliary service projects and events on your website, Facebook page, and in newsletters to recognize their contributions.
- Update members regularly on progress toward Auxiliary goals to build loyalty, pride, and an understanding of the need for long-term involvement.

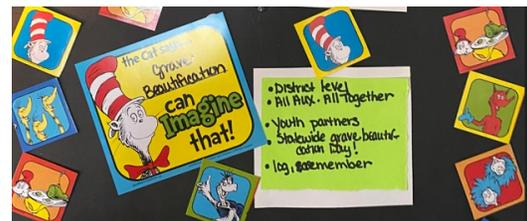
Longtime volunteers will be the first to tout the benefits of serving others and the sense of personal fulfillment it brings.

“We are not a team because we work together, we are a team because we respect, trust and care for each other.” - Vala Afshar

## ***Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care***

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### **Youth Becky Baldwin**



The “Ber’s” have officially arrived! What are the “Ber’s”? Well, those are all the months that end in “Ber”- Which means end of the year is approaching and the countdown to turning in in the year youth reports is down to 4 months left.

November is all about being thankful, we thank our service men and women on Veterans’ Day, and we thank our family and friends on Thanksgiving Day. Take a moment to thank those youth who are helping at your auxiliary events, or at the post. Show them that their contribution does not go unnoticed. Do the same for your adult volunteers the power of “thank You” is strong!



invite Veterans, members or family to a Thanksgiving meal, maybe provide a ride to the Post, reach out to someone who is unable or has no family to join them. Do a food drive, check on their health, provide information about the [Help Heal Veterans \(Therapeutic Craft Kits\)](#), have an event for caregivers.

Suicide is still high, make sure to keep your members and community aware of the help and resources available and promote 988 for suicide prevention. Unmet needs which helps our active military and their families, as well as veterans prior to 9/11/2001 who are on a fixed income and have a service connected injury/illness. Arizona Charities is also a great source of financial help. Check out the Department of Arizona website for more information on what we can do to provide Veteran and Family Support.

Co-Chair Melissa Martin wants to remind you that there are many resources on the Arizona website <https://vfwauxaz.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=79270> as well as the resources on the National website after login on MALTA. Just go to <https://vfwauxiliary.org/> click on MALTA, login or if you haven't already created an account, do so and when you're on your homepage click on member resources just below your name. Remember, this is also where you can print your member card or need to show your member card if you don't have it with you.

Hopefully every Auxiliary did something special for the caregivers last month. Don't forget to watch for standdowns or resource fairs in your area. They are a great place to meet Veterans and their families, pick up information to take back to the Post, contacts for resources in the state for Veterans and to help the homeless by providing clothing, mats, shoes, and other items.

Thank you for caring for our Veterans, Families, and our Caregivers. Keep an eye open as Christmas is coming fast.

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## Americanism Lori Schaeffler



Upcoming Patriotic Holidays include:

**November 10** – Marine Corps Birthday: Thank a Marine!

**November 11** – Veterans Day:

Veterans Day is a great opportunity to say “Thank You” to all our veterans and their families. On Veterans Day (November 11), there will be hundreds of parades held across the country. Many of you will participate by having a float or marching in a parade, passing out American flags, having an information booth or hosting a “Buddy” Poppy® Drive. Many Posts and Auxiliaries will be hosting free meals for veterans – how awesome!

Veterans Day is a great opportunity to say “thank you” and share the wonderful work your VFW and Auxiliary does in your community throughout the year. I personally believe that every day is Veterans Day and every day is a new opportunity to reach out to our veterans and their families.

What can I do so I can make a difference??

- Make a meal and deliver it to local veterans.
- Deliver thank you cards to VA hospitals or nursing homes.
- Remember the veterans at your Post Home that can't get out to the Post.

### **November 26** – Thanksgiving Day:

We have much to be thankful for, including our veterans!!!

Make an extra Thanksgiving Dinner and deliver it to homebound veterans or the elderly. Remember for many of our Older Members this could be the year of “firsts” for them. Invite them to the post or if your able to your home. They need and want to feel our VFW Auxiliary love. You can also collect items to make a Thanksgiving dinner such as canned goods, stuffing, a turkey, etc. and donate them to a family/school in need.

*PSST...Don't forget to do your community event to be eligible for a National Award. And this is the perfect weather for so many possibilities. Invite families to an event for a home-cooked meal and provide activities for children of all ages. Host a community Movie Night with snacks. Have a fall “Ole School Festival”, the ideas are endless. Once you get families inside your doors and they realize that there are things for the whole family can do, look at that you have just broken down one of the biggest barriers that stops people from just showing up. Partner up with youth veterans and family support etc..*

### **December 7th** - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

We must never forget those who gave their lives, “day that will go down in infamy.”

It's not too early to start planning a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

#### *Wreaths Across America*

As I shared at Fall Conference, Johnnie and I had the opportunity to visit Wreaths Across America in Maine. Words can not do it justice, As we toured the land, we saw Memorials for conflicts that I had never heard of. Morrill Worcester shared the details of Tiger Flight 739 (look it up), the Woman's Memorial etc... and how they all came to be on the gorgeous land.

At the Wreaths Across America Headquarters (An old school building) And throughout the building is so much history and memorabilia. The VFW and Auxiliary are well represented throughout the building. Allen “Gunner” Kent presented Worcester Wreath Company with the Gold Medal of Merit in 2006. They have Redone an Old Home into a “Gold Star Hospitality Home” If a Gold Star family visits, they stay for free. Each room is redone, one for each conflict and they are beyond amazing.

Have you thought about getting involved? It means so much to the families to know that their loved ones are remembered during the busy holiday season and that they are not forgotten. Do you know there are over 30 locations in AZ that participate in this program!? Is there a cemetery by you that does not participate? Do you know that you can sign up that cemetery to participate and coordinate throughout your community?

On December 17th at 10am across the nation at over 3400 locations, we will honor our Veterans by placing a Remembrance Wreath on their grave and teaching our younger generations about the value of their freedoms, and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. We need to work to create opportunities to connect “the Greatest Generation” with the “Generation of Hope”. The inspirational stories of our World War II Veterans must be passed on to the leaders of the future.

If you are interested in getting involved check out [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)  
You can look for a location in your area.

*“FIND A WAY TO SERVE!”*

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## Scholarships Janice Robertson

Happy Thanksgiving!  
This year sure flew by us. Let's pray that 2023 will bring us all closer together so we can work as a team.

**Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen-** are in the hands of the Comrades and Commanders, I hope we have helped in giving them many to judge from. It will be great to hear what our youth have come up with.

Just because the deadlines for our contests are a few months away don't wait until the last minute to encourage our youth to participate It takes a while for our youth to get their pictures painted and their sculptures made.

**Young Creative Patriotic Arts Contest** - 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 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.

**VFW Auxiliary National Continuing Educational Grant** - open to all VFW Auxiliary members, their spouse, son, or daughter due in February of 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.

**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.

**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. We have already increased the **Voice of Democracy**. Now let's increase some more.

