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President Janae's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope we all had the best Christmas and spent the time with family and friends.

Now it is time to get back to work, to help our Veterans and their families. Please reach out to our Veteran's families. We have lost so many families and friends in 2021. Ask them what we can do for them.

We have Winter Conference this month at the Sheraton Crescent on 2620 W. Dunlap. Yes, this year we are able to take the students to the Capitol. There

will be some training on Saturday morning at 9 am on the Jan 8th; Reception starts at 5 pm. We will have a Council of Administration meeting at 9am on Sunday.

We will be have a food drive at the winter conference, I am working with two different food banks. Please bring a donation of food.

Please take a look at your circle of excellence, to see if there is anything you need help getting done. If so please reach out to us.

Department Announcements

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

*District 4 meeting has been moved to January 23rd at Post 9400 starting at 10 am.



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



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 Licenses Plates, please call your local DMV office.

It's time to start thinking about coming to State Convention!

This year it will be held at the
Scottsdale Plaza Resort from June
2nd through the 5th.

Hotel reservations can be made now.
Standard rooms are \$84 and Patio
Suites are \$124 plus tax.
Call 1-800-832-2025; use the code:
VFW

Other information about happenings at
convention will be coming out as soon
as they are known. Hope to see
everyone there!



National News



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*[National VFW Auxiliary Magazine - January 2022 issue](#) Catch up on all the news from National. (Can also be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under News/National VFW Auxiliary Magazine)

*[Building on the Auxiliary Foundation 2.0 - updated December 2021](#) (Can also be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under Resources/Building on the Auxiliary Foundation)

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

VFW National Home for Children

[December 2021 Home Notes](#) - Catch up on all the news from the National Home. Included in this issue is an article on the new Executive Director - Michael Wilson. (Can also be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under News/VFW National Home for Children Newsletter)



National Videos



[National Membership Ambassador's Video - A Holiday Message about Why We Belong](#)

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



- [Scholarships: How to Support Auxiliary Scholarships](#)
- [Legislative: Take Action, Report and Award](#)
- [Youth: Wrapping Up Program Goals](#)



Department Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sloan

Mentoring Moments from Department
Secretary – Treasurer Kim Sloan

As we enter a new calendar year and make our own personal “resolutions” did you know –

January was named for the two-faced Roman god, Janus, who looks forward for new beginnings as well as backward for reflection and resolution. So as we look forward to the new year, we also look back to see what we could have done differently, how we could have been kinder, could we be more polite and resolve to do better. Traditionally New Year’s Resolutions are about improving ourselves for our own well being, so I challenge you to make resolutions to improve yourself for the benefit of others, which will then benefit you.

As we face another wave of pandemic, let’s resolve to do so with grace, kindness and dignity. We have lost a great many members to Covid, please continue to pray for all of our members that may be battling covid and pray for strength for their families. Let’s all resolve to be less judgmental of others and take responsibility for ourselves.

While January 1 is the beginning of the new calendar, it also marks the midway point for the Auxiliary calendar year.

As officers and leaders of this organization, let’s all resolve to treat all our members with kindness and respect. No matter what office you hold, let’s all resolve to act in the best interest of our organization. Let’s all resolve to use common sense a little more.

As members of this organization, let’s all resolve to put our differences in the past and move forward in the spirit of cooperation for the good of our organization.

Here are the most recent questions that have come to Department for resolution –

1. Can an Auxiliary hold a memorial service for a member of another Auxiliary? Absolutely! In this case the member supported that Auxiliary and the Auxiliary wanted to honor her. There is nothing in the Bylaws that states otherwise.

2. Does a Member at Large need to show proof of eligibility when transferring into an Auxiliary? No, a Member at Large is still a member of the VFW Auxiliary, just not affiliated with a particular Auxiliary. See ByLaws Sec. 106 Transfers. Auxiliary Treasurers are reminded to send a copy of the member's current membership card with the transfer application to Department.

As always, myself and the other Department officers are here to help and guide you.

Hope to see you all at Winter Conference!

Kim Sloan

Department Secretary Treasurer

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Candidate for Department Treasurer 2022-2023

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

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.

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 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 8

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):

- 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



The Benefits of a Post-Holiday Holiday Party

Americanism Lynn Pierre

So, the holidays are over and what are we looking forward to? Yes, we have to dig a little, don't we? The benefits of a “Post-Holiday” party are many. Consider all those poor souls who spent the holidays a bit alone? Wouldn't it be great

to design something that just says, “let's have fun”? All we need is a little planning. Put something out that says we did not have enough fun during the holidays so, we are planning a bake sale, a brunch, a recognition of January birthdays? There are so many things to celebrate . . .an ice cream social perhaps or even a flag retirement ceremony with a pizza party!

