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## Arizona VFW Auxiliary Newsletter

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This edition of the newsletter is the last one for this program year. The next edition will be July/August and will be sent out on August 1st. Stay tuned for all the upcoming news!





Hello all members,

May is here and the heat is on the way. Please stay hydrated during the summer. The last round of District meetings are completed and your 2022-2023 officers are getting ready for their year.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention this June at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort.

I want to thank all the Department line officers, District officers, and Auxiliaries for their support this year. You have all worked hard this year to support Veterans, their families, and their communities.

**Mentoring moment:** Please look outside the box and try something new.

\*\* We are have two candidates running for Department treasurer. We will have a forum at convention. Please send your questions to me at [janaetrout@yahoo.com](mailto:janaetrout@yahoo.com). We want this to be a fair election, The questions will be anonymous when read. Each question will be asked to both candidates to answer. Please keep questions short and kind. Thank you \*\*

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## Department Announcements

- The **new PAR** is out. Please begin using it for your April reporting. There is an [Excel Form](#), a [PDF Fillable Form](#) and a [Google Doc form](#). Feel free to use whichever form you would like. You can click on the above forms to access them or go to the Department webpage- [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under Resources/Program Activity Reports
- **Congratulations** to Gowri Biju, Arizona's Voice of Democracy winner for receiving a \$1000 award at the National Voice of Democracy ceremony.
- PDP Reba Dermody has a new email - [rdermody55@gmail.com](mailto:rdermody55@gmail.com)



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The Department will once again be having a basket raffle at this year's State Convention.

We hope to see lots of baskets there!



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**Time is running out to decide  
about coming to State  
Convention!**

**Deadline extended to make  
room reservations using the  
Group rate. It is now May 7th.**



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

Standard rooms are \$89 and Patio Suites are \$124 plus tax.  
Call 1-480-948-5000; use the code: 102903

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

Hope to see everyone there!

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VFW AUXILIARY  
2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
SCOTTSDALE PLAZA RESORT

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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

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

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 2022

10:00 AM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' TRAINING EL TEATRO  
(Department Officers, 2022-2023: District Presidents, District Sr. Vice Presidents, District Secretaries)

1:00 – 4:00 PM REGISTRATION

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

7:30 PM PRACTICE – MEMORIAL SERVICE GRAND BALLROOM D,E,F  
(Department Officers, Color Bearers, 2021-2022 District Presidents)

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THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2022

8:00 – 10:00 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM JOINT OPENING CEREMONY

NOON LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:00 – 2:00 PM REGISTRATION

2:00 PM AUXILIARY OPENING SESSION

4:00 PM JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

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## National News



- The May edition of the National VFW Auxiliary magazine has been mailed and emailed. Click [here](#) to access it. It is also on the Department webpage - [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under News/VFW National Auxiliary magazine.

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- The Voice of Democracy Virtual Parade of Winners was held 4/7. The video is in the YouTube section for your viewing. If you would like to see the list of this years winners, click [here](#) .

- 2023-2023 Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Themes are now out. They can be on the Department webpage - [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under Programs/scholarships
- 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](http://vfw.org)
- In-Coming National President Jane Reape's Celebration will be held at National Convention on 7/22. See flyer below for more information. The flyer is also on the Department webpage - [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under News/events
- VFW National Auxiliary CAFE will be held on 9/9-9/11 at the Flight 93 Memorial. Registration opens on the National webpage - [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) on 6/1 thru 8/12/2022. See the flyer below for more information. The flyer is also on the Department webpage - [www.vfwaux.org](http://www.vfwaux.org) under News/events
- In-Coming National President Jane's shirt is now available. See the flyer below. It can also be found on the Department webpage - [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under Resources/forms.
- In-Coming Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland's Homecoming will be in Phoenix on August 26-28. Information can be found on [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under News/Events.

## VFW National Home for Children

The April Home Notes is now available to read on the Department webpage at [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under News/VFW National Home for Children Newsletter.



## National Videos



[Voice of Democracy Virtual Parade of Winners - 2022](#)

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

- [Americanism - Saluting the Flag](#)
- [Chief of Staff/Mentoring - Moving Forward](#)
- [Hospital - Memorial Day Flower of Remembrance](#)
- [Legislative - Update](#)



## Department Assistant Secretary – Chrissy Harlan

By now your Elections are over and possibly your Installations as well. Now it is time for the paperwork, ugh!

Per Section 806A of the National Bylaws it is the responsibility of the Secretary to transmit the Installation (Election) Report to both National Headquarters and to the Department Secretary.

Immediately after the election is completed, the Secretary needs to complete the Installation Report. The Installation Report is on the Department website: <https://vfwauxaz.org>, under Resources/Secretary, 2022-2023 Installation Report for Auxiliaries and Districts.

This form is **FILLABLE, YEA!** You will notice that not all Officers are listed on this form so be sure to add Chaplain, Conductor/Conductress, Guard and Patriotic Instructor on the back or on a separate sheet of paper. Get all of the new officers' information on the spot to save you time and aggravation with having to look it all up in Malta later.

Transmitting the report to National is done through MALTA. What follows is step-by-step instructions for entering your officers in Malta in case you are not familiar with it. Only Secretaries have access to enter officers into Malta.

Sign in to Malta

Click Duties (Secretary for whichever level you serve on)

Click Officers / Installations then Future Officers

The list of current officers will populate for you. At this point you either extend the term of the officer OR input the member number of the newly elected officer. The information for the new office will automatically populate but you need to crosscheck with the information you were given by the officer. Enter all of your officers then click save. Verify your meeting date and time as well as the amount of your dues, click save and print, then your all done reporting to National Headquarters!

If you are uncomfortable entering your officers you can email the written report to me at [vfwkidsrus@gmail.com](mailto:vfwkidsrus@gmail.com) and I will be happy to enter them for you.

Now on to submitting your report to the Department. The Department uses the information from the Report Form to develop the Department Roster. Simply email me at [vfwkidsrus@gmail.com](mailto:vfwkidsrus@gmail.com) the Report Form and you're all done.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 520-906-7363.

# 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**

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 the Department Convention. All Delegates and Alternates must be members in good standing of that Auxiliary (life members or current annual members).

- **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

Email to: [auxvfwarizona@msn.com](mailto:auxvfwarizona@msn.com)

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



<b>2021-2022</b>			
<b>DEPARTMENT Delegates and Alternates</b>			
<b>Auxiliary _____</b>			
<b>PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Delegates</b>		<b>Alternates</b>	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
6		6	
7		7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
11		11	
12		12	
13		13	
14		14	
15		15	
16		16	
17		17	
18		18	
19		19	
20		20	
USE SECOND SHEET IF NECESSARY			
The following convention composition members have their own vote.			
<b>NAME</b>		<b>OFFICE</b>	
		Auxiliary President	
		National District Council Member	
		Department President	
		Past Department President	
		Past Department President	
		Department Officer	
		Department Officer	
		Department Officer	
		Department Officer	

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The Installation Report (in fillable form) below can be found on the Department webpage - [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under Resources/Secretary.

