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## Arizona VFW Auxiliary Newsletter

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### President Janae's Message

It is hard to believe November is already here and Thanksgiving is around the corner. As the days and nights are getting cooler for us in the desert, we are starting to put away our summer clothes and getting out our winter clothes. I am sure those living in the mountains are already switched out their clothes.

Many of us will be involved in activities for Veterans Day. I hope they will be successful and remember and honor all our veterans. Don't forget to remember and honor those in hospitals.

Many auxiliaries and posts are working on setting up to pack food boxes and dinners for our veterans and their families for Thanksgiving. If the Post is doing dinner for Thanksgiving at the Post and there are veterans who are unable to drive themselves, please offer to drive them to the Post. If the Post is not open for dinner, please offer to have them in your home for Thanksgiving. Please remember to do this with a smile .

November is Military Family Month. This is a time to honor and recognize those families that sacrifice and have challenges in support of their loved ones who are in uniform.

**Mentor moment:** Our Patriotic Instructors do so much for us as: 1) See that the room is in keeping with the Ritual; 2) Instruct the members in the proper use of and salute to the Flag.3) Maintain a record of all patriotic days and initiate programs for their proper observance.

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## Department Announcements

- The **National President's visit** will be December 11th. See flyer below for more information.
- Department **Winter Conference** will be Jan 8th and 9th of 2022 in Phoenix. See flyer below for more information.



Both flyers are also on the Department webpage -[www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under news/events



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## National News

\*2022 Podium books should be available mid November from the VFW Store.

\*The November issue of the National VFW Auxiliary magazine has been emailed or mailed. You can also access it on the Department page at [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under news/National VFW Auxiliary magazine.

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



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# MEMO

**Date:** October 7, 2021

**To:** National Line Officers  
NDCMs  
Department Secretaries  
All Members

Past National Presidents  
Department Presidents  
Department Treasurers

**From:** Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

**Subject:** National President Jean Hamil's Ruling on Wearing the Official Cap (which supercedes then National President Sandi Kriebel's ruling dated June 28, 2019)

In the absence of procedures in our Bylaws for wearing the official cap, National President Jean Hamil has issued the following ruling:

**"If you choose to wear the Official VFW Auxiliary Cap, it will remain on your head for TAPS, the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Caps will be removed for the prayer, IF the VFW or Auxiliary Chaplain removes their cap and/or IF the Auxiliary Chaplain is not wearing a cap."**

Other information pertaining to the caps:

- (a) If uncovering, the hat shall be placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart; the left hand goes behind the back as in parade rest.
- (b) Official caps will NOT be worn during luncheons, banquets or other meals.
- (c) If you are unable to see the Chaplain and are unsure if they removed their cap, please remove your cap.

**We ask that all Departments forward this memo on to its members so that all are aware of the National President's ruling.**

AP: jc

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## VFW National Home for Children

News from the VFW National Home for Children

The VFW National Home for Children just held the annual meeting of the Life Members. At that meeting, two new Trustees started their terms on the Board of Trustees – PNP Sandi Kriebel and



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Jodie Hollinger. I'm confident that they will both be assets to the Board and the National Home.

Fred Puffenberger retired last month with the approval of the Board of Trustees and a plan in place to manage the day to day operations of the Home. Two of the current Directors, Sue Alverson and Todd Marriott will act as Interim Executive Directors pending the hiring of a new full time Executive Director. We hope to have that person in place by the end of the year but will extend that goal if necessary to have the right person in place.

We continue to work on gathering information regarding the costs of maintaining a family on campus. This will give us a better idea of that cost so that we can do some long range planning and better advise the Departments about House Funds.

There are currently about 10 vacant houses on campus with several families in the process of completing the admission process. Those vacant houses are all in the process of necessary upkeep/renovations to get ready for a new family. One was ready for move in when I was there and I got to see the inside.

The Early Education Center had some modifications to the building to better accommodate and adhere to Covid state requirements regarding the care of young children. We were able to tour the building after all the kids had been picked up. One little girl's Dad had just gotten there when we were waiting outside to get it. She came bounding out the door and straight in to my arms for a hug! She then went around and got a hug from everyone. What a joy to know that we are helping her family and she is in a safe and loving place.

Back to business – the Board of Trustees is in the process of updating Policies and Procedures that govern the Home, the Board of Trustees, Residents and Staff.

The new website is up and running and as with all websites is a work in progress. Check it out at <https://vfnationalhome.org>

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## National Videos

[Historian & Media Relations: Facebook & Video Tips](#)



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## 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



- [Community Outreach - Plan Ahead to Volunteer with other Organizations this Holiday Season](#)
- [Buddy Poppy & National Home - Ways to Educate & Donate](#)
- [Chief of Staff & Mentoring for Leadership - Is my Auxiliary on Track to stay Healthy?](#)
- [Hospital: Honor Veterans and Have a Healthy November](#)
- [Legislative: Three Ways to be an Effective Advocate](#)
- [Scholarship: Details and Deadlines](#)
- [Youth: Fall Service Opportunities for Youth](#)



## Department Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sloan

### Treasurer Tips:

- The Treasurer's Report that is given at the meeting can be corrected if necessary after the report has been read at a meeting. The Treasurer's Report is just that - a "report". If there is an error that is discovered later by the Treasurer or by the Trustees, in the performance of an audit, the correction should be made by the Treasurer, dated and initialed. The Treasurer may even add a note as to when/why the correction was made.
- The Audit Report **CANNOT** be changed once it is read and approved by the Auxiliary at the meeting. If a previous Audit Report is found to be incorrect, the correction **MUST** be made on the next Audit Report.
- The monthly Treasurer's Report is to be read **in full and in detail** at the meeting. The Auxiliary members are entitled to know what money has been received and from what source and they have a right to know what funds have been expended and for what. I would say that the Treasurer could combine dues into one item Dues - by stating for example "We received dues from 5 annual members totaling \$150, 3 new annual members totaling \$120, one new Life Member fee of \$86."
- The monthly Treasurer's Report must balance with the Bank Statement. Therefore, any Outstanding Deposits or Outstanding Checks must be listed on the Treasurer's Report.

## Happenings at the Districts

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



### District 2

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

- Every Sunday snacks provided for Bingo players

#### **Aux 10227 (Prescott Valley):**

- Nov 5-6th - Distribute poppies
- Dec 7th - Battle Buddies Breakfast

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

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

### District 3

#### **Aux 1433 (Glendale):**

- Nov 11th - Veteran's day, Flag raising and family day
- Dec 4 - 312th AG Postal Unit Family Day - Christmas Party
- Dec 11th - Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/Teacher of the Year Banquet
- Dec 12th - Children's Christmas Party from 10-1 pm

#### **Aux 12098 (Buckeye):**

- Nov 6th - Participating in the Buckeye Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 13th - Organizing and running the "Remember the Buckeye Fallen 6" VFW and AL Golf Tournament

### District 4

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

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

#### **Auxiliary 720 (Maricopa):**

- Every Friday Jack of Hearts Drawing at 6 pm.
- First Fridays resume September 3rd with food trucks at 5pm and our first comedy show starting at 7 pm.
- Monthly Auxiliary meeting is the first Saturday of each month at 12 pm.
- Sunday brunch 11 am-2 pm each week.