Here is a thought – invite your members and their friends to have a rock painting party. Just gather some rocks, clean them, and paint them with the National Helpline phone number on them then ask the participants to disperse

them wherever there is some foot traffic in town so we can assist our veterans and active service members in finding the help they or their friends may need. Invite the children to help – you know they love creating things!

January is also the month when we should be setting up create-a-card parties to design and sign cards for Valentine’s Day next month. The week of February 14th is National Veteran Patient’s Week. Let us produce something special to let those hospitalized Veterans know everyone still cares and they are not alone! It is always amazing to see the smile on their faces when someone gives them a gesture that says they are loved.

Please remember the folks with food issues. Any time you have a Post or Auxiliary event it's easy to put out a container to collect non-perishables to help those in need. Again, have folks joyfully decorate the box to promote contributions and think about where those donations are needed. There are many food banks, homeless shelters, and food distribution centers trying to help.

It is sometimes helpful to check with your city council or chamber of commerce to find out what they may be doing in January and offer to assist. After the holidays there is any number of cleanup quests being pursued. Check with your community, first-responders, and cemeteries to see where we might assist with clean up, new brightness with flags, or our Buddy Poppy and brightening up efforts. The weather is beautiful, and we all need to get out and enjoy those around us now that we can do that again. What a wonderful way to feel good about yourself and others.

Once again, we need our Patriotic Instructors to step up with those entertaining instructional videos. Pick an item – Flag etiquette, Auxiliary Traditions, the thirteen folds of the Flag and other items can be recorded in a short face-book, YouTube or other social media production and posted there with our #auxiliarpatriotism tag. Do not forget this year our Patriotic Instructors can win some great awards for doing this or teaching in classrooms. There is an entry form online at our www.vfwauxaz.org site that will allow us to submit our Patriotic Instructors for the “Best Patriotic Education” effort. Please send that completed form to me and the best of the batch will be submitted for a National Citation!

Please enjoy the “after holidays” and make them special for all those we care about. I know our Department has the best and most caring Auxiliaries anywhere and I am so proud to be a part of that! You are all amazing!

Membership
Jeanne Hampton

Happy New Year!

It's a new year with new opportunities! Let's keep the momentum going!



Congratulations to all the Auxiliaries who made 100% in overall

membership! You will be recognized at Winter Conference.

Congratulations, too, to the Department of Arizona for achieving the 4th Quarter Gain Goal, as set by National Ambassador Debbie Tilley, by joining and rejoining a total of 320 new members before the 2nd quarter! That is because of **YOU!**

With the New Year, all the Unpaid Annual Members have now changed to “lapsed” by National. There is still an opportunity to reach retention goals by contacting your Annual continuous members and asking them to pay their dues to the Auxiliary. They can do this through MALTA and/or Convert to Life or by bringing their Auxiliary dues to the Auxiliary Treasurer. Kim Harney has added a chart showing what each Auxiliary needs to make the 90% retention goal by May 31st under the “login” portion of the VFWAuxAZ.org website as well as below. You can log in to the webpage with your membership number and last name. So much great information to view the progress of your Auxiliary.

Bambi Johnson pointed out everyone should be using the *new* VFW Auxiliary Membership application- dated 9/1/2021 in the bottom corner.

[VFW Auxiliary Membership Brochure Application 8 5x11 8-10-2021 Fillable.pdf](#)

There is a change in the wording to include all who are now eligible for the VFW Auxiliary. Please update your applications on hand and at the VFW. Remember to add the Membership Wheel to the back of the Auxiliary application, two tools in one!

Traveling the state there have been so many wonderful shared ideas! 2357 holds a “donut and coffee” for the community at the VFW each Thursday and Sunday. This has been tremendously helpful to their numbers. In reading through last month’s Department of Arizona Newsletter, Hospice at the VA Hospital in Tucson is requesting patriotic pillow-cases, standard size, for their Veteran patients. What about holding a bi-weekly craft session with the Auxiliary and inviting the community to share in projects. Buddy Poppy displays will soon need artists and ideas. When contacting Youth organizations or schools to share scholarship information, having a membership application included with the information- patriotic art and 16 years of age (or Graduating Senior for Merit) is an opportunity!

I would like to put forth a challenge- If every Auxiliary in Arizona sent just one card a day- Thinking of you, Congratulations, Thank you, Good Job, Get Well- just one a day, that would be nearly 350 in one week, 700 in two, over 1,000 in three weeks. One thousand opportunities to reach out and let an Auxiliary Member know someone is thinking of them. One thousand acts of kindness. This can be a text, an email, a notecard to someone with only an address.

Reach out to the Auxiliary Membership- it has been nearly two years of isolation. Reach out to “former” members- perhaps their lives have changed and they are ready to come back to socializing and helping with Veterans Programs. Learn about our Auxiliary Caregivers- recognize them. Learn about Auxiliary Members who may be prioritizing finances- look to Auxiliary Angels – or “Sweethearts” for Valentine’s Day. The kindness you share will be remembered.

