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President Janae's Message

I enjoyed seeing everyone at Fall Conference in Show Low. I again want to thank Mary Sanchez, our National District 15 Council Member, as she took the time to drive from New Mexico to spend time with us.

As we get ready for the Holiday Season, make sure you don't forget those who may not have family close by. Check for those

in Assisted Living and do not forget the VA. Even a small item makes a difference for them.

We are getting ready for Jean Hamil, our National President's visit December 10-12th in Phoenix. More information will be put out at a later date.

Due notices have been sent out to Annual members. If you haven't seen a member at a meeting or an event, please give them a call and check on them. Ask the question is there anything you can do for them.

The next round of District meetings is starting back up. I encourage each member to attend your district meeting where information is provided to you regarding our programs.

Mentoring Moment:

Now that we are getting back to meeting in person, remember the bible stays close until the opening prayer by the chaplain. For the Opening Prayer, the Conductress/Conductor and Patriotic Instructor go to the altar with the Chaplain. After the Closing Prayer is when the Chaplain closes the bible at this time only the Conductress/Conductor goes to the altar with the Chaplain.

Department Announcements

- The National President's visit will be December 11th and Department Winter Conference will be Jan 8th and 9th of 2022 in Phoenix. More information will be coming out soon.



- District 2 meeting on Oct 16th is being moved to Post 1704 in Flagstaff.
- District 10 meeting on October 17th is being moved to Post 3584 in Superior.
- District 5 meeting on Oct 23rd is being moved to Post 5990 in Marana.



National News

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

VFW National Home for Children

The September issue of Home Notes has been emailed out.



<https://vfwauxaz.org/uploads/documents/HomeNotesSeptember2021.pdf>

National Videos

[Membership: Retention & Recruitment is Every Member's Responsibility](#)



[VFW: Commander in Chief Mihelcic's Video on the Significance of the Recruiting Pins](#)

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

- [Media: How to Create a Facebook page for your Auxiliary](#)
- [Hospital: Honors Escort Program & National Suicide Prevention Month](#)
- [Scholarship: Time to get Excited for Scholarships!](#)
- [Youth: What Do Children Like To Do?](#)
- [Veterans & Family Support: VA Claims and Separation Benefits](#)
- [Americanism: You've Been Appointed Patriotic Instructor. Now What?](#)



Department Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sloan

Couple of questions that came up during Fall Conference and some ongoing issues –

- Look to the Bylaws and Ritual Podium Book Pages 6-11 for guide to determine VFW eligibility but remember that you may need to work a little

harder to help applicants that don't have that specific documentation.

- See Sec. 810A which states – The Auxiliary President shall countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer.
- See Booklet of Instructions Page 22 Item 2 at the top of the page – which states – All checks must be countersigned by the President. Treasurer must not sign blank checks, nor shall President countersign blank checks.
- District Presidents – Please review the District Presidents' Training material that you were given at the beginning of the year for the appropriate items to announce at Council Meetings.
- Auxiliary and District Presidents – there is a specific process that must be followed prior to cancelling or surrendering an Auxiliary charter. Please contact someone at Department before you even bring it up to the Auxiliary.
- Audits for the 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) are to be completed in time to be approved by the Auxiliary and sent to me by the end of November.
- The Department is in need of a volunteer with a big heart and willingness to give their time to hospitalized veterans – We need a VAVS Representative and Deputies for the Prescott VA. If that's something you'd be interested in or know someone who would be the perfect fit, just give me a call.

Please call me if you have any questions!

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Happenings at the Districts

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

District 2

Aux 7400 (Cottonwood):

- Oct 21-22-23rd- Rummage Sale



- Oct 31st - Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Every Sunday snacks provided for Bingo players

Aux 10227 (Prescott Valley):

- Oct 15th - Friday night dinner - Italian style
- Nov 5-6th - Distribute poppies
- Dec 7th - Battle Buddies Breakfast

Aux 12128 (Williams):

- Oct 30th - Participating in annual Community Craft Show
- 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 285 (Surprise):

- Oct 2nd - Auxiliary attending a Legislative event for the renaming of Surprise Post Office
- Oct 14th - Goodbye event for Emilie Newman

Aux 1433 (Glendale):

- Oct 9th - Glendale Stand Up For Veterans (see flyer below) - 8 am - 1 pm
- 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):

- Oct 30th - Participating in Buckeye Halloween Carnival at 5 pm
- 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 5th - Family Day at the Phoenix National Guard Armory from 10 am - 2 pm (see flyer below) In addition to Phoenix, we are expecting Marana’s Platoon and Brigade.