Please send me your program reports. I know we all have been promoting our art contests and educational grants all year. Tell me what you have been doing so I can give you the credit you so deserve for all the hard work you have been doing.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and remember all of our Veterans this holiday season. Thank them all, for their service gives us the opportunities we have.

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

**“In Flanders Fields the poppies blow”**

This poem by John McCrae in 1918 is one of the most popular and most often quoted.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872-1918)

The Red Poppy became the symbol for soldiers who have died combat. In 1922, the VFW held their first poppy distribution and then in 1924, the “Buddy Poppy” became the VFW official flower commemorating not only those who didn't make it home, but support of veterans welfare and the well-being of their dependents.

As we go into Veterans Day, we remember those who died fighting for our freedom and safety. We also remember and honor all veterans who fought for us and those who are still fighting for our safety and that of our friends and allies.

We can't help but honor and commemorate all the family members who worked and waited for those who didn't come home and those who did. We honor all those mothers and fathers; wives and husbands; sisters and brothers and sons and daughters. War has forever changed millions of lives not only on the battlefield, but here at home.

During our 100<sup>th</sup> year of sharing the Buddy Poppy story let's not forget our veterans and families who still need our help. The distribution of Buddy Poppies brings donations which help finance veterans programs and services and helps to fund our VFW National Home. Locally these donations also help us support veterans and their families in need through our relief funds.

It's a great time to honor those veterans who are living in healthcare facilities or maybe living at home and unable to join us in all our celebrations. October was National Caregivers Month. But we should honor and support all those who are caring for those veterans and families we have pledged to support every day as we make our plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas events.

**Lest we forget the Buddy Poppy story helps us to honor and remember.**

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## Historian/Media Olga Knock & Dallas Emery

Something that all Auxiliaries should try to use is a newsletter. Sending a newsletter to each of your members is one of the better ways to stay in touch and to keep your members informed. It is so much easier in these days of email to do a newsletter.

In my own Auxiliary, our secretary uses the email addresses from Malta to send out our newsletter. We initiated a new member at our September meeting, and he received the newsletter that was sent out on October 1. He replied to our secretary that he really appreciated the receiving the newsletter which gave him information on the Auxiliary and on the Post/Canteen events.

Including pictures of what the Post/Auxiliary did in the community the past month lets your members see what you are accomplishing. Pictures give an outstanding visual of what we are doing.

Whether your Auxiliary does the newsletter on its own, or jointly with your Post, you're communicating with your members which is always a good thing!

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## Mentoring Chrissy Harlan



Mentoring for Leadership is all about building a team within your Auxiliary. A team to become officers and project leaders. Your team members will consist of seasoned members, long time members that may have been inactive for a while, brand-new members and some members in between all of those. We have to meet all of our members where they are in the process. Some members jump right in with both feet others take it slower and some may even just sit on the sidelines. You don't want to hold them back or push them but let them pick the pace.

As VFW Auxiliary members, we work hard but we also try to have fun at the same time. Mentoring should follow the same principle. I don't think any of us want to be lectured to like when we were in school. Mentoring should be a conversation; give and take, very interactive and enjoyable.

Have you planned your activity or event within your auxiliary to show members how to find and train mentees? A successful event does require planning. The planning is not just the date and time but should also include finding where your team members are in the process, getting good presenters for the topics you want to include in your event and adding the FUN. Maybe a game or activity would get your members involved. Add some refreshments and social time as well. A lot of informal mentoring takes place in a social atmosphere.

Don't forget to look around at those members that are mentoring other

members and nominate them for a National award. For more information on nominating a mentor please contact me. My contact information is on the Department website at [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) behind log in.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving may we all remember our purpose as VFW Auxiliary members and be thankful for our freedom and those who protect it. Let us share that purpose and our passion for this organization with those around us.



## Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates

The Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates are live on <https://azdot.gov/> and available at your local DMV office.

The monies received from the VFW plate will be used exclusively to fund the State Service Officer Program.

Monies received from the Auxiliary plate are dedicated to the fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational support to veterans and military members and their families and our communities.

For Questions about the Licences Plates, please call your local DMV office.

Get your Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates Today!!

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## VAVS

### VAVS Region 3 Tucson



We just held the quarterly VAVS meeting for the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System and I have lots of wonderful information to share. I have been elected as the one year member to the Executive Committee and look forward to continuing to bring you exciting news.

I know that you all enjoy donating items to hospitalized or out patient veterans. Please remember that all donations need to go through the VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement – what we used to call the Volunteer Center. They are excellent at making sure your donations get to the right place. As the name says – they are tasked with “development and civic engagement.” That’s us and all the organizations to support the Tucson VA.

We heard from the Acting Director about mass hiring that they’ll be doing to assist in caring for new influx of veterans due to the passage of the PACT Act. They are looking at a significant increase in enrollment and significant increase in presumptive cases.

If your in the area on November 10, 2022, the Catalina HS Marching Band will be on campus performing in honor of Veteran’s Day.

Look for our float in the Veteran's Day parade!

The popcorn distribution is being moved to a better location to service more patients and staff and to increase donations.

We discussed at length the requirements that staff or volunteers are not allowed to try and influence others in their voting.

There is a current need for Forever postage stamps so that patients can send cards or letters to family and friends.

PLEASE THERE IS NO MORE NEED FOR BIRTHDAY CARDS....THEY NOW HAVE ENOUGH TO LAST SEVERAL YEARS! Thank you for filling that need!

### **2022 CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Due to the continued restriction on the number of people allowed in a gathering, we will not be able to have a Christmas party again. The staff will again be acting as Santa's elves to get gifts distributed to all the patients. The deadline for delivering gifts for distribution is December 16.

Consider having a Christmas card signing party with all those Christmas cards we never use. Have members sign them and then give them to the VA. Staff will then deliver to the patients. This would be a wonderful event to invite youth groups or just family members to do also.

They are looking for volunteers to help decorate and take down decorations in the open areas like reception areas. Decorating will be 11.21.22 to 12.5.22 and take down will be 12.27.22 to 1.9.2023.

We do not need gift bags this year as an organization has provided duffel bags and another organization has provided Christmas stockings.

The Santa's Wish List is attached.

### **VOLUNTEERS – Rob Lester**

SAVAHCS is opening up and looking for volunteers. Contact them if you're interested in couple of opportunities – man the coffee cart, drive vehicles for service appointments.

There is also a volunteer opportunity for the Volunteer Visitor Program. These volunteers visit with veterans in their home and just provide welcome companionship.

### **PATRIOT PANTRY - Kelly Bowman, Chief, Nutrition & Food Service & Genny Welch, Clinical Dietitian**

The Patriot Pantry continues to assist veterans that have some level of food insecurity. It is 100% supported by donations and is always ready to accept shelf stable food items. They are currently assisting 40 – 50 veterans a month.

The Sierra Vista Patriot Pantry has limited space and is currently looking for someone willing to donate space to them to store food items.

Please ensure that the food is not close to expiring or already expired. They can also use donations of food gift cards to Safeway or Fry's Food Stores, in small amounts \$10-\$20. These help the veteran purchase perishable food like milk, eggs, etc.