On Veterans Day, after 13 hours of recognizing Veterans, visiting hospitals, Veteran residences, and flag raisings there was an illustration on Facebook a friend shared. The illustration showed two persons passing each other, one a Veteran the other a citizen- thanking the Veteran. In the shadows sat another Veteran, depicting homeless and alone, saying "Welcome". The words that came to mind? "If this illustration moves you, Join Us!" Whatever it may take to change legislation to recognize the needs of all our Veterans, those serving, and those to come, we are here to support.

Thank you for your continued service to the VFW Auxiliary and Veterans Programs.

My inbox is always open, my phone is always on.

Jeanne Hampton

Department of Arizona Membership Chairman 2021-2022

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Membership Goals

National Retain & Gain Award - \$50 to each Auxiliary that retains 90% of their Annual members and reaches 100% plus in membership 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 12.30

Congratulations to the following Auxiliaries who have retained 90% or more of their annual members:

Aux 2357 - 100%

Aux 7400 - 95%

Aux 285 - 90%

Aux 12098 - 90%

Aux 3632 - 92%

Aux 2364 - 100%

Aux 8987 - 100%

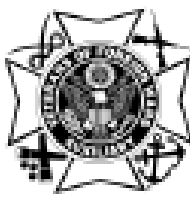
Aux 2190 - 100%

Aux 6306 - 102%

Aux 10726 - 100%



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	13	2	15	41	33%
DAZ01	769	22	13	0	13	20	65%
DAZ01	1763	19	13	1	14	17	74%
DAZ01	2357	17	16	1	17	15	100 %
DAZ01	6790	17	9	1	10	15	59 %
DAZ01	7061	22	2	3	5	20	23 %
DAZ01	8242	65	51	4	55	59	85%
DAZ02	541	15	6	1	7	14	47%
DAZ02	6739	38	8	2	10	34	26.00%
DAZ02	7400	64	59	2	61	58	95 %
DAZ02	10227	14	7	1	8	13	62 %
DAZ02	12128	13	11	0	11	12	85 %
DAZ03	40	6	0	0	0	5	0.00 %
DAZ03	285	7	6	0	6	6	90 %
DAZ03	1433	78	61	6	67	70	86 %
DAZ03	3715	12	0	0	0	11	0.00 %
DAZ03	12098	9	8	0	8	8	90.0 %
DAZ04	720	21	9	1	10	19	48%
DAZ04	1760	59	26	1	27	53	46%
DAZ04	1796	19	11	0	11	17	58%
DAZ04	3513	16	8	0	8	14	50 %
DAZ04	3632	26	21	3	24	23	92%
DAZ04	9400	39	19	3	22	35	46%
DAZ05	549	88	47	8	55	79	63%
DAZ05	4903	44	20	2	22	40	50%
DAZ05	5990	30	12	2	14	27	47%
DAZ05	10254	30	19	1	20	27	67 %
DAZ06	2364	21	21	0	21	19	100 %
DAZ06	8987	25	23	2	25	23	100%
DAZ06	9907	80	58	9	67	72	84 %
DAZ07	6271	38	24	2	26	34	68 %
DAZ07	9972	50	25	13	38	45	76 %
DAZ07	9977	27	14	0	14	24	52 %
DAZ07	10385	28	23	0	23	25	82 %



Dist	Aux	Prior Total Annual Mhrs	Annual Pd	Convert to LM	Paid Total	Retained Mbrs needed to meet goal	Retention % - Goal is 90%
DAZ08	404	70	31	4	35	63	50%
DAZ08	2190	20	19	1	20	18	100 %
DAZ08	2555	33	18	2	20	30	61 %
DAZ08	6306	42	37	6	43	38	102 %
DAZ08	9401	134	73	11	84	121	63 %
DAZ08	9833	16	7	0	7	14	44 %
DAZ08	10005	109	68	3	71	98	65%
DAZ08	10386	56	38	5	43	50	77 %
DAZ08	10726	11	10	1	11	10	100 %
DAZ08	11014	76	58	8	66	68	87 %
DAZ10	1677	42	14	0	14	38	33 %
DAZ10	3584	33	12	0	12	30	36%
DAZ10	3713	37	20	3	23	33	62%
DAZ10	7968	170	38	46	84	153	49%
DAZ10	9399	288	141	10	151	259	52%
DAZ10	12043	9	3	1	4	8	44 %
Arizona		2,250	1,250	172	1,422	2025	63 %



Legislative Connie Hargreaves

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Hope you had a great Christmas with family and friends, Tom and I did, and I thoroughly enjoyed giving gifts to Veterans at Boulder VA and meals to our community and veterans that needed it here in Meadview. We certainly had an abundance of elves pulling off this Christmas tradition.