- Taco Tuesday featuring Navajo Tacos 2-8 pm each week.
- Wednesdays are Poker & Darts League Night – serving Pot Roast.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> - Comedy Night at 7 pm

#### **Auxiliary 1760 (Mesa):**

- Nov 20 - Saturday 4:00 pm 100 Turkey give away.
- Nov 27 - Saturday Toy Drive at 4:00 pm.
- Dec 18 - Saturday 8:00 am Wreaths Across America

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

- Flyers concerning scholarships posted at local library and post office in attempt to reach home school students, also sending info to area of Navajo reservation where 2 Aux members grew up.
- We are also posting flyers in post office, at library, and on Facebook that are informational entitled, “Did You Know...”
- Working with the Post to have Friday night meals for the Building Fund and we try to post on Facebook.
- Thursday Tacos in the canteen twice a month for post fundraising.
- November 6 - assisting with MAM fundraising event

#### **Auxiliary 3513 (Scottsdale):**

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

#### **Auxiliary 3632 (Tempe):**

- Ongoing, we have boxes set out at both Tempe American Legion Posts collecting quarters to fund raise for the Arizona Veterans Home.
- Sundays at American Legion Post 138 – Music by Trevor, Meat Raffle, and Lunch Specials for \$5 made by Chef Stolie. Boxes for the Troops fundraiser.
- Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we are tentatively planning to participate in the Tempe Veterans Day Parade with a focus on buddy poppy donations.
- Saturday, November 20, 1-4 pm – Boxes for the Troops Packing Day at American Legion Post 2, 2125 S. Industrial park Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282. We are fundraising up ‘til the event and our goal is to be able to send out 100 packages this year. (see flyer below)

#### **Auxiliary 9400 (Sunnyslope):**

- November 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a flag raising commemorating Veterans Day at noon followed by an Open House.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having a steak dinner for an organization called 1000 man shoot. Public are welcome and the cost is currently TBA.

## **District 5**

#### **Auxiliary 549 (Tucson):**

- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Party from 1-3 pm

#### **Auxiliary 5990 (Marana):**

- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - First Responders Thank You Giving Feast
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - Auxiliary dinner at 5 pm

#### **Auxiliary 10254 (Three Points):**

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

## District 6

### **Auxiliary 2364 (Pintop-Lakeside):**

- Nov 11th - Veterans Day memorial (see flyer below)
- Dec 19th - working with Aux 9907 - putting together food boxes

### **Auxiliary 8987 - (Eagar):**

- Nov - Nov 11th - Missing Man Table is rotated at various businesses
- Oct - Dec - holding a "Halloween Spirits" Raffle
- Nov 25th - Hosting annual Thanksgiving dinner

### **Auxiliary 9907 - (Show Low):**

- Nov 11th - Veterans day dinner to be held at Elks
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner
- Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Memorial at Veterans Memorial
- Dec 15th - Wrap toys for Christmas
- Dec 19th - Shop and pack food boxes for families

## District 7

### **Auxiliary 9972 - (Sierra Vista):**

- Nov 11th - Participating in Veterans Day parade
- Nov 21st - Luncheon for students who participated in VOD/PP contest
- Dec 18th - Helping local firefighters bag and tag Christmas gifts

### **Auxiliary 10385 - (Thatcher):**

- Nov 11th - Participating in the Memorial parade.
- Nov 13th - Nickel Auction - 9:30 - 3 pm (see flyer below)

## District 8

### **Auxiliary 404 - (Mohave Valley):**

- Nov 25th - Providing free Thanksgiving dinner
- Dec 25th - Providing free Christmas dinner

### **Auxiliary 2555 - (Golden Valley):**

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

### **Auxiliary 9401 - (Lake Havasu City):**

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

### **Auxiliary 9833 (Dolan Springs):**



- Nov 11 - Lunch
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner
- Dec 4th - Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar

**Auxiliary 11014 - (Meadview):**

- Nov 5th-6th - Yard Sale
- Nov 11th - Flag Retirement & Flag Raising & lunch
- Nov 27th - FFF craftshow
- Dec 7th - Flag Raising

## **District 10**

**Auxiliary 1677 (Casa Grande):**

- Nov 4 & 5th - Buddy Poppy Drive 8 am - 4 pm
- Nov 6th - Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving Dinner

**Auxiliary 3584 (Superior):**

- Nov 11th - Flag Retirement
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner

**Auxiliary 3713 - (Coolidge):**

- Nov 11th - Veterans Day Flag Raising - 8 am
- Nov 19th - Fish Fry - 4:30 pm
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner at American Legion
- Dec 17th - Fish Fry - 4:30 pm
- Dec 18th - Children's Christmas Party
- Dec 25th - Christmas Dinner at VFW

**Auxiliary 7968 - (Apache Junction):**

- Nov 9th - Cake for Marine Corps birthday at bingo
- Nov 11th - Having hamburgers and hot dogs after the Veterans Day parade
- Nov 11th - Flag raising at 12 pm
- Nov 13th - Participating in the Apache Junction Festival
- Nov 17th - Early Bird dinner - free to those who have paid their annual dues and life members
- Nov 19th - Feather Party
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner at 1 pm
- Dec 1 - VOD/PP Awards Banquet dinner at 6 pm
- Dec 7th - Flag raising for Pearl Harbor day at 12 pm
- Dec 16th - Spaghetti dinner
- Dec 18th - Feather Party
- Dec 24th - Annual Tom and Jerry party at 1 pm
- Dec 25th - Christmas dinner at 1 pm
- Dec 31st - New Years Eve party

**Auxiliary 9399 - (Apache Junction):**

- Nov 11th - Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 13th - Participating in the Apache Junction Festival
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner
- Dec 4th - Motown Band

## Auxiliary 12043 - (Maricopa):

- Nov 11th - Veterans Day Parade



## Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership Reba Dermody

**This is the season of giving!!**

At its core, being a mentor is being a trusted advisor. Being a mentor involves making yourself available to support and advise someone when they need it, delivering that support in a way that makes sense to them, and always keeping that person's best interests in mind.

Take a minute to think about the best mentor you've ever had. Now, think of what made them stand out to you. Was it the example they set? That you felt like they understood your communication style, your working style, or your goals? That they seemed to always point you to the right resources or give you the right advice when you needed it?

At some point in your life (and, if you're lucky, many times), you're going to find yourself playing the role of a mentor to someone, somewhere. It can be both exciting, and a little confusing. What exactly does it mean to be someone's mentor, and how can you stand out in the role?

With this, the start of the Holiday season ask yourself - How can I thank those that have helped me with so much? In the last two years of Covid, sometimes people haven't been very nice to each other and spoke out in anger. Maybe now is the time to smooth things over. But how can you do that? How about just a gift card, or a small gift with a Thank You card. It doesn't have to be much. Every little gesture that you do will go a long way.

Now is the time of the season to have a Thank You event within your Auxiliary. Cake and Coffee or a small potluck before your meetings. Have everyone come in their favorite fall shirt to the meetings. Doing just a little to say I know we have been through a LOT and let's get back together and do the things we need to do to help our fellow members, Veterans, Active Duty, and their families.

Just remember - some of your members and families have been through a LOT these past two years. Put that smile on your face. Ask if you can help. Give a little of yourself to make others feel good. You might surprise yourself and you might start feeling better.

If you haven't sent me your project report for Mentoring. Please do so as soon as you can.

# Jeanne Hampton

Happy Fall!!

