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President Janae's Message

We had a good time at National Mid Year held at The Crown Plaza Hotel in Melbourne Fl. I enjoyed seeing my friends and meeting new ones. Mike and I had a Fantastic time at The Kennedy Space



Center. I did get to spend some time on the deck at the hotel looking at the beach and ocean.

Our District Conventions are coming around the corner. We need to elect our District Delegates now. The forms that you need to fill out and send to the District secretary are on the website - www.vfwauxaz.org under resources/secretary and are listed below. If you have any questions, please call Kim Sloan.

Mentoring moment:

How to bring a motion before your members at a meeting.

The person making the motion will stand up and give their name and state I move that we give \$00 to this person or program. The second person stands up and also gives their name and states I second that motion. The person running the meeting repeats who presented the motion and the person who seconds it. Then person running the meeting opens the motion for discussion and voting to the members.

Department Announcements

- All **PARs** are due to Melody by March 31st.
- Information on APPC luncheon at State Convention is below.
- The Department will once again be having a basket raffle at this year's State Convention. We hope to see lots of baskets there!



Welcome to our **newest** Auxiliary 2066 in Nogales, District 7. Their institution will take place on March 27th at 10 am. All are welcome to attend!

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: 103903

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

Flyers for Room Rates, Convention Book Ads and Banquet information are below.



National News

- [2022 VFW Priority Goals Brochure](#) is now out - click here to read. It is also on the Dept webpage- www.vfwauxaz.org under Programs/Legislative
- National Convention Housing opened on 2/17. If you are planning to attend National Convention in Kansas City, reservation information can be accessed through vfw.org
- The [National VFW Auxiliary March magazine](#) is now out - click to read. It is also on the Dept webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org under News/National VFW Auxiliary Magazine
- VFW Voice of Democracy Virtual Parade of Winners 2002 will be live on Facebook on April 7th at 7 pm CDT.
- In-Coming National President Jane Reape's Celebration will be held at National Convention on 7/22. See Flyer below for more information.
- In-Coming Commander-n-Chief Tim Borland's Homecoming will be in Phoenix on August 26-28. Information can be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under News/Events.

VFW National Home for Children

- The January 2022 Home Notes is now out- you can read it on the Dept webpage - www.vfwauxaz.org under News/VFW National Home For Children Newsletter.



National Videos

- On January 7th, the VFW National Home turned 97. Watch the [video](#) that tells the story of the National Home.



- [Historian & Media Relations: Social Media Gets the Word Out](#)
- [Membership: Memories & Retaining Members](#)

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



- [Americanism: President's Day, 2022](#)
- [Auxiliary Community Outreach: Celebrating First Responders](#)
- [Auxiliary Community Outreach: Demonstrating Love for our Community](#)
- [Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home: Get the Word Out About "Buddy" Poppy](#)
- [Chief of Staff & Mentoring for Leadership: New Year Resolutions - Simple Things to Ensure Your Auxiliary Will Succeed!](#)
- [Hospital: Women Veterans' Health Care](#)
- [Scholarships: How to Support Auxiliary Scholarships](#)
- [Veterans & Family Support: VFW's Sport Clips "Help A Hero" Scholarship](#)
- [Youth: February Holiday Youth Opportunities](#)

The following 2 page article was featured in the March 2022 edition of the VFW Magazine.



Hyun-Ju Garduno and her husband, Marc, attend a VFW event in 2021 in Delaware. Garduno is now a member of VFW Post 6483 Auxiliary in Milford, Del., after the VFW Auxiliary voted to change its bylaws to allow non-U.S. citizens to join the organization.

'I'M HAPPY I CAN BE A MEMBER NOW'

BY JANIE DYHOUSE

A change in VFW Auxiliary bylaws opens the door for more spouses worldwide to join the nearly 500,000 members working on behalf of veterans and their families.

For the first time in her 15-year marriage, Hyun-Ju Garduno is now a VFW Auxiliary member, thanks to a change in the organization's bylaws. A vote by Auxiliary members at the national convention in Kansas City, Mo., last July paved the way for Garduno to join.

In *Section 101 of the VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws*, the words "member of the United States" were removed with regard to membership eligibility.

In other words, a person is not required to be a U.S. citizen in order to join the Auxiliary.

For Garduno and others like her, this measure ensures spouses with citizenship outside the U.S. are recognized for the volunteer work they perform for veterans by officially welcoming them into the Auxiliary.

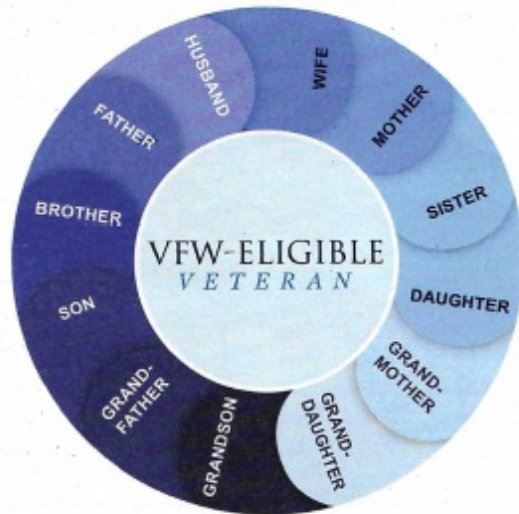
In Delaware, Garduno, who is a citizen of South Korea, has volunteered with VFW for Buddy Poppy distribution events and cooking for various Post fundraisers. Garduno, wife of VFW Assistant Quartermaster General Marc Garduno, also decorated veterans' graves on Memorial Day.

She has attended Department of Delaware conventions and VFW national conventions and visited the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Mich. Garduno even served as a leader for her husband's Post Venturing Crew.

In essence, she was playing the role of an Auxiliary member without being given due recognition. Garduno said she's happy to now be a member of an organization she has long supported.

"I believe the Auxiliary is there to help veterans and the VFW, so I could not understand why only a U.S. citi-

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



**Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings, 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.*

zen can do this," said Garduno, who now belongs to Post 6483 Auxiliary in Milford, Del. "I'm happy I can be a member now and not just a visitor at the conventions."

According to Auxiliary National Secretary-Treasurer Ann Panteleakos, this change is long overdue and has been a priority for many years.

"This move has a great impact on Posts overseas especially," Panteleakos said. "In locations such as the Philippines, South Korea, Australia and Europe, people are excited about this."

As with most changes, there was some resistance on the convention floor, Panteleakos said. Compelling statements by members such as Department of New Mexico Auxiliary President Betty Decker swayed the vote.

"There should be no reason why eligible family members cannot be members based on their citizenship," Decker

said. "These veterans have fought for us. So why should it matter that they may not be citizens or that they married someone who isn't a citizen? We live in a global world. If you have the ability to help my veteran or any veteran, then you should."

Panteleakos said while increasing membership is always vital, it's not the reason for the eligibility change.

"We did not make this change to grow membership," she said. "This was done to pay respect for the many spouses who have long worked on behalf of veterans but were not allowed to call themselves Auxiliary members."

Garduno encourages anyone who once could not join the Auxiliary to do so as soon as possible.

"We were always there to support our husbands and veterans' families," she said. "Now we can be there and be members, too."

AUXILIARY GROWTH IS 'A WIN FOR EVERYONE'

While this step was not about membership, Panteleakos said there are other ways to grow membership. She encourages Posts and Auxiliaries to work closely. When a Post gets a new member, it's helpful for the Auxiliary to know so a representative can reach out regarding family members.

"We need to remember that Auxiliary eligibility is quite expansive," Panteleakos said. "Typically, a VFW member has several family members eligible for Auxiliary membership."

Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings, half-siblings, grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same regardless of whether they are biologically related, Panteleakos added.

The Auxiliary has two awards in place to recognize VFW members who recruit Auxiliary members:

- The Cardinal Puzzle Pin and Citation is awarded to each VFW (and Auxiliary) member who recruits five new and/or reinstated members through May 31.
- The National Membership Achievement Award will be presented to each VFW (and Auxiliary) member who recruits 20 new and/or reinstated members through May 31.

The official form is required for submission and is found at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. The form is due to Auxiliary National Headquarters by June 10. Recipients of the pin will receive their awards through the mail, while those earning the National Membership Achievement honors will be recognized in Kansas City in July at the national convention.

