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President Janae's Message

As we are in the holiday season make sure that you are taking care of yourself. We volunteer to help others in our lives but we often forget about ourselves. It is okay to step aside to take care of yourself and to appreciate what we have done this past year. It is not selfish to take care of you.

Our National President Jean Hamil's visit is around the corner. Please come and spend time with her on December 11, 2021. We are going to the Heard

Museum that morning at 10:30. Please check their website for prices or look at the flyer below or find it on our website at www.vfwauxaz.org under resources/events. We will have the Aisle of Flags line up at 4, Reception at 4:30 & Dinner at 5:30 at VFW Post 9399, Please get your dinner reservation into Deb Rankin as soon as possible.

Around the corner is our Winter Conference. Jan 8-9, 2022. Training Saturday morning and Awards dinner in the evening with the COA Sunday morning. Flyer is below or on our website at www.vfwauxaz.org under resources/events.

Mentoring moment: Annual Members please pay your 2022 dues by December of 2021. Remember if you are a officer in your local and/or district auxiliary, if not pd by the end of December you can not hold your office.

Quote from the book Dance While You Can by Lance Wubbels.
"While I still can dance
I will sing of the joy
I found in you
Being with you chases the rest of the world away"

Brother & Sisters
Have a Merry Christmas

Department Sr. Vice Johnnie DeBoard

Auxiliary Members,
I would like to take a moment to thank all of Arizona for the cards, thoughts, prayers, and phone calls that I have received. This has been a rough time in my life and I truly appreciate all of you. Please stay safe and hug your loved ones tight.

Johnnie DeBoard
Department of Arizona Sr. Vice President

Department Announcements

*The National President will be here for her official visit on December 11th. The flyer is posted below.

*Winter Conference will be held in Phoenix on January 8th & 9th. The flyer is posted below.

***State Convention** will be at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort from June 2nd through the 5th. Stayed tuned for more information.





Jean Hamil

National President

2021-2022

Jean Hamil of Orlando, Florida, was elected to the office of National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.



A Life Member of East Seminole County Auxiliary 10139, she joined on the eligibility of her father, George W. Nunnery, a Korean War veteran, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1952-1973.

She has served the Auxiliary in several capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department (state) President. On the National level she has served as National Guard, National Chaplain, National Conductress, National Junior Vice-President, National Senior Vice-President, National District Council Member and National Director of the Membership Program. Jean is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children and a member of the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary (MOCA).

Jean is employed as a Manager, Food Safety & Environmental Compliance for A. Duda & Sons, Inc.

In her spare time she enjoys quilting, spending time with friends and traveling. She belongs to a small group of "Quilting Angels" who make quilts for veterans at the Orlando VA Healthcare Center, Quilts of Valor-Orange and Seminole counties, and for children temporarily located at Safe House and seniors in Seminole County.



National News

[*2022 Mid-Year Conference and Celebrating America's Freedom Event](#)
[January 29 - February 3, 2022 in Melbourne and Cape Canaveral, Florida](#)
[Registration opens on Sept 1, 2021](#)

VFW National Home for Children

[Home Notes - November 2021](#)



National Videos

[Membership: Where We Are and Where We Are Going](#)

[Historian: Photography Tips](#)



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 links will also be on each program's page on the Department webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org



- [Veterans & Family Support: VFW's Unmet Needs Helps During Hardship](#)
- [Americanism: Honoring Veterans and Service Members on Veterans Day and for Military Family Appreciation Month](#)
- [Auxiliary Community Outreach: 'Tis the Season to Volunteer!](#)
- ["Buddy"® Poppy & VFW National Home: Promote the National Home in Your Community](#)
- [Chief of Staff & Mentoring for Leadership: Tips for Starting a Successful Auxiliary](#)
- [Hospital: VOLUNTEER - Be Involved, Share your Passion](#)



**Department
Secretary/Treasurer
Kim Sloan**

After this article is a list of Auxiliaries and Districts that need to send me copies of their 3rd Quarter Audits. The goal was to get the audits done in October for approval at the November

meeting. Some Auxiliaries meet late enough in the month that they could have gotten the audit done and approved in October, which is fine.

There was a question regarding Auxiliary members participating as Color Guard members along with VFW members and the proper salute for those Auxiliary members. I reached out to the staff at the VFW National Headquarters and was advised that Auxiliary members performing duty as a Color Guard member may render a military salute or a heart salute, as they are saluting the veteran not the flag. Obviously if the Auxiliary member served in the military, they would be comfortable giving the military salute, but a non-service member may not be comfortable using that salute and should then give the heart salute.

Can a veteran who is not VFW eligible join the VFW Auxiliary? Yes, as long as he/she has a VFW eligible veteran family member that he/she may join under as defined in the Bylaws. That veteran may not join the Auxiliary under their own military service whether they are VFW eligible or not.

I'd appreciate everyone letting their members know that I am **NOT** retiring as Department Treasurer but another member has announced her candidacy for this office. The Bylaws are clear that any member in good standing may run for any office – so another member has the right to run.

And I will continue working for this Department as Secretary next year.

Thank you to the members that have reached out to the Department Asst. Treasurer and Department Asst. Secretary when I was not available. They are a great resource for our Department!

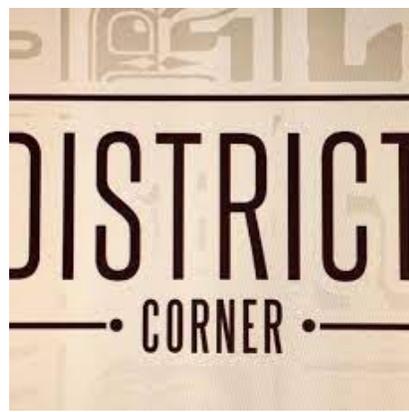
Please call me if you have any questions!

Secretary Treasurer Kim Sloan
Candidate for 2022-2023 Treasurer
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Auxiliary	Jul-Sept 21		Auxiliary	Jul-Sept 21
40			8242	
285	x		8987	
404			9399	x
541	x		9400	x
549	x		9401	
720			9833	x
769			9907	
1433			9972	x
1677	x		9977	x
1760	x		10005	
1763	x		10227	
1796	x		10254	
2190			10385	x
2357	x		10386	
2364			10726	
2555	E		11014	
3513	x		12043	
3584			12098	x
3632			12128	
3713			District 1	x
3715			District 2	
4903			District 3	
5990			District 4	
6271	x		District 5	
6306	x		District 6	x
6739			District 7	x
6790	x		District 8	
7061			District 10	
7400	x			
7968	x			

Happenings at the Districts

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



District 2

Aux 7400 (Cottonwood):

- Every Sunday snacks provided for Bingo players

Aux 10227 (Prescott Valley):

- Dec 7th - Battle Buddies Breakfast

Aux 12128 (Williams):

- Dec 7th - Participating in Pearl Harbor Ceremony
- Dec 11th - Wreath Placement at Veterans Statue in Williams and at Williams Cemetery Veterans Cross

District 3

Aux 1433 (Glendale):

- Dec 4 - 312th AG Postal Unit Family Day - Christmas Party
- Dec 12th - Children's Christmas Party from 10-1 pm

District 4

District 4 Special Activity – Weezie’s Diaper Bags Fundraiser: We are collecting Filled diaper bags from our Auxiliaries to be able to provide to the Phoenix National Guard’s Family Readiness Group.

December 5th - Family Day at the Phoenix National Guard Armory from 10 am - 2 pm (see flyer below) In addition to Phoenix, we are expecting Marana’s Platoon and Brigade.

Auxiliary 720 (Maricopa):

- Every Friday Jack of Hearts Drawing at 6 pm.
- First Fridays resume September 3rd with food trucks at 5pm and our first comedy show starting at 7 pm.
- Monthly Auxiliary meeting is the first Saturday of each month at 12 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 Pot Roast.

Auxiliary 1760 (Mesa):

- Dec 18 - Saturday 8:00 am Wreaths Across America

Auxiliary 1796 (Black Canyon City):

- Flyers concerning scholarships posted at local library and post office in attempt to reach home school students, also sending info to area of Navajo reservation where 2 Aux members grew up.
- We are also posting flyers in post office, at library, and on Facebook that are informational entitled, "Did You Know..."
- Working with the Post to have Friday night meals for the Building Fund and we try to post on Facebook.
- Thursday Tacos in the canteen twice a month for post fundraising.

Auxiliary 3513 (Scottsdale):

- Sunday Brunch, 50/50 and Jack of Hearts is held Sundays at 1 pm.
- 50/50 Raffle every Wednesday along with Dinners.
- Ongoing Cat Rescue program – <https://www.azbw.com/vfw-cat-rescue>

Auxiliary 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.