Finally, the cooler weather has set in here in the North-Western part of the State, our Snowbirds are flocking home for the winter, and what an AMAZING attendance at Fall Conference!



**Retention:** The numbers are looking better. We have concentrated for so long on recruiting new members, remembering our Annual Members, those who already belong sometimes get overlooked. Reach out! It is not too early to contact family members with the “great gift idea” of a Life Membership to the VFW Auxiliary and to potentially begin an Angel Tree or Santa’s Stocking for those who may wish to secretly gift an Annual Member by paying their dues.

Annual Members may pay their dues, or “Convert to Life” online, safely and securely, through MALTA- their 2022 membership is instantly updated available in the palm of their hand- no waiting to be processed.

Auxiliary Officers who may be Annual Members can no longer hold an office if their membership dues are not paid by December 31.

Work on getting the dues renewal notices sent to your Annual Members. The holidays are right around the corner and that is an easy one to check off the list. Did you know- Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers the Annual Member dues renewal letters are already written and available to you through MALTA? All you have to do is print, address an envelope, and send them to your Annual Members who show as Unpaid. MALTA, Duties, Reports, Dues Renewal Letters. Take a photo of your Membership Team and add it to your Membership Program Report on “how” you contacted your Annual Members. What worked best for your Auxiliary- email, Social Media, phone calls, texts, mailed notes, flyers? The reports that have been received are AMAZING! Congratulations to the Auxiliaries that have reached their 50% retention goal by October 31!!!

Since the weather is cooling and we have Veteran and Holiday events in November and December, consider holding a training on \*the important elements of a VFW Auxiliary Membership Application\*. Be familiar with the location in the Podium Book for the eligible campaigns and medals. Be knowledgeable with how to obtain eligibility documents and assist in facilitating the potential member in learning more about their Veteran. Encourage your Auxiliary to have persons knowledgeable, personable, and welcoming to the potential new member. Have a fresh stock of Membership Applications in the hall, on event tables, and at community activities.

Help to make this a fun opportunity for all the members to wish to participate. Mentor and partner up with a new Member, like a Secret Santa of old, to guide the new member into the fold with your existing current members.

Take a look at the many documents available on the [VFWAuxAZ.org](http://VFWAuxAZ.org) site under Membership or the Resources Page at [VFWAuxiliary.org](http://VFWAuxiliary.org) Invite your

members to become involved. Find out what the Membership wants from THEIR Auxiliary.

[MALTA Sign In \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](https://www.vfwauxiliary.org)

[MM-Tips-for-Writing-an-Effective-Dues-Renewal-Letter.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](#)

[MM-Understanding-the-Basics-of-Membership-Eligibility.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](#)

[MM-Three-Great-Strategies-for-Member-Retention.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](#)

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

Thank you for YOUR service to Veterans Programs. Together, we**CAN** do this!  
Jeanne Hampton

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## Membership Goals

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

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

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

### Retention % of Annual Members as of 10.26



Dist	Aux	Prior Total Annual Mbrs	Annual Pd	Convert to Life	Paid Total	Retained Mbrs needed to meet goal of 90%	Retention % - Goal is 90%
Arizona		45	0	0	0	41	0
DAZ01	769	22	2	0	2	20	0.09
DAZ01	1763	19	10	1	11	17	58.00%
DAZ01	2357	17	8	1	9	15	53.00%
DAZ01	6790	17	0	0	0	15	0.00%
DAZ01	7061	22	0	0	0	20	0.00%
DAZ01	8242	65	1	2	3	59	0.015
DAZ02	541	15	0	1	1	14	0.066
DAZ02	6739	38	0	1	1	34	0.026
DAZ02	7400	64	30	2	32	58	50.00%
DAZ02	10227	14	3	0	3	13	43.00%
DAZ02	12128	13	10	0	10	12	77.00%
DAZ03	40	6	0	0	0	5	0.00%
DAZ03	285	7	4	0	4	6	57.00%
DAZ03	1433	78	38	2	40	70	51.00%
DAZ03	3715	12	0	0	0	11	0.00%
DAZ03	12098	9	3	0	3	8	33.00%
DAZ04	720	21	1	0	1	19	0.04
DAZ04	1760	59	1	1	2	53	0.03
DAZ04	1796	19	1	0	1	17	0.05
DAZ04	3513	16	0	0	0	14	0.00%
DAZ04	3632	26	1	1	2	23	0.076
DAZ04	9400	39	1	0	1	35	0.02
DAZ05	549	88	3	1	4	79	0.04
DAZ05	4903	44	3	0	3	40	0.06
DAZ05	5990	30	0	1	1	27	0.03
DAZ05	10254	30	0	0	0	27	0.00%
DAZ06	2364	21	6	0	6	19	43.00%
DAZ06	8987	25	3	1	4	23	0.16
DAZ06	9907	80	36	9	45	72	56.00%
DAZ07	6271	38	13	2	15	34	39.00%
DAZ07	9972	50	21	13	34	45	68.00%
DAZ07	9977	27	0	0	0	24	0.00%
DAZ07	10385	28	20	0	20	25	71.00%



Dist	Aux	Prior Total Annual Mhrs	Annual Pd	Convert to LM	Paid Total	Retained Mbrs needed to meet goal	Retention % - Goal is 90%
DAZ08	404	70	1	2	3	63	0.04
DAZ08	2190	20	8	0	8	18	40.00 %
DAZ08	2555	33	7	0	7	30	21.00 %
DAZ08	6306	42	3	2	5	38	12.00 %
DAZ08	9401	134	22	4	26	121	19.00 %
DAZ08	9833	16	5	0	5	14	31.00 %
DAZ08	10005	109	7	0	7	98	0.06
DAZ08	10386	56	15	3	18	50	32.00 %
DAZ08	10726	11	3	1	4	10	36.00 %
DAZ08	11014	76	26	6	32	68	42.00 %
DAZ10	1677	42	0	0	0	38	0.00 %
DAZ10	3584	33	1	0	1	30	0.03
DAZ10	3713	37	2	1	3	33	0.08
DAZ10	7968	170	7	2	9	153	0.05
DAZ10	9399	288	10	4	14	259	0.04
DAZ10	12043	9	0	0	0	8	0.00 %
Arizona		2,250	336	64	400	2025	17.00 %



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## Legislative Connie Hargreaves

### In This Issue:

1. Congress Passes Mental Health Care and Services Bill
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Hope everyone has a wonderful  
Thanksgiving!!

Pearl Harbor Day is December 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to set out Voter Registration and information about Action Corps Weekly. Their timely information and alerts enable citizens the opportunity to take the voice of veterans to local, state, and national lawmakers and are open to all patriotic Americans who care about the military and veterans' communities.

Set Action Corps signup for those who wish to sign up directly. You can find the signup sheet at: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/ActionCorps-Weekly-Sign-Up-Sheet.pdf>. To signup directly online use: <https://www.voterveice.net/VFW/home> and click on the Register for Action Corps on the right.

So far 2021 has been good for Veterans legislative-wise with the passing of Paws 4 Veterans, an increase in Agent Orange, Burn Pit Presumptive. HR 958 Protecting Moms Who Served Act has passed in the House, now awaiting Senate approval, that is S796. S1093 is to ease the flow of the VA Claims VA Staff will assign either Economic Opportunity Benefits Counselor or VA Claims Counselor, not both. S44/HR 1361 would allow more than one vehicle in a lifetime for a qualifying Veteran, providing one every 10 years.