As we enter 2022, we need to watch for the primaries and elections in 2022. It is so important to keep abreast of what our elected officials have done and are planning in 2022 and beyond.

Eight state executive offices are up for election in Arizona in 2022:

Governor

Attorney General

Secretary of State

Treasurer

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Corporation Commission (2 seats)

Mine Inspector

https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona_state_executive_official_elections,_2022 has information on candidates for Arizona Offices.

Here is a link to find out who is running for U.S. Senate

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/elections/2021/11/29/whos-running-u-s-senate-the-major-candidates/8589949002/>

Here is a link to see who is running for U.S. House of Representatives

https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona_House_of_Representatives_elections,_2022

Please sign up for Action Corp weekly and encourage others. Put out a sign-up sheet at your meeting and educate your members on the importance of becoming an advocate for our Veterans. It is the easiest way to send to the elected and push our Priority goals for 2022. With one click, you can email the National representatives advising them of the help to Veterans the bills being voted on will help our Veterans and their families. Also using Action Corp Weekly helps you educate your members and your community on what we are advocating for Veterans and can be used for your Project Report for a National Recognition.

I am looking forward to receiving many more of Your project reports, any event you promote voting with a Veteran in Mind, setting out voter registration forms, VFW Priority goals, or reminding members of upcoming candidate forums or town halls. It is important to vote and to also let current elected and the candidates know Veterans and their families should be one of their priorities.

As we ended 2021 the following bills had made their way to the President's desk for his signature.

Congress Passes Veterans Legislation: Congress passed four VFW-supported bills — S. 796, S. 894, S. 1031, S. 1095 — that would improve maternal health care, increase coordination for hiring veteran health professionals at VA, study racial and ethnic disparities in VA claims, and establish tuition fairness for those utilizing the Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance program. These bills were previously passed by the Senate and now head to the president's desk for signature.

The House Passes Several Veterans Bills: The House passed nine veterans bills, including three supported by the VFW. H.R. 147, H.R. 4233, and H.R. 4626 would ensure services and benefits for separating service members and veterans concerning apprenticeship programs, require VA to furnish counseling including Vet Center access to those using specified DOD or VA educational assistance benefits, and require VA at least once every 10 years to enter into a contract for a private sector entity or entities to conduct an independent assessment of all medical services and care furnished by VA.

Sent from: Lois A. Moore Past District 3 President and a great example of how contacting your elected may help. Thank you, Lois!

This is an article from Time Magazine that might spur people to write their Congressional delegates regarding the women who served in the Six Triple Eight. These women were amazing, and they deserve special honors for all they went through. If it weren't for them, future generations of women veterans wouldn't have been possible, and they truly paved the way. And as women of color, they faced even more hardships than their white sisters in arms. The leadership was especially heroic in that they had to stand their ground to get their work done and were threatened with court-martials when they did not bend to the will of visiting officers.

https://time.com/6114749/black-women-wac-wwii-army/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2011.12.2021&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief (Copy and paste onto browser)

Veterans and Family Support Stephanie Morris



With the holidays over and as we start the new year let's continue to work for our veterans. This month I would like to start by reminding everyone that every day 20 veterans commit suicide. This number has only gone down two a day in the last few years. Not much of a decrease. The VFW and VFW Auxiliary are committed to changing the conversation and the stigma surrounding mental health. Below are mental wellness resources. They are also be listed on the Veterans and Family Support Program Page. (Information is from the 2020-2021 National Program Book)

Mental Wellness Resources

Change the stigma, improve research, support your community and explore treatment options at the resources below:

- VFW Mental Wellness Campaign
vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness
- The Campaign to Change Direction
changedirection.org
- Give An Hour
giveanhour.org
- Patients Like Me
patientslikeme.com/join/vfw
- One Mind
onemind.org
- The Elizabeth Dole Foundation
elizabethdolefoundation.org
- Help Heal Veterans (Therapeutic Craft Kits)
healvets.org
- Veterans Voices Writing Project
veteransvoices.org

Remember there are two awards for Auxiliaries this year:

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event that increases awareness of homeless veterans.

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event to increase awareness of homeless veterans. On the project report please describe how the Auxiliary activity and/or event increased awareness of homeless veterans. Send reports to me by March 31, 2022.

2. Most outstanding activity and/or event that supports veteran, military, and family caregivers.

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that supports veteran, military, and family caregivers. On the project report please describe how the Auxiliary activity and/or event provided support for (or supported) veteran, military, and family caregivers. Send reports to me by March 31, 2022.



**Youth
Brenda Kinghorn**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the schools start the new year, get in touch with them, ask if they need more entry forms or have any questions about “Illustrating America” contest or the “Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue”, singing contest and/or the applications.

As the entries come in, make sure the contestant entry forms are signed and have permission.