"Growing the Auxiliary membership is a win for everyone," Panteleakos said. "When VFW testifies on Capitol Hill, the Auxiliary membership number is counted in with the VFW. The greater the number, the louder the voice." ❖

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Department Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sloan

Please review the audit list below to verify that I have received your December 2021 ending audit. Failure to submit audits will result in your Auxiliary

not being able to vote at upcoming

District and Department conventions.

To be able to vote at Department convention and National convention your audits thru March 2022 must be completed, approved by the Auxiliary and submitted to me.

Elections – invite all your members to upcoming March meeting. If they have questions about holding an office, have them contact me or a Department officer in your area. We would be happy to come to your meeting and give a School of Instruction on the various offices.

Applications – I continue to receive applications that are not legible... remember that if you can't read the copy that you're sending me, then I probably can't read it either. It's embarrassing to have to call the applicant to get the correct spelling of their last name. Recruiters – make sure the application is legible!

Thank you for the many words of encouragement I've received as I pursue another year as your Department Treasurer!

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!

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| District 10 | x | x | |

2021 – 2022 District Delegates and Alternates Instructions

- **Review Bylaws Sec 303**

Delegates and Alternates to Districts shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the District Convention at which the District Officers are to be elected.

All District Conventions this year will be held in April, so Auxiliaries should elect their Delegates and Alternates at the March Auxiliary meeting

- **Number of Delegates and Alternates**

National Bylaws state that the number of Delegates and Alternates may be set forth differently in the Department Bylaws. Department of Arizona Bylaws call for one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for every ten (10) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election.

EXAMPLE:

On the night Delegates and Alternates are to be elected, MALTA shows the Auxiliary has 102 members in good standing.

102 divided by 10 = 10.2 (.2 is fraction thereof and so you round up to 11)

Therefore the Auxiliary would elect 11 Delegates and 11 Alternates.

- **Election**

Delegates and Alternates are elected by the members – they are NOT appointed. Most Auxiliaries have more Delegates/Alternates than attend Auxiliary meetings. Note that members do not have to be present to be elected as a Delegate or Alternate. The membership should consider those members who may not be able to attend Auxiliary meetings but do attend District meetings. All Delegates and Alternates must be members in good standing of that Auxiliary (life members or current annual members).

- **District Composition Members**

The Auxiliary President has his/her own vote at the District meetings and should be listed at the bottom of the form AND as an Alternate in the right column.

Any Past Department President, District Officer or Past District President that is a member of your Auxiliary has their own vote at District meetings/convention. They should be listed at the bottom of the form and should be considered for election as an Alternate.

If the Auxiliary President is the only Delegate or Alternate at a District Meeting, he/she may choose to vote as a Delegate rather than as Auxiliary President. In the example above, the Auxiliary is entitled to 11 votes (each Delegate has one vote) plus the President's vote. But if the President chooses to vote as a Delegate (which he/she may do if one of the Delegates is not present) he/she would cast 11 votes instead of just the President's vote.

- **PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION – If you have a large Auxiliary consider attaching list of Delegates and Alternates to the Delegate form.**

- **Submit to District Secretary**

The Auxiliary Secretary is responsible for sending the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the District Secretary. This list should be sent immediately after election.

- **Fees**

There are no delegate fees due to the District. Although if an Auxiliary has not paid the District dues, that Auxiliary will not be allowed to vote at the District convention or any meeting until the arrearage is corrected.

- **Term**

Delegates/Alternates serve for one (1) full year from the date of election to the next election.

- **Audits**

The Department Treasurer will notify the District President prior to the District Convention of any Auxiliaries in that District that have not submitted audits through December 31, 2020. Those Auxiliaries will not be allowed to vote at the District convention or at Department convention arrearage is corrected.

- **Absence**

If the Auxiliary President is absent or not in the room, the Auxiliary Sr. Vice President or in their absence, the Auxiliary Jr. Vice President may function as a

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| The following District convention composition members have their own vote. | | | |
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| | | Auxiliary President | |
| | | District Office - District President | |
| | | District Office - (insert office) | |
| | | District Office - (insert office) | |
| | | Department President | |
| | | Past Department President | |
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| | | Past District President | |

2021-2022 DEPARTMENT Delegates and Alternates Instructions

- **Review Bylaws Sec 304**

Delegates and Alternates to the Department Meetings and Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Department Convention.

Auxiliaries should elect their Delegates and Alternates at their April meeting as Department Convention will be start on June 2.

- **Number of Delegates and Alternates**

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- **Department Composition Members**

The Auxiliary President has his/her own vote at the Department Convention and should be listed at the bottom of the form AND as an Alternate in the right column.

The National District Council Member, any Department Officers and Past Department Presidents, that are members of your Auxiliary have their own vote at Department Convention. They should be listed at the bottom of the form and should be considered for election as an Alternate. They will need to notify the Credentials Chairman if they are voting as a Delegate or voting their own vote.

If the Auxiliary President is the only Delegate or Alternate at the Department Convention, he/she may choose to vote as a Delegate rather than as Auxiliary President. In the example above, the Auxiliary is entitled to 11 votes (each Delegate has one vote) plus the President's vote. But if the President chooses to vote as a Delegate (which he/she may do if all of the Delegates are not present) he/she would cast 11 votes instead of just the President's vote.

- **PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION – It is acceptable to print the list and attach it to the Delegate form.**
- **Submit to the Department Secretary AND the Department Credentials Chairman.**

The Auxiliary Secretary is responsible for sending the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary and the Department Credentials Chairman. This list should be sent immediately after election.

Department Secretary Kim Sloan - 326 E. Burrows St. Tucson, AZ 85704

Department Credentials Chairman Dallas Emery - 2813 Palo Verde Blvd N, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404 Email to: frankemery@npgcable.com

- **Fees**

Registration/Delegate Fees are \$4.00 based on number of Delegates the Auxiliary is entitled to, plus \$4 for each Department composition members shown at the bottom of the Delegate List.

Example: The Auxiliary is entitled to and elects 35 Delegates (\$140), plus the Auxiliary President (\$4.00), plus the District President is a member of that Auxiliary (\$4.00) plus there is one Department Officer (\$4.00) and one Past Department President(\$4.00) that are members of that Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary Secretary would give a copy of the Delegate List to the Treasurer and request a check for \$156).

- **Arrearages / Audits**

Sec. 511 If a District is in arrears for failing to submit accepted audits to the Department Treasurer within thirty (30) calendar days of each meeting (or quarterly, if monthly meetings are held) the District President shall be deprived of their vote at the Department Convention.

- **Term**

Delegates/Alternates serve for one (1) full year from the date of election to the next election.

- **Absence**

If the Auxiliary President is absent or not in the room, the Auxiliary Sr. Vice President or in their absence, the Auxiliary Jr. Vice President may function as the Department Composition member.

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| The following convention composition members have their own vote. | | | |
| NAME | | OFFICE | |
| | | Auxiliary President | |
| | | National District Council Member | |
| | | Department President | |
| | | Past Department President | |
| | | Past Department President | |
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Happenings at the Districts

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

District 2

Aux 6739 (Camp Verde):

- 3/20 - Pancake breakfast & Buddy Poppy drive held in conjunction with the Wine & Pecan Festival



Aux 7400 (Cottonwood):

- Every Sunday snacks provided for Bingo players
- 4/8 & 4/9 - Spring Bazaar starting at 9 each day

Aux 12128 (Williams):

- 3/29 - National Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony
- Auxiliary working on a Community Project - Community Cemetery Veterans Roster

District 3**Aux 1433 (Glendale):**

- 3/25 - Western Night from 6 - 11 pm

Aux 12098 (Buckeye):

- 3/12 - Breakfast Brunch from 8-11 am at BCVSC
- 3/29 - Vietnam Veterans Day from 8-9 am at Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting

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.

Aux 720 (Maricopa):

- Every Friday Jack of Hearts Drawing at 6 pm.
- First Fridays with food trucks at 5pm and comedy show starting at 7 pm.
- Monthly Auxiliary meeting is the 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.

Aux 1760 (Mesa):

- Every Tuesday Trivia Night at 7 pm
- Wednesday Pool Nights at 6 pm
- Friday Nights Darts at 7 pm
- 3/12 at 1 pm – Auxiliary meeting
- 3/17 - St Patrick’s Day Party Ship Cap’n & Crew and Queen of Hearts at 7 pm
- 3/19 – Auxiliary is making Corn beef and cabbage and Karaoke
- 3/29 - Vietnam Veteran’s Day Remembrance all day

Aux 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.