Please continue urging our representatives to pass HR 397, Honoring our PACT Act of 2021 and the Senate Cost of War Act, to establish a framework to address any toxic exposure, foreign or domestic, or HR 1282/S344 the Major Richard Star Act where the VA Disability is not taken out of DOD retirement

pay.

Please check out the information on The **Request to Speak (RTS) system** which is a website that allows the public to register opinions and voice comments on bills as they pass through the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives committee meetings. With internet access, the RTS system allows you to voice your legislative opinions online without needing to go to the Arizona State Capitol. <https://www.acluaz.org/en/request-speak>

Remember, there are Primaries in March/April so be ready to attend events, talk with the candidates, invite them to a non-partisan meet and greet and don't just read the headlines or Facebook for your information, participate, ask questions, learn and vote for who you think is the best to represent Arizona on all legislative levels.

Please take time before the primaries to read the Veterans of Foreign Wars Legislative Priorities found at <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFW-Talking-Paper-March-2021.pdf> under Programs/Legislation and help the VFW advocate for Veterans by pestering our legislators with our knowledge and show that we care about our Veterans and the treatment and respect they deserve.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Connie Hargreaves  
AZ VFW Aux Department Chair Legislation

## Scholarships Janice Robertson

October 31st deadline has come and gone. Hopefully, you received Some Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Applications. Please be sure all areas are filled in. Assist the comrades, if they ask, in voting for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners and get these to the District Commanders before November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have extra applications please share with other posts in your district so all entrants may be acknowledged. Now we, as an Auxiliary, can work harder on our other scholarships and contests.

**Continuing Education Scholarship:** Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an essay of 300 words or less, open to any Auxiliary Member (at least 1 year) their spouse, son, or daughter with a financial need. Entrant must be 18 years of age.

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest:** (for students in grades 9-12 at time of entry) – 2- and 3-dimensional art. Entry deadline to the local VFW Auxiliary is midnight on March 31, 2022.

**Arizona's VFW Auxiliary Merit Scholarship:** A graduating high school senior Class of 2022. Deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Complete Binder of high school transcripts and all extra-curricular activities and letters of recommendation.

**Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant:** Applicant must be a current member of an Arizona VFW Auxiliary and must be 18 years of age. Deadline



for this application and essay is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fund the Future:** VFW Auxiliary National President Jean Hamil's **Special Project** will increase the VFW Auxiliary's Patriotic Art and Continuing Education Scholarship Funds. The goals are to: Increase the number of Patriotic Art Scholarships awarded at the National level from 12 to 20. Ultimately, we'd like every eligible entry judged at the National level to receive a minimum \$500 scholarship. Increase the award amount of the Continuing Education Scholarship from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

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## Veterans and Family Support Stephanie Morris

November already, where has the year gone? While we are all getting ready for the coming holidays let's not forget the homeless veterans in our communities. Consider working with organizations in your community that provide services to the homeless. Help is needed all year round but during the holidays the need is greater.

As a reminder, this is from what I said at the Department Convention in June: "Contact your local homeless shelters get their wish list and use your FB page and get your community involved to donate items. Or if you live in one of the larger cities there may be groups that deal with homeless veterans, contact them for their wish list and do the same with your FB page, ask your community for help, also encourage your members to post to their pages. You can also contact the VA, they have homeless programs, get their wish list and again post to your FB page."

If there are any organizations in your community that provide holiday dinners to the homeless, volunteer to help serve during the dinner. Or offer to help in the preparation. You could collect items needed for the dinner. A lot of times these organizations will ask for help getting all the items needed for the dinners, for example, hams, turkeys, pies, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, etc. Contact them and see what they are needed.

I know that the VA has programs for the homeless. Find out what items they need for the veterans. Check with your VAVS Reps, they will know what is needed.

Reminder about Auxiliary 3632's **2021 Boxes for the Troops Event** later this month. They are still in need of help with postage and donation of items. Below are the links to donate money and to purchase from their wish list on Amazon. They will have a Packing Party on November 20, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at American Legion Post 2, 2125 S. Industrial Park Ave, Tempe. Volunteers are welcome to come help.

Their Amazon wish list link is: <https://a.co/byQfOpB>  
And their PayPal link for donations is: <paypal.me/3632vfwaux>  
They are still accepting the names of military serving overseas.  
See their flyer later in this issue for additional information.

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## Americanism Lynn Pierre

November is National Caregiver Month  
and Month of the Military Caregiver. Those



of us who do gift baskets might want to consider a Thanksgiving dinner gift basket to a Caregiver who might only be looking forward to cooking, cleaning, and caregiving this month?



Perhaps a gift card for those Thanksgiving groceries or maybe we can spend part of this holiday visiting the Caregiver and his/her charge. Again, a spa package is always a thoughtful gift, or if you can just give some flowers to brighten their day. Any thought is always appreciated. Those caregivers suffer a great deal of stress. Remembering to make their day lighter gives you rewards as well as them. If you don't know anyone nearby, we might consider sending a treat to the Caregivers at the VA Home, a local Senior or Memory Home, or someone you know who works in healthcare caring for people.

Veterans Day is huge! Parades, Community Events, and Post celebrations. Remember, just giving out bottles of water to support these events is important. Be sure to include Buddy Poppy® and Flags in those gifts. Tabletops should include both and if you are lucky enough to join a parade, consider afloat on a trailer with lots of Flags, (both USA and POW/MIA) as they are reportable. Be observant on your parade route. If you spot a business, school, or medical building proudly displaying our Flag(s), please present them with an Appreciation Certificate from our webpage. Simply pull up the prefilled form, fill in their name, and get it presented to them.

Don't forget pictures. Whenever you do something, help with something or present something, get a picture and post those pictures with our new #auxiliarypatriotism heading on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or any other social media you might be using. Give us the who, what, when, where, and why of the picture and don't forget to forward to Kim Harney for our Webpage and Irene Nowacki as our Department Historian and Media Relations Chairman.

Most of us will be planning our Christmas events in November. Here's an idea – how about a Christmas Tree loaded with Poppies and a bucket with a card inviting folks to help themselves and leave a donation for local Americans in need? While we all look forward to Christmas, there are folks out there who need our help.

If you have other outstanding ideas, let's let each other know. I am so proud to be a part of such a driving and creative VFW Auxiliary as Arizona. We know how to create share, love and respect! Thanks to you all for being AMAZING!



## Hospital Melissa Martin

Veterans are most vulnerable during this time of year. Those without a family may feel lonely. Beginning with a

celebration on Veterans Day to demonstrate our appreciation for their service, and continuing with contact thru the holidays we can make that special group of Veterans feel loved all year long.

- Make holiday baskets to distribute
- Host a holiday meal at the post
- Send holiday cards to Veterans at VA facilities,

We are getting in gear to thank our Veterans and celebrate them on Veterans Day. Parades ceremonies will be held at many VA medical centers, clinics and community living centers, see if there is a need for Auxiliary volunteers at any of these places. Due to Covid restrictions, it may be the first time that Veterans will be out and about. Make them feel comfortable. And show them that the VFW Auxiliary recognizes them and thanks them for their service and many sacrifices.