What to look for in the **Illustrating America** art contest – It is a patriotic art contest for elementary and middle/junior high school students. This contest is open to 3 grade divisions: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 with one (1) Department winner in each grade division, that will be forwarded to the Auxiliary National Headquarters for judging. National grade division winners of previous Illustrating America contests may enter the subsequent grade division but are Ineligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous national winner.

Hopefully, participation in this contest will lead to participation in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest in their high school years.

Entries will be judged on patriotic themes and techniques.

- Art must be 2D (no sculptures, dioramas, etc.).
- Art must be at least 8”x10” and no larger than 18”x24”.
- Art must be on paper or canvas - no frames.
- No coloring pages, photography, or computer-created designs.
- No specific themes are required: Encourage kids to share their view of America.
- They may use paints, crayons, colored pencils, charcoal even glitter is accepted.

- If the American Flag is used, it DOES NOT need to conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors or the number of stars and stripes.

National Awards for each of the three grade divisions are:

- 1st place - \$100 gift card
- 2nd place - \$50 gift card
- 3rd place - \$25 gift card

“**Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue!**” is a singing contest. New this year youth in two grade divisions K-8th and 9th-12th are encouraged to display their patriotism by singing the National Anthem. Individuals are asked to record a video singing the “Star-Spangled Banner” in the style of their choice such as rock, pop, hip hop, country, just to name a few. It can be sung with or without music. The only requirement is that they cannot change the words to the song.

Videos will need to be saved to a flash drive or uploaded to an online platform such as YouTube or Vimeo. The application must be filled out and submitted with the flash drive or online link to a local Auxiliary.

National Awards for each of the two grade divisions are:

- 1st place - \$500 Visa gift card
- 2nd place - \$300 Visa gift card
- 3rd place - \$200 Visa gift card

Deadlines are the same for both entries:

- March 31st, 2022, to local Auxiliary
- April 15th, 2022, to Department (District judging is optional)
- May 5th, 2022, to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

**AUXILIARIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA!
LET’S DO IT!!!!**

Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership Reba Dermody

This is the New Year and welcome to new beginnings. As we begin the New Year, we can NOT lose sight of our membership and remember our work is never finished. We must not lose sight of those newer members. Your friendly smile and cherry actions may be just what they need to start the New Year. Reach out to the newer members and invite them to the meetings or events. Tell them they are a great asset to this organization. Always believe that something wonderful is going to happen.



New member engagement is a critical part to retain that new member. Have you used your “New Member Packets? How about the Membership

Engagement Packet found on our Department Website? A strong focus needs to be made to keep them updated on the workings and events within your Auxiliary. Communication is the key to a successful Auxiliary. The more we communicate the more engaged our members will be.

Here are 5 traits of a good and healthy Auxiliary.

1. **Commitment**-A strong commitment to the Auxiliary provides a base of volunteers and an opportunity to assist those in need.
2. **Time**- Recognize your volunteer's time. Enjoy what time is available to meet, work together, and have an opportunity to socialize. Socialization is a way to get to know each other.
3. **Serve others**- When volunteers serve others, they develop a sense of pride and appreciation for what they and the Auxiliary have done.
4. **Distractions**- We all think our Auxiliary will always be healthy. We know we are NOT problem-free and there may be unpleasant distractions. Don't let that situation of negativity overcome the positive.
5. **Communication**- Your members may be more likely to volunteer and invest their time if there is open communication. They can share their thoughts. Just remember every individual has an opinion.

Just remember that leadership is difficult in any organization. Through mentoring and a willingness to listen to others and follow the guidelines set in place for the office or positions held; the leadership will get easier. You can follow those guidelines in the Building on the Auxiliary Foundation, found on our VFW Auxiliary Department website.

With these suggestions, your VFW Auxiliary is going to have a fantastic year to "Soaring Above and Beyond" and "Purrfecting Care For Our Veterans."



Scholarships Janice Robertson

Happy New Year!

With the Holidays all around us and everyone is in a giving mode what a wonderful way to **Fund the Future**. Have a raffle or a 50/50 to earn money to help increase the escrow fund for Young American Patriotic Art. You can donate money as an individual on your Malta page or as an Auxiliary by giving the money earned to your treasurer to donate as a whole.

Go out to your schools after the Winter break; talk to the students and remind them of the deadline for their artwork for the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art** is the 31st of March. Encourage them to be creative and be proud we are Americans.

We still have 2 Grant programs and their deadlines are coming up on us quickly. The **National Continuing Education Grants** deadline is February 15th. This grant application is sent directly to National Headquarters. Our **Arizona Educational Grant** has a deadline of April 1st. Send your

applications to me at bells_whistles@hotmail.com.

Then we come to the **VFW Auxiliary Merit Scholarship**, which is for those students that have it all together. They must have their transcripts for grades 9 through 12, all letters of recommendations, articles on their activities in their community such as school and church, listings of their employment, a copy of their college or vocational school entrance letter, and a biography about themselves. All this is in a binder sent to me before April 1st.