Auxiliary 720 (Maricopa):

- Every Friday Jack of Hearts Drawing at 6 pm.
- First Fridays resume September 3rd with food trucks at 5pm and our first comedy show starting at 7 pm.
- Monthly Auxiliary meeting is the first Saturday of each month at 12 pm.
- Sunday brunch 11 am-2 pm each week.
- Taco Tuesday featuring Navajo Tacos 2-8 pm each week.

- Wednesdays are Poker & Darts League Night – serving Pot Roast.
- October 9th - Liz Wolfenbarger's Good Bye Party at 4 pm. We would love plenty of warm bodies and helping hands at this event to send off one of the most dedicated members in the history of Auxiliary Post 720. Liz will be moving back east to move in with her daughter Jill. Let's show her our love and appreciation for all she has done!
- November 5th - Comedy Night at 7 pm

Auxiliary 1760 (Mesa):

- Oct 2 - Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Operation VA Golf Cart Car Wash
- 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.
- Oct 1 – Dining Room Fall Dinner hosted by Auxiliary – Chicken Fried Steak
- 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 11th 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):

- October 16th at 1 pm will be Weezie's Celebration of Life at the Post. A lunch will be served and all are invited to give our Weezie a proper send off. (see flyer below)
- October 30th we will be participating in a trunk-or-treat for our cub scout pack. Preparations begin at 3:30 pm. In addition, there will be a Halloween costume party at approximately 6 pm.
- November 11th we will have a flag raising commemorating Veterans Day at noon followed by an Open House.

- November 13th 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):

- Oct 2nd - Attending Gold Star Parent's Dinner at Silver Saddle Restaurant at 2 pm.
- Oct 16th - Paddle auction starting at 2 pm (see flyer below)
- Oct 23rd - Children's Halloween Party from 1-3 pm
- Dec 19th - Children's Christmas Party from 1-3 pm

Auxiliary 5990 (Marana):

- Oct 2nd - Attending Gold Star Parent's Dinner at Silver Saddle Restaurant at 2 pm.
- Oct 9th - Brunch and Learn at Post at 10:30 am
- Oct 16th - Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner at 4 pm
- Oct 31st - Family Walk Through of Post/Auxiliary
- Nov 20th - First Responders Thank You Giving Feast
- Dec 12th - Auxiliary dinner at 5 pm

Auxiliary 10254 (Three Points):

- Oct - Post & Auxiliary helping with Beer Gardens at the Buckelew Farms of Terror in the Corn
- 3rd Saturday in Oct - hosting a Veteran's breakfast
- Oct 31st - Co-host annual Community Trunk or Treat
- 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):

- Now - 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):

- Oct 26th - Escorting the Wall that Heals
- Oct 28th - 31st - helping with the Wall that Heals in Pinetop-Lakeside (see flyer below)
- Oct 30th - Halloween party
- 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):

- Oct 2nd - Attending Gold Star Parent's Dinner at Silver Saddle Restaurant at 2 pm.
- Oct 5th - Participating in community National Night Out at the park at 4:30 pm
- Oct 14th & 28th - Helping Post with Burger Night from 5 - 7 pm
- Oct 15th - selling desserts at Post Steak Fry from 5:30-7:30 pm
- Oct 24th - Helping Post with Birthday Breakfast from 8:30-11 am
- Nov 11th - Participating in Veterans Day parade

Auxiliary 10385 - (Thatcher):

- Oct 7 - 10th - Working the County Fair
- Oct 16th - Appreciation Banquet
- Oct 23rd - Fish or Chicken dinner with dance to follow - 5 - 10 pm (see flyer below)
- Oct 30th - Vendor Halloween
- Nov 11th - Participating in the Memorial parade.
- Nov 13th - Nickel Auction - 9:30 - 3 pm (see flyer below)

District 8

Auxiliary 404 - (Mohave Valley):