2022-2023 Installation Report for Auxiliaries and/or Districts

This will certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is authorized and empowered to install the Officers of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Installing Officer with: Past Auxiliary President or held higher elective Auxiliary office; Past Post Commander or higher elective office)  
 Auxiliary to Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ In District No. \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_ In accordance with Section 806A of the  
 Bylaws and Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary or the Installation shall be null and void until such time as the  
 Bylaws are compiled with.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Department Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Department President

The following information about the Auxiliary's meetings is required:

Date of Installation: \_\_\_\_\_ Continuous Annual Dues Per Member: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting Date: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ (select Date)  
 Meeting Day: Mon. \_\_\_\_\_ Tues. \_\_\_\_\_ Wed. \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. \_\_\_\_\_ (select Day)  
 Meeting Time: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. (select A.M. or P.M.)  
 Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting City: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting State and ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. of Meeting Place: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Please note offices/positions denoted with an asterisk (\*) listed below are REQUIRED.

<b>President*</b>	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address					
		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work	
<b>Senior-Vice President*</b>	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address					
		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work	
<b>Junior-Vice President*</b>	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address					
		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work	

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<b>Secretary*</b>	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address					
		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work	
<b>Treasurer*</b>	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address					
		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work	
<b>Trustee No. 3*</b>	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address					
		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work	
<b>Trustee No. 2*</b>	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address					
		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work	
<b>Trustee No. 1*</b>	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address					
		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work	

The Installing Officer certifies that he/she is a Past Auxiliary President or held higher elective Auxiliary office; or he/she is a Past Post Commander or held higher elective Post office; and all Bylaws and Regulations have been complied with according to National and Department Headquarters.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Installing Officer Title of Installing Officer Date

Happenings at the Districts

(Any events listed without times, please contact the



## **District 2**

### **Aux 7400 (Cottonwood):**

- Every Sunday snacks provided for Bingo players

### **Aux 12128 (Williams):**

- Auxiliary working on a Community Project - Community Cemetery Veterans Roster
- 5/14 - Golf Tournament starting at 8 am

## **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.

8/7-District meeting at Post 1796 in Black Canyon City starting at 10am

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

- Every Friday Bake Sale and Jack of Hearts Drawing at 6 pm.
- First Fridays with food trucks at 5pm and comedy show starting at 7 pm.
- Monthly Auxiliary meeting is the second Tuesday at 6 pm.
- Sunday brunch 11 am-2 pm each week.
- Taco Tuesday featuring Navajo Tacos 2-8 pm each week.
- Wednesdays are Poker & Darts League Night – serving Pot Roast.

### **Aux 1760 (Mesa):**

- Every Sunday Nine Ball Tournament at 2 pm
- Every Tuesday Trivia Night at 7 pm
- Wednesday Pool Nights at 6 pm
- Every Thursday Queen of Hearts at 7 pm
- Friday Nights Darts at 7 pm
- 5/7- Dave & Decker Pool Tournament and Cinco de Mayo Party at 3 pm
- 5/8- Mother's Day Mimosa drink specials
- 5/14- Auxiliary meeting at 1 pm
- 5/21-Armed Forces Day

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

- Wednesday nights- music night at 6pm
- Saturdays- Karaoke from 3-6 pm
- 5/6- Spaghetti & Meatballs dinner for \$8 from 4:30-6 pm
- 5/7-Kentucky Derby Party at 2 pm
- 5/13- Meatloaf dinner for \$8 from 4:30-6 pm
- 5/20-9/30- Friday Patio Meals

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

- Sunday Brunch, 50/50 and Jack of Hearts is held Sundays at 1 pm.
- 50/50 Raffle every Wednesday along with Dinners.
- Friday nights- Jack of Hearts and Fish Fry night.

- Ongoing Cat Rescue program – <https://www.azbw.com/vfw-cat-rescue>
- July 4th - Basket Raffles

### **Aux 3632 (Tempe):**

- Ongoing, we have boxes set out at both Tempe American Legion Posts collecting quarters to fund raise for the Arizona Veterans Home.
- Sundays at American Legion Post 138 – Music by Trevor, Meat Raffle, and Lunch Specials for \$5 made by Chef Stolie. Boxes for the Troops fundraiser.
- 5/7 - Kentucky Derby Fundraiser starting at 1 pm.
- 5/14- Auxiliary meeting at 1 pm at American Legion Post 2.
- 5/28- Aux dinner from 5-7 pm.
- 5/29- Buddy Poppy Drive at Tempe Fry's Marketplaces.
- 5/30 - Memorial Day Ceremonies at Restahaven Cemetery in Phoenix and Double Butte Cemetery in Tempe.

### **Aux 9400 (Sunnyslope):**

- Every Saturday- Queen of Hearts at 4:30 pm.
- Auxiliary meeting is first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm.
- 5/7- Kentucky Derby Party with hat contest from 11 am.
- 5/30-Flag Raising and open house with free food.
- 6/11-75th Anniversary celebration and open house-all day event starting with free breakfast at 9 am. Job Fair 1-4 pm and free lunch. Later in the day- DJ and Rib Feast for \$15 a plate.

## **District 5**

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

- 5/21-Paddle Auction starting at 1pm

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

- 5/5-Cinco De Mayo dinner starting at 5pm

## **District 6**

### **Aux 8987 (Eagar):**

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

## **District 7**

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

- 5/13- Auxiliary dinner - Sloppy Joes and sides for \$5 starting at 5pm
- 7/16 - Gold Star Family Picnic Day at the SV Park starting at 10 am
- 7/31 - Drive thru Back to School event

## **District 8**

### **Aux 2555 (Golden Valley):**

- 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

### Aux 10005 - (Bullhead City):

- Auxiliary meeting is now 2nd Friday at 6 pm

### District 10

### Aux 3713 - (Coolidge):

- 5/21 - State Commander's Home Coming starting at 4 pm



## Legislative Connie Hargreaves

Ending the year with a Bang!

Even though Project reports are in and you get to rest up for next year, now is not the time to stop thinking about Legislation.

### Auxiliary Legislative Tools and Resources

- [VFW Auxiliary - what we do in Legislative](#)
- [VFW Auxiliary Involvement in Elections and Political Activities](#)
- I Vote in Honor of a Veteran (To print, use Avery 5163 Labels or equivalent.)
  - ["I Vote in Honor of a Veteran" Sticker Template A](#)
  - ["I Vote in Honor of a Veteran" Sticker Template B](#)
- [VFW Auxiliary Guide to the Legislative Process](#)
- [VFW Auxiliary Guide to Contacting Your Legislators](#)

### Legislative Websites

- [Mohave Co. Elections Data](#)
- [Maricopa County Elections Dept](#)
- [Arizona Association of Counties](#)
- [State of Arizona Elections Calendar & Upcoming Events](#)
- [The White House](#)
- [U.S. House of Representatives](#)
- [U.S. Senate](#)
- [National Archives – Legislative Branch: The Center for Legislative Archives](#)

With Primary's coming up, make sure to include stickers on everything, "Vote with a Veteran in Mind"

### Check who is running in your primary

- <https://www.azcleelections.gov/>
- <https://www.azleg.gov>
- <https://www.azleg.gov/BillOverview/68257>
- <https://www.govtrack.us>
- <https://www.congress.gov/roll-call-votes>

You can do a request to speak on the above website also, it allows the committees to see your position on an item pending or that you are requesting to speak. You can see all bills on an agenda for a given hearing date and what the recommendations are.