District 5

Auxiliary 549 (Tucson):

- Dec 19th - Children's Christmas Party from 1-3 pm

Auxiliary 5990 (Marana):

- Dec 12th - Auxiliary dinner at 5 pm

Auxiliary 10254 (Three Points):

- 3rd Saturday in Dec - hosting a Veteran's breakfast

District 6

Auxiliary 2364 (Pintop-Lakeside):

- Dec 19th - working with Aux 9907 - putting together food boxes

Auxiliary 8987 - (Eagar):

- Oct - Dec - holding a "Halloween Spirits" Raffle

Auxiliary 9907 - (Show Low):

- Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Memorial at Veterans Memorial
- Dec 15th - Wrap toys for Christmas
- Dec 19th - Shop and pack food boxes for families

District 7

Auxiliary 9972 - (Sierra Vista):

- Dec 18th - Helping local firefighters bag and tag Christmas gifts

District 8

Auxiliary 404 - (Mohave Valley):

- Dec 25th - Providing free Christmas dinner

Auxiliary 2555 - (Golden Valley):

- Mondays - Tacos & In house pool
- Wednesdays - Ladies Pool & Pot luck
- Fridays - Burger, Fish or Shrimp dinner
- Saturdays - Dinner

Auxiliary 9401 - (Lake Havasu City):

- October & November - Youth Book donations
- October - Karaoke competition
- Every Tuesday - Bar Bingo - 6 pm
- Every Friday - Dinner 4 - 7 pm and Karaoke from 7 to ?
- Every Sunday - Breakfast - 8 am - 11 am
- Tuesdays - Fridays - Lunch from 11 am - 2 pm

Auxiliary 9833 (Dolan Springs):

- Dec 4th - Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar

Auxiliary 11014 - (Meadview):

- Dec 7th - Flag Raising

District 10

Auxiliary 3713 - (Coolidge):

- Dec 17th - Fish Fry - 4:30 pm
- Dec 18th - Children's Christmas Party
- Dec 25th - Christmas Dinner at VFW

Auxiliary 7968 - (Apache Junction):

- Dec 1 - VOD/PP Awards Banquet dinner at 6 pm
- Dec 7th - Flag raising for Pearl Harbor day at 12 pm
- Dec 16th - Spaghetti dinner
- Dec 18th - Feather Party
- Dec 24th - Annual Tom and Jerry party at 1 pm
- Dec 25th - Christmas dinner at 1 pm
- Dec 31st - New Years Eve party

Auxiliary 9399 - (Apache Junction):

- Dec 4th - Motown Band

Membership
Jeanne Hampton

Greetings Department of Arizona VFW Auxiliary
Members!

The number one rebuttal: "My membership is not



due until December 31”, Which is absolutely true. The existing Annual Auxiliary member’s dues for the 2021 year do not “expire” until December 31.

Looking forward and aiming goals high, the National Membership Ambassador is reaching to obtain membership numbers as they were shown on the rise in 2018. This was easiest obtained by going to the membership and “Making a Plan”- If we **KEEP** our existing Annual Members (retention) and set goals in percentages by quarters (50% by Oct 31,

75% by Jan 31) it is easier to achieve than getting through the entire Programs’ Year and March 31st looking at how to contact all the “lapsed” existing Annual Members to pay their dues.

Why is it important to not let the Annual Membership lapse?

- Cancer Grant- continual membership. Lapsed changes “continual”.
- Scholarship eligibility- lapsed changes “continual”.
- Auxiliary Officer- no longer a “member in good standing”.
- Auxiliary Member- no longer permitted to attend/have a voice in your Auxiliary meeting.

Moreover, it is to make certain we, as the VFW Auxiliary, are reaching out to our members. The brilliant statement made by my VFW Counterpart at Fall Conference, “Why are we bringing them in one door and letting them WALK OUT the back door?”. The Unpaid Annual Members are members of the VFW Auxiliary. Let’s “Make a Plan” to keep them.

A HUGE shout out to the Auxiliaries who did make their first quarter 50% retention goal! It was an amazing journey watching the clock and the uptick in membership, almost by the hour. Great Job! For the Annual Members who used MALTA to pay their Auxiliary dues or Convert to Life, Thank You. Those were added immediately to the Auxiliary’s numbers. AND- Early Bird Incentives DO WORK! The first thing in my notes to my successor will be, “Early Bird Incentives” like those 9972, 9907, and 1433 used had AMAZING results. It’s not too late. Try an incentive to catch those Unpaid Annual Memberships before the December 31 clock runs out.

Angel Trees- consider an Angel Tree for Caregivers- time you can lend, Veterans- a warm meal, new coat, ride to an activity, companionship, Auxiliary Members- possibly there is a member who cannot pay their dues at this moment. Tis the Season- and money may be tight when prioritizing the holidays, activities, membership. If you have members who may wish to give something extra- consider being an Auxiliary Angel. The National Ambassador, Debbie Tilley, has a recent VLOG on Membership and is promoting- “Give the Gift that keeps on Giving- A Life Membership to the VFW or its Auxiliary”.

If you are met with the Membership that does not expire- turn that into a positive. Thank that member! Every member, every volunteer hour, every Auxiliary dollar is counted toward Veteran Legislation the first week in March when the VFW Commander in Chief goes before Congress. “Now is the time” for us, as members, to be counted alongside the VFW to make those numbers stronger when we represent important Legislation for the Veterans who have

served and for those who will come. Make their service count! Join us! Be proud to serve the VFW Auxiliary programs that provide services to our Veterans, their families, and our communities. Represent the VFW Auxiliary knowing you have a purpose in all you do. Thank you!

May your heart be warmed by the services you have provided,
May your family and friends are close to you in this Christmas season,
May we never forget those on the front line and those we have lost,
May God keep you in His hands until we meet again.



*Looking For
That Perfect
Christmas
Gift?
Why Not
Give That Special Loved One
The Gift That Keeps On Giving
Every Day - Every Year?
A Life Membership
To The VFW
Or Its Auxiliary!*



National Retain & Gain Award - \$50 to each Auxiliary that retains 90% of their Annual members and reaches 100% plus by June 30, 2022.

Department Circle of Excellence - One of the requirements for this year's Circle of Excellence is that each auxiliary must retain 90% of their annual members by 3/31/2022.

The Department has realized that it is difficult to determine whether your auxiliary has reached 90% retention of your annual members by looking it up on MALTA. We have created a sheet which gives you this information. It shows how many annual members you had on June 30, 2021; how many annual members have paid their dues or converted to life this year and what your current percentage is. This sheet will be displayed here in the newsletter each month and it will also be on www.vfwauxaz.org behind log in. Please contact Kim Harney if you have any questions.

Retention % of Annual Members as of 11.29



Dist	Aux	Prior Total Annual Mbrs	Annual Pd	Convert to Life	Paid Total	Retained Mbrs needed to meet goal of 90%	Retention % - Goal is 90%
Arizona		45	11	1	12	41	26%
DAZ01	769	22	8	0	8	20	36%
DAZ01	1763	19	11	1	12	17	63%
DAZ01	2357	17	10	1	11	15	64 %
DAZ01	6790	17	8	1	9	15	53 %
DAZ01	7061	22	2	3	5	20	23 %
DAZ01	8242	65	33	2	35	59	54%
DAZ02	541	15	2	1	3	14	20%
DAZ02	6739	38	1	1	2	34	0.05%
DAZ02	7400	64	33	2	35	58	55 %
DAZ02	10227	14	7	1	8	13	62 %
DAZ02	12128	13	10	0	10	12	77 %
DAZ03	40	6	0	0	0	5	0.00 %
DAZ03	285	7	5	0	5	6	71 %
DAZ03	1433	78	51	3	54	70	69 %
DAZ03	3715	12	0	0	0	11	0.00 %
DAZ03	12098	9	8	0	8	8	90.0 %
DAZ04	720	21	4	1	5	19	24%
DAZ04	1760	59	1	1	2	53	0.03
DAZ04	1796	19	6	0	6	17	32%
DAZ04	3513	16	6	0	6	14	43 %
DAZ04	3632	26	8	3	11	23	42%
DAZ04	9400	39	16	2	18	35	46%
DAZ05	549	88	23	3	26	79	30%
DAZ05	4903	44	13	1	14	40	32%
DAZ05	5990	30	2	1	3	27	10%
DAZ05	10254	30	5	0	5	27	16 %
DAZ06	2364	21	7	0	7	19	33 %
DAZ06	8987	25	5	1	6	23	24%
DAZ06	9907	80	49	9	58	72	73 %
DAZ07	6271	38	19	2	21	34	55 %
DAZ07	9972	50	22	13	35	45	70 %
DAZ07	9977	27	11	0	11	24	46 %
DAZ07	10385	28	22	0	22	25	79 %



Dist	Aux	Prior Total Annual Mhrs	Annual Pd	Convert to LM	Paid Total	Retained Mhrs needed to meet goal	Retention % - Goal is 90%
DAZ08	404	70	4	3	7	63	11%
DAZ08	2190	20	12	1	13	18	65 %
DAZ08	2555	33	12	1	13	30	40 %
DAZ08	6306	42	21	4	25	38	60 %
DAZ08	9401	134	50	7	57	121	43 %
DAZ08	9833	16	7	0	7	14	44 %
DAZ08	10005	109	11	0	11	98	10%
DAZ08	10386	56	21	4	25	50	45 %
DAZ08	10726	11	7	1	8	10	73 %
DAZ08	11014	76	38	7	45	68	59 %
DAZ10	1677	42	7	0	7	38	16 %
DAZ10	3584	33	8	0	8	30	24%
DAZ10	3713	37	10	1	11	33	30%
DAZ10	7968	170	23	20	43	153	25%
DAZ10	9399	288	125	5	130	259	45%
DAZ10	12043	9	2	1	3	8	33 %
Arizona		2,250	777	109	886	2025	39 %

**Ten Auxiliary members standing in a line
One disliked the President, and then there were nine.**

**Nine ambitious members got in a debate
One got offended, and then there were eight.**

**Eight creative members, had ideas good as heaven
One felt ignored, and then there were seven.**

**Seven loyal members got into a fix
They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.**

**Six loyal members to prepare a meal they did strive
The menu upset one and then there were five**

**Five happy members wanted to do more
Till they fought over Bingo
And then there were four.**

**Four cheerful members
Who never disagree,
Till one complained of meetings
And then there were three.**

**Three eager members, who planned to renew?
One couldn't afford it, and then there were two.**

**Two tired members, our rhyme's nearly done
One joined a bridge club and then there was one.**

**One faithful member, feeling very blue
recruited a neighbor, and then there were two.**

**Two dedicated members each retained one more,
Doubling their number, and then there were four.**

**Four determined members, just couldn't wait
So they challenged each other, and then there were
eight.**

**Eight excited members retained sixteen more.
In another six verses there will be a thousand and
twenty-four!**

Veterans and Family Support Stephanie Morris

From Nelda Clifton, Veterans, and Family Support National Ambassador's Latest Blog:

"VFW's Unmet Needs Helps During Hardship"

The VFW's Unmet Needs program helps America's military families who have run into unexpected financial struggles because of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. The program provides financial aid grants of up to \$1,500 to aid with basic life needs in the form of a grant, so no repayment is needed. To further help the veteran, the VFW Unmet Needs pays the creditor directly.