- Oct 9th - Sponsor Run to Cross
- Oct 19th - Escorting The Wall that Heals
- Oct 24th - Guarding The Wall that Heals
- 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):

- Oct 2nd - Stand down at Aquatic Center - 10 - 2 pm
- Oct 16th - Bunco & lunch 11 am
- 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):

- Oct 16th - Bit's & Piece's Sale - 9 am - 3 pm (see flyer below)
- Oct 29th - Joint dinner with comrades - 4:30 pm - 7 pm (see flyer below)
- Nov 11 - Lunch
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner
- Dec 4th - Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar

Auxiliary 10386 - (Kingman):

- Oct 2nd - Participating in Veterans Resource Fair in LHC 10 - 2 pm
- Oct 6th - Kingman area food bank - Veterans Food Distribution

Auxiliary 11014 - (Meadview):

- Oct 9th - Octoberfest with Chamber
- Oct 31st - Halloween Karaoke & Costume Party
- Nov 5th-6th - Yard Sale
- Nov 11th - Flag Retirement & Flag Raising & lunch
- Nov 27th - FFF craftshow
- Dec 7th - Flag Raising

District 10

District 10 - Oct 9th - Social dinner at Post 9399 at 4 pm

Auxiliary 1677 (Casa Grande):

- Oct 27th - Honoring Navy Day
- Oct 30th Casa Grande Festival & Halloween Party
- Nov 4 & 5th - Buddy Poppy Drive 8 am - 4 pm
- Nov 6th - Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving Dinner

Auxiliary 3584 (Superior):

- Oct 5th - National Night Out - 4 - 8 pm
- Oct 22-24th - Burro Run (see flyer below)
- Oct 31st - Trunk or Treat
- Nov 11th - Flag Retirement
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner

Auxiliary 3713 - (Coolidge):

- Oct 15th - Fish Fry - 4:30 pm
- Oct 23rd - Car & Bike Show and Bands starting at 9 am
- 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):

- Oct 11th - Flag raising at 12 pm
- Oct 12th - Cake for Navy birthday at bingo
- Oct 15th - Hosting a fundraiser for Veterans 5 9
- Oct 20th - Scout Troop 1968 will be holding a chili dinner with cornbread and cobbler at the Post
- Oct 30th - Participating in Apache Junction Trunk or Treat
- 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):

- Oct 30th - Halloween party
- Oct 28th-30th - Haunted House at the Post
- Nov 11th - Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 13th - Participating in the Apache Junction Festival
- Nov 25th - Thanksgiving dinner
- Dec 4th - Motown Band

Auxiliary 12043 - (Maricopa):

- Oct - Folding flag demonstration at school
- Nov 11th - Veterans Day Parade



**Americanism
Lynn Pierre**

Day of the Deployed, 10/26, may be the perfect time to plan those Blue, Gold and White Star events! If you are planning a get-together for these folks, do not forget to include a “Flag Exchange” on your invites or perform the 13-folds of the Flag during the event. Even table centerpieces could be utilized including our “Buddy Poppy®” and

Flags. Whatever you are doing, will be appreciated.

National Pets for Veterans Day is 10/21. It is always fun to accept collections for those pets that are trained for Veterans. There are many local organizations we can contact, i.e., American Service Animal Society. A fundraiser to help these programs could be considered, along with a presentation of some flags! These service animal programs are expensive and oh so important.

Now we are all so excited to see Halloween return. Here is our chance to not only have some fun but to really get involved with our community. How many of us have local Boo Throughs going on? A Trunk and Treat or “lightly” haunted houses? If we are doing last year’s drive through, or any of the above, we can always insert Flags, flag etiquette and Patriotism information in those give away candy bags! It is fun and gets all that valuable information out to the moms, dads, and children. Also, so especially important to take pictures of these events with all the who, what, where, why and when, and post to all our media utilizing the #auxiliarypatriotism. This works on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Speaking of our #auxiliarpatriotism posting, let us get our Patriotic Instructor to either record a live Facebook session with Flag Etiquette or the 13 Folds of the Flag. They could even use the Americanism Power Point on the National site at 2021-22 National Program Presentations. Simply do a voice-over with the presentation and you are complete. Just an idea as we pursue new and fun ways to get the word out to our communities and members regarding our continual pursuit of Auxiliary Traditions and Patriotism.