Aux 3513 (Scottsdale):

- 3/5 - Celebration of Life for former Commander, Austin Deuel at 1 pm
- 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>

Aux 3632 (Tempe):

- Ongoing, we have boxes set out at both Tempe American Legion Posts collecting quarters to fund raise for the Arizona Veterans Home.
- Sundays at American Legion Post 138 – Music by Trevor, Meat Raffle, and Lunch Specials for \$5 made by Chef Stolie. Boxes for the Troops fundraiser.

District 5

Special Activity - 4/3 - The 162nd Wing will be having a Family Day Picnic at Pima College - Desert Vista Campus Park from 10 - 2 pm

Aux 10245 (Three Points):

- 3/19 - Veterans Breakfast

District 6**Aux 8987 (Eagar):**

- Holding a "1776" raffle of a bi-centennial rug

Aux 9907 (Show Low):

- 3/17 - St. Patty Day dinner of Corned Beef & Cabbage

District 7**Aux 2066 (Nogales):**

- 3/27 - Institution of new Auxiliary at 10 am

Aux 9972 (Sierra Vista):

- 3/11 - Meatballs and Noodle dinner for \$5 starting at 5 pm
- 3/29 - Vietnam Veterans Day recognition
- 7/16 - Gold Star Family Picnic Day at the SV Park starting at 10 am

District 8

Special Activity - 3/4 - Veterans Resource Fair starting at 10 am at Bullhead City Chamber of Commerce

Aux 2555 (Golden Valley):

- 3/19 - Poker Run starting at 10 am
- Mondays - Tacos & In house pool
- Wednesdays - Ladies Pool & Pot luck
- Fridays - Burger, Fish or Shrimp dinner
- Saturdays - Dinner

Aux 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

District 10

Aux 1677 - (Casa Grande):

- 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Aux 3713 - (Coolidge):

- 3/5 - Aux meeting at 9 am
- 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner at 5 pm
- 5/21 - State Commander's Home Coming starting at 4 pm

Aux 7968 - (Apache Junction):

- 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day dinner from 5-7 pm
- 3/29 - Vietnam Veterans Day - Flag raising and dedication with cake at noon

Aux 9399 - (Apache Junction):

- 3/5 - Cinco de Marcho Party with Membership Appreciation from 11 am - 3 pm
- 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day Party from 4-7 pm



**Historian/Media
Irene Norwacki**

What festivities do you have planned for this month?

Are you going all Green for St. Patrick's Day?

Are you serving Corned Beef and Cabbage with Soda Bread?

Are you having an Irish bake sale?

Are you having a Leprechaun treasure hunt for the kids?

Are you having a dance?

No matter what you are doing, make sure to take lots of pictures and document all of the fun that you are having on your Auxiliary Facebook pages. If you have yet to create your Auxiliary Facebook page and need help, please reach out to me. I will be more than happy to help you. Just gather a few dedicated members to maintain it and you are ready to go. You do not have to be a professional photographer to take pictures. Sometimes candid shots are the best. There is nothing wrong with having someone walking around snapping pictures that can be used to show off what you are doing.

Keep up the good work and send me your reports. I love to see what you all are doing.

**Membership
Jeanne Hampton**



Good News! This is possibly the last Membership Newsletter that will be droning “Retention” toward the Auxiliary. Though, this is also the “final call” in making the 90% in existing Annual Membership retention goal by March 31st

as outlined on the Arizona Circle of Excellence. Each Auxiliary will be receiving a note on your accomplishment and *the final few* needed to reach that goal.

One thing is for certain, Arizona, do not be discouraged by the numbers or percentages! **YOU** are doing fantastic! The numbers and percentages were goals, not expectations. Our work is for Veterans Programs and to make certain each of our existing members is included and finds “value” in their Membership to the VFW Auxiliary.

Continue to reach out to all our Auxiliary Members. We have been hit, so hard, in our communities- as Caregivers, as Volunteers, as persons committed to bettering the lives of our Veterans, their families, and our Community. Call the home bound- they may not attend a meeting but they may be willing to make phone calls to check on other members, sew pillowcases for the VA Hospital, work on Poppy Displays, make beautiful raffle baskets, be supportive of the Auxiliary from a distance if social interaction is keeping them away. You may *keep* that volunteer by giving them “value” to their VFW Auxiliary Membership.

We are beginning to get out the weather is warming, Veterans Resource Fairs are being organized. Every Veteran Counts. On your Membership table, if you are fortunate to have the *fantastic* recruitment tools in the VFW Membership kit, including the posters that show ribbons, when Veteran approaches and you represent, “Hi, my name is, and we are the VFW Auxiliary”...and they look down and say, “I don’t qualify for the VFW”...turn that into a **POSITIVE!** Give the VFW Auxiliary Membership “Value”. Did you know as the VFW Auxiliary we are fighting for the rights of **EVERY** Veteran through Legislation? Homeless Veterans have no boundaries. Suicide Awareness doesn’t know VFW eligibility. Hospitalized Veterans are Veterans. Bringing Patriotism to the Classroom is to recognize and support the service of every Veteran. That is what we do as the VFW Auxiliary. It is about service to Veterans Programs. Wouldn’t you like to join us to advocate for ALL Veterans and be at the forefront of seeing these programs through? Sharing with us your experience as a Veteran so we can better serve the Veteran Community.

Standing beside my very good friend and Marine Veteran, Connie Hargreaves, at a recent Veteran Resource Fair, in comes a friend from Meadview who has now moved to Kingman to be closer to medical attention as her Veteran husband has incurable cancer. She was overjoyed, then broke down in tears. “I didn’t know why God had me come here today, now I do. I need to renew my Military ID but it takes someone who can get on base and my husband is too ill to make that journey.” Marine by my side, the introduction was made, the ID card will be renewed. Thank you, Connie Hargreaves. This is why we do what we do.

Don’t close the window of opportunity. The last two Veteran Resource Fairs we

attended- were networking with other Veteran Service Organizations. Did you know the local Community College, and more recently, Grand Canyon University did not know the VFW and Auxiliary HAS Scholarship opportunities? The representatives are very open for a discussion, and amazed, when they learn about Scholarships the VFW and Auxiliary, especially in Arizona, have to offer.

Community Outreach- did you know, Veterans Treatment Court has a corps of Volunteers we can align our projects with who need to put in Service Hours. The Kingman Veterans Treatment Court representative was exceptionally receptive as they have to find a “different Community Organization each month for their Veterans to do Service Hours to complete their program hours” and inviting them to Volunteer “with the VFW Auxiliary” was just what she will use as her next month’s “project” to assist with the Youth Shoot. These are young Veterans taking steps to better their lives.

Turn it around and think outside the box. Yes, retention has been the major push this year. It is awareness and including the members that already exist... when it was a year going into uncertainty, after 2 years of the pandemic. As we progress forward, use our programs to promote **VALUE** to the existing Member, the Veteran, the Community Member to learn who we are and what we do as the VFW Auxiliary in serving Programs for our Veterans, their families, our Community.

Join Us!

[VFW Auxiliary Membership-Brochure_Application_8_5x11_8-10-2021_Fillable.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](#)

[VFW Auxiliary Fact-Sheet_August_2020.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](#)

[VFW-Auxiliary-Recruitment-Booth-Pointers-updated.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](#)

Thank You, Arizona Auxiliaries and Members, for your continued support of Veterans Programs!