The Unmet Needs program is accessible for the service member, veteran, or eligible dependent listed under the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).



HARDSHIPS MUST BE DUE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Currently on active duty, whose
- e financial hardship is a result of a current deployment, military pay error, or from being discharged for medical reasons.
- Discharged on or after September 11, 2001, whose financial hardship is a direct result of military service-connected injuries and/or illness.

- Discharged prior to September 11, 2001, are on a fixed income that must include VA compensation for a service-connected injury/illness and facing unexpected financial hardship.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS CANNOT BE CAUSED BY:

- Civil, legal, or domestic issues, misconduct, or any issues that are a result of spousal separation or divorce.
- Financial mismanagement by self or others, or due to bankruptcy.
- All grants are paid directly to the creditor and not to the applicant. The applicant must supply the most current bills due. The VFW will make payment for eligible current bills only.

EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT:

- Household expenses – mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance
- Vehicle expenses – payments, insurance, repairs (major repairs for vehicles over ten years old will not be considered.)
- Utilities
- Food and clothing, children's diapers, formula, school, or childcare expenses
- Medical bills, prescriptions & eyeglasses – the patient's part for the necessary or emergency medical care only.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES LISTS ARE NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE.

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

- Credit cards, military charge cards, or retail store cards
- Cable, internet, or secondary phones
- Cosmetic or investigational medical procedures & expenses
- Taxes – property or otherwise
- Furniture, electronic equipment, or vehicle rentals
- Any other expenses not determined to be a basic life need.

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES LISTS ARE NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE.

Each case will be carefully reviewed for its own merits. Upon approval, payments will be made directly to the creditor. All applications are individually reviewed, and the VFW reserves the right to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

The needs of our veterans, service members, and their families should never go unmet.

For additional information, and to see if you or someone you know qualifies for a grant through the Unmet Needs Program, please review the [Unmet Needs Eligibility Criteria](#). The online [Unmet Needs application](#) is available on the National VFW website."

Mortgage help for Arizona homeowners:

From an article on azfamily.com: "On November 1, 2021, Gov. Doug Ducey and the Arizona Department of Housing announced a new \$197 million program designed to help Arizonans stay in their homes. The Homeowner Assistance Fund is meant for homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage and other expenses related to the home, such as utilities and internet.

"We want to make sure families stay in their homes and continue to have a roof over their heads," Ducey said. "As Arizona emerges out of the pandemic and our economy grows, many hardworking individuals who fell on hard times are still trying to find their financial footing. The Arizona Department of Housing's Homeowner Assistance Fund will help with mortgage payments and take care of other expenses. I'm grateful to the Department and Director Tom Simplot for their unwavering dedication to supporting renters and homeowners, expanding affordable housing, and ensuring safe housing is available for those in need."

According to a news release from Ducey's office, funding is available immediately for distribution for eligible homeowners. "This is direct and immediate aid," Simplot said. "If you're behind on your mortgage payments, we can send funds directly to your home loan servicer to bring you current." To find out if you are eligible, to apply, or want more information, visit the Homeowner Assistance Fund's website: <https://haf.azhousing.gov/>."

Merry Christmas Everyone!!



Auxiliary Community Outreach Bambi Johnson

Last month we went over the guidelines of the program and hopefully we have been contacting groups and organizations about *their* projects for the holidays. We should also be asking them to Partner for a project we feel would benefit our communities and asking if they can be held at *their* facilities. Researching is key to finding and building community partnerships.

Does your community have Facebook pages and/or groups? Joining these groups gives you information and contacts for future partnerships. Other avenues of contact are attending city council meetings and having the Auxiliary join the local Chamber of Commerce. Another source is local groups, such as car or motorcycle enthusiasts, crafting and line dancing classes, church groups, and senior living centers.

Consider making a name badge for members to wear to meet with groups that identifies them as a VFW Auxiliary member and states that we are available to help. Have your auxiliary information ready to hand out such as your fact sheet with contact information. Groups are more likely to ask you to partner with them when they see your past accomplishments.

Ideas during this holiday season:

Senior centers – help at their holiday party.

Food Banks – assist with food boxes for holiday meals.

Meals on Wheels – Deliver to those in need.

We have been partnering with our auxiliary programs for years...now is the time to grab new partners in the community. Think of it as a square dance where you get to pass between new partners! Go reach out your hand to other

groups and have a great time on your next dance!

The Community Outreach Program is about giving yourself and your time. The gift of time to others is priceless!

Scholarships Janice Robertson

Fall started with a bang! And now we are in the Christmas Spirit.

We should all Be Thankful this month as the **Voice of Democracy** and **Patriots Pen Essays** are on their way to the Districts to judge and send them off by December 15 to Department.

December is the time to remember how exciting it is to be members of this wonderful Auxiliary where we can help our youth gain a head up with their education and help our veterans' spouses and their children with the **Continuing Education Scholarship**. It is a 300 word or less essay. On how this money would help them achieve their goals. This is due February 15th to National Headquarters.

The **Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant** is for members of our Auxiliaries who want to further their education. This is due to me no later than April 1st

The **Arizona VFW Auxiliary Merit Scholarship**. This application and all documentation should be in a binder and received by me by April 1st.

The **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**. What a wonderful way for our youth to express themselves but through art. This contest is due to me by March 31st.

National Funding the Future. Have a raffle or a fundraiser to help increase our escrow accounts for the **Young American Creative Patriotic Arts** and **Continuing Education Scholarship** to assist National with giving scholarships.

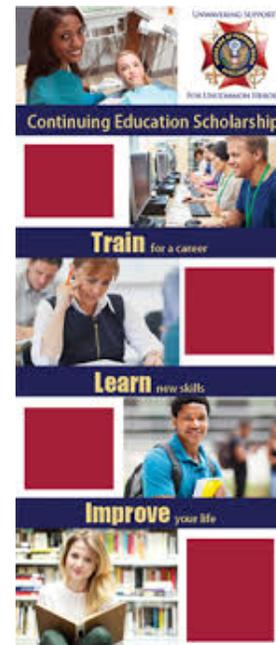
As we remember how thankful we were in November let us all share our blessings this Christmas Season with our Veterans and their Families.

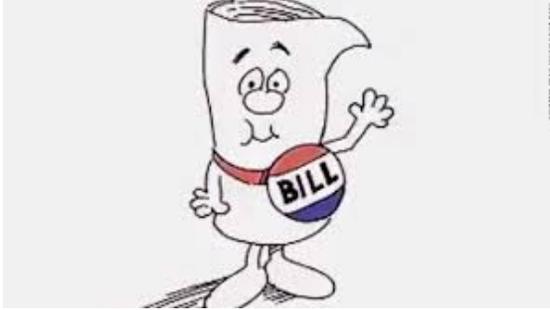
If you need any applications or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Janice Robertson 928-580-8872

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Legislative
Connie Hargreaves

The Christmas Holidays are upon us





and in some places, that funny, fluffy white stuff may be falling!

What a great time to learn about legislation and advocacy. Maybe create a story on how a bill is passed. Did you know it can take upwards of 4 to 6 years? Yup, that's right. It may start in the House or the

Senate, from there it goes to committee, then to study, back to committee.

Create a PowerPoint- **Steps**

- Step 1: The bill is drafted. ...
- Step 2: The bill is introduced. ...
- Step 3: Bill is introduced in either House (Revenue Bills must begin in the House of Reps)
- Step 4: The bill goes to the committee. ...
- Step 5: Bill is debated in Committee - Most bills killed here...
- Step 6: Committee markup of the bill. ...
- Step 7: If passed in committee the sent to the main floor...
- Step 8: Voting by the full chamber on the bill. ...
- Step 9: Referral of the bill to the other chamber. ...
- Step 10: Sent to committee...
- Step 11: Bill is debated in Committee...
- Step 12: If passed in committee the sent to the main floor...
- Step 13: Bill is debated on the main floor...
- Step 14: Voted on...

If passed by both houses goes to the President...

OR

Create a PowerPoint utilizing the information on this link:

<https://quizlet.com/190473753/how-a-bill-becomes-a-law-14-steps-flash-cards/>

Utilize this kid's video as a simple example that is fun to watch with the catchy tune:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBpdxEMeIR0>

Print your Action Corps weekly sign-up sheets or enter the names of the ones you've already gotten signed up.

Make sure to send in your Project Reports to me. Please put your Auxiliary name and number as well as who wrote it and contact me if I should have a question. Remember, to send to National, it must contain an educational aspect for a National Recognition.

Youth
Brenda Kinghorn

Merry Christmas! December is a busy month for Auxiliaries.