**BABY BASKETS** - Tammy Rascon, Maternity Care Coordinator

So nice to hear happy news – they are currently following 46 expecting Moms and served 150 last year. She showed a postcard that she did with pictures of some of the donating organizations. I was proud to see both VFW Auxiliaries 549 and 4903. Way to go! The next virtual baby shower is November 18 so there is still time to donate a basket or diaper bag.

**BLIND REHAB**

They are currently serving 20 veterans in this area. Special shout out to the VFW's and VFW Auxiliaries that are inviting them out for meals. These meals out give them unique opportunities to practice the life skills that they're learning. Since they are still under COVID restrictions, they really do need to get out.

They are in current need of a driver to get these veterans out to events, so if you're interested contact VA CDCE and they'll get you on the path to volunteering.

If you'd like to support these veterans in getting out for movies, museums, bowling, etc. consider donating VISA gift cards which they can for admission prices.

**COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER-** Lisa Lemons, Restorative Nurse Coordinator

The CLC is in need of some specific items:

Warm blankets

Long sleeved shirts – sizes Large to 3X

Twin blankets in different patterns – this allows patients to recognize their bed. Those will go home with the patient.

Feminine Hygiene Pads/Depends

New or Gently Used Shoes – Sizes 10-13

Plastic Water Bottles

Visa Gift Cards or Order direct from Amazon – they want to purchase gingerbread house kits for patients to put together.

Special request – they have 3 social areas that they would like to have flower arrangements – first for Thanksgiving and then for Christmas.

The Hospice Unit has 3 female patients that need small/medium clothes and socks. They would like bright “girly” colors, flannel, sweats are fine.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR VETERAN PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

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# 2022 Holiday Gift Suggestion for the SAVAHCS Veteran Patients



To coordinate efforts between donors and ensure a good variety of items for our SAVAHCS patients contact The CDCE Office at (520)629-1822 prior to collecting items for donation.

- ❖ Gift Cards(Grocery Store, Gas, restaurants, etc.)
- ❖ Baseball Hats
- ❖ Non-slip Socks
- ❖ Hats, Scarfs, and Gloves
- ❖ Stress Relief/ fidget items
- ❖ Storage/ caddy/ Organizer for bedside or arm chair
- ❖ Playing cards/ games/ Coloring items (regular or large print)
- ❖ Compact Travel games ( Connect 4, magnet checkers, Boggle)
- ❖ Small handheld electronic games (Yahtzee, Solitaire, Poker, 20Q)



The holidays can be difficult for hospitalized and homeless Veterans. To make their time at the VA more comfortable, please consider donating gifts they do not normally receive at the hospital (i.e., no toiletries). For the safety of our patients, we cannot accept food or items that are fragile, breakable, contain glass and/or sharp objects.

COVID-19 Restrictions -no used items -ALL Donations must be scheduled in advance with CDCE Office no later than December 16, 2022.

## VFW Auxiliary VAVS E-Newsletter Fall 2022

Greetings VAVS Reps and Deps.

We'd like to welcome our new National Deputy Representative, Brenda Blair, a longtime VAVS volunteer from the Department of Maine. Brenda has a wealth of experience and many great ideas to share.

Additionally, we thank Vickie ~~Rosse~~ for serving as National Deputy Representative for several years and appreciate her continued support of VAVS at her local facility.

Should you have any questions about VAVS or ideas to share, please send them to Auxiliary Headquarters. Your submission may be the topic of a future VAVS E-Newsletter.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or comments. Thank you for all you do for our veterans, service members, their families and your communities.

Maria Peck-Royer  
National VAVS Deputy Representative, Certifying Official and HQ Staff

## Yearly Annual Joint Review

Sandi Kriebel

National VAVS Representative



Now is the time to contact your Chief of Voluntary Service to make an appointment in November to complete your Annual Joint Review (AJR). Don't wait until November to make an appointment; schedule it in advance. You are responsible to see that the AJR is completed truthfully and with confirmed statistics.

Invite Deputy Representatives to help with preparation and to attend the AJR. All attendees should be ready to answer questions and confirm statistics. Plan to present your goals and objectives for the current year and provide comments, concerns, details of special events and projects, etc. when arriving to complete the AJR.



Make sure that statistics for October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 are confirmed and correct:

- Number of volunteers
- Hours
- Assignments
- Cash donations and estimated value of in-kind donations
- Local organizations and Auxiliaries

When completing the AJR with the Chief of Voluntary Service, make sure that each section is completed and that signatures are provided. It is important that you receive a copy as the Representative or Deputy Representative.

Once this process is completed, remind the Chief of Voluntary Service that the AJR is to be sent in a timely manner to:

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters  
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Attn: Maria Peck-Royer

## Monetary and In-Kind Donations: How to Ensure They are Properly Reported

How can you ensure donations are reported as VAVS donations? What to do when donations are dropped off at a facility but are not reported as VAVS donations?

Creditable Donations, including monetary and in-kind donations, must go through Voluntary Service to be recorded. During off hours or when delivering items to an outpatient clinic or other facility, we recommend that you record all donations and prepare a written account including;

- Value and description of donation.
- Date delivered.
- To what facility or [unit](#) the donation was made.
- Auxiliary name, location & number that provided the donation.
- VAVS contact name and email or phone number.
- A signature line to be signed by recipient.

Prepare two copies, one for the Auxiliary and one to leave at the facility.

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## Compassionate Contact Corps Brenda Blair, National Deputy Representative

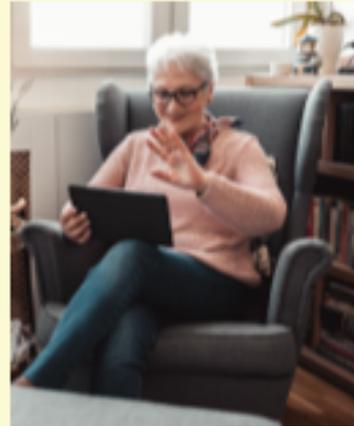


Did you know that you can volunteer for our veterans from home?

There is an exciting program called Compassionate Contact Corps that is either in place or planned to roll out at many VA facilities. It was recently revamped by the VA at the national level and provides opportunities for collaboration with mental health clinicians.

### What is Compassionate Contact?

- Volunteers virtually visit with a veteran, either by phone or virtual communication platforms such as Zoom, Skype, etc.
- Provides companionship and socialization for veterans.
- Visits last 15 to 60 minutes and take place once or twice per week.
- Schedule determined by caregiver/veteran's needs and volunteer's availability.
- Social program for veterans who feel isolated or who want/need a friendly, caring person to talk to.



### Benefits of the Program:

- Provides companionship to offset social isolation which can help to reduce depression and suicidal ideologies.
- Provides support for caregivers.
- Volunteer relationships enhance veteran and caregiver experience with VA.
- No locality restrictions: visits are held remotely.
- Provides a vital link back to the VA for veteran continuity of care
  - Reports to coordinator.
  - Observations and/or concerns of caregiver.
  - Services that may be needed.
  - Medical care concerns.