Jeanne

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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 02/27/2022

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

Aux 1763 - 95%
Aux 2357 - 100%
Aux 7400 - 95%
Aux 285 - 100%
Aux 1433 - 96%
Aux 12098 - 90%
Aux 3632 - 92%
Aux 10254 - 90%
Aux 2364 - 100%
Aux 8987 - 100%
Aux 9907 - 91%
Aux 2190 - 100%
Aux 6306 - 100%
Aux 10726 - 100%



| Dist | Aux | Prior Total Annual Mbrs | Annual Pd | Convert | Paid Total | Retained Mbrs needed to meet goal of 90% | Retention % - Goal is 90% |
|---------|-------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|--|------------------------------|
| Arizona | | 45 | 16 | 2 | 18 | 41 | 40% |
| DAZ01 | 769 | 22 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 68% |
| DAZ01 | 1763 | 19 | 17 | 1 | 18 | 17 | 95% |
| DAZ01 | 2357 | 17 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 15 | 100 % |
| DAZ01 | 6790 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 14 | 15 | 82 % |
| DAZ01 | 7061 | 22 | 16 | 3 | 19 | 20 | 86 % |
| DAZ01 | 8242 | 65 | 52 | 4 | 56 | 59 | 86% |
| DAZ02 | 541 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 14 | 47% |
| DAZ02 | 6739 | 38 | 26 | 4 | 30 | 34 | 79% |
| DAZ02 | 7400 | 64 | 58 | 2 | 60 | 58 | 94 % |
| DAZ02 | 10227 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 86 % |
| DAZ02 | 12128 | 13 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 12 | 85 % |
| DAZ03 | 40 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 16.00 % |
| DAZ03 | 285 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 100 % |
| DAZ03 | 1433 | 78 | 69 | 6 | 75 | 70 | 96 % |
| DAZ03 | 3715 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0.00 % |
| DAZ03 | 12098 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 90.0 % |
| DAZ04 | 720 | 21 | 11 | 1 | 12 | 19 | 57% |
| DAZ04 | 1760 | 59 | 36 | 1 | 37 | 53 | 63% |
| DAZ04 | 1796 | 19 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 17 | 63% |
| DAZ04 | 3513 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 50 % |
| DAZ04 | 3632 | 26 | 21 | 3 | 24 | 23 | 92% |
| DAZ04 | 9400 | 39 | 26 | 3 | 29 | 35 | 74% |
| DAZ05 | 549 | 88 | 63 | 9 | 72 | 79 | 82% |
| DAZ05 | 4903 | 44 | 24 | 3 | 27 | 40 | 61% |
| DAZ05 | 5990 | 30 | 16 | 2 | 18 | 27 | 60% |
| DAZ05 | 10254 | 30 | 26 | 1 | 27 | 27 | 90 % |
| DAZ06 | 2364 | 21 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 19 | 100 % |
| DAZ06 | 8987 | 25 | 23 | 2 | 25 | 23 | 100% |
| DAZ06 | 9907 | 80 | 63 | 10 | 73 | 72 | 91 % |
| DAZ07 | 6271 | 38 | 31 | 2 | 33 | 34 | 87 % |
| DAZ07 | 9972 | 50 | 28 | 14 | 42 | 45 | 84 % |
| DAZ07 | 9977 | 27 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 24 | 70 % |
| DAZ07 | 10385 | 28 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 25 | 82 % |



| Dist | Aux | Prior Total Annual Mbrs | Annual PD | Convert to LM | Paid Total | Retained Mbrs needed to meet goal | Retention % - Goal is 90% |
|----------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAZ08 | 404 | 70 | 52 | 4 | 56 | 63 | 80% |
| DAZ08 | 2190 | 20 | 19 | 1 | 20 | 18 | 100% |
| DAZ08 | 2555 | 33 | 24 | 2 | 26 | 30 | 79% |
| DAZ08 | 6306 | 42 | 37 | 6 | 43 | 38 | 100% |
| DAZ08 | 9401 | 134 | 90 | 11 | 101 | 121 | 75% |
| DAZ08 | 9833 | 16 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 14 | 44% |
| DAZ08 | 10005 | 109 | 70 | 7 | 77 | 98 | 71% |
| DAZ08 | 10386 | 56 | 42 | 7 | 49 | 50 | 88% |
| DAZ08 | 10726 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 100% |
| DAZ08 | 11014 | 76 | 60 | 8 | 68 | 68 | 90% |
| DAZ10 | 1677 | 42 | 20 | 1 | 21 | 38 | 50% |
| DAZ10 | 3584 | 33 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 30 | 48% |
| DAZ10 | 3713 | 37 | 22 | 3 | 25 | 33 | 68% |
| DAZ10 | 7968 | 170 | 64 | 55 | 119 | 153 | 70% |
| DAZ10 | 9399 | 288 | 168 | 33 | 201 | 259 | 70% |
| DAZ10 | 12043 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 44% |
| Arizona | | 2,250 | 1,495 | 219 | 1,714 | 2025 | 76% |

Legislative Connie Hargreaves

Here comes March!!!

March: 1: to move along steadily usually with a rhythmic stride and in step with others. 2: to move in a direct purposeful manner: proceed: to make steady progress: advance time marches on. 3: to stand in orderly array suggestive of marching.

As we meander through the month of March, **LEGISLATION** has become an important part of our Veterans Advocacy. One month before the Primary election for our state and federal candidates for office. Yes, the first step before the elections in November.

There are several things you can do to help advocate for our Veterans and their families.

Register to Vote if you have not already done so, get to know the candidates,



the primary you can only vote in the party of your choice! Why? So, the opponent can't interfere with your party lines. Not like the November election where you can vote for the most qualified person in your opinion. There is some great competition this year from commissioners up to the Governor on the State levels and on the Federal level, it is the Congressmen/women and the Senators.

Please check out the links to see who will be running for your party of choice.

[2022 candidates for Arizona offices](#)

[2022 Arizona candidates running for U.S. Senate](#)

[2022 candidates for Arizona Hours of Representatives](#)

The priority goals for 2022 have been released, you can find them at

<https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Advocacy/PriorityGoalsBrochure.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220118T173738Z>

Also check "A How to Guide to getting in Getting Involved in the Election Process"

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Veterans-Vote-brochure.pdf>

Please feel free to pick-up or call and request Voter Registration forms to set out at your Post or Events, see if your Post Office or Chamber have them out also. Another way to is to set out/give away water bottles with I Vote in Honor of _____ A United States Veteran, or have stickers set out at dinners or wrapped around silverware/napkins with each meal. Add a Poppy also!

The State Legislature is back and there are many ways to contact your current elected officials. Either through email, mail, phone calls or by signing up with Request to Speak!

<https://www.azleg.gov/group/request-to-speak/>

It takes 2 minutes to make an account, here's how it works:

Visit <https://apps.azleg.gov/Account/SignOn>.

1. Create an account.

Please Note: To activate your account, you must log in to a kiosk at the state capital. If you are unable to do so, please contact our campaign and we will sign in for you, so your account is activated. This is a one-time process that needs to be completed.

2. Once you are signed in, click "Request to Speak" on the left side of the screen.

3. Next, search the bill number (Example: HB2043) in the "Search Phrase" selection box.

4. Click on "Add Request".

5. Next, give your Thumbs Up (For), Thumbs Down (Against), or Neutral.

6. Click "Submit"

You can also show up to be in the audience and watch if you would like to speak. Utilize Action Corps Weekly, sign up for weekly notices on what the VFW has accomplished, comes to your email on Monday. Follow directions if there is an Action Alert on an upcoming bill and you can send a response to Senators Kelly and Sinema and your Congressman/woman in your zip code. Easy, Peasy. Best news, you always get a response back that it was received.

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFW-Action-Corps-Weekly-Sign-Up-Sheet-Rev-23-Aug-20.pdf> Sign up your members at a meeting, event

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/Register?user=9tclv2do-ORUkqAWgkrR8w> Sign yourself up

Other helpful site-

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Legislative-Guide-to-Contacting-Your-Legislators.pdf>

Oh yes, and get ready for March to continue to bring you your favorite ads to watch throughout the day and night, brought to you by our elected or want to be Candidates in April and your Voice in November!!

VOTING!

100% MORE EFFECTIVE THAN COMPLAINING ON THE INTERNET

Upcoming Contests:

- [2022 9th Circuit Civics Contest for High School students - Due by March 18th](#)
- [Law Day Contest for Kids K-12 - Due by March 28th](#)



Auxiliary Community Outreach Bambi Johnson

March is a month that has several National Days, weeks or a whole month

attributed to it that organizations may need our help and volunteer time with. Here are a few and some ideas of how you could partner to help.

The first week of March has two very important issues of concern – check with local mental health and teen groups to see how you can help.

March 1st is Self-Injury Awareness Day. It focuses on increasing education and support on a misunderstood problem. When someone causes deliberate self-injury or harm, the action is an indication of emotional distress. According to research from the Journal of American Board of Family Medicine, approximately 4% of Americans self-harm, with a majority of those being college students. The day aims to help friends and family recognize the signs and help those in emotional distress find help.

There are several ways to participate in the observance. Learn more about self-injury and find help if you need it. Organizations around the country will be hosting events with speakers and seminars designed to start a dialogue and provide helpful information. Understand that no one has to suffer alone, and there is help.

- Attend an event or organize an event near you.
- Wear orange to show your support.
- Help remove the stigma associated with this and other mental health

concerns.