Ask your classrooms to make Christmas cards

and decorations for VA hospitals, Assisted Living, Nursing homes, and VFW Posts. Pinterest has many project craft ideas for kids. Add a Buddy Poppy to the item.



The supplies for the food boxes should be picked up from schools, other organizations and brought back to the packing site ready to assemble.

Have you sent out information to the music, and choir teachers, the “Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue”, The Star-Spangled Banner, singing contest entries? Send flyers to the local newspapers, email to members, and tack to public bulletin boards. This is an opportunity for the youth to share their talent, display their patriotism, and express their creativity. Video and signed entries are due to local VFW Auxiliaries by March 31st, 2022. See last year’s national winner, Avery Britt, age 14, of the Department of Georgia, as seen on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Now is the time to recognize the youth groups in you your community for their service projects in support of veterans, service members, and their families with a Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation. If you attended the Fall Conference in September, there was a presentation of the citations. They can be found as a fillable PDF on the www.vfwauxaz.org under programs/youth. Download and award to deserving youth groups in your area today!! Project report, with pictures, presenting citations to the youth during thank you dinners or assemblies at the schools.

Please send your project reports with pictures of youth groups helping out at the 9/11 Services, Veteran’s Day festivities, and Thanksgiving activities.

Make sure you print out picture release forms for the youth photos and/or adult photos and have parents sign them.. These forms can be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under programs/historian-media.

Department of Arizona Auxiliary website –vfwauxaz.org
Like the Department of Arizona Auxiliary Facebook



Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership Reba Dermody

We are now in the Holiday season. With every holiday, we have members who welcome the season and then we have many members who dread this time of the year. Within the last 2 years and more, we have lost a lot of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. Please step back and remember those who might need that extra helping hand. A phone call, a text, an email to just say. Hey, are you doing, OK? Do you need anything? We need to make sure you are spreading the VFW Auxiliary Holiday joy. Reach out, make a note of who needs what. Share your findings with your chaplain.

Mentoring for Leadership:

1. Remember Your Mentor is a Volunteer

This means as a good mentee, you should be aware of and minimize time wasters that occur during your meetings. Also, ensure you show gratitude for the time and advice, and never act rudely or attempt to downplay their knowledge.

2. Take Responsibility for Your Own Learning

Your mentor cannot do everything for you, they can only give you tools and guidance. You must be willing to take charge of your learning by asking questions and actively participating in the conversations to become a good mentee.

3. Develop Trust

Your mentorship does not automatically establish trust between you and your mentor. It must be developed and nurtured. You will both need to work to establish trust at the beginning of the relationship. Having trust can open a channel of communication, which is important to the success of your mentorship.

Chief of Staff

This information is important from the VFW Auxiliary National Blog - Leona McDermott- National Chief of Staff and Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador

Membership – Are you an annual member? If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership today. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization and is vital to the success of your Auxiliary. Dues must be received on or before December 31, 2021, to remain a member in good standing. Get involved. Check with your President and Treasurer to see if they need assistance making phone calls to members to collect dues.

Ensure a Positive Member Experience – While you're assisting with calls to collect dues, also check on the well-being of members you haven't seen in a while. A phone call and a few kind words go a long way in making someone feel welcome. You may learn of a member who could use some assistance during the holiday season – a food basket, gift cards, etc. - providing your Auxiliary with an opportunity to make a difference in some small way in the life of a veteran and/or their family.

Engage in Learning/Training Opportunities – Did you attend a District or Department meeting where you learned something that would benefit your members? If so, talk to the President about presenting that information to your members at a meeting. The more members learn about the Auxiliary, the more willing they will be to step up and take on leadership roles. You will be acting not only as a mentor but will also be doing your part to ensure your Auxiliary has the leaders it needs to move forward.

Historian/Media Irene Norwacki

As we come to the end of 2021, it is time to look back

and see what we have done over the past year.



Have you collected pictures over the year and sorted them in chronological order?

When capturing your picture, it's important to keep a few details in mind: Think about the format the picture is intended for (e.g.: Facebook, website, newspaper, etc.).

Hold your hands steady, this will help keep your subject in focus.

Never be afraid to take lots of pictures as you never know what memories you'll want most.

How have you documented the history in your Auxiliary?
Are you posting to your Auxiliary Facebook page for all to see?
Are you starting your scrapbook or digital lookbook?

What are your year-end plans? Are you going to have a Holiday or New Years' celebration?

Make sure that you are documenting all of the festivities you have planned. We are all excited to see what your Auxiliary is doing now and in the future.

From my family to yours – I hope that you have a very blessed, safe, and full Holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Americanism Lynn Pierre

Before we get to Christmas, let us look at Pearl Harbor Day. We all have celebrations, i.e.: parades, community events, Post events, and whatever else you may have produced. Let us be sure we use those flags, (both American and

POW/MIA) and Buddy Poppies in all our displays, centerpieces, and handouts.

While we have seen many of these events in the past, if we think of new ideas, how about a "Flags Across our Post" display with gifts for our Veterans? A small display could be created by Auxiliary members and our youth to place outside of our Veterans' hospitals or homes? Just a thought but you never know. Perhaps our Youth would want to design and personalize Thank You and Christmas Cards for both our veterans and our active military and their families.

With an eye toward Christmas and our National President, Jean Hamil's visit, we could think about a Red, White, and Blue artificial butterfly or bird gift of

some kind? With Flags and Buddy Poppy, anything is possible.

Also, during the Christmas season, we need to provide good care for our caregivers and Veteran Caregivers. For ideas, please go to TheElizabethDoleFoundation.org and look for things like, providing a spa package for the caregiver and/or giving them some of your time with the person they care for, so they have some personal time themselves.

For Veterans themselves, here are some ideas that could include food and songs or a quiet visit to read to them, talk or play games. Decorate Graves - Go to a local cemetery and decorate graves of deceased veterans with flowers and flags. Make a Care Package - Send care packages overseas to active service members or to your local VA to honor those who serve and have served. Do not forget to include information in those packages including our emergency helpline, the VFW National Home for Children, and the Four signs of Mental Distress in our pursuit of reducing military suicide numbers.

There are so many good deed ideas out there among you and we would love for you to share them. **PLEASE** remember to post these good deeds utilizing the #auxiliarypatriotism introduction in your posts all over Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and every other social site you may be using.

We all enjoy seeing these caring events and ideas and are so proud of the ideas you all produce. I would like to wish each one of you and your families a most enjoyable, safe, and Happy Holiday Season!

Buddy Poppy/National Home Rhonda Follett

I am wishing all of our members a Very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. May we all keep working the programs and supporting our Veterans.

As of November 23, 2021, I have received project reports from the following Auxiliaries – 1433, 2364, 5990, 8242, 10836, and 11014. Thank you all for getting them. I am looking forward to many more in the near future.

Remember our National Home and think about becoming a “Home Front Hero”. Your support is very much needed and appreciated by our National Home workers and the residents who live at the home. It goes to help with everyday running expenses to keep the home ready and available to our Veterans and their families. Thank you for supporting our National Home. Remember to do your “Buddy” Poppy drive. Every Buddy Poppy is made by a disabled Veteran and our help distributing them helps all veterans.

See you in 2022



The Story of the “Buddy” Poppy

“In Flanders Fields the Poppy Below ...”

These are the opening words of Colonel John McCrea's Immortal poem dedicated to the memory of the men and women who served, fought, and died in France during World War 1. The poppies of which he wrote have become the true symbol of all those who have given their lives in our nation's wars.

The poppy has become recognized as the memorial flower in countries around the world. It is distributed by veteran's organizations in Europe, North America, and most of the countries of the British Commonwealth.

Since 1922, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has conducted an annual distribution of "Buddy" poppies to raise funds for its charitable programs on behalf of the needy and disabled veterans, and the surviving family members of deceased veterans.

Today, "Buddy" poppies are distributed by posts and auxiliaries of the VFW in every state of the union and dozens of other countries. Some 14 million are distributed annually; most of them during the period preceding Memorial Day and Veterans Day, but many of them at other times of the year.

More than 11 million dollars are raised each year through the distribution of the Buddy poppies. All of it strictly accounted for and dedicated entirely to Veterans welfare. Under the unique VFW distribution system, the proceeds of the distribution are divided between national, state, and local charitable purposes.

When you make a donation you have contributed to the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children of deceased or disabled veterans at Eaton Rapids, Michigan... to the National VFW rehabilitation services in Washington, DC... to the VFW rehabilitation service in your State... and to direct assistance programs for needy and disabled veterans and active service members and their families in your community.

The services made possible through your donation are available to ALL needy veterans, active service members, and their families not just those who are Veterans of Foreign Wars. Hundreds of thousands of nonmembers are assisted with disability claims and served in hospitals each year by Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The person from whom you received your poppy is a volunteer. Their supervisor is a volunteer and the people who helped organize the distribution are volunteers. Their only pay is the satisfaction that comes from devoting time and effort to a worthy cause.

However, there is someone who does get paid. The disabled veterans who assembled the poppy from the original parts receive a nominal sum for their work. The amount is small, but it does help them buy the little luxuries which make hospital life tolerable and it does permit them to purchase a gift now and then for their loved ones at home.

When you are handed a "Buddy Poppy", give generously. And when you wear your Poppy, do it proudly.

And when you see VFW and Auxiliary volunteers working in veteran's hospitals, visiting the sick and helping them with their problems, give them a word of greeting.

You are Partners in great work.



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)



Hospital Melissa Martin

VFW Auxiliary members have been volunteering in hospitals and medical facilities since our organization's inception in 1914. The Hospital program was one of the first nationally adopted programs for the organization.