We have people who will help that are in the capital area.



You have upcoming Flag raising in May and June  
Memorial Day  
Flag Day  
Loyalty Day  
Armed Forces Day  
Flag Day

Have someone dress up as a Patriot, Betsy Ross, and they can hand out a water bottle, add on a "Vote with a Veteran in mind sticker, a poppy, a copy of the Priority Goals at each of these events. Set out Voter Registration forms.

Contact the Media that you are having a Flag raising  
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-Share-Your-Local-Auxiliary-Story-Ideas-and-Events-with-Local-Media.pdf>

Set up a display of Military Flags and include Poppies and information on National Home.

Attend forums, meet and greets, bring extra information back to your Post - you'll be voting this November so try and be informed on which candidates are backing Veterans as well as your hot buttons for who you Vote for.

Remember **VOTING** is more effective than posting or whining on the Internet.

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## Membership Jeanne Hampton

We're not done just yet!

First, Thank You! For being a part of the success of the Department of Arizona at reaching over 100% in overall Membership! That is **YOUR** doing!

Next, Congratulations to all the Auxiliaries who reached 90% in Annual Member Retention by March 31<sup>st</sup> to meet the Department of Arizona Circle of Excellence criteria!

Please continue to reach out to your existing Annual Members and let them know their membership needs to be renewed by June 30. Contact them- learn why it is they have not yet paid or "Converted to Life". If need be, enlist Auxiliary Angels to help a member in need.

Though the Circle of Excellence criteria was "by March 31<sup>st</sup>"- did you know by achieving 100%+1 Member overall Membership and 90% in Annual Member Retention, the National VFW Auxiliary will send the Auxiliary a check for \$50.00 at the end of the Program Year? Let's break the bank and set our goals high to see every Auxiliary reach that goal!



\$50.00 may not sound like a lot- but it would certainly be the \*start\* of Early Bird Incentives for the next year's dues:

- A drawing for \$50.00 toward a "Life" Membership
- \$50.00 could pay 2 Annual Members' dues in most Auxiliaries
- \$50.00 is the cost of a Lifetime Membership to the VFW National Home for Children
- A \$50.00 gift certificate to the VFW Store could purchase an item to help the Auxiliary. Members feel more a part of the team.
- \$50.00 could be a recruitment incentive. There are many ways for the Auxiliary to consider "how" \$50.00 could best motivate the Auxiliary to reach 100% +1 and 90% in Annual Member Retention.

Things I wish I would have known-

- Early Bird Incentives DO work! From the Auxiliary Project Reports: those who made 100% and 90% Retention- Early Bird Incentives included ideas shared above. Start the conversation NOW about how to approach next year.
- "Convert to Life" – how many of the Auxiliaries struggled with the insurmountable number of Annual Members to contact for dues? Give Auxiliary Members **VALUE** for their Membership. Show appreciation for what being a part of Veterans' Programs means to the Auxiliary, Veterans, their families, Caregivers, Active Military, and those to come. Invite Members to participate and keep in touch.
- Texting works! Instant response!
- Invite Members to "Activate" their account in MALTA- win/win- they learn about the VFW Auxiliary Membership tool- and have availability to pay their Annual Membership or "Convert to Life" and instantly have access to their new Membership card.

May/June Patriotic holidays are upcoming on the calendar. While participating in a Poppy drive- have Membership applications available with someone friendly, outgoing, courteous, knowledgeable ready to invite new persons to join the VFW Auxiliary. Look to the great VFW Auxiliary Membership tools– "Recruitment Booth Pointers" [VFW-Auxiliary-Recruitment-Booth-Pointers-updated.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](https://www.vfwauxiliary.org/files/2018/05/VFW-Auxiliary-Recruitment-Booth-Pointers-updated.pdf)

Tip: Have the Auxiliary programs' information in a 3 ring binder- ready-to-access for their interest- not cluttering the table. Have \*something\* to draw children to the table such as hand-held American flags, pencils, small tokens, candy- most all Veterans will approach the table for a Buddy Poppy. Invite Veterans, who are not eligible for the VFW, to be at the forefront of advocating for Veterans' rights? Encourage them as a Veteran Advocate to join the VFW Auxiliary.

Find the "Hot Button" [MM-Finding-the-Hot-Button.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](https://www.vfwauxiliary.org/files/2018/05/MM-Finding-the-Hot-Button.pdf) to begin the conversation and connect with the potential Member. Have on hand the VFW Auxiliary "Eligibility Wheel" [VFW-Auxiliary-Eligibility-Wheel-Full-Page.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](https://www.vfwauxiliary.org/files/2018/05/VFW-Auxiliary-Eligibility-Wheel-Full-Page.pdf) or better yet, print it on the back of the VFW Auxiliary Application Form.

Department of Arizona Auxiliaries, **YOU** have done an **AMAZING** job and have met every expectation. Thank you for being so accommodating in receiving

numerous emails on your progress and \*next\* goals. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your team.

Thank you, President Janae, for this opportunity and to Ms. Kim, Ms. Kim, Ms. Melody, and Ambassador Tilley for the continued words of encouragement and for keeping it all in perspective during this unprecedented VFW Auxiliary Membership year.

Jeanne Hampton

Department of Arizona VFW Auxiliary Membership Chairman 2021-2022

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## Scholarships Janice Robertson

All the Scholarships are over.

Now the judging begins. We only received one **Arizona Merit Scholarship**, so judging was easy on that one. The **Young American Creative Patriotic Art** on the other hand, So many talented kids. We received 15 pictures. Judging was on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April to see which one went to National. I will let you know who won as soon as the judges are done tallying the scores. Thank you, Auxiliaries, for great reports and all the time you put into this scholarship.

Now as we start to get ready for the Convention and the new year, we can start all over again.

**Patriots Pen** Theme for the 2022-2023 year is *"My Pledge to Our Veterans"* and the **Voice of Democracy** Theme is *"Why is the Veteran Important"*. I will have applications at convention for all of the new programs for each District President. I hope everyone had an opportunity to watch the Parade of Winners that the VFW and the Auxiliary put on. Arizona's Entrant won a \$1000.00 scholarship. We are proud of all of our kids.

We need to work on our other programs, like **Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant** and **VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education**, Let's see if this year we can't have an entry in all of our scholarships and contests.

See all of you at Convention.

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## Historian/Media Irene Norwacki

No this is not the end of your story!

Even though this program year is coming to an end, your story goes on. Make sure that you invite members of your Auxiliary to take pictures, write newspaper articles, tell stories, join together at events, and document them all. Keep your Auxiliary's history alive by sharing all that you can with the members and your community.



I would like to thank all of the Auxiliaries in the state for their wonderful efforts in keeping everyone informed of what they are doing in their communities. We are here to help our Veterans and our communities in any way that we can. Your newspaper articles, pictures, videos, and letters have proven this.

Keep up the great work and don't stop now! I cannot wait to see all of you at the convention this year and share your stories.



## Hospital Melissa Martin

First, I would like to thank all of the auxiliaries for getting their Hospital Project Reports to me. There were many with some really good projects completed by the Auxiliaries.