- Open a dialogue by starting the conversation.
- Find resources and support by visiting the [Center for Discovery](#) or www.personalizedcause.com.

On March 2nd, World Teen Mental Wellness Day aims to normalize conversations and dismantle stigmas around teen mental health issues.

If pets are of interest to you and your members – how about joining with your local Humane Society or other animal organizations to help with National Animal Prevention week.

March is also National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month and Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. Both of these have organizations in Arizona that may be offering events that could use our help.

Every month there are organizations and events that we can seek to partner with to help those in our communities.

Always check the area bulletin boards and local news for opportunities to offer assistance. The items shown this month are from a website that you can use to see all of the National Days, Weeks, and months that organizations may have an interest in. You can look up any date or month at:

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com>.

Bambi Johnson

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Scholarships Janice Robertson



March already.

Will it come in like lamb and leave like a lion
or will it come in like a lion and leave like a lamb?

Be the Lion and get the jobs done and do not wait until the end. We are coming to crunch time. Please, please send me your project reports! All projects need to be completed by March 31st with reports due to me by April 15th. Let me know what your auxiliary did this year.

The deadline for the **National Continuing Education** has passed. How did you promote this program?

We only have a very short window for the remaining Scholarships and grants. Encourage our youth in 9-12th grades to get their artwork for the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest** to you. Must be into the Auxiliary by March 31st and to me by the 15th of April. Contact the schools where you have promoted this program make sure you have received all entries. We do not want to leave anyone behind. If you have multiple entries share with other posts in your district so more may be available to be judged.

How many volunteers did you have? Did you spend money on awards, how much? Tell me what you did in your auxiliary that encouraged our youth. Be sure to thank all the scholarship entrants, Parents, and Teachers, these are the ones that help our youth soar above and beyond.

The **Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant** and the **VFW Auxiliary Merit Scholarship** deadlines are April 1st. If anyone has a senior that has put together a binder, please contact me I will make a plan to pick it up as it is too important to leave to send in the mail. I would hate to have that much work get lost or get to me too late.

Thank you for all you do for our youth. Don't wait until the last minute. Before we know it March will be ending.



Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership Reba Dermody

Welcome to the start of spring. I think we ALL need to have some new and fresh things popping up in our lives. The last two years have been tough for all of us. I want you to be thinking of the National Awards for members and your Auxiliary. If you haven't looked at them yet, please do. They are on our Department website, www.vfwauxaz.org. So, my question is are you a good mentor?

Peer Mentors: This one is more of an apprenticeship than a mentorship. Whether someone is onboarding in a new job or simply at the early stages of their career, they may benefit from having a peer mentor working at their same company to help them settle into their new job and climb the learning curve faster. A peer mentor focuses on helping with specific skills, working toward specific goals, and basic organization practices for how to get things done.

Career Mentors: When most people think of mentorship, they're thinking about career mentorship. Career mentors are senior to their mentees at the same company or a former company. Their purpose is to serve as a career advisor and advocate, and to help reinforce how a mentee's job contributions fit into their long-term career goals, and perhaps even how they fit into the bigger picture of the company's goals.

Life Mentors: A life mentor is usually someone outside of their mentee's workplace. This person can serve as an objective sounding board when that person finds themselves faced with a difficult career challenge or is considering changing jobs. Khan writes that life mentors shouldn't replace a peer or career mentor, but "they are there to impart career wisdom."

Chances are, you'll be more than one of these types of mentors for multiple people, and you may have a few mentees at a time. Our VFW Auxiliary at times is a business when it comes to mentoring.

Have you been following and applying the 3 C's?

- Consultant -that is the most obvious role of the mentor

- Counselor-listen to your mentees
 - Cheerleader-give constructive feedback, advise and provide support and enthusiasm.
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Hospital Melissa Martin



Hi everyone! Hopefully you all did something awesome for National Salute to Veterans Patients week. I can't wait to see what some of you came up with.

There was a really good article about the Phoenix VA a few weeks ago. The Phoenix VA is launching a program to teach Veterans being treated at the Phoenix VA medical center to sail as part of the adaptive sports program. "It gives Veterans a chance to build comradery." said Joshua Parks, a recreation therapist with the VA. "When we get out of the service, it's something we all start to miss so having events like this where the vets can work together for a common goal and common good, it really builds that esprit de corps and get them motivated".

The program launches in March and is a partnership between the Phoenix VA and a local sailing school, Tiller and Kites. Victor Felice is the school's owner, who says sailing can be beneficial both physically and mentally. So, you get the best of both worlds, and it can all be done through sailing and boats.

The program can be used by Veterans with physical conditions or mental health disorders like PTSD. According to the VA, up to 20 percent of Veterans who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. The program already has 11 Veterans signed up.

If you know anyone that would benefit from this program, please contact the Phoenix VA at (602) 277-5551

Youth Brenda Kinghorn



**Happy St. Patrick's Day, Thursday,
March 17th**

For your history lesson of the day!

St. Patrick's Day is officially observed on, March 17th, each year, though celebrations may not be limited to this date. The significance of March 17 is that it's said to be the date of St. Patrick's (the patron saint of Ireland) death in the late 5th century (circa A.D. 493). (Taken from www.history.com)

As your Post and/or Auxiliary is preparing a celebration of the Irish culture with special foods, music, dancing, drinking, and a whole lot of green, have your youth **help** in decorating, card making, making and of course decorating

sweets. Ideas on Pinterest - www.pinterest.com

Youth Project Report with 3 pictures of your **youth helping**.

Reminder: Please fill out an authorization form and have a parent sign, if you have any pictures of your youth on your Facebook page. This form can be found on www.vfwauxaz.org under Programs/Historian/Media.

Last month in the February Newsletter article, I mentioned the Patriotism through Literacy. Don't forget to take pictures of the books donated by your auxiliary with the donation labels for the Project Report.

Reminder: Illustrating America, and Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue entries are due to your Auxiliaries by March 31st, with your winner sent to me by April 15th.

Veterans and Family Support Stephanie Morris



From the Military Benefits website: "The Month of the Military Caregiver is observed in May each year to honor more than five million caregivers in the United States. Paying tribute to the people who care for more than two million veterans is an important part of supporting troops and military families. But for some, it's also about recognizing the work they do that qualifies them as caregivers even if they don't think of themselves that way."

Below are some resources for Military Caregivers. Provide this information to military caregivers in your area and/or have the information available at your Post Home:

The VA Caregiver Support Line: The VA Caregiver Support Line is 1-855-260-3274, and is designed to help with resources, advice, and networking. All care providers are welcome to dial into monthly telephone education groups, ask questions, and get help with self-care.

VA Peer Support Mentoring Caregivers are invited to take part in the VA's peer support mentoring outreach; you may take part as either a mentor or as someone in need of one. This kind of support generally lasts approximately six months, but there are one-time mentoring opportunities under this program, too. Communication between mentor and learner is facilitated by whatever method works best for all involved-you can discuss caregiving issues by phone, email, even regular mail.

Caring For Seriously Injured Post-9/11 Veterans Some VA caregiver support programs are open to all regardless of what era their clients have served in, but the [VA Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers](#) program offers support for those providing care for veterans with serious injuries who have served on or after 9/11. It provides approved caregivers support options including a monthly stipend, respite care, payment of approved travel expenses, health insurance, and mental health services. Information on the Program can be found at the above link."

If you have not recognized caregivers yet, please do so soon!

We are quickly coming to the end of the service year: Have you done any

of the following:

1. Hosted or co-hosted with the VFW Post fundraising activities for National Veterans Service (NVS)?
2. Hosted or co-hosted with the VFW Post fundraising activities for the VFW Veterans and Family Support Programs (Military Assistance Program (MAPS), Unmet Needs, and VFW's "Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship")?
3. Participated in and/or sponsored events or projects for homeless veterans?
4. Provided direct aid to veterans, service members, and/or their families? (includes monetary donations and monetary value of donations and goods/services provided, also the number of veterans/military personnel helped)
5. Promoted veteran and military suicide prevention and mental health awareness?
6. Provided support for veteran and military caregivers?

If you have done any of these, make sure a project form has been completed and sent to me. If not get one completed and send it to me. If you haven't done any of these, there is still time to complete one or more of these projects by March 31, 2022, and get reports to me by April 15, 2022. Remember all auxiliaries must complete at least one project, activity, or donation that benefits veterans this year, or the Department must submit a request for suspension of the auxiliary by the end of April.