Women veterans are among the fastest growing groups of new VA health care users of the VA healthcare system, and currently reflect approximately eight percent of all U.S. Veterans. With Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, women comprise a larger percentage of the military (11.3 percent) than of prior military operations. Only 51.5 % of female veterans have enrolled in the VA healthcare system. If you know any women veterans that need to get enrolled for benefits refer them to a service officer that can help them get signed up.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone hope to see you all soon.

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## Historian/Media Irene Norwacki

As we approach the holiday season let's not forget all of those that have helped us get to where we are now.



Let's make that history together. Document all that is going on now in your Auxiliary.

Connect with your members:

Prepare a monthly or quarterly newsletter or e-newsletter for your members that you can share on your Auxiliary Facebook page. Give them ideas of how to help with Programs while they are social distancing. This is a great way to get everyone involved. Who couldn't use a little extra help with their Program Activity Reports and Project Reports?

Maintain your Auxiliary Facebook page to share information.

Recognize member anniversaries, birthdays, and volunteer work.

Promote your Auxiliary's activities and events.

Use the VFW Auxiliary Publicity Guide.

Use a fillable press/media release form for activities/events.

Send a Communications Award to local media for covering Auxiliary activities/events.

Above all... Don't forget to take those pictures!! I love to see all that you are doing and I enjoy sharing it with all of the Auxiliaries. Keep up the great work.

Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours. I am thankful for all of you.

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## Auxiliary Community Outreach Bambi Johnson

[VFW Auxiliary Community Outreach  
Guide - pdf](#)

The Auxiliary Community Outreach Program, which started last year, is our best way to show members of our communities who we are and what we do. It is evolving, and that can bring confusion along with it. After being able to be further Mentored by National officers, we hope this month's information will help clarify how your efforts can be reportable under the program guidelines listed below.

### Auxiliary Community Outreach Program Guidelines:

1. Must volunteer under the guidance of another organization.
2. Must improve your community.
3. Must wear VFW Auxiliary attire.
4. Cannot be held at the VFW Post Home.
5. Blood drives – must volunteer to help at the blood drive, not to give blood.
6. Must be specific on the motion. For instance, “I move we assist the local police with organizing child safety kits next month” or “I move we serve at the local soup kitchen on the first Wednesday of each month.” If something comes up between meetings as long as everyone agrees then you can participate and bring it up at the following meeting to have it approved.
7. Runs/walks – March of Dimes, Race for the Cure, etc. Running/walking in the race does not count. Volunteering to hand out water, sign-in participants, etc. is reportable.
8. Monies are not reportable under this Program but can be reported to the VFW for their Community Service Program.
9. Anything done under this Program can and should be reported to the local VFW Post to be counted under their Community Service Program.
10. Community Outreach projects are not reportable under any other VFW or Auxiliary Programs but can and should be reported to the VFW for Post Community Service.

Think of the process as a checklist...

- A. Meet with another organization that has a desire to do an event or project to help the community and ask how your members can help.
- B. Make a Motion at your next Auxiliary meeting to **PARTNER** with one or more **NON-VFW** organizations to assist with the event or project
- C. Get the word out to the citizens of your community that your Auxiliary and your Partners are doing the event or project and welcome any citizens to join the effort. (use social media, news articles, or flyers)
- D. While volunteering at the event or project, wear Auxiliary attire or Badge, and share info about the VFW Auxiliary, what we do, why we do it, and, of course, how they can become a part of our organization if they are eligible!

Please call or email me if you need assistance with your project!

While our organization has always been involved with our communities, this program brings a focus on how we can **GROW** our organization within our communities.

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

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## **Youth Brenda Kinghorn**

Here is giving thanks to you and your families on Thanksgiving Day.



If your Post and Auxiliary are having Thanksgiving dinner for Veterans and/or the public, ask if the youth group wants to volunteer with you, at the lunch/dinner. Or if handing out dinners during a drive-thru, they can be the runners.

Send out a letter to your youth groups, asking them to start collecting food donations for the auxiliary food boxes.

Offer collection boxes to the youth group. I went to a local Uhaul rental business, and purchased several boxes and added a large flyer with the information on it, and secured it on the box.

Contact schools, ask if it is possible to have a food drive with the students.

Start placing donation boxes, for the Food Boxes at collection sites, ie: Post, school, and workplaces.

Ask Youth groups to pick up the donations and bring them to the post.

Contact the teachers of the younger students, ask them if they would like to make Thanksgiving placements or paper table coverings for Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Centers, and for Veterans Day dinner at the Post. Maybe, thank you letters from the students.

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



Welcome to November and make sure to say Thank you to all our Veterans for serving our great nation. Be sure to attend your Flag Ceremony on Veteran's Day.

Have a Wonderful and Thankful Thanksgiving. I will be celebrating with my family in Reno and will be enjoying the fact we can be together again this year.

I know that the weather is getting a bit chilly but what a great time to hold that Buddy Poppy Drive and get me your Project Report. Make sure to add the three pictures of your event.

I gave our District Presidents information to distribute to all our Auxiliaries. I hope you have received them at your District meeting. One of the most important items was the fact sheet about who can become a guest at the National Home and also how to become a Home Front Hero to the National Home.

I was corrected at my District meeting I had said that the VFW National Home gets no funding from the Federal Government and that is incorrect. We did apply and were approved for help. With that being said, please continue to support the National Home as we have always done.

I would appreciate you sending me also just one picture of you or your members at the Buddy Poppy Drive. I will do doing a poster of all at the end of the year and it will be on display at the Department Convention in June. Just my way of saying thank you for all you do for our Veterans. I will also be sending pictures to our National Ambassador Donna Ralston. She has some wonderful ideas and this is just one.

If you are traveling for the Thanksgiving weekend please be safe and have a wonderful time and of course don't eat too much (yeah right). Talk to you in December.

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## Uniting To Combat Hunger

The following information was shared at Fall Conference. The forms are below but can also be found at: [www.vfw.org/UTCH](http://www.vfw.org/UTCH) and [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) - under Programs/VFS or Resources/forms



I'm sharing the following for the purpose of keeping everyone up to speed on UTCH as we move into the final quarter of our campaign.

As we continue to march toward our Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) goal of 1 million meals this year, the VFW Foundation has made some exciting changes to the VFW UTCH grant program. The revision to the grant now states that for every dollar raised by a VFW Post/Auxiliary in support of the UTCH campaign, the VFW Foundation will match the FULL amount raised by said VFW Post/Auxiliary. A minimum of \$500 must be raised to qualify for the unrestricted matching grant, with a hard-cap of \$5,000 per Post/Auxiliary. There is also an added component that considers volunteer hours, for every hour that VFW Post/Auxiliary members volunteer to address food insecurity in their community, the Foundation will provide a dollar match in the form of the unrestricted grant. A minimum of 500 hours must be documented to qualify for the volunteerism grant.

Beginning on October 1st, the VFW Foundation's UTCH grant program will follow the guidelines below (grant application - see below):

1. UTCH grants are restricted to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries. Other VFW entities are ineligible. In order to qualify for the grant,
  - a) Financial contributions to UTCH must be made online at [www.vfw.org/UTCH](http://www.vfw.org/UTCH), or via check made out to VFW Foundation, designating UTCH in a cover letter or the memo portion of the check.