The mission of the VAVS (VA Voluntary services) is to provide a structured volunteer program under the management of VA compensated employees in cooperation with community resources to serve America's Veterans and their families with dignity and compassion.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service program, the largest volunteer program in the federal government, has provided greater than 60 years of service to America's Veterans seeking care in VA health care facilities. With more than 350 national and community organizations supporting the program,

VAVS is advised by a National Advisory committee (NAC), composed of 63 major Veteran, civic, and service organizations. Monetary estimates aside, it is impossible the amount of caring and sharing that these volunteers give to our Veteran patients. Many volunteers, through regular visits to hospitalized Veterans, provide human contact that can be vital in lifting a patient's spirits and providing a better outlook on coping with illness or disability. So please help support the VAVS program in your area.

Also, a new year starts after the convention. So get ready to get excited about a new year of programs. Try to come up with lots of new ideas for your projects.

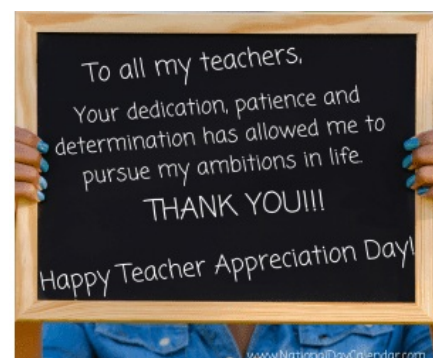
See you all at the convention.

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## Auxiliary Community Outreach Bambi Johnson

Congratulations and Well Done Arizona!...We are strong...We are adaptable...We are important members of our Communities!

With our newsletter covering the months of both May and June, here are some important



times that you could reach out to other local organizations to partner with for events.

On May 1st, National Loyalty Day recognizes American freedom and is set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and the recognition of the heritage of American freedom. Many municipalities will have events that call for Americans to raise the flags, pray, or reflect on their heritage, each of them recognizes an inherent need for the country to be united in our basic ideals. Their messages speak of loyalty and freedom in equal measure, especially for those who serve in the military.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is also Silver Star Service Banner Day. The day also recognizes service members awarded the Silver Star Medal. Americans honor the sacrifices of the combat wounded, ill, and dying service members across all branches of The United States military, the Silver Star Service Banner and Flag honor Silver Star families for their services and gallantry. Ask if your city is willing to honor their local Silver Star Families and ask how you can help.

National Teacher Appreciation Day, also known as National Teacher Day, recognizes dedicated educators across the country. As part of Teacher Appreciation Week, the celebration takes place on the Tuesday of the first full week in May each year.

National Teacher Appreciation Week is the first Monday thru Friday in May, with the National Teachers Day on Tuesday of the First Full Week in May. No matter where we are in life, a teacher influenced us. They continue to impact our lives every day, too! When we meet new employees with a wealth of skills and abilities, a teacher helped shaped them. Every new business owner, doctor, engineer, or nurse can name a teacher who inspired them. Every one of us has at least one teacher in mind who encouraged and motivated us during our education. Check with local PTA (Parent Teacher Assoc.) and booster clubs to see how you can partner with them to honor these special heroes.

A few other May Items:

National Nurses Week begins on May 6th and ends on May 12th, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale (May 12, 1820 – August 13, 1910). And National Student Nurse Day takes part during National Nurses Week on May 8th. The day honors student nurses as they pursue a career in medicine. They will be there in the future as new first responders!

Every May 15th, Peace Officer Memorial Day pays tribute to local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice or been injured in the line of duty. The observance takes place during Police Week in which many organizations, government agencies, and private citizens fly flags at half-staff in memory of those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Offer to assist with the crowds during these events, setting up chairs or passing out water, etc.

In Arizona, we have some special hazards that we can partner with our local Fire and emergency services to assist them with community awareness education:

National Wildfire Awareness Month dedicates the entire month of May to



prevention and preparedness. National Wildfire Awareness Month has been declared in 10 western states to increase prevention and preparedness for wildfires throughout the country. There are steps to take to both prevent wildfires and prevent them. From fire-resistant building materials to following the safety protocols for handling fire when camping, heating your home, or storing fuel, we can all take part in reducing wildfires. International Firefighters Day is observed on May 4.

National Water Safety Month in May prepares us for recreational activities. Water is an attraction during the summer months. Whether we're drawn to lakes and rivers or public pools and water slides, safety is a necessary concern. We use the water for leisure, sport, and general outdoor relaxation. Boating with or without motors, swimming, fishing, and many other kinds of recreation take place in and around the water.

June also has a lot of opportunities for us to offer our time and energy to help our local organizations for the betterment of our communities.

National Safety Month in June is an opportunity to make a difference in your home, work, and community. Many local fire departments utilize this month to teach safety courses regarding CPR, Wildfire protection and response, and in Arizona, the warning signs of heat exposure both outside and in homes.

June 27th, National Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Day recognizes the effects post-traumatic stress has on the lives of those impacted by it. PTSD has a profound effect on the lives of those who suffer from it. The statistics alone are staggering, but can only tell a portion of the story. The trauma and anxiety associated with PTSD are a constant burden, inseparable from the sufferer. It was once a condition that was attributed only to returning combat veterans, but more and more the condition is diagnosed in those who have experienced violent crime or lived through catastrophic events.

According to PTSD United, 20% of adults in the United States who have experienced a traumatic event suffer from PTSD. Please look to your health care facilities to work with them on their quest to recognize and assist not only those who suffer from PTSD but also the families of those individuals.

This has been an outstanding year for our organization to get involved with so many other organizations which are also dedicated to the betterment of the communities in which we live. The Auxiliary Community Outreach Program has been at the forefront of not only bringing our organization and mission to better public knowledge, but it has also been a catalyst for welcoming new members! Well done Arizona!!

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# INTRODUCING VFW DAY OF SERVICE

## Support the VFW's Inaugural Day of Service

The VFW will kick off its first-ever **Day of Service on May 7**, an initiative that invites VFW Posts, members, veterans of every stripe and community advocates to unite and host a community service event on this day and throughout the month of May.

The VFW Day of Service is an outgrowth of the organization's **#StillServing** campaign launched in 2020 to recognize the ongoing dedication of veterans and service members who continue to serve their communities. VFW Day of Service, led by veterans and in concert with other organizations and civic groups, is open for anyone to participate. The inaugural VFW Day of Service on May 7 marks the start of veteran-led community service projects to take place throughout the month.

"We are calling on all VFW Posts and members across America and around the world to join in the VFW Day of Service by planning an activity for May 7, or at another point during the month, to show that we never stop serving" said VFW National Commander-in-Chief Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic.

We can work together on this. Here's how:

**Share with your Posts!**

**Engage your dual members!**

**As pillars of our communities, we can join forces on these projects!**

VFW members must sign up for Day of Service, but Auxiliary members may work with their Posts and civic groups on Day of Service activities. Day of Service is community service – volunteering time with another organization – to make a meaningful difference.

Also think about how Auxiliaries can report Day of Service hours as they relate to VFW Auxiliary Programs. See the **2021-2022 National Program Book** for reporting criteria.

Visit **[VFWDayofService.org](https://www.vfw.org/dayofservice)** for more information or email **[info@todaysvfw.org](mailto:info@todaysvfw.org)** with any questions.