Americanism Lynn Pierre

Hi all! We are coming up on some deadlines this year so how about a quick review? The Illustrating America student deadline is March 31st. as is the Getting Excited for the Red, White, and Blue and Patriotic Art! Please go to vfwauxaz.org, go to the Youth and Scholarship Programs and download the forms. This is Americanism for Youth folks and it's so important that we keep them educated.

If you are planning to go to schools, teachers, guidance counselors or libraries, be sure to drop off some Flags with information on proper etiquette, Buddy Poppies with a flyer explaining what they are about and Membership applications and Priority Goals for parents. Sometimes just having the information out garners new contacts.

St. Patrick's Day is coming up and many of us will be celebrating with corned beef and cabbage, music, and parties. Be sure to include some flags in the table decorations, along with green poppies if you so choose. For those who need fundraisers, this might be a good time to put out some paper flags. These can be printed on a regular printer in a 5" x 7" or 8"x10" size. Provide a line that says "Honoring my Veteran, with a line for people to enter the name and ask them to donate \$5.00 each to display in your Post. Our people are proud of their Veterans and love recognizing them. If done during a dinner or dance, you may gather some funds to help bolster the program you've been seeking to

grow, just be sure to tell them what their \$5.00 will benefit.

Our big note this month is of course, March 29th, National Vietnam War Veterans' Day! We need to remember not only our Vietnam Veterans but their Caretakers. Let's think out of the box on this one. A meal at your Post or delivering a meal to their home. A Gift Card is always appreciated and our time with them is as well. Even a phone call would be much appreciated by these folks as well as any good thoughts you may have for them to help celebrate.

Please remember to send all your pictures of events and visits to our Media/Historian, Irene for posting. Special dates should go to Kim Harney to update our website with the excitement! Thanks again to all of you for all you do.

Buddy Poppy/National Home Rhonda Follett



The following information is from the National Ambassador Donna Ralston's February Blog:

We must continue to get the word out about how "Buddy"® Poppy donations benefit our relief funds and veterans in need.

Ways to promote and incorporate the "Buddy"® Poppy and the VFW National Home for Children in all National Programs:

- Historian & Media Relations – Make "Buddy"® Poppy displays for the background. Pin "Buddy"® Poppies on people.
- Legislative – When sending letters include a "Buddy"® Poppy and information about the National Home.
- Scholarships – When you take the information to schools attach "Buddy"® Poppies and information about the National Home.
- Americanism – Tie a "Buddy"® Poppy and the VFW National Home Helpline Card to Flags.
- Hospital – Put a "Buddy"® Poppy in cards and on items that you send to Veterans.
- Membership – "Buddy"® Poppy and the VFW National Home Helpline Card with a Dues Notice letter.
- Youth Activities – Put "Buddy"® Poppies on awards that you pass out and attach information about the VFW National Home for Children.
- Community Outreach—Ask the community if you can put up a "Buddy"® Poppy display in community centers and make the display about the VFW National Home. Ask if you can add a few "Buddy"® Poppies around the building and leave information about the Program.

Please remember that we need to educate ourselves about the "Buddy"® Poppy and VFW National Home to be great spokespersons for the Program. Keep your "Buddy"® Poppy and National Home kit with you, in your car for instance, and you will always have the items you need to educate the community.



VAVS REPORTS

News from the Tucson VA Medical Center

As we look forward to opening our VA facilities to our Auxiliary members to volunteer, please keep in contact with the voluntary service department. They are looking forward to welcoming you back in person! Call them to find out how you can volunteer!

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

Kim Sloan, VAVS Representative

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MATERIAL DONATIONS

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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: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
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(If Applicable)
Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
VAVS Representative: _____
(If Applicable)

ITEM DONATED FOR

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

Thank you for your donation.
Every effort will be made to utilize the item(s) in the area indicated.
If this cannot be done, we reserve the right to utilize the item(s) where they are needed.

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](#).

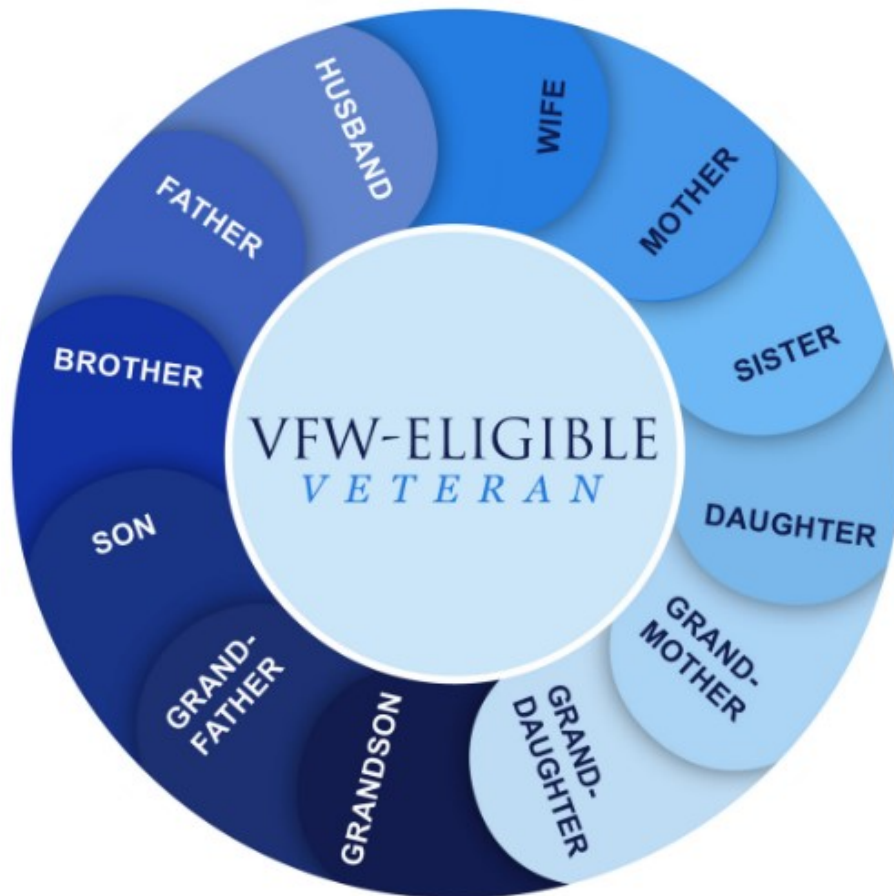
Each month, the updated Monthly PAR recording sheet will be behind login on the Department webpage at www.vfwauxaz.org. Go to Login/Members Only, sign in and then click on Program Activity Reports.

All PARs need to be to Melody by March 31st

**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.

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.

The Home Depot Community Impact Grant has permanently been retired. Over the past 15 years, the grant has provided millions of dollars in funding to VFW Posts (and other nonprofits) for improvement of their buildings. The company will still support veteran causes with emphasis on veteran housing grants.

The Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) Grant will reopen on Feb. 1, 2022. Through this grant program, Posts and Auxiliaries donating funds and food to their local food banks, food pantries and community kitchens may apply for up to \$5,000 in grant funding. Posts and Auxiliaries may receive additional funding for hours accumulated by members volunteering at a soup kitchen, food bank or any nonprofit organization program focused on relieving food insecurity. The grant will remain open until July 31, 2022, or whenever the budget for the program has been exhausted. The application form, complete with full guidelines, will be accessible the day the grant opens at vfw.org/UTCH.

District 4 Project

Weezie's Diaper Bag Drive



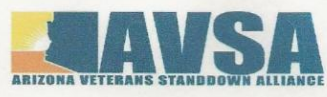
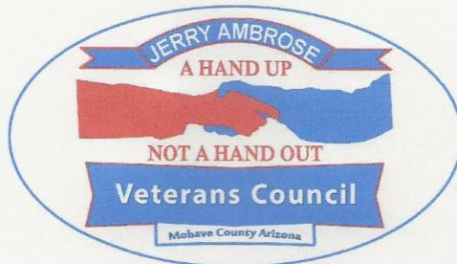
We are collecting filled Diaper Bags to be handed out to service members that are expecting a baby.

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**



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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.
www.vfw.org



Veterans Resource Fair



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



**Friday, March 4, 2022
From 10 am to 2 pm**



**Multiple Agencies Available
Contact: jennifer.burch@javc.org**





VFW



Post 7968

Golden Ticket Dinner

for Two

March 9th 2022

**Tickets are \$100.00
(Only 100 Tickets Sold!)**

- INCLUDES -

**Prime Rib Dinner for TWO!
AND TWO WELL DRINKS EACH**

Social Hour 4:30-5:30pm / Dinner 5:30-7:30pm

Proceeds Benefit VFW Post 7968

Fabulous Fun, Games and Cash Prizes!