Where can we serve?

Local Hospitals

Veterans Homes

Nursing Homes

Domiciliaries

Both VA and non-VA medical facilities and clinics

Who can serve?

Veterans

Members

Youth

Families

Volunteer opportunities are based on the facility where you are volunteering. Some facilities will have a volunteer program in place with specific jobs, events, and needs. Many facilities will have varying types of opportunities to suit different ages and abilities. Make sure you follow all the

guidelines given by that facility and regularly ask how you can assist them. Since COVID-19 is still showing its ugly head, some facilities still won't allow visitors or volunteers into their facilities. We must put on our thinking caps and come up with clever ways to "visit" our Veterans or do some thoughtful things for them. We did it a year ago last year and we can do it again until this situation changes for the better.

Volunteering is what we do and is essential for us to carry out all our programs. We help Veterans, whatever their needs might be. **WE NEED YOU!!** Come join us in our mission of helping Veterans.



Dear Veteran,

You may be eligible for newly enacted service-connected benefits.

Over the course of the last six months, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has begun processing service-connected disability claims for six new presumptive conditions related to environmental exposures during military service. We request your help in making more Veterans aware of these newly added presumptive conditions to help them file a claim and obtain any earned benefits.

In May 2021, VA started implementing provisions of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA), adding bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism to the list of medical conditions presumptively associated with exposure to Agent Orange. A few months later VA added asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis (to include rhinosinusitis) on a presumptive basis based on particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas.

Any Veteran who was previously denied service-connection for any of these six conditions but had symptoms manifest within 10 years of military service would need to file a supplemental claim. Be sure to use VA Form 20-0995, *Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim* when filing. The claim form should include the name of the condition and specify that the condition is being claimed due to in-service exposure to environmental hazards.

VA is committed to assisting Veterans who may have been exposed to hazardous materials during their military service.

Be sure to stay plugged in to www.va.gov for the most recent developments around environmental exposures during military service, as VA is constantly

conducting research and surveillance as well as reviewing scientific literature for conditions that may be related to exposure during military service.

For more information about VA benefits and eligibility, or how to file a claim, Veterans and survivors can visit VA's website at www.va.gov or call toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.



VAVS REPORTS

News from the Prescott VA Medical Center

Prescott VA had a virtual meeting in November. Some highlights:

- The Prescott VA had the 2nd largest entry for a Veterans' Day parade in AZ.
 - Jan. 2023 is scheduled finish for construction of Primary Care Building and establishing on-line labs.
 - The campus is mostly locked down again--no visitors allowed. CLC is also locked down.
 - Wait times for appointments are 4-6 days for mental and medical established patients--14-19 days for unestablished patients.
 - The Mountain Institute for Culinary Arts School students donated 1,000 home-made pies (frozen) to the VA for patients and volunteers.
 - Tim reported that the Prescott VA has an 88.3% trust rate among veterans.
 - Staff is considering creating a "virtual volunteer" corps at the Prescott VA. Staff are working to create Uber and Lyft cards for veterans to use to get to and from the VA. I've asked to be in the loop for that program. This "virtual" VAVS can provide some funding for that once it's in place.
 - The Prescott Valley VFW Auxiliary and I have provided eight \$75 Safeway grocery cards for veterans' families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Recipients are confidential; the Volunteer office selects them.
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2021 Holiday Gift Suggestions for SAVAHCS Veteran Patients

The holidays can be difficult for hospitalized and homeless Veterans. Below is a list of suggested items to donate as gifts for those Veterans. Please contact Voluntary Service (520-629-1822) prior to collecting items. We will coordinate with you to ensure adequate quantity and variety of gift donations for SAVAHCS patients.

- \$10-\$15 Gift Cards
- Baseball Hats
- No-Slip Socks
- Gloves/Scarfs/Hats
- Stress Relief Items
- Card Games
- Compact Travel Games
- Small Hand-Held Electronic Games
- Ear Buds
- Blue Tooth Speakers
- Small Hand-Held Flashlights
- Back scratchers



Your donations are very much appreciated!

NOTE: No food or items that are fragile, breakable, contain glass and/or sharp objects.

No items usually provided to patients such as toiletries, blankets, pajamas.

COVID-19 Restrictions – No Used Items

**All donations must be delivered no later than December 18, 2020.
Deliveries must be scheduled in advance - call Voluntary Service 520-629-1822.**

MAKING A DONATION

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) is very appreciative of the substantial contributions from many generous donors each year in support of Veteran Patient Programs.

Contact the Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)* at 520-629-1822 for a current list of donation needs and to ensure a need still exists prior to making a donation.

HOW TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION – 100% of monetary donations go toward supporting Veterans. Donors can specify which program their donation supports. Monetary donations are accepted on-line, by check, money order or cash.

E-Donate provides a secure link to Department of The Treasury website where donors can use a credit card or electronic transfer and designate a specific facility and program their donation is to support. Visit: <http://www.tucson.va.gov/> click on E-Donate icon.



Checks and money orders should be made out to "SAVAHCS VAVS Patient Programs". Please note a specific program the donation is supporting, otherwise CDCE staff will determine based on current program needs.

Needs for specialized programs are available in the CDCE Office, Building 58. These programs include PTSD and Substance Disorder Treatment, Homeless Program, HUD/VASH Household Starter Kits, and Fisher House.

*****All clothing, blankets and linens must be laundered and in good condition*****

HOW TO MAKE A MATERIAL DONATION

SAVAHCS only accepts donations of new and unworn undergarments and socks. Clothing donations are distributed to Veterans in the Homeless Program, Seeking Employment, and other SAVAHCS patients needing clothing during their stay or upon discharge from the hospital (e.g. Emergency Department, Wards, and Outpatient Surgery).

Clothing Donations - contact Clothing Room (520-629-1839) in advance to make delivery arrangements. Clothing should be delivered directly to the Clothing Room in Building 90.
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Other Material Donations contact CDCE office at 629-1822 in advance to discuss other material donations. All donated used items must be clean and in like new condition.
Donations can be delivered to the CDCE office, Building 58. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A **Donation Acknowledgment Form** should be completed and submitted with each donation. Upon receipt of the Donation Acknowledgement Form, CDCE generates a Thank You letter to the donor. Additional Donation Acknowledgement Forms are available in the CDCE office, Building 58 or the Homeless Program office in Building 90.

*VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) is now Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System Veteran Patient Program Wish List - Fiscal Year 2021



Pattern on file in VAVS office***

Comfort Items

Non-skid Slipper Socks
Emery Boards
Lap Robes (4x5 or 5x7)
Backpacks
Denture Cleaner
Tote Bags
Lip Balm
Denture Grip
Coffee supplies
Reading glasses

Shower Shoes
Shawls
Knitted Caps
Socks (white)
Stamps
Cardiac Heart pillows***
Phone chargers (android & i-phone)

Activity Aprons for acute care patients***
Twin Size quilts for the Community Living Center, B-60
Non-perishable Healthy Snacks for Hemodialysis, Emergency Department & Dermatology
Combs for women Veterans
Backscratchers

Pattern on file in VAVS office***

Recreation

Tickets for entertainment & sporting events
Pencils
Playing cards
Golf equipment

Sports equipment (basketball, tennis rackets & balls, badminton set, Frisbees, footballs)
Marble notebooks
Portable CD player and CDs

Magazine subscriptions (SAVAHCS accepts magazines 3 months old or less and in good condition)
Colored pencils

Holiday Gifts – (Will begin accepting in November)

Baseball Hats
Gloves
Back Scratchers
Watches

Knitted Caps
CD Players with Headsets
T-Shirts (Arizona or sports oriented)
Book Lights

Note Pads
Gift Cards

www.Tucson.VA.gov

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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health
Administration

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)

Thank you for your support of our Nation's Veterans.

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. This announcement reflects the tax law provision which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MATERIAL DONATIONS

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
3601 S. 6th 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: _____
(If Applicable)
Credit to Organization: _____
(Name – if Applicable)

DONOR INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
Carbon Copy to: _____
(If Applicable)
Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
VAVS Representative: _____
(If Applicable)

ITEM DONATED FOR

_____ 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.

SAVAHCS 678-2-135 FY21



Program Activity Reports

Melody Judd

melodyfaye@frontier.com

There are small changes to the report. Starting in August, your auxiliary must use the new form in order to get credit for the Circle of Excellence. The new fillable form can be found at

<https://vfwauxaz.org/uploads/documents/ProgramActivityReport-fillable.pdf> or

you can use the new [PAR - Google Form](#).