We will want to see what you and your Posts are doing for the VFW Day of Service! Take pictures and post with the hashtags **#VFWDayofService**, **#StillServing** and others including **#AuxiliaryPatriotism** and **#AuxiliariesinAction**.

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters



## Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership Reba Dermody

**WOW** has this year flown by.  
I hope to see many of you at the Department  
Convention this year.

April showers will bring May flowers we can only  
hope. Sometimes with our Arizona weather, it  
can be a chance to just plant anything.

Growing within your Auxiliary is like plants and flowers. You nurture them, you

talk to them, you water them with kindness and hope they grow.

Now how are you going to keep those plants and flowers (your Auxiliary) healthy for the future?

You need mutual respect and a positive attitude and be willing to jump in when needed. Remember, we are **ALL** volunteers.

Everyone has some idea of what a mentor is. But remember they are more than friends. They are teachers but know that we care for one another. There are hundreds of mentor studies on the internet. Hopefully, you have looked for some. I hope this past year I have given you some ideas from the hundreds of ways to mentor.

*Remember: Some of this is from the guide. Mentoring Relationship Building for the Future.*

Am I ready to mentor someone? Remember CARE. Catch, Ask, Remember, Engage.

Do I want to mentor? You have the responsibility to do 2 things.

1. Get to know those within your Auxiliary
2. Accept offers to do things to spend time with others volunteering.

Should our Auxiliary start a mentor program? It won't take much, and it isn't very hard. Your newer members will benefit greatly if you do.

I know there are those within the Districts or the Auxiliaries that try to control those whom they think they can control. Or just to show they have bigger pants or shoes than the rest of us. Are they being good mentors for their members? Think about that for a moment. How do I treat others? Am I nasty when I talk to a person? If a member in a meeting makes a mistake, how do you correct them? If a volunteer doesn't do things the way you want to do things. How do you approach them?

We all need to remember we are trying to grow our Auxiliary into a strong and nurturing Auxiliary. With negativity, it won't grow, and it will die. So, remember how you treat your members will make for a garden that flourishes and grows strong.

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## Youth Brenda Kinghorn

Wow! This year has gone by fast! I want to say "Thank you" to all the Arizona Auxiliaries, for all the great youth activities around the state. Thank you for getting back into the schools.



Please continue to take pictures of family activities around your community and Post/Auxiliary events. If you work with your youth groups this spring/summer, write down the names of the contacts and youth. Use your youth family members that help in your Post or community events. Do a write-up with the information for next year's reports

and remember pictures, pictures, pictures.

When next year's Program book comes out, look at each program and see what you can use, and start early. Do any members volunteer to coach baseball, soccer, etc? Youth activities report in next year's Project Report. Go to your kids, grandkids, and/or great-grandkids' games, wearing your auxiliary shirt. What a great opening for a conversation about what we do for our Veterans and Community families.

May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo – Not just the adults – the Kids can make Paper Chains from Pinterest

May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day – Start early, making homemade cards

May 21<sup>st</sup> Armed Forces Day – Cookies or Cupcakes decorated

Memorial Day 30<sup>th</sup> – Family weekend and remembrance

June – Convention

June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag and Army Birthday – hand out small flags, Youth contest Flag Coloring

June 19<sup>th</sup> Father's Day – Homemade cards

June 20<sup>th</sup> National American Eagle Day – coloring pictures from Pinterest

July – 4<sup>th</sup> – Parades – handing out flags and water?

Activities for the community at the posts-

Hand out the Scholarship applications, Get Excited for the Red, White & Blue National Anthem singing and Illustrating America Art contests, at every gathering. Have a Great and Safe Spring/Summer! Stay out of the heat.

See you at the Convention!!!



## Americanism Lynn Pierre

The following is an excerpt from the VFW National Program Director Lynn Rolf with an emphasis on Loyalty Day and Flag Day:

I would like to give your Department some suggestions, in addition to those suggested by your Governor and Mayors Proclamation to increase the visibility of the VFW Loyalty Day program, as well as Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup> to sustain the increased patriotism in our nation.

1. Conduct of Flag Retirement Ceremony. Organize a Flag Retirement Ceremony at your home Post and publicize the activity in your community.

Start the project on Loyalty Day, May 1, and conclude on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> with your Flag Retirement Ceremony.

2. Hold a public ceremony such as the rededication of a local memorial or stage a community program at a park or auditorium. Remember our men and women currently serving on active duty and in the National Guard and Reserve.



Let us take the opportunity on May 1 and June 14 to rekindle patriotism and remember men and women serving in our military.

In addition, on these and Memorial Day, if you are participating in a parade or throwing a party – try to get as many Flags as possible and Buddy Poppies out with your youth and adults and help them understand the importance of the Flag and its etiquette. Table decorations are always a wonderful place to display these as well as Our Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Retirement Instructions, and proper replacement of Flags.

Any reason for a gathering is an exciting time to do a table with many Programs. Just thinking about how much we can accomplish during May and June – lots of people around in the community that you might educate and involve in our Mission in addition to offering a wonderful time for a membership drive.

Combining your Programs is always a clever idea and offers many opportunities to get out there and network with everyone! What an exciting time we have coming up – let us take advantage of them and have a great deal of fun!

Arizona is always one of the most active groups in the VFW Auxiliary and I am so proud to be a part of it!

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## **Loyalty Day**

Loyalty Day is observed on May 1 in the United States. It is a day set aside "for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom". The date, May 1, was set in order to counter "International Worker's Day" also known as "May Day".

### **The First Red Scare**

In the wake of World War I, The Russian Revolution of 1917 saw the Bolsheviks, topple the Romanov dynasty, kicking off the rise of the communist party and inspiring international fear of Bolsheviks and anarchists. Even in America labor union and workers strikes were common place often accompanied by violence of all sorts. As May 1, 1920 approached there was fear of a coordinated, worldwide communist uprising to include a plot to overthrow the United States Government.

### **From the VFW National website**

"Loyalty Day originally began as "Americanization Day" in 1921 as a counter to the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism."

### **The Second Red Scare (Thanks again Wikipedia)**

Occurring immediately after World War II, was preoccupied with the perception that national or foreign communists were infiltrating or subverting U.S. society and the federal government. The name refers to the red flag as a common symbol of communism.



## Continued from VFW National website

"Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began in 1950 on April 28 and climaxed May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America. In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar."

### **President Ronald Reagan Proclamation 5645 -- Loyalty Day, 1987**

"Let us make our observance of Loyalty Day one of reflection on all the profound good that our experiment in individual liberty and limited government has meant for the United States of America and for the hope of the world. Let us rekindle in every heart the unshakeable strength and purpose that was our forefathers'. Let us ask the Author of Liberty, as did they, to bless and protect the United States. In these ways we will, in loyalty, fulfill our sacred trust to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

### **From a speech by R W Appleton**

"In this country each of us understands that if we want to enjoy those rights guaranteed by our Constitution, we must defend the right of the other person to do the same. Each time we have been called to defend our nation, we Americans of all colors, from all backgrounds, have fought with and for each other. We Americans from every region, race and religion on the earth have formed a single, strong, unified, powerful nation. If all nations would follow our example, there would be no wars; no need for sad remembrances of our honored dead; no grieving loved ones at home."