**1st Prize \$1,200 / 2nd Prize \$500 / 3rd Prize \$200
Plus - (9) \$100 Prizes!**



Prime Rib Dinner & Refreshments for Two / VFW Post 7968 - 250 S. Phelps Dr. Apache Junction AZ

TUCSON VETERANS

Stand Down and Resource Fair

March 16, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Grand Luxe Hotel
1365 W. Grant Road**



**Lunch is provided
FREE SERVICES:**

Hot Meals, Clothing, Haircuts, First Aid/Minor, Medical Treatment, Housing Options, Veterans Court, Mental Health and Religious Counseling, Pet Care, Employment Assistance and MORE.

For more information contact:
Bruce Hamilton at 623-687-5552 or
tucsonveterans.bruce@gmail.com

NO ALCOHOL • NO DRUGS • NO WEAPONS

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Veterans Health
Administration
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAAHACS)

AVSA
ARIZONA VETERANS STANDDOWN ALLIANCE
MEMBER & PROVIDER OF THE ARIZONA VETERANS STANDDOWN ALLIANCE

5th ANNUAL AFTER St. Patrick's Day Off Road Rally & Poker Run

March 19, 2022

First out: 10:00 AM

Last in: 3:00 PM

Starts & Ends
at VFW

50/50 - Raffles - Prizes - Fun

Music @ 4 pm by Fred Zinn



Corned beef & Cabbage after rally

Dinner served starting at 3:30 PM - sold separately for \$7

\$20 Buy In - \$30 per Couple

**1 Breakfast sandwich included
with Buy In**

High Hand & Low Hand WINS

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

6068 Supai Road
2555
GOLDEN VALLEY, AZ.



**PUT ON YOUR BOOTS AND MOSEY ON OVER
TO**

POST 1433 FOR A WESTERN NIGHT

BBQ Chicken Plate w/Sides \$15.00

COME ON Y'ALL

MARCH 25TH- 6PM TO 11PM

FUNDRAISER SALES

**HANDMADE ITEMS & THROW SOMEONE
IN JAIL & PAY TO BAIL OUT**

Fundraiser for Veterans & Family Support





162D WING FAMILY DAY PICNIC

Report to off-site
location for Sunday Drill

April 3rd 1000-1400

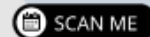
Location:

Pima College – Desert Vista Campus Park
5901 South Calle Santa Cruz

Please RSVP by 7 March so we can prepare to
accommodate enough food and drinks for all our
attendees. Scan for RSVP link:



Event POC: SMSgt LeeAnn Bankhead & Flora Flores



FOOD ENTERTAINMENT KIDS ZONE GAMES SPIRITS FAMILY FUN

VFW Auxiliary Post 7400
705 E. Aspen St., Cottonwood
SPRING BAZAAR
BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION



Friday, April 8, 2022 9am – 4pm
Saturday, April 9, 2022 9am – 3pm
All proceeds stay local for our veterans and their
families
(Call Carole Jones for table reservation 928-649-
7420)

State Commanders



May 21st,2022

Come one Come all Come and Join the fun at the Post

Starting at 4pm with Cocktails & Dinner @ 5pm

Steak Dinner Tickets \$25.00 a plate

At the door cost \$30.00 a plate

Entertainment after Dinner

Location: Coolidge VFW Post 3713

Phone: (520) 251-5766

**To order plates ahead of time please send checks to
the Quartermaster of post made out to VFW Post 3713
Quartermaster Please purchase By May 15th so they
can get a count of how any will be attending.**

Be sure write in the memo line for dinners and how many



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DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

102ND STATE CONVENTION
SCOTTSDALE PLAZA RESORT
MAY 31 - JUNE 5, 2022

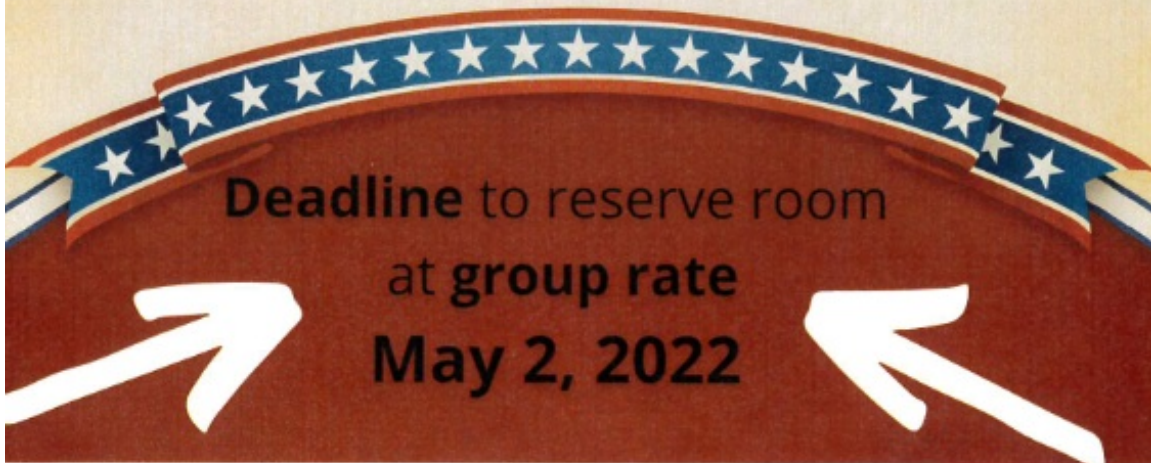
Room Block is Open

Deluxe Room - \$89

Patio Suite - \$124

Reservations 800-832-2025

Group Code: 103903



Auxiliary Past-Presidents' Club
Auxiliary VFW Department of
Arizona
**Meeting – Friday
June 3rd, 2022**

2021-2022 GREENIES (Outgoing
Presidents on All Levels)

It's time to gather for a luncheon, have some fun, take care of business, and

welcome the newest batch of Past Presidents! The Annual Business Meeting will be held during the Department Convention in Scottsdale, AZ at the Scottsdale Resort on Friday at (TBA)!

During our last business meeting it was requested to plan a luncheon.

This year the menu: Assorted Fresh Baked Rolls with Butter; Plaza Wedge Salad, Grilled Chicken Breast, Heirloom tomato, Native Corn Relish, Black Bean, Buttermilk ranch dressing, Dessert: Gluten Free Chocolate Cake, Chocolate Ganache, Raspberry Coulis; Coffee, Tea & Water Services.

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

All outgoing Presidents on every level are "Greenies" (so named because green is the official color for the APPC). Greenies are asked to make a special fundraising effort by first asking your Auxiliary to donate \$50.00 to the Arizona Past Presidents Club (APPC), selling raffle tickets throughout the year, and at Department Convention. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$1.00...so Auxiliary receives 150 tickets in their name for the \$50 donation. This donation is reportable on the Hospital Project Report. Greenies need to provide their own raffle tickets. Identify the tickets with either a name and telephone number, or auxiliary number. Winners need not be present. Checks should be made out to APPC and mailed to Debi Rankin, APPC Secretary/Treasurer – PO Box 5003, Apache Junction, AZ 85178-0018 – **Greenie Tickets & Money can be turned in at convention** (if you have sent me an email telling me you're coming)! We must provide head count before convention starts.

The APPC \$1.00 Dues, \$1.00 Project dues, and \$18 Lunch = \$20.00 Should also be mailed to Debi Rankin. **Members can pay and pick up their 2022 cards in the registration area at convention and the card will allow entry to the APPC Meeting.**

Those not attending the meeting can mail **\$2 for our project and dues** and Debi will mail the membership card directly to you. Please make sure you include your mailing address. You must pay for the luncheon by **the May 3rd deadline** – **we** will not sell tickets at convention. **REMINDER: Wear a green head gear.**

Doug Kinghorn - APPC President
Rankin-APPC Secretary / Treasurer

Debi

Mail Checks & or Tickets To: Debi Rankin, APPC Secretary/Treasurer

DEPT OF ARIZONA VFW & AUXILIARY

STATE CONVENTION 2022

Thursday June 2 — Sunday June 5

Scottsdale Plaza Resort

7200 N Scottsdale, Rd, Paradise Valley 85243

**Department Commander & President
Reception & Banquet
Saturday, June 4, 2022**

Ricotta & Bloomingdale Spinach Stuffed Chicken Breast

\$40 pp

Deadline for Payment is Fri, May 20, 2022.