If you should have any questions or awesome ideas to share, please do not hesitate to contact me and thanks for all your super efforts to support our Veterans, Military and their Families!

Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership Reba Dermody



How do you act behind your Halloween Mask?

Are you a bully?

Is your smile genuine?

Do you think before you let the words come out of your mouth?

Do you listen to your members? I mean really listen.

THINK:

- T- is it TRUE
- H-is it HELPFUL
- I-is it INSPIRING
- N-is it NECESSARY
- K-is it KIND

The best thing that you can do is to have a healthy attitude. Find one thing about a person that you like. It might be their hair, their new clothes. Something!

Associate yourself with positive people. Do that good deed, write it down and share it at a meeting.

Be **PROUD** of yourself and your Auxiliary. Nobody likes that stick in the mud, that never smiles always has a grouchy attitude, and snaps at you for no reason. Is that the person you want at an event?

Remember what it was like when you were the new member, and everyone was staring at you, and you thought they were talking behind your back.

Remember to smile and laugh and have fun. You are the only one that can control **YOU**.

Mentoring for Leadership has a dual role. It has a **LOT** of things that go along with Membership.

Use those items in the Membership Recruitment and Retention Toolkit on the Department and National Website. Some items are:

- Membership Engagement Packet
- Membership Moments
- Matching Member Talents to Leadership Success
- Engaging Existing Members

And many more that you will be able to find on the Department and National Website.



Historian/Media Irene Norwacki

Have you created your very own Auxiliary Facebook page yet? It is very easy to do. Remember, the Auxiliary is a separate entity from the VFW. We want to be able to showcase

how we assist the VFW our Veterans and our communities!

Tips for a successful Facebook page:

- Your Facebook page should be kept up to date with fresh ideas to encourage members to follow the page and to check in often.
- Invite your members to join your Auxiliary Facebook page.
- **LIKE & SHARE!** This is how news spreads.
- Only Auxiliary business is appropriate. Politics and personal information should be omitted.
- Post photos, videos, blogs, or vlogs to let everyone know what your Auxiliary is doing.
- Share Programs with your members and the community while also providing options for participation.
- Include a link to your Auxiliary website to highlight even more details about our organization, events, Programs, and ways the community can support Veterans.

If you've never created a Facebook page, it is time to move forward and embrace this social media tool. Challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone. Use online resources for inspiration and access established Auxiliary Facebook pages to see how others promote the ways we support Veterans, service members, their families, and our communities.

How to establish a Facebook page:

- Visit the VFW Auxiliary Department website: www.vfwauxaz.org Go to Programs/Historian & Media Relations.
- Click on How to Set Up Your Auxiliary Facebook Page to locate detailed instructions.
- Follow the step-by-step process and helpful tips to create your Facebook page.

Additional assistance for managing your Auxiliary Facebook page is also included in the Historian & Media Relations resources.

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/how-to-create-a-facebook-page>

You can also read the National Ambassador's September blog on how to set up a Facebook Page at [Media: How to Create a Facebook page for your Auxiliary](#)

Membership Jeanne Hampton

Imagine, if you will, the Department of Arizona is a puzzle of forty-nine pieces, each piece representing an Auxiliary in the State. When all the pieces are joined together the puzzle becomes whole and the Department grows.



National President Jean Hamill and Ambassador Tilley have raised the bar by asking each Auxiliary to focus on the Retention of the existing VFW Auxiliary Annual Members.

How is this done - Ask. Ask the continuous Annual Auxiliary Members to pay their membership dues. They don't have to be vetted, they don't have to prove eligibility, they do not have to be voted on, they just need to remit their dues to the Auxiliary. It is that simple. They **ARE** already VFW Auxiliary Members.

How do I know where to look for the information- Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries can go into MALTA- Duties-View Members- list of unpaid/lapsed members- go to just above to the right "Print" and open the download. This will show all the Auxiliary's Unpaid Members- their phone number, email address if provided, and mailing address.