Loyalty Day will be this coming Sunday May 01, 2022. All Posts and Auxiliaries are highly encouraged to hold an Observance Ceremony honoring not only our Country but the high ideals it was founded upon.

Bill Schaeffler  
VFW AZ State JA  
VFW AZ POW-MIA/ Loyalty Day Chair

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**Veterans and Family  
Support  
Stephanie Morris**



And congratulations to all of the auxiliaries for all that you have accomplished this year for veterans, the military, and families.

These are just some of the events held by auxiliaries this past year: Stand downs and events for veterans at risk, events for military and their families, promoted suicide awareness all during the year in your communities, events for caregivers, deployment sendoffs, drive-by parades for veterans birthdays, wreath layings, Vietnam Veterans Thank You events, free meals for veterans and homeless veterans, food drives for organizations that serve homeless veterans, Gold Star family events, promotion of Veterans & Family Support programs at stand-downs, other events throughout the year, in your communities, and on Facebook, sent packages to military stationed overseas, Angel Tree for veterans, holiday gift bags to veterans in local nursing homes all during the year.

Please continue to promote Veteran Homeless Awareness and Suicide Awareness in your communities. Have the Crisis Line Number with you always and remember that the 988 Suicide Hotline number becomes effective July 16th this year.

An information sheet is on the V&FS Resources Page on the Department's website. And always remember to wear your teardrop pin. Another good resource to have with you is the VFW Auxiliary Resource Rack card. It can be found on the V&FS Resources Page or National Resources Page.

Thank you Madame President Janae for asking me to take a chairmanship. I have enjoyed promoting the Veterans and Family Support Program this year. I learned a lot more about the program and also about how much the auxiliaries do all year long for veterans. They are truly awesome!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Scottsdale at the Department Convention in June.

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## **Buddy Poppy/National Home Rhonda Follett**

Hello everyone and welcome to the end of the year 2021-2022 and the beginning of 2022-2023.

Thank you Janae Kemery for serving as our President and Welcome to our New President Johnnie DeBoard.

I received a total of 29 Project Reports for the year. Thank you all for what you do for our Veterans. All of these have been reported to the Department of Arizona for the judging of the Circle of Excellence Award. Good Luck to all the Auxiliaries.

I have forwarded to National as required the reports for Citation 1 or 2. These will be mailed directly to your Auxiliary. There will be Citations and Awards given out at our Convention as well.

I know we will all work very hard in the ensuing year on all our programs. Have fun at the Convention and enjoy the next year.

I would like to thank Melody Judd and Kim Harney for covering for me when I was not able to get my newsletter in as required. Please know my heart was in the right place but my head was not. So I appreciate all that has been done for me by Department Officers past and present.

I have zoomed with the National Home on several occasions and what a wonderful place. One day if ever in Michigan, I will visit and search for Allen's and my brick.

Remember at your next Buddy Poppy Drive, remind everyone that wearing a Poppy is to honor our Veterans.

Thank you all and see you in the upcoming year.



## Program Activity Reports Melody Judd

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The new PAR is out. Please begin using it for your April reporting. The form can be found at [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under Resources/Program Activity Reports.

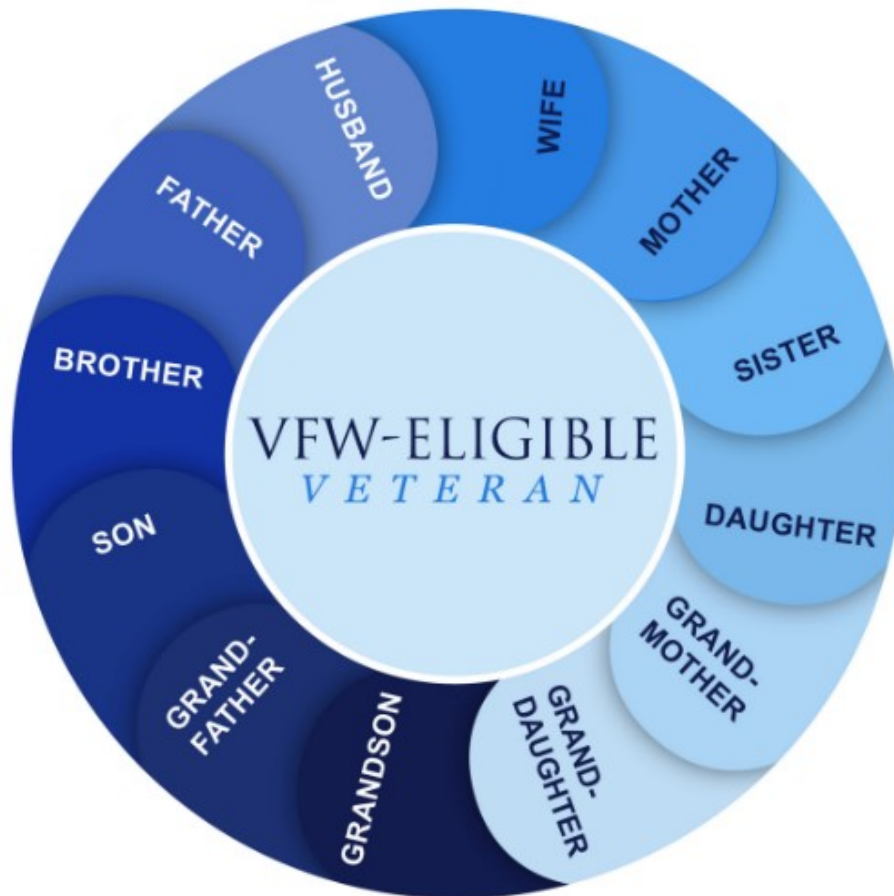
Each month, the updated Monthly PAR recording sheet will be behind login on the Department webpage at [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org). Go to Login/Members Only, sign in and then click on Program Activity Report.

**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.*

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## 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](http://vfw.org) under Community/Community Initiatives. Forms are also listed below and are on the Department webpage - [vfwauxaz.org](http://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](http://vfw.org/UTCH).

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## **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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# VFW Post 5990 Calendar & Announcements May 2022



## VFW 5990 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

- Planning Committee ★ Thursday 5/5, 7 PM
- Cooties Meeting ★ Saturday 5/7, 1 PM
- Comrades' Meeting ★ Thursday 5/12, 7 PM
- NO Auxiliary Meeting in May**
- House Committee ★ Thursday 5/26, 7 PM

*Meet your friends down at the Canteen!*

Open 3-8 PM Daily

★ **MAY CANTEEN SPECIAL** ★

Corona & Mike's Hard Lemonade \$2.50

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED CANTEEN EVENTS

SUNDAY	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	5-6:30 PM: Burgers ★ \$6 - Sides \$2 6:00 PM: Table Game Night
THURSDAY	4-8 PM: Texas Holdem' Poker
FRIDAY	5-6:30 PM: Meal Deal ★ \$5 Donation 5:30 PM: Bar-Bingo <b>Cancelled Until October</b>
SATURDAY	No regularly scheduled events.

## BULLETIN BOARD

Every Wednesday is Table Game night. We have many games to choose from, or bring your favorite!

**BAR BINGO CLOSED FOR SUMMER – BACK IN OCTOBER**



**Send Your Post a  
Mama-Gram!**

Buy a Hat from your bartender for just \$1 to support our Building & Grounds Improvement Projects!