Pay by Check

Complete this form and return entire page with
payment to:

VFW Dept of Arizona
6423 S Ash Ave
Tempe, AZ 85283

How many meals? _____

Who is paying? _____

Who is picking up? _____

Check # _____

Post/Auxiliary # _____

Order and Pay Online

Visit

www.surveymonkey.com/r/azconvdinner

or scan QR code



Deadline for Payment is Fri, May 20, 2022.



2022-2023

State Convention

June 1 - 5, 2022

Scottsdale Plaza Resort

7200 N Scottsdale Rd

Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Convention Book Advertising Opportunity

Take this opportunity to promote your business, candidate, a Post, District or just say hello, Happy Birthday, etc... in the 2022-2023 convention program book. All participants of the annual convention of the Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars will receive this booklet.

This program book lists all scheduled activities and is used as a guidebook. Advertising rates are listed to the right.

Design help is available!

Payment and electronic copy of advertisement must be received at Department HQ no later than Monday, May 2, 2022.

No Exceptions!!

Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars reserves the right to refuse any ad not conforming to VFW viewpoints and values.

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>Half Page 5" x 4" \$45 Black & White \$50 Full Color</p> | <p>Full Page 5" x 8" \$75 Black & White \$85 Full Color</p> |
| <p>Half Page 5" x 4" \$45 Black & White \$50 Full Color</p> | |

Electronic invoicing and payment available at no extra cost.
Or mail payment to VFW Department of Arizona QM
6423 S Ash Ave, Tempe, AZ 85253
Email: azvfw3@gmail.com

Ad Sponsor Information

Name: _____
 Organization _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Check Enclosed Invoice Me

Ad Information

___ **Half Page B & W** \$45
 ___ **Half Page Color** \$50
 ___ **Full Page B & W** \$75
 ___ **Full Page Color** \$85

Inside and outside back cover available. Call Dept HQ for info.



Celebration Dinner
RESERVATION FORM
Honoring National
President Jane Reape



COST IS \$50.00 PER PERSON
• GENERAL SEATING •

SORRY! NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED



name: _____

department: _____

address: _____

city: _____ **state:** _____ **zip:** _____

phone: _____

email: _____

number of reservations _____ **@ \$50.00 = total enclosed** _____

check number: _____

Make checks or money orders payable to:
VFW Auxiliary Department of New York - Memo: "Celebration"

USPS completed reservation form
& check or money order to:



Nina LeFrois
1085 Webster Road
Webster, NY 14580



Reservation form and payment
MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 8, 2022. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please be sure to allow adequate time for postal delivery.
Celebration Tickets may be picked up at the CONVENTION EXHIBIT HALL
Contact Nina LeFrois with questions
Email: nalefrois28@gmail.com • telephone: 585 354-3315

Get ready ... Get set ... Let's go to ...

The Department of New York
cordially invites you to attend
**National President Jane Reape's
Celebration Dinner & Karaoke**

Cocktails
(Cash bar)
5 pm

Friday, July 22, 2022

Loews Hotel • City Beautiful Ballroom
D & E Second Floor
1515 Wyandotte Street
Kansas City, MO 64108

Celebration
begins
6 pm

Make checks or money orders payable to:
VFW Auxiliary Department of New York – Memo: "Celebration"
Sorry! No Credit or Debit cards will be accepted!

Cost is
\$50 per
person

Dinner Includes:
Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing
(Ranch & Balsamic Vinaigrette)
Grilled Sirloin & Grilled Chicken Breast
Cabernet Demi-Glace
Starch and Vegetables
Dessert

Requested
Dress is
Smart
Casual

USPS completed reservation form
& check or money order to:

Nina LeFrois
1085 Webster Road
Webster, NY 14580

Must be received by July 8, 2022
Please be sure to allow adequate time for postal delivery
Any questions? Email Nina LeFrois at nalefrois28@gmail.com

Gift Table
No Gift Presentations • Include gift form with your gift

Celebration Tickets may be picked up at the Convention Exhibit Hall



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.

Ride United

United Way Worldwide, in partnership with Lyft, has launched the Ride United initiative to address unmet transportation needs for individuals and families in communities across the country, by providing free Lyft rides to 2-1-1 callers for specific, eligible use cases.

Eligibility

- Ride need is one of the approved eligible use cases.
 - **Health:** medical/dental/eye appointment and testing; substance use support; mental health support/community support; apply for Medicare/Medicaid/CHIP services; return home from ER; Veterans Affairs services; pharmacy services; vaccine appointments
 - **Employment:** job interview; commute to/from work; pre-employment needs
 - **Food:** grocery store; prepared/hot meals; food pantry/bank; SNAP/WIC benefits access
 - **Economic stability:** financial coaching/empowerment; tax preparation services; essential supplies (non-food); record obtainment (SSN, birth/death certificate, etc.); transportation services (DMV, car repair, etc.)
 - **Legal:** eviction court; court ordered community service; probation/parole check-in; court ordered education; commute to/from court proceedings/counsel
 - **Housing:** accessing and maintaining benefits (vouchers, rental assistance, etc.); emergency shelter; utilities assistance
 - **Education:** enrollment; commute to/from school, class, daycare; guardian school engagement; library or internet access
- Maximum of six (6) rides (each trip counts as one ride, so a round-trip would be two rides)
- Client must be 18 years or older (unless accompanied by a parent/guardian)
- Ride is a reasonable distance (average cost of a ride is \$18.50, or approximately 8-10 miles). Any one-way ride over \$20 requires a reason there is not a closer alternative and may be subject to supervisor approval. To get a Fare Estimate go to: [Fare Estimate](#).
- Clients must comply with [Lyft's Health Safety Requirements](#)

*Rides should be used when no other resources are available and to overcome short-term barriers.

| Lyft Service Area* | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------|------|
| Anthem | Florence | Lake Havasu City | Phoenix | Sun City | Yuma |
| Apache Junction | Fountain Hills | Laveen | Prescott | Surprise | |
| Casa Grande | Gilbert | Maricopa | Safford | Tempe | |
| Cave Creek | Glendale | Mesa | San Tan Valley | Tuba City | |
| Chandler | Goodyear | Oro Valley | Scottsdale | Tucson | |
| Flagstaff | Kingman | Peoria | Show Low | Wickenburg | |

*Ride dispatching may occur in any major metro area covered by the participating 2-1-1 as long as there is adequate Lyft Driver supply. These cities listed have been designated as having adequate Lyft Driver supply.

FAQ's

Does a client need a cellphone?

For †Flexible Rides, the client **does** need a cellphone to receive the ride because they will get the SMS (text) confirming the ride when they book. If the client doesn't have any access to a mobile phone (or is landline only), we will not be able to send them a flexible ride.

Other types of rides are available for clients with cellphones without internet access or who do not have cellphones. These rides can be for an immediate need or scheduled for a specific time. Clients can call 1-800-836-LYFT to request these rides.

†What is a Flexible Ride?

For Flexible Rides, agents can send a client a link that has all the ride and location information locked in, but they can hail the ride on their own within 24 hours of receiving the link. For a one-way ride, the client would receive one link. *For a round-trip ride, the client would receive two separate links.* For more information on Flexible rides, click [here](#).

Are there wheelchair accessible vehicles?

Unfortunately, the platform used to dispatch rides does not have the ability to specify vehicles beyond a sedan or the options listed in the portal. Lyft does not yet have many drivers who have accessible vehicles. However, if the client has a foldable wheelchair or other device that can fit in a traditional car (including trunk), we can of course use a ride for them. Similarly, if a client has a carrier, car seat, or booster seat for their child that can be used in a traditional car, we can also use a ride for them, though they should bring their own car seat. A driver can decline to give a ride if a proper child seat is not provided by the passenger and is deemed unsafe.

Is it okay for a caregiver to ride along with someone who is headed to a medical appointment?

Yes. There is no additional cost of having a caregiver or caseworker ride with the client.

Are service animals allowed in Lyft vehicles?

Yes, service animals are allowed to accompany clients on rides.

If Eligibility criteria is met, please call the 2-1-1 Transportation Line directly at 1-855-345-6432 to schedule a ride.



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.

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