What do I do with that information- "Make a Plan". Involve your Auxiliary. Engage your Membership. Build that "Membership Team" to connect by phone, by text, by email, by letter, by posting on Social Media, by placing a flyer in the home Post. Let your Annual Members know we are in a new 2022 VFW Auxiliary year and their membership is important.

What do I include on the notice- View ["Writing an effective dues renewal letter"](#) Individualize emails and letters to the Member. Address them by name. Include their Membership Number in the body of the note. Let them know about upcoming activities and the Membership Meeting. Include a calendar- **INVITE** them back.

Make it easy to renew their dues:

- 1) By helping a member create an account in MALTA- <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/> with the member's number and a password of their choice, they can update their information, add an email address, correct a mailing address and pay their annual dues to the Auxiliary OR "Convert to Life", simply, safely on the secure VFW Auxiliary Membership portal. After paying, their new 2022 Membership card is available in the palm of their hand, through MALTA wherever they go!
- 2) Invite them to a meeting or activity the Auxiliary has upcoming- "You are welcome to stop by the Post at any time during regular business hours and pay your dues- please write on the envelope- VFW Auxiliary Membership dues for Name and Membership #". There is no waiting! As soon as it is available to the Treasurer, it will be added into MALTA and the 2022 Membership Year begins!
- 3) Dues payment by Mail- offer the option for the Annual Member to send their 2022 VFW Auxiliary dues amount by mail to VFW Auxiliary with the full mailing address of the Auxiliary. Ask them to please write on their check their name as it appears on their membership card and their membership number to make certain it is properly credited to them.

Most importantly, as President, Treasurer, Secretary- call that member and follow up. Let them know their dues have been received and their membership shows as current on the roster. It takes nothing to build their confidence that

the member matters by dropping them a Thank You Note, including a calendar, invite them to come to a meeting, write a personal note of appreciation. Bring your Chaplain in and ask if they would be part of the Auxiliary Membership Team.

Ideas to Inspire-

- It is not too late to contact your Annual Members and offer an incentive to pay their Annual Membership dues- "Every Annual Member who pays by *date* will be included in a drawing for a Life Membership to the VFW Auxiliary." Add this information to a flyer, place it on Social Media.
- View the Unpaid Annual Members for their date of birth- If it is known the Annual Member is 80 years or older, they may not be receiving their mail- contact them by phone- ask if they are receiving their VFW Auxiliary Magazine (they have pride reading about the VFW Auxiliary and learning how we continue to help through Veterans Programs). Consider asking the Auxiliary to award these Annual with a Life Membership. Hold a special meal or luncheon and invite them to attend, with their Caregiver. Recognize the members.
- If you learn an Annual Auxiliary Member is struggling to pay their dues, it is not too soon to start considering Auxiliary Angels and/or Pay it Forward for your super volunteers or outstanding go-getter Programs' Chairmen.
- On the same note, don't neglect to recognize the Life Members to the VFW Auxiliary. "For every Life Member that pays their Health & Happiness or Cancer Aid and Research, consider holding a drawing for a Life Membership to the VFW National Home for Children."
- Consider Membership number of years pins and recognize your Life Members.

Connect with your Members

Your Annual VFW Auxiliary Members are already a piece of the Auxiliary Puzzle. Without them, we are not as strong.

If you would like to have a conversation about reaching out to your membership, please call. My phone is always on, my inbox is always open. I would be here to help you complete the puzzle.

AS this writing, the Department of Arizona is **ROCKING** New and Rejoin Members! We are well into our 2nd Quarterly Gain Goal! Thank you, Auxiliaries!!!!

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WORKING TOGETHER TO GROW OUR ORGANIZATIONS

RECRUITING FOR THE AUXILIARY

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS

1. **Cardinal Puzzle Pin and a citation** to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits **five (5) new and/ or rejoined members** to the VFW Auxiliary from **July 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022**.

No FORM REQUIRED for Auxiliary members

2. **National Membership Achievement Award** to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits **twenty (20) new and/or rejoined members** to the VFW Auxiliary from **July 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022**.

No FORM REQUIRED for Auxiliary members

3. **Soaring Above and Beyond Award** to one Auxiliary member who recruits the most **new and/or rejoined members** from **July 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022**. The award will feature the member's name alongside the name of an honored veteran. **No FORM REQUIRED**

* Official form is **ONLY** required for VFW members who recruit for the Auxiliary and is available at: vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Due to National Headquarters by June 10, 2022.