### Role of the Volunteer:

- Visits with a veteran virtually. Veteran may live alone or with others in a facility. Provides companionship for the veteran.
- Provides an ear of support for the caregiver/family/veteran.

### Does Not Provide:

- **Medical assistance**
- **Medical or personal/family advice**
- **Grocery shopping, errands or transportation**

Your local VA facility will have potential volunteers attend all standard orientations. Volunteer must be certified by the Auxiliary. Background checks are required and rules that apply to volunteers for the VA system are applicable.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This award program permits the NAC to honor members who have given extraordinary service to our nation's veterans.

The Executive Committee (EC) of the NAC coordinates this program. The EC works closely with the NAC and a selection committee established to review nominations.

**Nominees for this award must participate in established VAVS assignments, serve as a Regularly Scheduled (RS) volunteer, and meet one of the following criteria:**

- Volunteer with hospitalized veterans;
- Volunteer with veterans at Outpatient Clinics;
- Volunteer with veterans in Community Living Centers;
- Volunteer with homeless veterans;
- Volunteer with veterans and veterans' groups in the community;
- Host functions for veterans for Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Day observances, etc. that qualify as a VAVS assignment;
- Host functions for veterans such as fishing trips, day at the races, sporting events, etc. that qualify as a VAVS assignment;
- Visit veterans confined to their homes as a VAVS assignment;
- Adopt-A-Veteran.

There will be two recipients (one male and one female) per year.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN NARRATIVE FORMAT WITH NAME AND NAC ORGANIZATION (Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary) IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER.**

The narrative is not to exceed 500 words and must be submitted to **National VFW Auxiliary Representative, Sandi Kriebel, PNP, 16 Sanibel Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17201 by November 1, 2022** on organization letterhead. Letters of recommendation may be submitted with the narrative. VA staff making recommendations for this award must send the nomination to the National Representative of the organization.

The Selection Committee with the assistance of the EC will select the recipient. Awardees will be presented with a suitably inscribed plaque at the annual meeting of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) in Denver, Colorado in the spring.

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE NOMINATION SUPPORT FORM](#)**

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Certifying Official/HQ Staff



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MATERIAL DONATIONS**

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
3601 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. (2-135) Tucson, AZ 85723  
Office: (520) 629-1822 Fax: (520) 629-1753

Please fill out all the information below that applies to you or your organization.  
If you need assistance, a Voluntary Service staff member will be glad to help you.  
**Please PRINT legibly** so we can better serve your needs. Thank you for your donation.

Date This Form Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Value of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity Donation:   
Items Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*(Name – If Applicable)*

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VAVS Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If Applicable)*

**ITEM DONATED FOR**

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| _____ Homeless Program        | _____ Blind Rehab                              |
| _____ Veterans Creative Arts  | _____ Hospice                                  |
| _____ Comfort Cart            | _____ Recreation/Patient Activities            |
| _____ Substance Abuse Program | _____ Community Living Center                  |
| _____ Fisher House            | _____ Rehabilitation & Transitional Care (RTC) |
| _____ Other                   | _____ 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.*

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**Program Activity Reports**  
**Melody Judd**  
melodyfaye@frontier.com

The PAR form can be found at [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org)  
under Resources/Program Activity Reports.

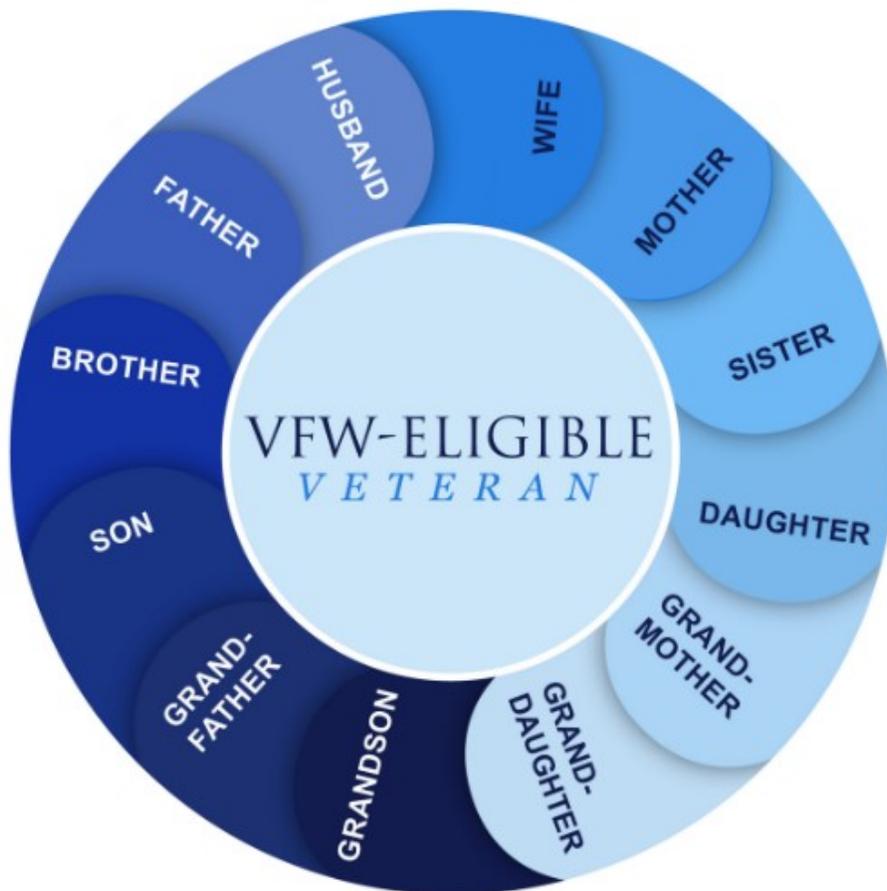


Auxiliaries have an option of what form they would like to fill out, PDF or Excel that is emailed to me or use the google doc (my favorite) that I get once you have answered the question and hit the finish button.

Each month, the updated Monthly PAR recording sheet will be behind the login on the Department webpage at [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://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**  NON-AFFILIATED *(Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)*  
*THESE FIELDS REQUIRED*  
 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

*Revised May 2022*

# 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.T.) 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:

- 12/3/22 at VFW Post 6790 – 29389 Oakland Ave, Wellton
- 12/4/22 at VFW Post 10005 – 1611 Marble Canyon Dr., Bullhead City
- 12/11/22 at VFW Post 3584 – 405 W. Main St., Superior
- 12/17/22 at VFW Post 8807 – 197 E Stevens Lane, Tonto Basin
- 2/4/23 at VFW Post 9400 - 840 E. Purdue Ave, Phoenix
- 2/11/23 at VFW Post 6271 – 233 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Benson
- 2/25/22 at VFW Post 1677 – 111 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Casa Grande

Come to any M.I.T. event that works for your schedule.

VFW Members are encouraged to attend to learn about the Auxiliary.

Feel free to come to more than one!

Meet new friends – come to an M.I.T. in another area!