- b) Volunteer hours must address food insecurity in your community. Volunteer activities may include but are not limited to: serving meals at a homeless shelter, conducting a food drive, packing/sorting food at a food pantry, etc.
2. A Post and its Auxiliary may each apply for a UTCH grant, but donations and volunteer hours will only count toward one request. If a joint request is submitted, grant funds will be split evenly between the Post and Auxiliary.
  3. Volunteer hours and financial contributions to UTCH may be combined in the grant application. For example, VFW Post/Auxiliary donates \$500 to UTCH and documents 500 volunteer hours served at a local soup kitchen. They are eligible for a \$1,000 grant to be split evenly between the Post and its Auxiliary.
  4. The grant that the Post or Auxiliary receives from the Foundation may be utilized by the Post or Auxiliary for any purpose, so long as it is in accordance with VFW or Auxiliary by-laws. The maximum amount for a grant back to the Post or Auxiliary is \$5,000.
  5. This is a retroactive grant; applicants will submit their requests after their projects have been completed. VFW Posts and Auxiliaries must document financial contributions and volunteer hours; for example, a copy of the VFW Foundation receipt for the UTCH grant, photos or screenshots of qualifying volunteer event, etc. The exact donation amount and number of volunteer hours must be specified on any such documentation. Supporting documentation must be provided at the time of submission.
  6. The VFW Foundation reserves the right to make changes to the application procedure at any time. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Jason Couch at 816-968-1174 or at [jcouch@vfw.org](mailto:jcouch@vfw.org).

Thanks,

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## UNITING TO COMBAT HUNGER GRANT 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

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

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

### UTCH GRANT GUIDELINES

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

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

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

Post or Auxiliary Number

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

Please provide the address of your Post home:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Post Phone Number

Grant Contact Person Name

Grant Contact Person Position (Member or Officer Position)

Contact Personal Phone Number

Email

Post Commander's Name

Personal Phone Number

Email Address

Post Quartermaster's Name

Personal Phone Number

Email Address

Amount of Donation to Uniting To Combat Hunger

Volunteer hours completed

Corporate Supporter

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

Corporate Supporter

Supporter Contact Person Name and Position

Supporter Phone Number

Supporter Email

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

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

Signature of Post Quartermaster   Date Signed

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

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## News from the Prescott VA Medical Center

There is no new news from the Prescott VA

## News from the Tucson VA Medical Center

Here are ways that Districts 5 and 7 can support the Southern Arizona VA Medical Center.

### Fisher House

The Tucson Fisher House is celebrating 5 years of serving veteran families! The Fisher House is open and ready to welcome veteran family members and we need you to spread the word.

#### Current Needs -

- Slipper Socks
- Chap Stick
- Individual travel size hand lotion (NOT soap, shampoo, etc)...just hand lotion

### VA Homeless Program

The Homeless Program will take all of your collection of hotel hygiene items (soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, coffee condiment packets)

### CLC

Thank you for all your support! The garden is thriving and the canopy is much appreciated.

#### Current Needs -

- Gift Cards for Garden/Bird supplies (Walmart, Lowe's, Home Depot)
- Ladies Blouses – all sizes, clean and gently used. Female patients are tired of wearing tee shirts.
- Diabetic Socks
- Mechanical Animals i.e. Stuffed Bunny found on Amazon – these are used to soothe dementia patients

### Hospice in Patient Unit

Patriotic pillow cases – The Hospice unit wants to make the end of life experience more “home” like and comfortable by giving each patient a patriotic pillowcase. The pillow cases will then be offered to the family of the veteran. Please make them standard pillow size.

### Blind Rehab Unit

The Blind Rehab Unit is currently averaging 20 veteran patients. They are using bingo as an activity and are looking for bingo prizes – canteen books, water bottles, fun prizes.

#### Other Current Needs -

- Trivia Games
- White Tee Shirts Sizes Med to 4X to tie dye
- Paper Plates / Plastic Utensils
- Bike Helmets – Adult Size Large

### **Patriot Pantry**

**Current Needs:** Grocery Gift Cards, Canned Goods

**Special Holiday Request** – 200 Holiday Gift Bags no larger than 9” X 11”  
As soon as I get the Christmas Gift List, I’ll get it out to all the Auxiliaries in Districts 5 and 7. The deadline for Christmas gift items is December 18 so the staff can coordinate and distribute.

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

Kim Sloan, VAVS Representative

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### **MAKING A DONATION**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

### **HOW TO MAKE A MATERIAL DONATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Pattern on file in VAVS office\*\*\*

### Comfort Items

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

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

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

## Pattern on file in VAVS office\*\*\*

### Recreation

Tickets for entertainment & sporting events  
Pencils  
Playing cards  
Golf equipment

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

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

### Holiday Gifts – (Will begin accepting in November)

Baseball Hats  
Gloves  
Back Scratchers  
Watches

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

Note Pads  
Gift Cards

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U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health  
Administration

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)

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

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

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MATERIAL DONATIONS**

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

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

Date This Form Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Value of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity Donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Items Donated: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable)  
Credit to Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – if Applicable)

**DONOR INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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VAVS Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable)

**ITEM DONATED FOR**

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

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

SAVAHCS 678-2-135 FY21



**Program Activity Reports**

**Melody Judd**

[melodyfaye@frontier.com](mailto:melodyfaye@frontier.com)

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

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

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

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The banner features a white puzzle piece background with a red border. The word "RETENTION" is repeated in gold letters along the top, bottom, and sides of the border.

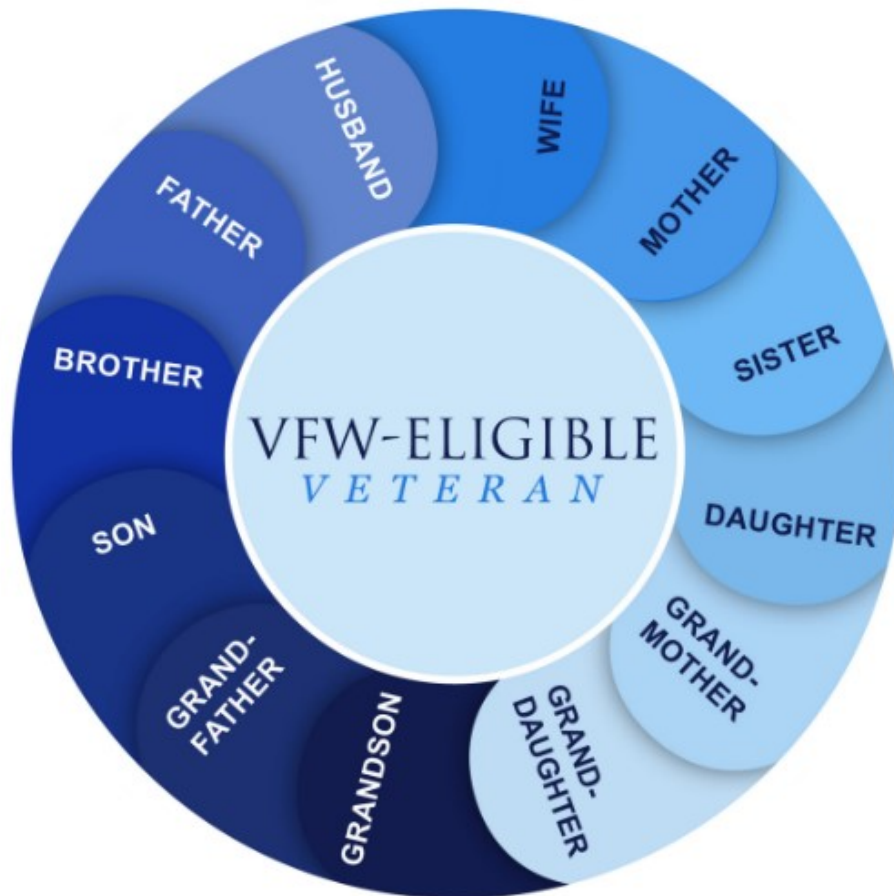
**5 NEW OR REJOIN MEMBERS**  
*Department President's Pin*

A cartoon illustration of a grey and white tabby cat sitting and looking forward. It has a red heart with "21-22" on its chest. Below the cat is a blue banner with the text "PurrFECTING CARE FOR OUR VETERANS".