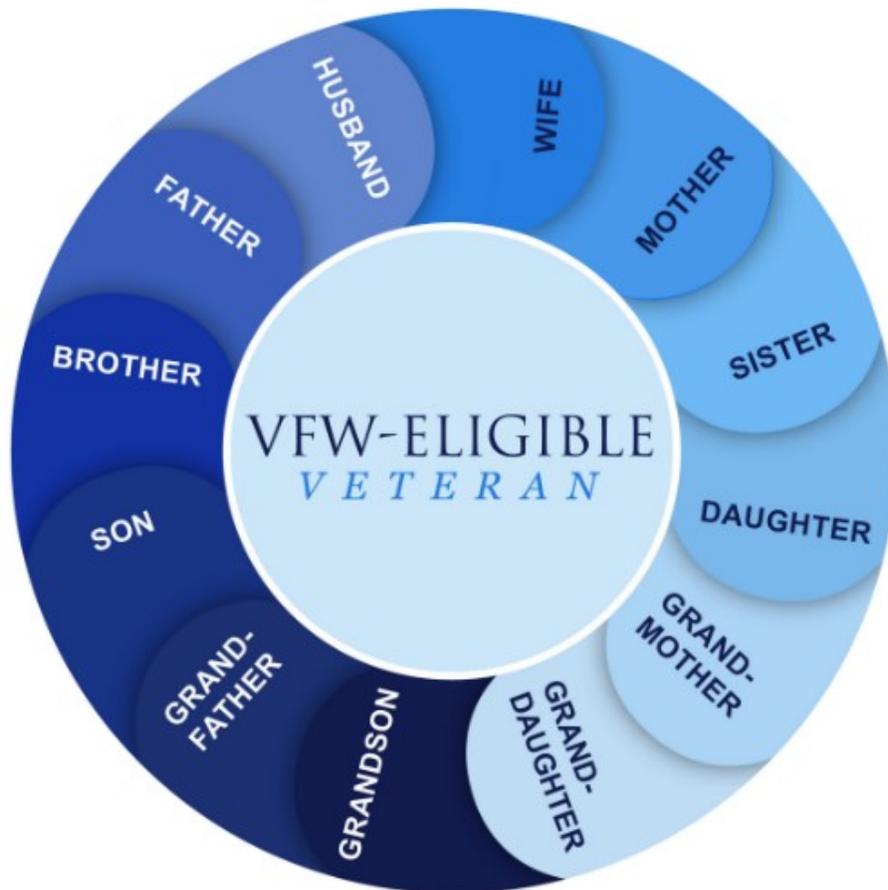
Each month, the updated Monthly PAR recording sheet will be behind login on the Department webpage at www.vfwauxaz.org. Go to Login/Members Only, sign in and then click on Program Activity Reports.

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**5 NEW
OR REJOIN
MEMBERS**
Department President's Pin

**10 NEW
OR REJOIN
MEMBERS**
Recruiter Pin and /or Rocker

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 GRANTS AVAILABLE TO AUXILIARIES

VFW Foundation leadership and staff are proud to assist VFW and VFW Auxiliary members with service projects that increase their members' impact upon their communities. The VFW Foundation has budgeted \$500,000 in grant funding to support and encourage VFW Post and Auxiliary community service projects throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The grant cycle application period opens Oct. 1, 2021, and will close on July 31, 2022, or when all funding has been disbursed.

Both a VFW Post and its Auxiliary may receive funding during the grant cycle. Posts and Auxiliaries are encouraged to apply early, as funding is often exhausted by early spring.

Eligibility information and forms can be found at vfw.org under Community/Community Initiatives. Forms are also listed below and are on the Department webpage - vfwauxaz.org under programs/community outreach.



Years of Serving Veterans
and Military Families



#StillServing VFW Community Support Grant Application Page 1/2

Print or Type responses in the space provided. If printed, please use legible writing. **COMPLETING ALL FIELDS IS REQUIRED.** Posts and Auxiliaries may not submit a joint application; each applicant must submit their own form.

Are you applying on behalf of a VFW Post or a VFW Auxiliary? (SELECT ONLY ONE).

Post or Auxiliary

Post or Auxiliary Number Post/Auxiliary Phone Number

Street Address

Please provide your Post or Auxiliary's full MAILING address

City State Zip

Grant Contact Person Name Grant Contact Person Position

Contact Personal Phone Number Personal Email Address

Name of Applying Organization's Commander or President

Personal Phone Number Personal Email Address

Name of Applying Organization's Quartermaster or Treasurer

Personal Phone Number Personal Email Address

Amount Requested (Up to \$1,000)

Signature Date Signed
Post Quartermaster or Auxiliary Treasurer

Signature Date Signed
Post Commander or Auxiliary President

By signing you agree to all of the terms and conditions stated in the application overview. You agree to use all grant funding received by the VFW Foundation in accordance with the purpose stated on the second page of this application. You agree to ensure that copies of all receipts, or other sufficient proof of spending, are provided to the VFW Foundation upon completion of your Post or Auxiliary's project.

VFW FOUNDATION

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

foundation@vfw.org
www.vfwfoundation.org

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USING COMPLETE SENTENCES, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 150 TOTAL WORDS OR LESS:
You may provide your answers on a separate page if so desired

1. What are you requesting grant funding for?
2. Who will be impacted or benefit from receiving this grant? (Seniors, youth, veterans, etc.,).
3. How would you spend the grant funding? Please precisely explain how funding will be expended. For example, if you are cooking a holiday meal for the needy, provide an estimated dollar amount for each expenditure. Explain how much will be used to purchase food, how much would be spent on dinnerware, etc.
4. How will receiving a grant better facilitate involvement between your members and their community?

Email your completed application to jcouch@vfw.org

OR

Mail to:

Jason Couch
Grants Coordinator
VFW Foundation
406 W. 34th St., Suite 920
Kansas City, MO 64111

OR

SUBMIT

Clicking this button should launch a new message window from your default email client or web browser. This document should be attached to the new message. You will need to send the email to complete the process. If a window does not pop-up, or you do not press send, or the application is not attached, the form has not been submitted.

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#StillServing VFW Corporate Partnership Grant Application Page 1/2

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Are you applying on behalf of a VFW Post or a VFW Auxiliary? (SELECT ONLY ONE).

Post

Auxiliary

Post or Auxiliary Number

Please provide your Post or Auxiliary's full **MAILING** address

Street Address

City State Zip Post/Auxiliary Phone Number

Grant Contact Person Name Grant Contact Person Position

Contact Personal Phone Number Personal Email Address

Name of Applying Organization's Quartermaster or Treasurer

Personal Phone Number Personal Email Address

Amount Requested (Up to \$1,500)

Supporter engaged Supporter Contact Name and Position

(For a list of eligible supporters please visit www.vfw.org/grants-supporters)

Supporter Contact Person Phone Number Email Address

Signature of Supporter Contact Person _____ Date Signed

Signature of Post Quartermaster or Auxiliary Treasurer _____ Date Signed

Signature of Post Commander or Auxiliary President _____ Date Signed

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#StillServing VFW Corporate Partnership Grant Application Page 2/2

USING COMPLETE SENTENCES, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 150 TOTAL WORDS OR LESS:

You may provide your answers on a separate page if so desired

1. What are you requesting grant funding for?
2. Who will be impacted or benefit from receiving this grant? (Seniors, youth, veterans, etc.,).
3. How would you spend the grant funding and how will your corporate partner help in the completion of your project? Please precisely explain how funding will be expended. For example, if your Post and partner are hosting a homeless stand down event, provide an estimated dollar amount for each expenditure. Explain how much will be used to provide hygiene items, blankets etc., how much would be spent each expense?
4. How will receiving a grant better facilitate involvement between your members, your corporate partner affiliate and your community?

Scan and email your completed application to jcouch@vfw.org

OR

Mail to:

Jason Couch
Grants Coordinator
VFW Foundation
406 W. 34th St., Suite 920
Kansas City, MO 64111

OR

SUBMIT

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#StillServing VFW Community Volunteerism Grant Application Page 1/2

VFW Posts and Auxiliaries may apply to receive \$1 for each volunteer hour logged while completing community projects with one or more local nonprofit partners. To qualify, the Post must have completed a minimum of 500 total volunteer hours with a partner or partners. Along with this completed form, applicants must submit substantive photos, videos or news articles that highlight the project(s). Examples might include service projects with an area Boy Scout troop, student veteran organization, homeless shelter, etc. Requests for funding for service hours without a partner will not be considered.

For food insecurity related projects, please use the Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) grant application which can be found at www.vfw.org/utch.

Print or type responses in the space provided. If printed, please use legible writing. Posts and Auxiliaries cannot submit a joint application; each applicant must submit their own form. **COMPLETING ALL FIELDS IS REQUIRED.**

Are you applying on behalf of a VFW Post or a VFW Auxiliary? (SELECT ONLY ONE).

Post or Auxiliary Post or Auxiliary Number _____

Street Address _____

Please provide your Post or Auxiliary's full **MAILING** address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Post Phone Number _____

Name of Applying Organization's Commander or President _____

Personal Phone Number _____ Personal Email Address _____

Name of Applying Organization's Quartermaster or Treasurer _____

Personal Phone Number _____ Personal Email Address _____

Community Partner(s) Engaged _____

Hours Logged During Volunteer Project(s) with Partner(s) _____ (Up to 1,000 hours)

Signature of Post Quartermaster or Auxiliary Treasurer _____ Date Signed _____

Signature of Post Commander or Auxiliary President _____ Date Signed _____

By signing you agree that all statements made on this application are accurate and truthful.

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USING COMPLETE SENTENCES, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION IN 150 TOTAL WORDS OR LESS:
You may provide your answers on a separate page if so desired, please do this if you have multiple projects to chronicle.

1. Describe your project(s) and its impact.
2. Describe the role of your partner(s) in your project(s).
3. How your project(s) strengthened your relationship with your partner(s) and your community.