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## **UNITING TO COMBAT HUNGER (UTCH) GRANT OVERVIEW**

Serving our communities is a time-honored tradition of the VFW, that is why we are again teaming up with Humana to fight food insecurity and we need your help!

Did you know that your Post or Auxiliary could receive \$1,500 in matching funds from the VFW Foundation for making a donation to a local food bank or food pantry? Applying for and receiving a grant UTCH Grant is a very easy process:

**STEP 1:** Make a donation of cash or food to a local food bank OR have members log volunteer hours working at one. Alternatively, make a donation using the link found by clicking "Donate Now" at [www.vfw.org/utch](http://www.vfw.org/utch).

**STEP 2:** Get a receipt from the organization you donated to that states how much money you donated, pounds of food you donated and/or the number of volunteer hours logged. If you donate using the web link, be sure to get a screenshot of the page that confirms that you donated and how much you contributed

**STEP 3:** Log onto [www.vfw.org/utch](http://www.vfw.org/utch) and obtain an application. You may also reach out to the VFW Foundation staff at [jcouch@vfw.org](mailto:jcouch@vfw.org) or 816-968-1174 to coordinate having a copy sent to you.

**STEP 4:** Complete the two-page form and submit it along with the documentation using the instructions found on the application.

**STEP 5:** Receive a matching grant!

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Applications will be accepted until December 19, 2022, but the grant will likely return during the following spring. If you have any questions or need any assistance at all with applying, please call or email Jason Couch, Grants and External Relations Coordinator at:

816-968-1174

[jcouch@vfw.org](mailto:jcouch@vfw.org)

I am happy to help you in any way I can!

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## District 10 Calendar 2022-23

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



# VFW Post 5990 Calendar November 2022



WEBSITE: [www.VFW5990.org](http://www.VFW5990.org)  
FACEBOOK POST EVENTS PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/5990comrades.auxiliary>

## VFW 5990 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

- Planning Meeting Thursday 11/3, 7 PM
- Cooties Meeting Saturday 11/5, 11 AM
- Comrades' Meeting Thursday 11/10, 7 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting Thursday 11/17, 7 PM
- House Committee Meeting Moved
- House Committee Friday 11/25, 7 PM

## Join your friends down at the Canteen!

OPEN 3-8 PM DAILY HAPPY HOUR 3-7 PM  
**NOVEMBER CANTEEN SPECIALS**   
 Barrio Blonde \$2.50 Fireball \$3

### EVERY WEEK IN THE CANTEEN

SUNDAY	3 PM-Close: Free Pool 5 PM: Brats \$3  Dogs \$1  Wings 4/\$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: Burger & Fries \$8
THURSDAY	4-8 PM: Texas Holdem' Poker
FRIDAY	5 PM: Brats \$3  Dogs \$1  Wings 4/\$3 5:30 PM: Bar Bingo
SATURDAY	6-10 PM: Karaoke

### BULLETIN BOARD

## We Rent Our Hall

### RESERVE YOUR DATE!

Hall rentals are open to the public.  
520-682-6134



### 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.

### CALENDAR EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Post Commander Auxiliary President Canteen Manager  
Becky Baldwin, Communications Coordinator Missy Hall, Editor

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5990 Avra Valley/Marana 15850 W. El Tiro Rd. Marana, AZ 85653 520-682-6134  
[www.VFW5990.org](http://www.VFW5990.org) <https://www.facebook.com/5990comrades.auxiliary>

### THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

Meal quantities are based on past participation; meals are available while supplies last.

### Wednesday, November 2



Grounds Cleanup Day 10 AM

Volunteers Needed - Please Sign Up!

### Saturday, November 5



Spaghetti & Meatballs 5 PM \$8

### Sunday, November 6

Post opens at noon today

Nascar Final Championship Race

Bring your favorite race day snacks to share!

### Thursday, November 10

MARINE CORPS DAY Toast 6 PM

### Friday, November 11

WW1 ARMISTICE SIGNED Toast 6 PM

No Bar Bingo Today

### Saturday, November 12

No Karaoke Today

HONORING OUR VETERANS

RSVP REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 2

For Veterans and their Immediate Families  
Brisket Dinner Raffles & Prizes Live Band  
Please see the Event Board & Flyers for Details.

### Sunday, November 13



Italian Sausage Hoagie Supper 4 PM \$8  
With Bell Peppers & Onions, Baked Beans, Dessert

### Saturday, November 19



Philly Cheesesteak & Fries 5 PM \$8

### Sunday, November 20



Cornhole Toss 3 PM \$5 per person

Please sign up on the Event Board.

### Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING DAY



Potluck Thanksgiving 4 PM

Turkey & Ham Included - Please sign up!

### Friday, November 25

No Bar Bingo Today

### Saturday, November 26



Steak Dinner 5-6:30 PM

TICKETS: \$15 Presale \$20 at the door

### Sunday, November 27



Flag Retirement 4 PM

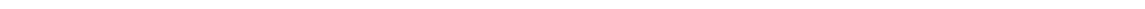
# November 2022 vFW Post 7968 250 S Phelps Dr 480-671-6239 Free WiFi

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Lunch 11am-1:30pm <b>Post Bingo 2pm</b> Broasted Chicken & Hamburgers 4:30-7pm Jim Leslie Country Legends 5-9pm	Lunch 11am-1:30pm Humana Seminar 10am-4pm	Lunch 11am-1:30pm Wings & Things 5-7pm Karaoke w/ Todd 5pm	Lunch 11am-1:30pm <b>Post Bingo 3pm</b> Ribs/Shrimp Basket/Cod Dinner 5-7pm Roadhouse Wranglers 5-9pm	Ribeye Steak/12oz/16oz Shrimp Dinner/Chicken Tenders 5-7pm <b>Queen of Hearts 7:30pm</b> Roadhouse Wranglers 5-9pm
Member's Hold'Um 12pm <b>Aux Bingo</b> 4pm	Mexican Mondays 11am-1:30pm	Lunch 11am-1:30pm <b>Post Bingo 2pm</b> Broasted Chicken & Hamburgers 4:30-7pm Rick Diamond 5-9pm	Lunch 11am-1:30pm Humana Seminar 10am-4pm	Marine Corps Birthday Lunch 11am-1:30pm Wings & Things 5-7pm Karaoke w/ Todd 5pm Birthday Cake 6pm	Veterans Tribute 11am Flag Raising 12pm <b>Veterans Day BBQ</b> 12pm w/DJ Matt <b>NO BINGO/NO BAND</b>	Festival Of Superstition Patriot Park all day Ribeye Steak/12oz/16oz Shrimp Dinner/Chicken Tenders 5-7pm <b>Queen of Hearts 7:30pm</b> Dad & Dean 5-9pm
Member's Hold'Um 12pm <b>Aux Bingo</b> 4pm	Mexican Mondays 11am-1:30pm Oak Street Health Seminar 1-3pm <b>Post &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7pm</b>	Lunch 11am-1:30pm <b>Post Bingo 2pm</b> Broasted Chicken & Hamburgers 4:30-7pm Mardee & the Buzz 5-9pm	Lunch 11am-1:30pm Humana Seminar 10am-4pm Early Bird Dinner 5-7pm	Lunch 11am-1:30pm Wings & Things 5-7pm Karaoke w/ Todd 5pm	Lunch 11am-1:30pm <b>Post Bingo 3pm</b> Ribs/Shrimp Basket/Cod Dinner 5-7pm <b>Feather Party 5pm</b> Rush Street 5-9pm	Ribeye Steak/12oz/16oz Shrimp Dinner/Chicken Tenders 5-7pm <b>Queen of Hearts 7:30pm</b> Rick Diamond Band 5-9pm
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1. Don't Forget to vote on November 8th!!!  
2. We will be accepting food donations all month long for our less fortunate. If you know of a family please sign them up on the sign up sheet in the canteen.