BUT
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS



RECRUITING FOR THE VFW

That is right !!

Auxiliary members who recruit for the VFW can now receive recruiting pins, coins and certificates

NOW ANNOUNCING

from the desk of our National CiC

Fritz Mihelcic

You can earn a different pin for recruiting

5, 10 & 15 VFW members

&

a Coin and Certificate for 25 +

Please see accompanying flyer

To earn these recruitment pins and coin you must track each VFW member you recruit and send the information into your VFW State Adjutant or AQ

We are requesting that you use our Recruiting form and mark on top for VFW (see example)



Scholarships Janice Robertson

Deadlines are coming quickly for the VFW **Voice of Democracy Scholarship** and the **Patriots Pen Essay Contest**. Make sure you

get your entries by the 31st of October. Judge them in your posts and get them sent to District Commanders by November 15th so the District Commanders can complete their judging and get them sent to Department by December 15th, so then our entry from the state can go to National.

- **VFW Auxiliary National Continuing Educational Grant** open to all VFW Auxiliary members (who have been a member of at least a year), their spouse, son, or daughter due by February 15th, 2022. It is an essay of 300 words or less describing their commitment to their goal and how this grant will help in their obtaining this goal and answer all questions on the application
- **Young American Creative Patriotic Arts Contest** - Grades 9th thru 12th - 2- or 3-dimensional art and a typed explanation of the entry (250 words or less) Due March 31st, 2022
- **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Escrow Fund** - Help increase the money we have on hand to recognize more students. Come up with ideas for fundraising or send a personal donation or one from

your Auxiliary and send it to National Headquarters earmarked Patriotic Art Fund.

- **Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant** – Current member of an Arizona Auxiliary and must be 18 years or older. Essay of not more than 300 words on how this grant will help you attain your goals and answer questions on the application. This is due to me by April 1, 2022.

- **VFW Auxiliary Merit Scholarship** –

Eligibility - Graduating high school senior class of 2022, a resident of Arizona, son or daughter, brother or sister, grandson or granddaughter of a VFW Auxiliary member in good standing within or outside of Arizona.

Requirements - Transcripts for grades 9-current grade 12, documentation to support extra-curricular activities, description of church activities, description of community service, description of employment, copy of college or vocational school letter of recommendations, and a biography about you and your goals and what your relationship you are to the member of the VFW Auxiliary All this in a binder with sheet protectors sent to me before April 1st2022.

We can do this!

Legislative Connie Hargreaves

Legislation, Legislation,
Legislation.....

**"Don't Just Read the Headlines,
Read the Article"!!**



Why is it important? It is the way to ensure our Veterans are not forgotten. It is the means to ensure the health of our military personnel and their families as well as the veterans and their families once they leave service.

Before COVID hit, we were headed in a great direction. The VFW and its Auxiliary advocated for Agent Orange legislation and it passed; widow's benefits passed; and started work on the Atlas Programs in communities to make health care available so that our Veterans did not have to travel hundreds of miles to receive care. Education, suicide prevention, jobs, and education benefited from our advocacy.

We need to use our voices to speak for our Veterans and their Families so they receive the benefits they deserve.

How do we do this? We educate our members and the public.

- Action Corp Weekly - this grassroots movement comes to your email on Monday mornings and lets you know what the VFW is working on at the National Level. In the August 23rd issue, it informed us about Veterans Mental Health Resources; Which Veterans May be Eligible for Education Benefits refunds; and in past issues they call for action alerts, where you click a button, and they send letters out to your representatives in

regards to a bill being voted on that would affect Veteran benefits.

- VFW Priority Goals brochure should be posted on your bulletin board - place them with other magazines and materials for your members to see. Talk to members about the VFW Priority Goals in your meeting, encourage your VFW to educate their members in meetings as well. Not only does this brochure let your Veterans and Families know what the VFW advocates for in Washington, but it also shows we care and work to take care of our Veterans.
- Place voting registration forms out and make sure your veterans and community register and get out to vote.
- Post and encourage your members and community to attend Meet and Greets with candidates and Get to know your Candidates. If you don't like what is happening in politics and want a change things, the best way is to vote for candidates who have the same ideals as you.
- Educate your Post/Auxiliary and your Community on legislation on the importance of being informed and involved.