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

The VFW Arizona Recruiter Pin and Rocker. It features a gold Maltese cross with a blue center containing the VFW logo. The word "ARIZONA" is on a red banner above the cross, and "RECRUITER" is on a red banner below it. The years "2021-2022" are on a red banner at the bottom. The pin is attached to a gold chain with three links.

# 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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# Veterans of Foreign Wars



Western Conference  
November 4-7, 2021  
Sparks, Nevada

Hosted by VFW Silver State Post 3396 and its Auxiliary

## The Nugget Casino Resort is the Conference Hotel

Nugget Casino Resort  
1100 Nugget Avenue  
Sparks, NV 89431

- Call the **NUGGET CASINO RESORT** directly at **1-800-648-1177** TO RESERVE YOUR ACCOMMODATION
- Room Reservations Code: **GVPW21**
- **CUTOFF DATE:** Reservations will be accepted at the group rate until **Friday, October 22, 2021**. After this date, any unreserved rooms will be released into the general hotel inventory for resale.
- **Resort Tower Single - Double**
  - Thursday 11/4/2021: \$49.00
  - Friday 11/5/2021: \$89.00 Saturday 11/6/2021: \$89.00
  - Sunday 11/7/2021: \$49.00
- **RATE:** The above rates are per guest room, per night, single or double occupancy, plus applicable taxes; currently 13.5% occupancy and \$2.00 tourism surcharge. Taxes subject to change without notice. Additional persons will be charged at a rate of \$10.00 per person, per night, with a maximum of four (4) persons per guest room.
- **RESORT FEE:** A daily resort fee of \$15.00 per room, plus room tax of 13.5% (tax is subject to change), will be charged in addition to the room rates set forth above. This fee includes: wireless internet, two bottles of water, fitness center and pool, airport shuttle, plus valet and self-parking.
- **Complimentary ground transportation from the Reno/Tahoe International Airport (RNO) to the Nugget Casino Resort.**



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Registration Fee: \$145.00 per person

Registration covers all meals (Saturday), coffee and drinks (Friday & Saturday), Reception (Friday Night), and access to Hospitality Rooms

Please register online at:

[vfw-western-conference-2021-tickets-124732396957](https://vfw-western-conference-2021-tickets-124732396957)

If you are unable to register online, please use this **REGISTRATION FORM:**

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Aux#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration: 1 form per person      Fee: \$145.00 per person**

Enclosed is check # \_\_\_\_\_. Please make checks payable to VFW Silver State Post 3396, P O Box 3659, Sparks Nevada 89432; Memo line add: Western Conference 2021

Credit Card Information (or pay online): Type: (circle) Visa / Mastercard / Discover / AMEX

Name (as it appears on the card): \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address for card: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Expires: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## THINGS TO DO WHILE IN SPARKS!

- **Victorian Square:** The Nugget Casino Resort is surrounded by shopping, restaurants, brew pubs, and with historic points of interests.
  - **Sparks Heritage Museum & Cultural Center:** Admission is \$5.00 (located blocks from Nugget Casino)
  - **Engine 8 winery:** Sparks will have a commemorative wine bottles with a logo for the 2021 VFW & Auxiliary Western Conference. Engine 8 Winery will have our logo wine and other selections available for tasting and purchase. They are located just across the street from Nugget Casino Resort. (Details TBD)
  - **Mari Chuy's Mexican Kitchen:** Providing Kitchen-style Mexican dining
  - **Packs and Pints:** Bar, Beer Store, Liquor Store, and Wine Shop has offered a 50-seat area available for our registered guests.
- **The Sparks Marina:** A 10-acre lake with wading trails and Nevada Memorial Plaza honoring our Nevada War Dead.
- **Nugget Casino Resort Opportunity:**
  - Potential Slot Tournament for all Guests on Thursday
  - BINGO – Open FRIDAY - TUESDAY  
SESSIONS AT 10AM, 12PM, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM plus FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS AT 8PM
    - The Nugget Casino Resort offers five sessions of bingo Friday-Tuesday starting at 10am plus an additional 8pm session Friday & Saturday. The 150-seat Bingo Hall, located on the main casino level, features promotions like Cash Balls at every session, Progressive Coveralls, and chances to win free bingo. All this makes the Bingo Hall at the Nugget the place to be for all your bingo action! We offer paper packs and electronic-play stations.

## RENO-TAHOE

- **The National Automobile Museum** is in Reno, Nevada. Has over 200 vintage automobiles, most vehicles displayed are from the collection of William F. Harrah. They are offering a special rate for VFW & Auxiliary Members. (Price: \$8.00)
- **LAKE TAHOE** is 45 minutes away amidst some of the world's most majestic mountain scenery and where winter skiing at is at its best.
- **VIRGINIA CITY** is less than 30 minutes is where you can experience first-hand, the "Old West."



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## AGENDA – (TENTATIVE)

<b>Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	1:00pm-4:00pm	Registration
<b>Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	10:00am-3:00pm	Registration
	8:00am-3:00pm	Free Time
	3:00pm-4:00pm	Reception
	4:00pm-6:00pm	Joint Opening
	6:00pm-10:00pm	Hospitality Room
<b>Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	8:00am-3:00pm	Registration
	9:00am-12:00pm	VFW & Aux Business sessions
	12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch Break
	1:30pm-4:00pm	VFW & Aux Business sessions
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Banquet No-Host Cocktails
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Banquet Program
	9:00pm-11:00pm	Hospitality Room
<b>Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Travel day	
	Visit the sights around Lake Tahoe on your own	

On behalf of VFW Silver State Post 3396 and its Auxiliary we wish you safe travels and Thank you for visiting our city.