There has been a notice that some of the auxiliaries have not entered the underscore on my email address between the words **bells _whistles**. If you have sent items to me and I have not responded back to you please make sure I received your email. I acknowledge all who send me articles and program reports.

Happy 2022. This new year PLEASE let's all remember our Veterans!

Historian/Media Irene Norwacki

Happy New Years!

I hope that your year is off to a good start so far. Phew, We made it! Another year down and a new one ahead.

Did you have any holiday celebrations that you documented with pictures, fliers, newspaper articles or a Facebook video or slide show? I would love to see what you have done to end and start this year.

It is hard to believe that we are already on the downhill slide of this program year but it is true! There is still so much to do and document. Keep up the good work on your Auxiliary Facebook pages. I have seen some wonderful things.

Don't be afraid to post on your Auxiliary Facebook page. Even if you think it is small, others may see it as an idea that they can use. Sharing ideas is a great way to network. If you have an Auxiliary Facebook page please send me a screen shot of it so I can record that you have one that way I can share with all of our Auxiliaries so they can all Like, Share and Comment on your Auxiliary Facebook page. The more it is shared, the more the VFW Auxiliary is in the public eye. Keep the posts coming and continue to share your stories. Take those pictures, Write those stories and share...share...share

Don't forget to use the hashtag **#auxiliarypatriotism**

Auxiliary Community Outreach Bambi Johnson

Happy New Year!

We are at the start of the new and exciting





year! Hopefully, we all enjoyed our holidays and are ready to roll up our sleeves and get into our communities.

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) is Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Did you as member of your Auxiliary participate in, or did the Auxiliary partner with another organization for Project Blue Light for appreciation of our Police Officers in 2021? If so,

it is time to use that blue light bulb again! If you still need to purchase a blue light bulb, try locals stores or online.

Citizens who appreciate law enforcement and are discouraged about the recent negativity directed toward law enforcement nationally, are encouraged to show law enforcement officers that our citizens recognize the difficult and sometimes impossible career they have chosen, in public service to us all.

Our Auxiliaries can ***Partner*** with other organizations to help the citizens of our communities to show their support in a number of ways:

- Partner with area organizations or businesses to all wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement.
- Partner with your local nursing homes or citizen centers to send a cards of support to your local police department or state agency.
- Share a story about a positive law enforcement event that your auxiliary participated in on social media.
- Ask children in your community to write letters are sign cards in support of law enforcement.
- Partner with local organizations to hand out and explain participation in Project Blue Light - and proudly display your blue light in support of law enforcement on January 9th.
- Partner with another organization or business to organize an event or a rally in support of your law enforcement officers.
- Partner with a Red Cross or other medical facility to help with a Blue Blood Drive.

Remember to advertise all of your community Outreach Projects thru your webpage or other social and other media to ask citizens to join the partnership event!

Most importantly, if you see a police officer, thank a police officer.

Hospital Melissa Martin

I want to convey the importance of the Veterans Voices Writing Project. Writing is known for being a good, safe and easily accessible way to process thoughts, feelings, ideas and trauma. When a Veteran sees their work published it can build self-esteem and heal.



It can mean so much to a Veteran when a story, poem or artwork is published

in Veterans Voices Magazine, proving again that love and writing is still the best medicine. Veterans are looking for a helping hand to bolster their self-esteem and make them proud to have served our country. These Veterans, whatever their disability, need to know that they are not forgotten.

Veterans Voices Writing Project originally started as the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project, an outreach program for wounded Veterans returning from World War II. Volunteers went into Department of Veterans Affairs hospital wards to encourage soldiers and sailors to write their stories, thoughts and feelings on paper. They also worked by correspondence with Veterans once they left the hospital.

Veterans Voices Writing Project has gone to great lengths to instill in the hearts of Veterans a pride of accomplishment, a reward for an endeavor well done. For many Veterans seeing their poetry, prose and artwork in print is the boost that they need to help get over depression, emotional trauma or moral injury.

Hopefully all Auxiliaries are donating to this project because the continuation of this writing project depends on donations to stay around.

You can mail your donations to:

Veterans Voices Writing Project, Inc.
406 West 34th St. Suite 103
Kansas City, MO. 64111-3043



Buddy Poppy/National Home Rhonda Follett

The Brick Path dedicated with Love and Memories.

Starting out the year of 2022, I hope will be a good year for all of us. Have a wonderful New Year.

Above is a picture of one of the many Brick paths on the grounds of the National Home. If you have someone you would love to remember please consider purchasing a brick in their name to be placed in one of the paths and this also helps the National Home.

I am asking you to also think about becoming a Home Front Hero for the National Home. You just need to go on line to the National Home and sign up. You can donate and have it taken from your checking account or credit card once a month or you can make a one-time donation. This helps the everyday operations of the Home. This can be done as an Auxiliary or as a member.