VFW  
AUXILLARY RUMMAGE  
SALE  
NOV 3<sup>RD</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> 8AM-2PM  
NOV 5<sup>TH</sup> 8AM-NOON



# Save the Date for Our Special Events

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## **LUNG FORCE Walk & Festival**

Saturday, November 5, 2022 | 2-5:30pm  
SRP PERA Club  
1 E Continental Dr, Tempe, AZ 85281

Learn more online: [www.lungforce.org/Arizona](http://www.lungforce.org/Arizona)



## **Fight For Air Climb**

Spring 2023 | 6-9pm  
ASU Sun Devil Stadium  
500 E Veterans Way, Tempe, AZ 85287

Learn more online: [www.climbphoenix.org](http://www.climbphoenix.org)



## **Community Connections Webinars**

Monthly 2022-2023 | 12-1pm  
Free Webinar

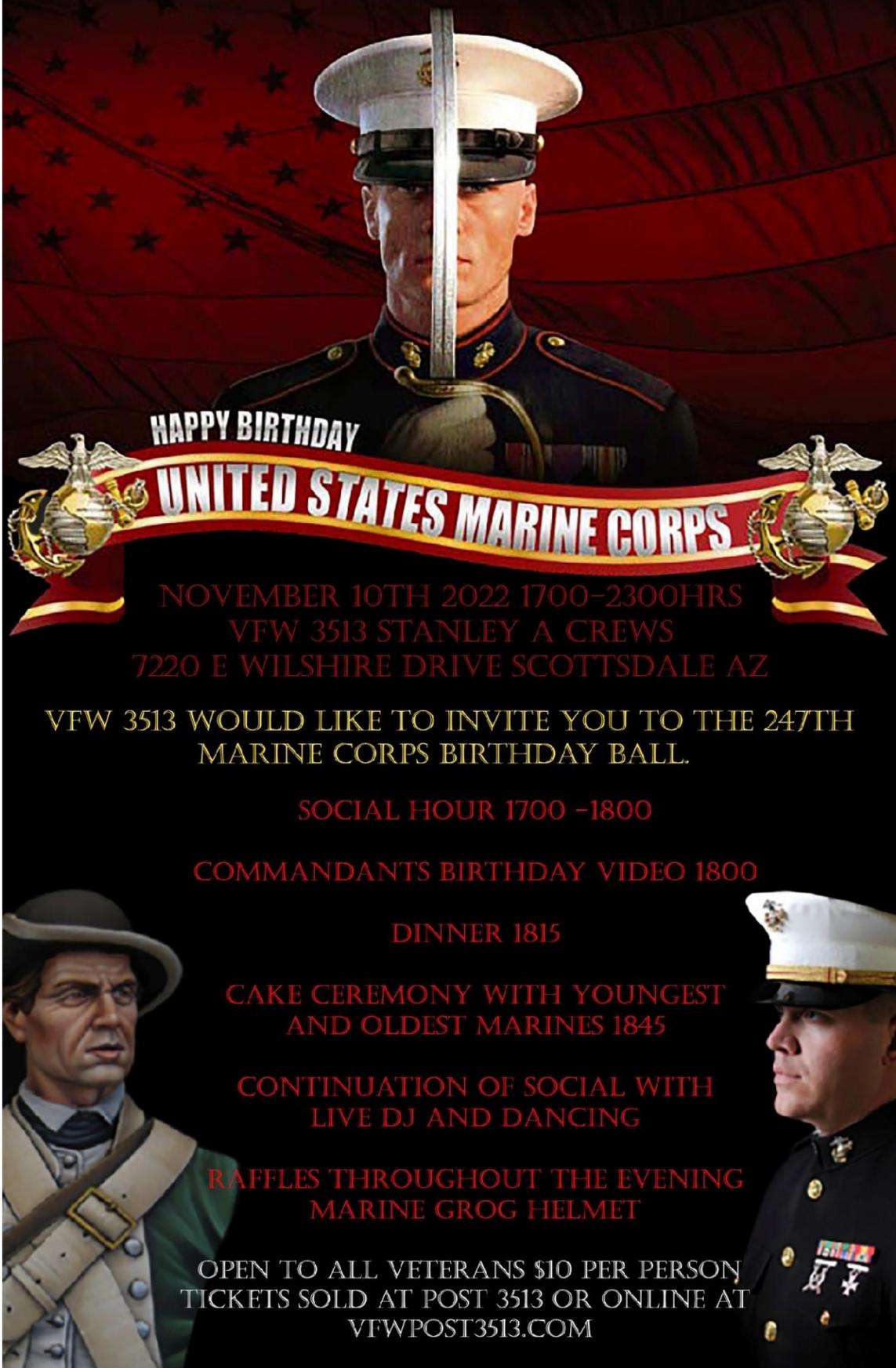
Learn more online: <https://bit.ly/FY23CCaz>



## **Questions?**

Email: [Kristen.Miraglia@Lung.org](mailto:Kristen.Miraglia@Lung.org) Phone: 602-429-0016

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

NOVEMBER 10TH 2022 1700-2300HRS  
VFW 3513 STANLEY A CREWS  
7220 E WILSHIRE DRIVE SCOTTSDALE AZ

VFW 3513 WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE 247TH  
MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL.

SOCIAL HOUR 1700 -1800

COMMANDANTS BIRTHDAY VIDEO 1800

DINNER 1815

CAKE CEREMONY WITH YOUNGEST  
AND OLDEST MARINES 1845

CONTINUATION OF SOCIAL WITH  
LIVE DJ AND DANCING

RAFFLES THROUGHOUT THE EVENING  
MARINE GROG HELMET

OPEN TO ALL VETERANS \$10 PER PERSON  
TICKETS SOLD AT POST 3513 OR ONLINE AT  
VFWPOST3513.COM

Get your  
ticket  
today!

**50/50  
RAFFLE**

# VETERANS DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022  
6PM - 9PM

VFW POST #9399  
133 N. Saguaro Dr.  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Tickets are \$7.00.

**PRIZES**



**Please bring your own lawn chair to sit on.**

**Where to purchase tickets:**

VFW POST #9399  
133 N. Saguaro Dr.  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce  
567 Apache Trail  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

**Food Trucks**



**Wine and Beer Garden**

**Sponsored by:**



# VFW AUXILIARY 3632 TEMPE AZ

## 2022 BOXES FOR THE TROOPS EVENT

*Now- til our November 12<sup>th</sup> Packing Party*



We support our BRAVE men and women overseas. Help us send them some love and goodies for Christmas!