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## 2021 VFW WESTERN CONFERENCE BOOK

### AD FORM

Please fill out order form for each Advertisement

SEND COMPLETED AD-FORM, COPY OF AD & PAYMENT TO:

VFW Silver State Post 3396

Attn: 2021 VFW Western Conference Ad

P O Box 3659

Sparks Nevada 89432

Make Checks payable to VFW Silver State Post 3396

ITEM	QTY	PRICE B/W	PRICE COLOR	TOTAL PRICE
FULL PAGE		\$85.00	\$95.00	
HALF PAGE		\$60.00	\$70.00	
BUISNESS CARD SIZE		\$30.00	\$35.00	
QUARTER PAGE		\$30.00	\$35.00	
FULL PAGE COLOR, INSIDE FRONT COVER			\$160.00	
FULL PAGE COLOR, INSIDE BACK COVER			\$160.00	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ POST #: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**AD SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2021**



# **VETERANS DAY**

## **REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION**

**VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE**

will conduct a

**Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony**

**Nov 11, 2021**

**11:00 AM**

**Veterans Memorial Park**

**Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall**

**325 W. White Mountain Blvd. Lakeside, AZ 85929**

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

# VFW AUXILIARY POST 10385 NICKEL AUCTION

FOOD

RAFFLES

**NOVEMBER 13, 2021  
VFW POST 10385  
3481 W. 8TH STREET  
THATCHER, ARIZONA**



**OPENS 9:30 A.M.  
AUCTIONS STARTS AT 2:30 P.M.**

SILENT AUCTION

DOOR PRIZES

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VFW RANGER'S  
NOVEMBER 20, 2021

# POKER RUN/RIDE & STEAK DINNER

## POKER

STARTS & FINISH AT  
VFW POST 10254  
10111 S. SASABE HWY, TUCSON

HAND IS \$25      EXTRA \$10

BIKES IN 9AM & OUT BY 10AM  
HORSES IN 10AM OUT BY 11 AM

LAST RIDER IN BY 4PM

RAFFLE &  
SILENT  
AUCTION

## DINNER

STEAK DINNER \$15  
8 OZ STEAK, POTATO, CORN,  
SALAD AND DESERT

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

RESERVE/PAY YOURS NOW AT  
VFW POST 10254 OR ON OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 520-471-3172

FACEBOOK @: VFW RANGERS

[www.vfwpost10254.com](http://www.vfwpost10254.com)



# VFW AUXILIARY 3632 TEMPE AZ

## 2021 BOXES FOR THE TROOPS EVENT



*Now- til our November 20<sup>th</sup> Packing Party*

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

Goal: Send 100 Boxes to our troops overseas.

### How Can We Help?

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

Shipping cost will be around \$2000

or

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

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

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

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

**Boxes will be packed at Packing Party**

**Nov 20, 2021 1-4pm @ AL Post 2**

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

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

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

so we can bless them with a box from home.

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# 98<sup>th</sup> AVIATION BRIGADE FAMILY DAY



**December 5, 2021**

**10:00am – 2:00pm**

**Papago**

**5636 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85088**

## Activities

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

***Lunch will be provided***

## Community Partners

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



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
POST 3584  
SUPERIOR ARIZONA

# TRIBUTE TO VETERANS HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI DINNER & SHOW

Sunday, Dec. 5th 6-9pm

\$10 per person

VFW • Main Street • Superior

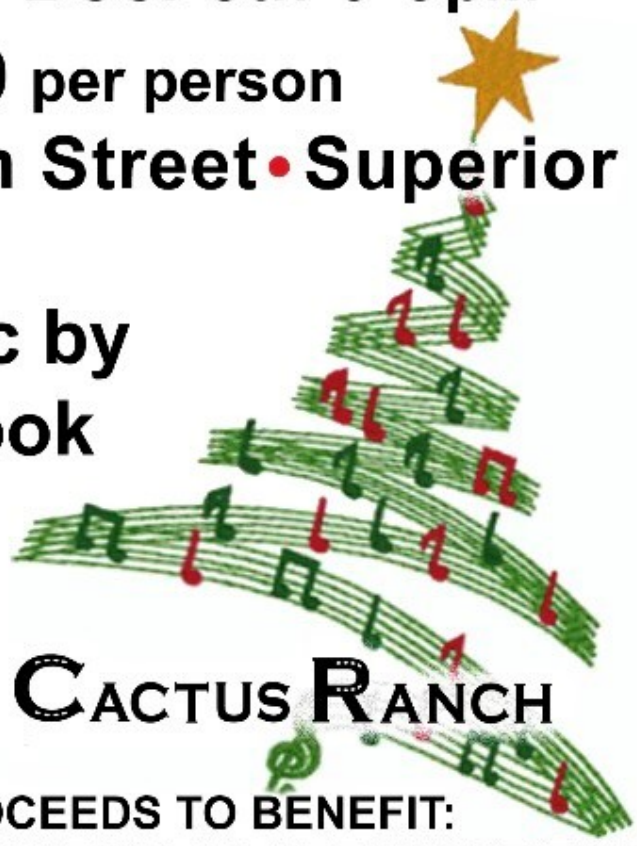
Live Music by  
Bobby Cook

Sponsored by:

**COPPER CACTUS RANCH**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:  
VFW POST 3584 BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

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



**Come and Meet National**

**VFW Auxiliary President Jean Hamil**

Saturday December 11, 2021

Heard Museum 10:30 a.m.

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

**Aisle of Flags**

**4:15**

**All Districts and Auxiliaries**

**Line Up at 4:00**

Reception and Dinner

Saturday December 11, 2021

No Host Reception 4:30

Dinner 5:30

VFW Post 9399

133 N. Saguaro Dr. Apache Junction

Pork Chops, Roasted Potatoes,

Vegetables, Salad, Roll, Dessert

\$20

See instructions below for  
reservations.

Reservation Deadline December 4th

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

800 N. 44<sup>th</sup> St. Phoenix

602.267.0404

Room Rate \$109 plus tax

Code – VFW Auxiliary

**RECEPTION AND DINNER RESERVATION**

**DEADLINE DECEMBER 4**

No. of Dinner Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchasing for Post or Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_

Who will pick up tickets? \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form with check **payable to VFW Auxiliary 9399** to  
Debi Rankin, PO Box 5003, Apache Junction, AZ 85178

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**PEARL HARBOR**

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*Remembrance Day*  
7 December

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**11:00 AM**

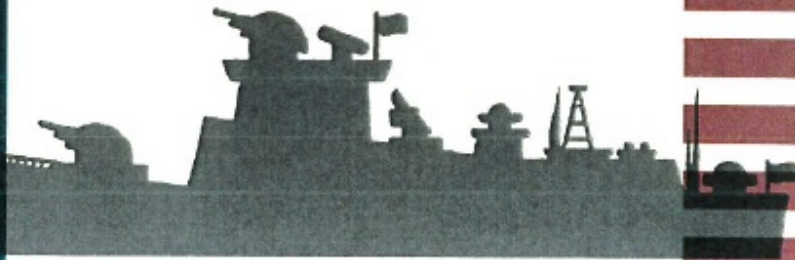
at the

**Veterans Memorial Park**

**Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall**

**325 W. White Mountain Blvd.**

**Lakeside, AZ 85929**



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



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

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

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

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

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**Dinner Ticket Order Form**

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

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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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## JEANNE HAMPTON

Dept. Arizona Guard 2022-2023

### MY HERO-MY VETERAN

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

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

### CONTACT

PHONE:  
602.540.7727

EMAIL:  
JeanneRHampton@gmail.com

### WHAT'S YOUR WHY?

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

### VFW AUXILIARY EXPERIENCE

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

### GOALS

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

### SKILLS

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

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



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

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

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

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



As a member of the VFW Auxiliary

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

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

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

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

Have a Great Day!

Toni Johnson  
520-471-3172

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

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*Kim Sloan*

### *Candidate for Department Treasurer 2022-2023*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **VFW Auxiliary History:**

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

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

#### **Career History:**

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

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

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

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

Kim Sloan  
520.307.7940  
Email: [auxvfwarizona@msn.com](mailto:auxvfwarizona@msn.com)

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



### Department President's Shirt 2022-2023

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

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

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

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

Totals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post / Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed form with payment to:

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

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

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