The Veteran of Foreign Wars was originally formed to advocate for benefits for our Veterans and their Families, as Congress started listening and providing benefits for our Veterans, our current programs grew out of that advocacy. We not only help our Post Members and their Families, but we help our Communities, our State, and our Nations' Veterans in providing health benefits, education, employment, and transition assistance when we use the tools available to advocate for them.

I have not received any Program reports from any Auxiliaries. Have you had a Flag Raising, did you hand out the Priority Goals, did you set out an Action Corp Weekly sign-up sheet, or did you hand out water at an event? You can place a sticker "Vote with a Veteran in Mind" on the water bottle, or put a sticker on the birthday card envelopes you send out. Work with your "Buddy" Poppy drives by handing out a bottle of water with the Voting sticker and a Poppy attached.

I'm hoping that I'll start seeing Project Report forms soon! Remember, in March, primaries are starting, and candidates have already hit the road campaigning from Local to National level. Let's get our Priority Goals out to the candidates and community at candidate events.



Auxiliary Community Outreach Bambi Johnson

In 2019, the United States Senate passed a resolution designating October 28th as National First Responders Day. This day recognizes the heroic men and women who make it their business to take immediate action when disaster strikes. Not sure what a first responder does? Just think about 9/11 for a moment.

Firefighters, police, paramedics, and more — rushing into Lower Manhattan. The resolution honors the firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and all those who are first on the scene in stressful situations. Whether you've had your own emergency or not, it isn't hard to understand and

appreciate the dangerous and difficult work they do.

Did You Know There Are Over 25,300,000 First Responders in the U.S.?

The rate of PTSD and depression for police and firefighters is five times higher than the civilian population. Exposure to trauma, horrific accidents and shootings are leading to mental health struggles that often get untreated. Many Fire and Police Departments are adding Mental Health First Aid training to their programs to assist personnel in their interactions with the public. Now they are also utilizing this training to help each other with their personal stress. The National Council for Mental Well-being has courses for first responders and citizens to help identify and deal with Mental Health. For more information on how to take a course or how to sponsor a class for first responder visit <https://thankyoufirstresponder.org/our-programs/mental-health-first-aid-program>

Your community could turn Blue for a whole week:
Sunday October 24th thru Saturday October 30th!

Consider purchasing blue light bulbs to hand out in your community to arrange a week long community show of support for your police, fire and rescue, and emergency medical responders. One good source of blue light bulbs is <https://bulbcenter.com/collections/colored-incandescent-bulbs> which has 24 60w bulbs for \$32.99. Another inexpensive way to show support is to distribute and encourage citizens to tie a blue ribbon to trees.

Imagine how your first responders will feel driving through an area lit in blue at night and with blue ribbons rippling in the breeze during the day as they go about their lives!

A wonderful way to combine the Auxiliary Community Outreach program with Youth is to print and share this SuperHero Bear coloring page with children. When they have colored them, they can distribute them to local hospitals, fire and police stations! You can find this coloring page on our Department website at www.vfwauxaz.org click on Programs and choose Auxiliary Community Outreach and look for SuperHero Bear coloring page (near the top).

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

THANK YOU

#First Responders

You are our SuperHeros!



**Youth
Brenda Kinghorn**

What do children like to do?
Many Auxiliaries have a difficult time

conceptualizing projects for the youth of their community. It's not uncommon. Therefore, I want to challenge you to adapt activities that families, kids, grandkids, etc. enjoy, and share them with Veterans.

Activities include:

- Reading.
- Sports.
- Playing Cards.
- Puzzles.
- Listening to music.
- Fishing

Need a list of service-oriented activities? Have some suggestions ready to provide to your members:

- Yard Work.
- Picking up/delivering a few groceries.
- Dog Walking.
- Sending packages or cards to troops overseas.
- Cooking/Baking.