**MAY**

**RAFFLE BASKET!**

\$1 each ★ 6 for \$5  
"Arm Length" for \$20  
Drawing is May 31<sup>st</sup>

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

### EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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



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**Thursday, May 5**

**Cinco de Mayo Dinner**  
5-7 PM ★ \$8



**Saturday, May 7**



**Mothers Day Event ★ 5-7 PM**  
FREE for moms who are post members,  
\$8 for others.  
Meal – Games – Raffles – Prizes  
**Please RSVP by Thursday May 5**

**Sunday, May 8**

♥ **MOTHER'S DAY** ♥



All Day – All Nite Happy Hour for Moms!

**Sunday, May 15**

**SUNDAY FUN DAY - FREE FOOD & FUN FOR ALL!**



**Potluck Supper ★ 5 PM ★ FREE!**  
Please bring your favorite dish to share  
Mains – Sides – Desserts Needed!



**GAME NIGHT following Potluck**  
Use one of ours or bring your favorite!  
Kids welcome with adult accompaniment

**Saturday, May 21**

**ARMED FORCES DAY ★ Toast 7 PM**



**Volunteer Appreciation Festival**

Billy Shaw Jr. Band 6-10 PM  
Open to the Public  
See event board for more information

**Sunday, May 22**



**Father's Day Gift Craft ★ 4-5 PM**  
\$5 at the door ★ \$3 prepurchase by 5/21  
Corn Dog & Chips \$2

**Saturday, May 28**



**Steak Dinner ★ 5-6:30 PM**  
\$15 Presale ★ \$20 at the door

**Sunday, May 29**



**Bunco Tourney ★ 4 PM ★ \$9 Entry**  
Bring your favorite "finger food" to share!

**Monday, May 30**

**MEMORIAL DAY ★ Toast 7 PM**



**Flag Retirement Ceremony ★ 4 PM**  
Free hot dogs and chips for canteen patrons

# Cinco De Mayo Dinner

VFW Auxiliary 5990 will be hosting a  
traditional Mexican Theme Dinner in  
honor of Cinco de Mayo

\$8.00 donation- Net proceeds to be  
placed in the general fund.



**Thursday MAY 5, 2022**  
**5PM-7PM**  
**Or while supplies last**

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



Join the  
FUN

**Saturday, May 7<sup>TH</sup> 1:00 pm - Until everyone is pooped out!**

*More than just a day at the races ...*

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

**ALL CHILI'S MUST BE TO POST BY 3:00 JUDGING AND EATING BEGINS AT 4:00**

EACH ENTRY IS TO BE: ONE FULL CROCK POT with a ladle

and any fixings need to perfect your chili!!!

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

THEN WHEN YOU FIND THE ONE'S YOU LIKE CAST YOUR VOTES!

AFTER THAT PURCHASE A LARGE BOWL OF YOUR FAVORITE OR ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR JUST \$1.00 MORE

**Best Hat Contest**

**Judging during the Chili Cook Off maybe earlier.**

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HAVE FUN AND SHOW YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

**Kentucky Derby Race ETA 5:30**  
**(IF YOU ARE LUCKY MAYBE SOME SIDE COMPITIONS**  
**WILL BE PLACED,)**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!!!**



NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY  
OF ARIZONA  
**Support Committee**  
1832 East Weldon  
Phoenix Arizona 85016

1 Mar 2022

Dear Commander/President:

This correspondence contains information on the Memorial Day Service to be held at the National Veterans' Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 North Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, on **30 May 2022, at 8:00 a.m.** As in the past, we wish to have as many organizations as possible participate in the passing of the colors and wreath ceremony.

We realize that many of you have more than one commitment on this day and have scheduled this program early in the day so that you could attend and still make your other commitments.

**So as not to place extra work on the cemetery staff, we ask you to complete the form on the bottom of the attached page and return it to the committee by 13 May 2022 if you wish to be included in the printed program : use email (lilsarge@mindspring.com), or mail (1832 East Weldon, Phoenix, AZ 85016). No fax is available**

Should you have questions, feel free to call Sue Wudy, 602-525-6920. She has voice messaging when not home.

Sincerely,

Your National Cemetery Support Committee

PLEASE DISSEMINATE TO YOUR MEMBERS  
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

ATTENTION: HONOR GUARDS/  
WREATH PRESENTERS

**COLOR GUARDS:** Where possible, please car pool your color guards so that there will be enough room for everyone to park. **COLOR GUARDS WILL ENTER OFF OF CAVE CREEK.** It would be advisable to have your people here prior to 7:15 a.m. since traffic in the area becomes quite congested. In order to list the name of your organization in the program, please return your registration form by 14 May 2022.

**WREATH PRESENTERS:** Presenters WILL ENTER OFF OF CAVE CREEK When you arrive, sign your organization in at the table near the office. **We will be presenting the wreaths during the program. Please have only 2 presenters.** In order to list the name of your organization in the program, please return your registration form by 14 May 2022.

Detach and return by 14 MAY 2022

Mail to Sue Wudy, 1832 East Weldon, Phoenix, Arizona 85016  
602-525-6209 (home phone)  
[lilsarge@mindspring.com](mailto:lilsarge@mindspring.com) (e-mail)

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**PLEASE ENTER CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Color Guards (specific name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
(city \_\_\_\_\_ (zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone : (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: Honor/Color Guard          Wreath Ceremony  
Number in Honor/Color Guard **ONLY** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Matthew J Broehm  
Post 12128, Williams, AZ  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Golf Tournament at  
Elephant Rocks Golf Course  
Williams, AZ**



**May 14, 2022  
8 AM Shot Gun Start  
Individual Stroke Play  
Blind Team Draw after Play  
\$80 per person  
Includes Lunch  
Skins Buy in \$10  
50/50 Drawing and Raffles  
Hole Sponsorship Tee-Box Sign \$100.00**

**For Information please call (928) 503-2133. Please send Sponsor/ Entry fees, and  
make all checks to:  
VFW Post 12128  
117 W Route 66  
Williams, AZ 86046**

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or average 18-hole score \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or average 18-hole score \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or average 18-hole score \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ or average 18-hole score \_\_\_\_\_



# PADDLE AUCTION!!!!

MAY 21, 2022 VFW POST 549

1pm until done!

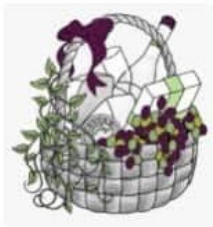
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Kitchen will be serving food during auction

\$5.00 PER PADDLE, Minimum Bid \$1.00

**Accepting donations thru May 15<sup>th</sup>!!!**

(gift certificates, gift cards of any denomination, gift baskets, pictures, paintings, tools, etc.)



POC: Valerie Powell (910) 723-1851

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**State  
Commander/President**



**Homecoming**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> so they can get a  
count of how any will be attending be sure to write on the memo line for dinners  
and How Many**

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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

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

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## Room Block Extended

Deluxe Room - \$89

Patio Suite - \$124

**Local** Reservations: 480-948-5000

**Corrected** Group Code: 102903

A decorative graphic featuring a curved banner with a blue background and white stars, set against a red background. Two white arrows point towards the center text.