Remember to do your Buddy Poppy Drive and get me your Project report with you pictures I am looking forward to seeing more in the next three months.

See you at the Winter Conference this month.

Help our future shine as bright as our past and present by becoming a Home Front Hero this year!

Want to make a consistent and lasting difference in the lives of military and veteran families? You can start today by committing to a monthly contribution to the VFW National Home for Children. As a [Home Front Hero](#), you'll help ensure the seamless and consistent delivery of programs and services to our families, which include housing, counseling, tutoring, life skills, daycare, and more.

-It's easy – Choose to have your monthly gift paid automatically from your credit card or checking/savings account.

-It's flexible – You determine the amount of your monthly donation. You can also email us to increase, decrease or suspend your gift at any time.

-It's eco-friendly – Save trees by switching to paperless, automatic donations.

-It saves money – Save the cost of a stamp with every gift you make.



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 Tucson VA Medical Center

Thank you for all the love and support you showed our hospitalized heroes at Christmas and throughout the year.

The ladies in the CLC unit are smiling more as they feel pretty in all the blouses you've donated.

We were again disappointed to not be able to deliver presents in person but I believe this is NOT the new normal for us at the VA. I will continue to look forward to that day in the future when we can have our normal holiday party.

Our next special event is National Salute to Veteran Patients on February 14. I'm sure that we will not be able to have an in person celebration but here are some ways that auxiliaries and members can get involved and involve youth groups –

- Host a Valentine's party and decorate cards to be given to the VA

- Make Valentine's themed tray favors
- Make Valentine themed banners and signs

Kids love to decorate and sign Valentine's cards so get them involved. Remember that veterans reside in other facilities like nursing homes and assisted living facilities, so include them in your project.

Kim Sloan

VAVS Representative Region 3

Phone - 520.307.7940

Email – auxvfarizona@msn.com

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MATERIAL DONATIONS

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3601 S. 6th Ave. (2-135) Tucson, AZ 85723
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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: _____
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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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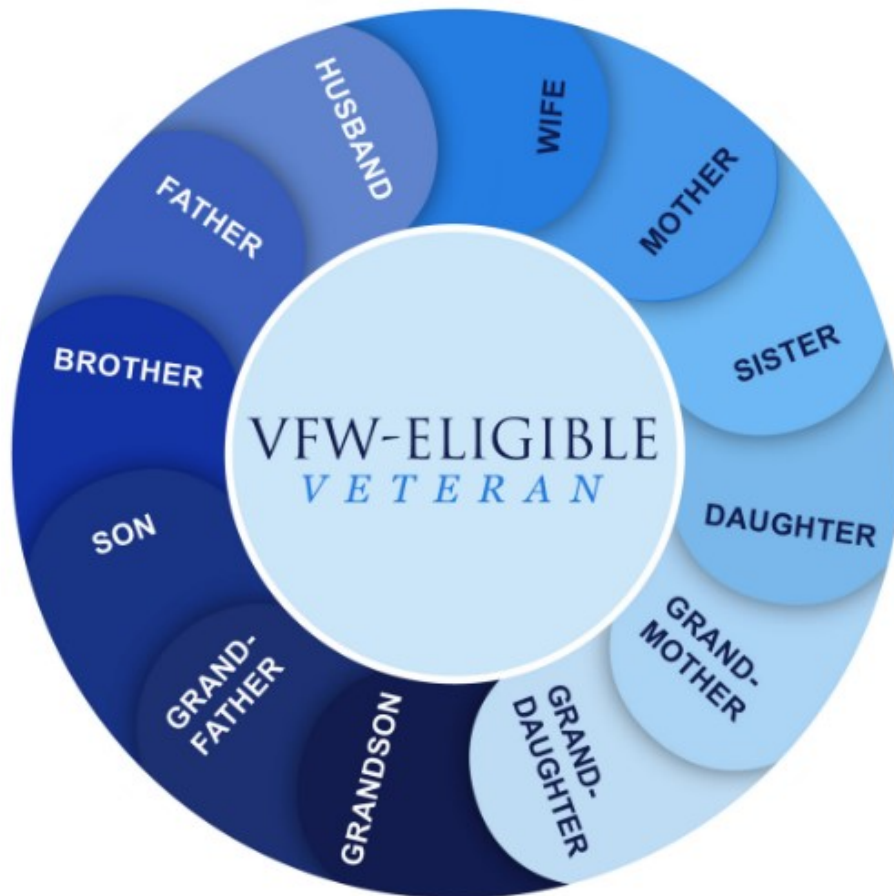
**5 NEW
OR REJOIN
MEMBERS**
Department President's Pin

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

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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.

#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.