Goal: Send 100 Boxes to our troops overseas.

### How Can We Help?

**Donate funds @ [paypal.me/3632vfwaux](https://www.paypal.com/3632vfwaux)**

Shipping cost will be around \$2000

or

**Donate needed items @ <https://a.co/byQfOpB>**

You can donate items via the Amazon link utilizing our Amazon Wish List.

Your donated items will be sent directly to the VFW Auxiliary.

**Items can also be dropped off at AL Post 2 in collection bins.**

**Boxes will be packed at Packing Party**

**Nov 12, 2022 1-4pm @ AL Post 2**

**2125 S Industrial Park Ave, Tempe AZ 85282**

Please feel free to reach out to any 3632 VFW Auxiliary members for info.

Please send us Names and Address of Service Members deployed over seas

so we can bless them with a box from home.

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# BBQ RIB

**throwdown**

**Beverages  
provided by  
Sarahs Bull Pen**

*Who's got  
the best  
ribs?*

*Vote for  
your  
favorites!*

\$20 Entry Fee Tastings  
Available for Purchase

**Do you make  
the best bbq  
ribs? Here's  
your chance to  
win prizes, and  
more  
importantly,  
bragging  
rights!**

***Come  
purchase  
from your  
favorite  
venders***

**Saturday  
November 12  
from 10am-10pm**

**VFW AUX  
Nickel  
Auction**

**win prizes!  
\$250 Grand  
Prize**

**Sonja Watkins Country  
Band at 6 PM**

**VFW Post 10385 Thatcher**

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*Saturday*  
**November 12th, 2022**  
*Marana POST 5990*

**VETERANS**  
**CELEBRATION**

*Day*

*Free Dinner for*  
*VFW Post 5990 Vets!* **RSVP by Nov 2nd!**

**\$3 additional family member (household)**

*Call: (520) 682-6134*

*or email:*

*cmdr5990@gmail.com*

*Menu*

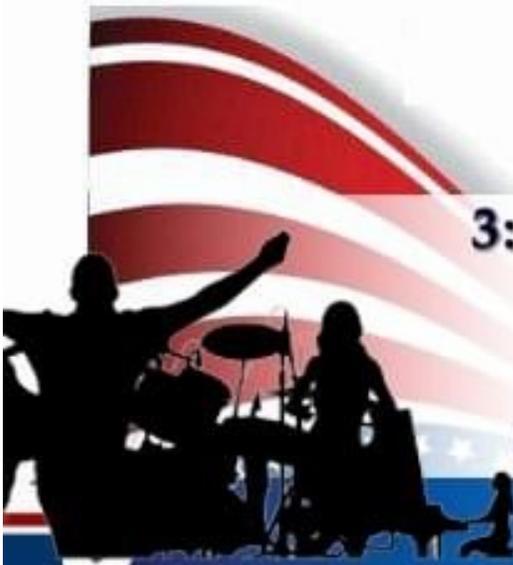
*Brisket, Baked Potato,  
Green Beans, Garden Salad,  
Dessert*

**3:00-4:00 Social Hour**

**4:00 Dinner**

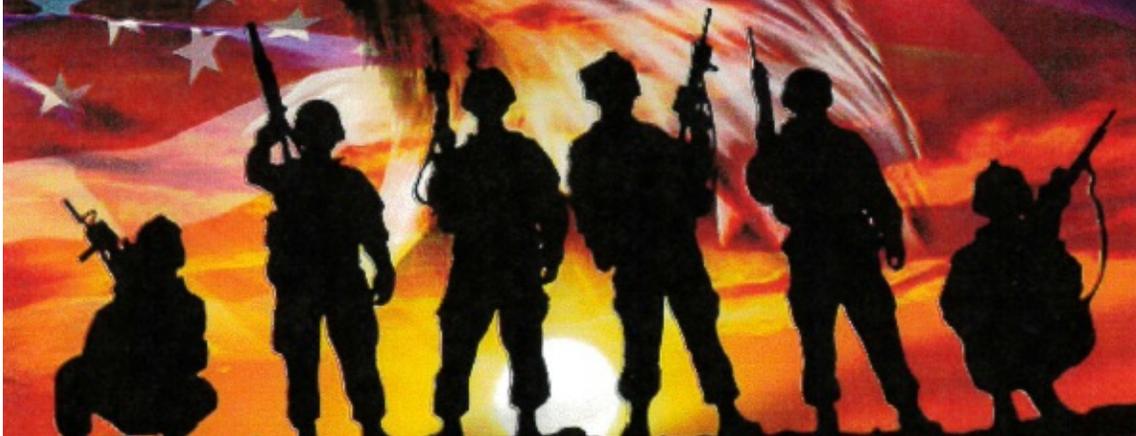
**6:30 Live Band**

**Open to the Public!**



# Honoring Our Veterans

**3rd Annual Veteran's Day Dinner  
November 12, 2022 - 5 PM**



**Free of charge All veterans are welcome**



**MUSIC BY "FLYING HIGH" USAF VET BAND**

**DOOR PRIZES - MILITARY SPEAKERS AND MORE**

**For reservations call: or scan QR code**

**480.612.1669 - John Johnson (USAF vet)**

**620.704.6376 - David Johnson (USAF vet)**



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**585 E.Frye Rd., Chandler, AZ -480.917.7200**

**TDC.CHURCH**

VFW AUXILIARY 5990

# Italian Sausage Hoagie

Italian Sausage, sauted Onion and Bell Pepper,  
Baked Beans and Dessert

## FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 13th, 2022

4 - 6 pm or while supplies last

Proceeds for Veterans  
and Family Services

Carry Out Available

\$8



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# **STAND DOWN AND RESOURCE FAIR**

Free supplies and services for Veterans

**Saturday, November 19, 2022  
10am to 2pm**

**Location: QIA Parking Lot**  
Corner of Mesquite Ave and Ironwood Street

**For more Information call,  
Paul Range 210-854-4759**  
Free services and supplies for veterans.

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# SARAH ELKINS CELEBRATING

VFW POST 10385  
3481 W. 8TH STREET  
THATCHER, ARIZONA

## 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

BRING YOUR  
CAMPING TRAILERS  
SATURDAY MORNING

EAT AND SOCIALIZE  
WITH A POT-LUCK DINNER  
5:30 -7:30 P.M

NOVEMBER  
19, 2022

PARK IN THE  
VFW PARKING LOT

DANCE TO THE MUSIC  
OF THE  
SONJA WATKINS COUNTRY  
7:30-11:30 P.M.  
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

COME JOIN THE  
CELEBRATION

NO GIFTS

SPEND THE DAY AND NIGHT

SHARE BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY MORNING.