**NEW**

**Deadline** to reserve room

at **group rate**

**May 7, 2022**

VFW AUXILIARY  
2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
SCOTTSDALE PLAZA RESORT

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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

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

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 2022

10:00 AM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' TRAINING EL TEATRO  
(Department Officers, 2022-2023: District Presidents, District Sr. Vice  
Presidents, District Secretaries)

1:00 – 4:00 PM REGISTRATION

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

7:30 PM PRACTICE – MEMORIAL SERVICE GRAND BALLROOM D,E,F  
(Department Officers, Color Bearers, 2021-2022 District Presidents)

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THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2022

8:00 – 10:00 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM JOINT OPENING CEREMONY

NOON LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:00 – 2:00 PM REGISTRATION

2:00 PM AUXILIARY OPENING SESSION

4:00 PM JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Auxiliary Past-Presidents' Club  
Auxiliary VFW Department of  
Arizona  
Meeting – Friday  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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**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](http://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><b>Half Page</b> 5" x 4" \$45 Black &amp; White \$50 Full Color</p>	<p><b>Full Page</b> 5" x 8" \$75 Black &amp; White \$85 Full Color</p>
<p><b>Half Page</b> 5" x 4" \$45 Black &amp; 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](mailto: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**





2022-2023  
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT  
JANE REAPE

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



- Embroidery included; No additional embroidery available
- 100% polyester pique
- Moisture wicking, antimicrobial and UV protection performance fabric
- Matching flat knit collar
- Imported; decorated in the USA

7612 Ladies'	7613 Men's
S-XL <b>\$28.00</b>	S-XL <b>\$28.00</b>
2XL <b>\$30.00</b>	2XL <b>\$30.00</b>
3XL <b>\$32.00</b>	3XL <b>\$32.00</b>
Ladies' runs small	4XL <b>\$34.00</b>
	5XL <b>\$36.00</b>



Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

**VFWSTORE.ORG**

Order online:  
vfwstore.org

Order by phone:  
1.833.VFW.VETS  
(1.833.839.8387)

Order by fax:  
1.816.968.1115

Order by mail:  
VFW Store  
406 W. 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111

Item No.	Size	Qty	Price

<b>Shipping &amp; Handling</b>	
Up to \$10.00.....	\$4.00
\$10.01 to \$25.00.....	\$7.00
\$25.01 to \$50.00.....	\$9.00
\$50.01 to \$75.00.....	\$12.00
\$75.01 to \$100.00.....	\$15.00
\$100.01 to \$200.00...	\$17.00
\$200.01 to \$300.00...	\$19.00
\$300.01 & Over.....	\$24.00

Product Total	_____
MO Residents only add 9.85% sales tax	_____
Shipping & Handling	_____
Total	_____

VFW Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD MC Visa Discover AmEx

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date (MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



VFW AUXILIARY 10th CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOM EVENT



Find more information about the location at the Flight 93 National Memorial website: [nps.gov/flni](http://nps.gov/flni)

FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2022



WHEN – Saturday, September 10, 2022  
9/9: Arrivals  
9/10: Flight 93 National Memorial  
9/11: Departures

WHERE – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CAFE Registration is \$35.00 per person and will open 6/1/22 and end 8/12/22.  
Bus to Flight 93 National Memorial Park included.

EXPERIENCE PITTSBURGH – GREEN TREE  
DOUBLE TREE by HILTON  
500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205



Hotel – Pittsburgh Green Tree – Doubletree by Hilton  
1 – King Bed - \$119.00  
2 – Queen Beds - \$119.00  
King Suites - \$119.00  
Discount codes: CDTVFA & CDTVFW  
Reserve at 1-800-222-8733 by 8/8/22



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](http://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](http://www.va.gov) or call toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

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## 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.

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## Kim Sloan

### Candidate for Department Treasurer 2022-2023

In addition to the duties and responsibilities of being the Department Treasurer, I believe that a good Department officer, whether you are President or Treasurer, must be involved in both their own Auxiliary and District. It is critical that the Department leaders understand and relate to the issues faced at the grassroots level of our organization. Here is a list of my activities this year:

#### July

- Mentored Auxiliary members at their meeting in Phoenix



- Participated as a Trustee in the District 5 Audit
- Attended two District meetings
- Traveled to meet with an Auxiliary Treasurer
- Participated as a Trustee in my own Auxiliary audit
- Attended Department Training event in Show Low
- Traveled to assist an Auxiliary's Trustees in completing their audit

### **August**

- Attended National Convention in Kansas City
- Attended a District Meeting
- Attended my own Auxiliary meeting

### **September**

- Traveled to Phoenix to deliver items to VFW Department Headquarters
- Attended my own Auxiliary meeting
- Prepared Department Treasurer's Books for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Audit
- Participated with Department Audit Committee in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Audit
- Attended Department Officers Meeting
- Attended Fall Conference

### **October**

- Traveled to meet with an Auxiliary Treasurer
- Participated as a Trustee in my own Auxiliary audit
- Traveled to assist a President, Treasurer and Trustee in setting up Treasurer's books
- Traveled to attend a District meeting

### **November**

- Traveled to attend Western Conference Meeting
- Traveled to support an auxiliary fundraiser
- Attended a District Meeting
- Attended a Membership Meeting via Zoom

### **December**

- Traveled to attend an auxiliary meeting and to assist with Audit
- Attended the National President's Visit
- Attended my own Auxiliary meeting
- Attended a District meeting

### **January**

- Prepared Department Treasurer's Books for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Audit
- Participated with Department Audit Committee in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Audit
- Attended Winter Conference
- Participated as a Trustee in my own Auxiliary audit
- Attended my own Auxiliary meeting
- Traveled to attend a District meeting
- Completed Auxiliary Official Visit for District 5 President

### **February**

- Attended Celebrating America's Freedom event and National Mid-Year Conference
- Conducted an Organizational Training event
- Attended a District Meeting

- Attended an organizational meeting with a new Auxiliary

### **March**

- Reviewed Proposed 2022-2023 Budget with Budget Chairman and Department Asst. Treasurer.
- Participated in Budget Meeting and Planning Meeting with 2022-2023 Officers and Chairmen

In addition to these duties and responsibilities, your Department Treasurer must be available to answer emails, texts and phone calls, review and keep track of Auxiliary and District Audit reports, review all applications for new/rejoin members and process those applications. The Department Treasurer must be able to assist members in using MALTA and assist Auxiliary and District officers so that they can use MALTA more effectively.

While the duties and responsibilities may change for each Department office, anyone who is considering becoming a Department leader needs to be aware of the time commitment and the financial commitment. Anyone considering becoming a Department leader needs to recognize that we are all volunteers first and understand that any stipend received will not compensate you completely for your time, travel expenses, meal expenses, wear and tear on your vehicle, etc.

My duty is first to the members of this Department, to help them in any way I can by giving them the best training, instruction and advice. Secondly, I have a duty and responsibility to mentor the leaders of this Department by giving them the tools to succeed in the current office they hold and ultimately when they become Department President.

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

Kim Sloan  
520.307.7940  
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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".

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### Department President's Shirt 2022-2023

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

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

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

<b>Men's with Pocket Size</b>		Quantity	Size	Price
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  
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Mohave Valley, Az 86440

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

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

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