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 www.vfwfoundation.org

#StillServing VFW Community Support 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? 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

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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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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

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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
jcouch@vfw.org

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Years of Serving Veterans
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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
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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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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**



VFW Post 5990 Calendar & Announcements January 2022



VFW 5990 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

House Committee ★ Thursday 1/6, 7 PM

Cooties Meeting moved due to Holiday:

Cooties Meeting ★ Saturday 1/8, 1 PM

Comrades' Meeting ★ Thursday 1/13, 7 PM

Auxiliary Meeting ★ Thursday 1/20, 7 PM

Planning Committee ★ Thursday 1/27, 7 PM

Meet your friends down at the Canteen!

Open 3-8 PM Daily

★ JANUARY CANTEEN SPECIAL ★

Baileys & Orchata \$4.00 per shot

Kilt Lifter Ale \$2.50

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CANTEEN EVENTS

SUNDAY	Sunday is always Free Pool Day! 6 PM: Queen of Hearts Drawing
MONDAY	4-8 PM: Texas Holdem' Poker
TUESDAY	6:00 PM: Meal Deal ★ \$5 Donation 6:30 PM: Hall Bingo
WEDNESDAY	5-6 PM: Taco Bar ★ \$5 Donation
THURSDAY	4-8 PM: Texas Holdem' Poker
FRIDAY	5-6:30 PM: Meal Deal ★ \$5 Donation 5:30 PM: Bar Bingo
SATURDAY	No regularly scheduled events.

BULLETIN BOARD



Tuesday Bingo Meals

Contact Becky Baldwin to volunteer!

Cleanup Day 1/15 2 PM

Please sign up on the Event Board!



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE EVENT BOARD

Our Event Board often has more information than you can find here. Look for it on the wall near the jukebox – *Check it out!*

Hall Rentals are Open to the Public – 520-682-6134

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5990 Avra Valley/Marana
15850 W. El Tiro Rd. Marana, AZ 85653
520-682-6134 ★ VFW 5990 Facebook ★ VFW 5990 Auxiliary Facebook



Saturday, January 1

POST OPENS 10 AM – TODAY ONLY!



"Hair of the Dog" Party ★ 10 AM

Bloody Mary Bar ★ Brunch

See Event Board for Details

Sunday, January 2



Bagger Tournament ★ \$5 per player

Registration 3:30 PM for 4 PM Tourney

Meal Deal ★ 5 – 6:30 PM ★ \$5 Donation

Friday-Sunday, January 7-8-9

VFW AZ Winter Conference – Phoenix

Sunday, January 9



Family Craft Day ★ 4:00 – 5:30 PM ★ \$5

Meal Deal ★ 5 – 6:30 PM ★ \$5 Donation

Saturday, January 15



Building & Grounds Cleanup ★ 2-5 PM

Free Baked Potato Bar Meal Ticket for all volunteers present for the entire event.



Baked Potato Bar ★ 5-6:30 PM

\$5 Donation ★ FREE to Cleanup Volunteers!

Sunday, January 16



Pool Tournament ★ \$6 per player

Register at 3:30 PM for 4 PM Tourney

Meal Deal ★ 5 – 6:30 PM ★ \$5 Donation

Monday, January 17

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



Flag Retirement Ceremony ★ 4 PM

Saturday, January 22

POST OPENS 2 PM – TODAY ONLY!



Steak Dinner ★ 5 PM

Presale Tickets - See Event Board



Karaoke Night! ★ 7 PM ★ with DJ Beth

Sunday, January 23



Left Center Right Tourney ★ 5 PM

Meal Deal ★ 5 - 6:30 PM ★ \$5 Donation

Saturday, January 29



Spaghetti Dinner ★ 5-6 PM ★ \$5

Sunday, January 30



Chili & Cornbread Cookoff ★ \$5

Judging 4:30 PM ★ Meal 5 PM



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January 16th, 2022



District 8 VFW/VFWAux District Meeting



VFW 50/50

**VFW Post 10726
Parker Dam
8889 Riverside Dr**

**Auxiliary
Raffle
basket**

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AUXILIARY
10:00
JOINT MTG 11:00
LUNCH - RIBS \$7.00
BREAKOUT VFW & AUXILIARY MEETINGS
1:00 PM
LIMITED PARKING-CONSIDER
CARPOOLING
RSVP NUMBER COMING FROM YOUR
VFW/AUXILIARY TO JOANN
VFW10726JO@YAHOO.COM**

A decorative border of red roses and petals surrounds the text. The roses are in various stages of bloom, and the petals are scattered around them.

VALENTINE'S SPA BASKET RAFFLE

**1 TICKET
\$1.00**

**6 TICKETS
\$5.00**

DRAWING ON FEB. 14TH

VFW AUXILIARY 11014

BENEFITS: HOSPITAL PROGRAM

210 East Meadview Blvd, Meadview, AZ

928-564-2441



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

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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 johnnettegibson@yahoo.com or call me at 928-202-1581

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