***Please be sure to provide the needed attachments or links, your request cannot be approved without them. Also be sure to share them on your social media accounts using the hashtag #StillServing!**

Email your completed application to
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Years of Serving Veterans
and Military Families



UNITING TO COMBAT HUNGER GRANT 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

In 2018 the VFW joined forces with Humana and Feeding America[®] to establish the Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) campaign. As of September 2021 the initiative has raised the equivalent of more than 2 million meals to address food insecurity in America. Beginning October 1, 2021, Uniting to Combat Hunger will sharpen its focus to address food insecurity among military families and veterans. To reward the efforts of VFW Posts and Auxiliaries that support the campaign, the VFW Foundation has the Uniting to Combat Hunger Grant. Posts and Auxiliaries may qualify for an unrestricted grant by meeting the following criteria:

1. For every \$1 raised by a VFW Post/Auxiliary to support Uniting to Combat Hunger, the VFW Foundation will provide a \$1 match in the form of an unrestricted grant to the VFW/Auxiliary Post. A minimum of \$500 must be raised to qualify for the matching grant.
2. For every hour that VFW Post/Auxiliary members volunteer to address food insecurity in their community, the Foundation will provide a \$1 match in the form of an unrestricted grant to the VFW Post/Auxiliary. A minimum of 500 hours must be documented to qualify for the matching grant.
3. Posts/Auxiliaries are encouraged to partner with their local Humana associate(s) on UTCH activities.

UTCH GRANT GUIDELINES

1. UTCH grants are restricted to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries. Other VFW entities are ineligible. In order to qualify for the grant,
 - a. Financial contributions to UTCH must be made online at www.vfw.org/UTCH, or via check made out to VFW Foundation, designating UTCH in a cover letter or the memo portion of the check.
 - b. Volunteer hours must address food insecurity in your community. Volunteer activities may include, but are not limited to: serving meals at a homeless shelter, conducting a food drive, packing/sorting food at a food pantry, etc.
2. A Post and its Auxiliary may each apply for a UTCH grant, but donations and volunteer hours will only count toward one request. If a joint request is submitted, grant funds will be split evenly between the Post and Auxiliary.
3. Volunteer hours and financial contributions to UTCH may be combined in the grant application. For example, a VFW Post/Auxiliary donates \$500 to UTCH and documents 500 volunteer hours served at a local soup kitchen. They are eligible for a \$1,000 grant to be split evenly between the Post and its Auxiliary.
4. The grant that the Post or Auxiliary receives from the Foundation may be utilized by the Post or Auxiliary for any purpose, so long as it is in accordance with VFW or Auxiliary By-laws. The maximum amount for a UTCH grant back to the Post or Auxiliary is \$5,000.
5. This is a retroactive grant; applicants will submit their requests after their projects have been completed. VFW Posts and Auxiliaries must document financial contributions and volunteer hours; for example, a copy of the VFW Foundation receipt for the UTCH grant, photos or screenshots of qualifying volunteer event, etc. The exact donation amount and number of volunteer hours must be specified on any such documentation. Supporting documentation must be provided at the time of submission.
6. The VFW Foundation reserves the right to make changes to the application procedure at any time.

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

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VFW Foundation
UTCH Limited Matching Grant Application Form
(Applications accepted on or after 1 October 2021)

Record your responses in the spaces provided. You must complete all fields to be considered for this grant. Where indicated, use personal phone numbers, not a general Post phone number.

Post or Auxiliary Number

Is the applicant a VFW Post , VFW Auxiliary Post , or is this a joint request?

Please provide the address of your Post home:

Street Address

City State Zip

Post Phone Number

Grant Contact Person Name

Grant Contact Person Position (Member or Officer Position)

Contact Personal Phone Number

Email

Post Commander's Name

Personal Phone Number

Email Address

Post Quartermaster's Name

Personal Phone Number

Email Address

Amount of Donation to Uniting To Combat Hunger

Volunteer hours completed

Corporate Supporter

***We strongly recommend partnering with a local affiliate of Humana, if there is no branch in your area you can find a list of eligible supporters at www.vfw.org/grants-supporters**

Corporate Supporter

Supporter Contact Person Name and Position

Supporter Phone Number

Supporter Email

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VFW Foundation
UTCH Limited Matching Grant Application Form
(applications accepted on or after 1 October 2021)

Describe your project, including details of partnership with Humana associates (if applicable):

If you are including volunteer hours in the application, please describe volunteer activities and include copies of pictures, media coverage, screenshots of social media posts, etc. to document the activity:

Signature of Post Quartermaster  Date Signed

Once you have completed the above fields, please print and scan this form. You will then need to send this completed form, along with proof of donation to your Feeding America local food bank, in an email to jcouch@vfw.org. Applications will not be accepted via regular mail or fax.

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98th AVIATION BRIGADE FAMILY DAY



December 5, 2021

10:00am – 2:00pm

Papago

5636 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85088

Activities

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| ~ Photos with Santa & Mrs. Clause | ~ Bounce Houses | ~ Face Painters |
| ~ Petting Zoo/ Pony rides | ~ Obstacle Course | ~ Balloon Artists |
| ~Static Displays | ~ Hot Wheel Track | ~ Corn Hole |
| • Military Helicopters | ~ Star Wars Characters | ~ Dunk Tank |
| • Military Vehicles | ~Disney Characters | ~ Train Ride |
| • Fire Department | ~Caricature Artist | ~ Photo Booth |
| | ~Go Karts | ~Rock Wall |

Lunch will be provided

Community Partners

Please be sure to stop by and visit our community partner tables to learn about the many resources that are available to you.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST 3584
SUPERIOR ARIZONA

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI DINNER & SHOW

Sunday, Dec. 5th 6-9pm

\$10 per person

VFW • Main Street • Superior

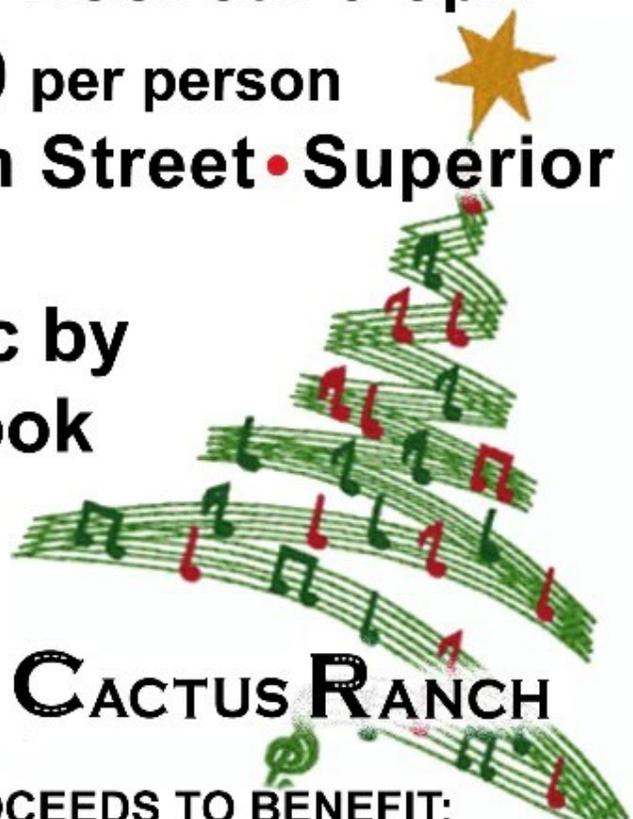
Live Music by
Bobby Cook

Sponsored by:

COPPER CACTUS RANCH

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:
VFW POST 3584 BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Donations being accepted by mail at:
VFW 3584 FUND RAISER C/O COPPER CACTUS RANCH
4516 N. ELEPHANT BUTTE RD, QUEEN VALLEY, AZ 85118



Come and Meet National

VFW Auxiliary President Jean Hamil

Saturday December 11, 2021

Heard Museum 10:30 a.m.

2301 North Central Ave, Phoenix Ticket Price \$17 (\$14 65 and older)

Aisle of Flags

4:15

All Districts and Auxiliaries

Line Up at 4:00

Reception and Dinner

Saturday December 11, 2021

No Host Reception 4:30

Dinner 5:30

VFW Post 9399

133 N. Saguaro Dr. Apache Junction

Pork Chops, Roasted Potatoes,

Vegetables, Salad, Roll, Dessert

\$20

See instructions below for
reservations.

Reservation Deadline December 4th

HOTEL INFORMATION

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

800 N. 44th St. Phoenix

602.267.0404

Room Rate \$109 plus tax

Code – VFW Auxiliary

RECEPTION AND DINNER RESERVATION

DEADLINE DECEMBER 4

No. of Dinner Tickets: _____ Name: _____

Purchasing for Post or Auxiliary No. _____

Who will pick up tickets? _____

Send this form with check **payable to VFW Auxiliary 9399** to

Debi Rankin, PO Box 5003, Apache Junction, AZ 85178

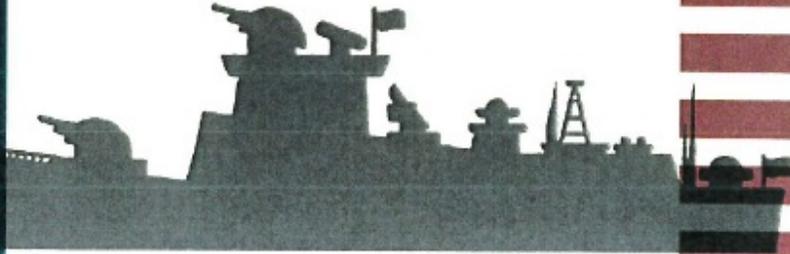
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PEARL HARBOR

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Remembrance Day
7 December

**VFW POST 2364
PINETOP-LAKESIDE**
will conduct a
Remembrance Ceremony
December 7, 2021
11:00 AM
at the
Veterans Memorial Park
Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall
325 W. White Mountain Blvd.
Lakeside, AZ 85929



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY #2357 Bouse AZ 85325



VFW AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Raffle for a crocheted 6' X 9' Patriotic Afghan

Proceeds all go to the Young American Creative Patriotic Arts Scholarship
Escrow Fund

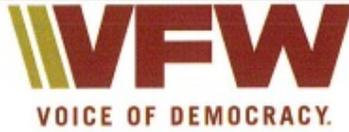
Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Purchase tickets from Jan Robertson: 928-580-8872

Drawing to be held 31 December 2021. Do not have to be present to win.
Free shipping to your location.