BRING YOUR GAMES

## FIRE & ICE



## FALL RAFFLE

BIGHORN RANCH 47" FIREPIT & 60 QRT. COLEMAN COOLER

FILLED WITH BAR B QUE TOOLS and

BEARIZONA CAR PASS

\$5.00 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20.00

**MATTHEW JAMES BROEHM VFW AUXILIARY POST 12128**

DRAWING November 26,2022 BEFORE Parade of Lights

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

BRING THE HEAT!



UFW POST 9401



CHILI

COOK-OFF

November 26th

at 11:00 am

Entry Fee \$10.00 Open to the public.  
50-50 split between Winner & Post!



# Quilt Raffle

Quilt Donated by Terry Hill



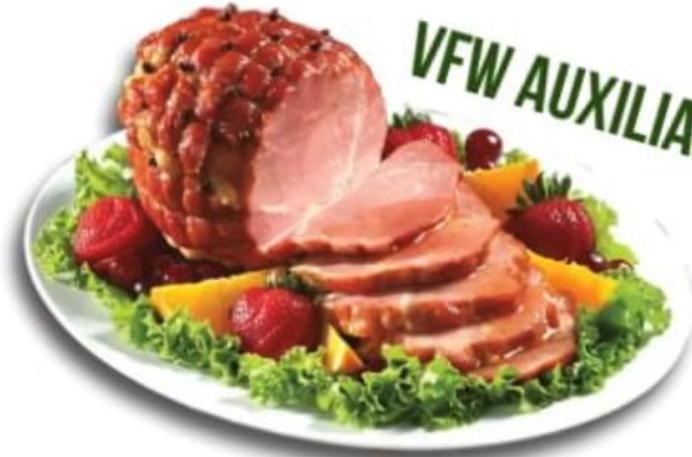
VFW Auxiliary 9907 Fundraiser for Missing In America Project

Tickets - \$5.00 each or 6 Tickets for \$20.00

The purpose of the MIAP is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

Drawing to be held at the December 12<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting





VFW AUXILIARY 5990

# HAM DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sunday, December 11th, 2022  
4-6 pm or while supplies last

Ham, Mash Potatoes, Salad, Corn, & Dessert.

**Christmas Raffles :**  
**\$1/1, \$5/6, \$20 for**  
**arm length**



VFW Post 5990 Auxiliary

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VFW AUXILIARY 5990, 15850 WEST EL TIRO ROAD, MARANA AZ

2023 ARIZONA  
VFW & VFW AUXILIARY

# WINTER CONFERENCE



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY  
& PATRIOT'S PEN  
AWARDS BANQUET

FOOD DRIVE TO  
SUPPORT FIREBALL  
FOUNDATION



**Sheraton Phoenix  
Crescent**  
2620 Dunlap Ave,  
Phoenix 85021  
**January, 14 - 15, 2023**  
**(602) 943-8200**

**DEPT OF ARIZONA VFW & AUXILIARY**  
**WINTER CONFERENCE 2023**  
Saturday, January 14 — Sunday January, 15  
Sheraton Phoenix Crescent

Voice of Democracy  
Patriot's Pen  
Banquet  
Saturday, January 14, 2022

\$45 until  
*December 23, 2022*  
then  
\$50 Until Jan 3, 23

Choice of Beef or Chicken  
Salad, Starch, Vegetable,  
Dessert  
Coffee, Water, Iced Tea

**After Jan 3**  
**Wait List Only**

**Deadline for \$45 Price is Fri, Dec 23, 2022.**

**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 Chicken? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many Beef? \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Diet? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who is paying? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who is picking up? \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Post/Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_

**Order and Pay Online**  
Visit

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/vodpp](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vodpp)  
or scan QR code



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**VFW National Auxiliary Mid Year on Jan 22-27,2023**  
Deposit due by Nov 13, 2022

# VFW Auxiliary Group Mexican Riviera

Custom-built for the spectacular, Norwegian Bliss features a revolutionary Observation Lounge for you to soak in every stunning moment, from bald eagles soaring over glaciers to dolphins splashing through warm turquoise waters. Come aboard and experience the best dining, entertainment, and amenities at sea against a backdrop of unrivaled natural beauty. Whether you choose to go tropical or a little wild, there's one word to describe the experiences awaiting you on Norwegian's newest ship: Bliss.

Includes Private Group Cocktail Party, Premium Beverage Package, 1 meal Specialty Dining Package Plus Unlimited Wi Fi (1 device per stateroom)

**5-DAY MEXICAN RIVIERA ROUND-TRIP LOS ANGELES: CABO & ENSENADA**  
JAN 22, 2023 to JAN 27, 2023  
BALCONY STATEROOM STARTING FROM \$1088



DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART *
Sun	Los Angeles, California	-	4:00 PM
Mon	Relaxing day at sea	-	-
Tue	Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	11:00 AM	8:00 PM
Wed	Relaxing day at sea	-	-
Thu	Ensenada, Mexico	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Fri	Los Angeles, California	7:00 AM	-



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## 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/cleanin.g.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

OH TOODLES!  
PUT ON YOUR EARS!

Madam President  
Johnnie DeBoard's

Homecoming



**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\*\*\***



# 50<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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



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

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For more information about this program or Heal Her Art classes for women veterans, please contact [HealHerArt@gmail.com](mailto: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



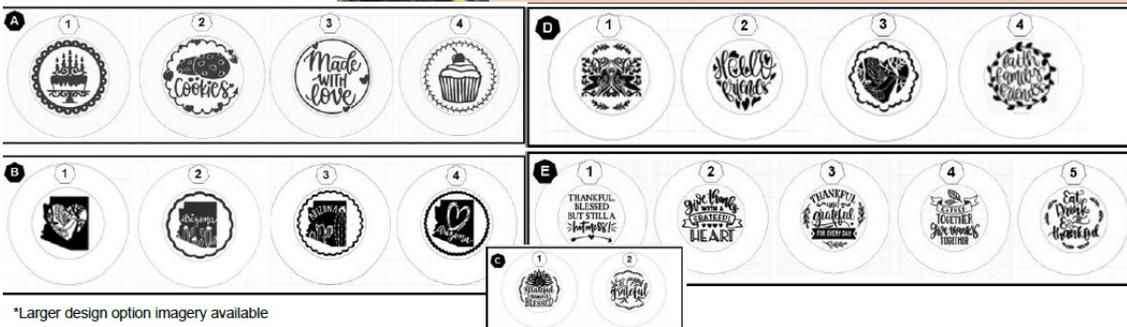
Arizona Hummingbird (shown in this photo)



## Bottles



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\*Larger design option imagery available



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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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!"



2022-2023  
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### Department President's Shirt 2022-2023

The shirt is Royal Blue Polo shirt with 3 buttons and can be purchased with or without a pocket.

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

<b>Men's Size</b>		Quantity	Size	Price
Small to 4XL	\$25	_____	_____	_____

<b>Men's with Pocket Size</b>		Quantity	Size	Price
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2XL – 4XL	\$30	_____	_____	_____

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Questions - please email at [johnettegibson@yahoo.com](mailto:johnettegibson@yahoo.com) or call me at 928-202-1581

Orders for pickup at Department Convention must be ordered by April 6, 2022

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