VFW AND VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
January 8-9, 2022
WINTER CONFERENCE



Sheraton Crescent Hotel
2620 W. Dunlap, Phoenix
Reservations Call 602.943.8200
Code VFW
\$ 109 plus taxes/fees

Banquet Ticket **\$40.00** per person
Send check payable to **Dept of Arizona VFW**
c/o Department Quartermaster Hope Blood
VFW Headquarters
6423 S. Ash Ave. Tempe, AZ 85283
Deadline December 31, 2021

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday

9:00 am Buses leave for Capitol (Students, Parent, VFW and VFWA assigned representatives only)
9:00 am – 11:30 VFW and VFW Auxiliary Training, Program Information
Noon Students Lunch with special guest speaker
4:00 pm Photos (Student and Family, Department Officers, District Commanders and District Presidents only)
5:00 pm Reception
6:00 pm Banquet and Awards Presentation

Sunday

9:00 am VFW and VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration Meetings

Dinner Ticket Order Form

Number of Tickets: _____
Name of Person Picking Up Tickets: _____
Post / Auxiliary # _____
of Chicken _____ # of Beef _____

District 4 Project

Weezie's Diaper Bag Drive



We are collecting filled Diaper Bags to be handed out to service members that are expecting a baby.
We will be delivering them to the Nation Guard Family Readiness Group to be distributed.

Please Fill the Diaper Bags with essentials a new family would need.
{Items needed: Diapers, Wipes, Blanket/Toy, Teether, Baby Wash/Lotion, Bib/Burp cloth ... }

Please bring Diaper Bags to District 4 Meetings or
Call Kathy Heeren 480-688-5180 to
Schedule Drop Off or Pick Up



JEANNE HAMPTON

Dept. Arizona Guard 2022-2023

MY HERO-MY VETERAN

My journey in the VFW Auxiliary began in July of 2015, newly married to my 16-year Navy Veteran, Robert Hampton, Jr., as a volunteer at VFW Post 11014.

In all my years as a volunteer, I finally found "my place"- not for awards, not for recognition but feet on the ground working to assist persons that didn't know how to, where to, what was available to them and their families because of their service in the United States Military. Finally, I found home.

CONTACT

PHONE:
602.540.7727

EMAIL:
JeanneRHampton@gmail.com

WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

To Learn to better serve our Veterans and their families
To Mentor newcomers
To Listen to the needs of Volunteers
To Be one of many voices

VFW AUXILIARY EXPERIENCE

Department of Arizona Membership Chairman 2021-2022
Department of Arizona Scholarships Chairman 2020-2021
2021-2022 VFW Auxiliary District 8 Secretary & 10386 Secretary
2020-2021 VFW Auxiliary District 8 Secretary & 11014 Secretary
2019-2020 VFW 11014 Auxiliary President & District 8 Chaplain
2018-2019 VFW Auxiliary District 8 Conductress
2017-2018 VFW 11014 Auxiliary President
2016-2017 VFW 11014 Auxiliary Secretary

GOALS

To educate and assist Veterans, Auxiliary Members, their families and our community in all the VFW Auxiliary can be to them and do for them- a voice for advocacy, assistance, patriotism, advancing their future, family, finding their why.

SKILLS

This is an exciting time in the VFW Auxiliary. I have worked in the service industry most all of my life from being a waitress since grade school, to being a statewide advocate for little represented outlying areas, to being on the board for the inception of a Charter School in Nevada. I love to learn about people and find a place for them at the table. My two adult children were home-educated and are contributing adults with careers of their own. I love to learn and to share *what* I have learned. I love to facilitate- offer possibilities, see others grasp the brass ring and watch them soar. I believe in TEAM. Everyone has something to offer.

Please consider my candidacy for
Department of Arizona Guard 2022-2023.

Toni Johnson of VFW Auxiliary 5990 is running for Department Treasurer.

I have been a member since 2002 under the eligibility of for Grandfather Alvin McCoy who served in the Army in WW2 - Germany.

I also come from a long line of family member that served in WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Iraq.

I also served in the Idaho and Arizona Army National Guard as an Aircraft Avionics Mechanic, Production Control Clerk, Flight Operation Clerk, Active Fund Member, FRG Liaison, Administrative Sergeant and Deployment Sergeant for 20 years. My duties include payroll, record keeping, and Active Fund Treasurer.



As a member of the VFW Auxiliary

- *Department Flag Bearer - 2014-2018
- *D5 District President - 2015-2016
- *D5 District Treasurer - 2013-2015 outstanding 2014
- *Auxiliary President - 2013 outstanding 2013
- *Auxiliary Secretary - 2011-2014 outstanding 2012 and 2013
- *Auxiliary Treasurer - 2015-2016
- *Secretary and Treasurer for the VFW Ranger's Mounted Color Guard - since 2013
- *Bingo Purchase Manager - since 2010
- *Many Chairmanship in the Auxiliary and assisted with POW/MIA and 9-11 events

I have written and assisted many Treasurer and Quartermaster with their ledgers across the district and other origination.

My hobbies include Riding my Horse Napoleon (aka Short Shit), Volunteer Bartender, Making Crafts, helping veterans organizations with fundraising, and spending time with family and friends.

I am a member of the National Home for Children and Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 14.

Have a Great Day!

Toni Johnson
520-471-3172

A Veteran is someone who at one point in their life made a check payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "Up to and including my life".



Kim Sloan

Candidate for Department Treasurer 2022-2023

I have been honored to hold the office of Department Treasurer since 2011, when I was appointed to complete the 2011-2012 term. I am now serving my tenth full term as your Department Treasurer.

As your Department Treasurer, I have fulfilled the duties of the office as set forth in the VFW Auxiliary Bylaws:

- ✓ Receive and properly account for all money due and payable to the Department and National Headquarters as the laws provide
- ✓ Provide a written receipt as prescribed by National Headquarters for all money other than checks receive
- ✓ Be the official accountable Officer of the Department
- ✓ Be accountable for the securities, funds and property of the Department
- ✓ Be accountable for the funds placed in savings or investment accounts approved by the Department Council of Administration
- ✓ Expend Department funds as approved the approved Department Budget or Council of Administration or Department Standing Rules
- ✓ Maintain membership applications
- ✓ Maintain District and Auxiliary Audit Reports
- ✓ Maintain Department Dues Reserve Fund
- ✓ Process Membership Applications and remit to National Headquarters Membership dues
- ✓ Prepare Financial Report for each Council of Administration Meeting
- ✓ Prepare Financial Report for Department Convention Delegates
- ✓ Forward all reports including Audit Reports and Budget Reports, required by the National Treasurer
- ✓ Prepare and consult with Budget Chairman for the financial operations of the Department
- ✓ Prepare and consult with the Budget Chairman on the Budget Reports for every Council of Administration Meeting
- ✓ File the necessary IRS annual return
- ✓ File the necessary Arizona Corporation Commission annual report

This is just a bit of the duties and responsibilities of your Department Treasurer.

In addition, I manage the day-to-day affairs of the Department of Arizona and maintain a positive working relationship with the staff at National Headquarters.

The Department Treasurer must be available to the Department Officers, District Officers and Auxiliary Officers for consultations with problems they are encountering. Over the past 10 years, I have made myself available to officers on every level including those treasurers that needed not only training but guidance and sometimes just a friendly voice to listen. It is my job as Department Treasurer to work with the current Department President and the line officers to ensure Arizona has a successful year while maintaining the financial stability of the Department.

The Department Treasurer must also be willing and able to travel the length and width of the state to help Auxiliaries in need – not just Treasurers but also Trustees.

VFW Auxiliary History:

I joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1992 under the eligibility of my husband Vince who served in Korea and in the Middle East under Operation Desert Storm. I have been an officer ever since at the Auxiliary level and most years at the District level including currently serving a Trustee at both the Auxiliary 549 and District 5.

I was on the committee that originally started the MALTA program and continue to serve on that committee to suggest improvements to the system.

Career History:

I started out in the corporate world and worked for a national title insurance company for many years, ending that career as a Commercial Escrow Officer. At the height of that career, I managed the largest department in the company with over 30 employees and was responsible for all employer/employee/customer service decisions. For the last 26 years I have been the office manager for a real estate development company with multi-million-dollar projects in Arizona, Texas and Mexico. In that both careers I have been charged with financial planning, budgets, project projections, invoicing and accounting. This experience has proven invaluable in fulfilling the duties of Department Treasurer.

I also currently serve as I have for the last 3 years on the Financial Committee of the VFW National Home for Children.

I am committed to seeing the VFW Auxiliary succeed at all levels!

If you have any questions about candidacy, please call or email me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kim Sloan
520.307.7940
Email: auxvfwarizona@msn.com

The 2022-2023 Department President Johnnie DeBoard's shirt is now available for order. Order by the end of April to get yours by Department convention. If you would like to see the shirt before you order, she will have sample shirts at Winter Conference. The shirt order form can also be found on the Department webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org - resources/forms



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	_____	_____	_____

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

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

Totals \$ _____

Name: _____ Post / Auxiliary # _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Paid Check #: _____

Send the completed form with payment to:

Johnette DeBoard
8647 S. Ash St.
Mohave Valley, Az 86440

Questions - please email at johnettegibson@yahoo.com or call me at 928-202-1581

Orders for pickup at Department Convention must be ordered by April 30, 2022