For the helpful ideas for each of the above activities, please see Sheila Spaulding - 2021-2022 National Youth Activities Ambassador's blog on the National Resource page vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

As parents and grandparents, we want our kids to think of others. Promoting these types of activities, where they are asked to serve Veterans, encourages our youth to make a habit of giving to and selflessly serving others...much like what our Veterans have done for us.

And remember, everyone responds well to words of praise so don't forget to recognize individual youth with a **Patriotic Youth Award** or provide groups with a **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation**.

Both can be downloaded at vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

Illustrating America – Deadline – Entries received by: Local Auxiliary – March 31st, 2022

Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue! – Deadline – Entries received by: Local Auxiliary – March 31st, 2022.

Application and rules found on vfwazaux.org - Programs, under Youth Activities.

**Buddy Poppy/National Home
Rhonda Follett**



Hello and welcome to October and the Fall Season. I hope you all are enjoying your year and I know you are working on each of the programs for Department President Kemery.

I hope you are thinking about becoming a National Home Front Hero for your

auxiliary. The National Home depends on our support as a life member of the National Home. We can also show support through the Home Front Hero Donations once a month as Auxiliaries or as an individual. You can go online to the National Home web page and it will walk you through the steps to be a HERO.

I have still only received three projects reports from the Auxiliaries for your “Buddy Poppy/National Home Project” Send them to me as you do them so I can forward them to National for a citation thanking you for your hard work. I know you have till April 15, 2022, to get these to me but I would like to see each of you with a National Citation before our Department Convention.

Be sure to support your Post by purchasing a box of Buddy Poppies through them. Please also be thinking about what your “Buddy Poppy Display” will be. The Post and Auxiliary can enter a Display or you could work together for one fantastic display. I have found this to be a wonderful way of coming together as a team in the past with my own Post.

Remember as we hold Buddy Poppy Drives to ask in the community will you “Wear a Poppy for a Veteran” This is just one small way we show support to our disabled veterans who make our “Buddy Poppy’s”

Have a great October and when you give out treats on Halloween add a Buddy Poppy and a smile.



Veterans and Family Support

Stephanie Morris

It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us. When I was working, I always considered September the start of the holiday season. There was at least one holiday each month through February. So, we are one month in. During this time do not forget our military and their families.

If you have an adopted unit, have an event for them and their families sometime during November and/or December. See if any of the families are having a hard time and purchase gifts for the children and provide a food basket or a gift card to the Commissary or a local grocery store. Remember, if you hold an event for your adopted unit you can apply for a MAP grant to help defray your food costs.

If your unit is deployed, send them holiday packages. Check with the Rear Detachment to see if they have a wish list of items those deployed would like. Also, see what you can do for the families of the deployed during the holiday season. Consider having a holiday event for them during this time. See if any families need help during this time not just financially, but with other everyday things, such as a babysitter, yard work, grocery shopping, and many other daily chores.

Let's all make this holiday season a memorable one for the military and their families.

Project Reports: I know all the auxiliaries have been working helping our veterans. But the majority of you are keeping it a secret. I have gotten very few reports on your many activities this year. Please as you get your projects done take a few minutes to write up a short report and attach a few pictures and send them to me.

Reminder: November is National Family Caregivers Month. Make plans now to recognize caregivers in your auxiliary and/or community.

Information: From the VA website: **“Help for Afghanistan Veterans and their families** This is a four-part series about Afghanistan Veterans and how they can get help through VA. The first part discusses how Veterans can reconcile their service. The second of this series focuses on how those who served in Afghanistan can learn from those who served in Vietnam. The third part of this series focuses on spouses and caregivers, who are often on the front lines of helping a Veteran deal with post traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. Finally, the last part of this series focuses on resources available for PTSD. While the series is focused on Afghanistan Veterans, option applies to all Veterans.” The series was published in August 2021. Website link: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/help-for-afghanistan-veterans-families/>

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 and 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, 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.

Thanks,

Ronald P. Williams

Ronald P. Williams, Veteran

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Veterans Channel/Strategic Alliances

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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.

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Kansas City, MO 64111 Fax 816.968.2789

foundation@vfw.org
www.vfwfoundation.org

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

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

Post or Auxiliary Number

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

Please provide the address of your Post home:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Post Phone Number

Grant Contact Person Name

Grant Contact Person Position (Member or Officer Position)

Contact Personal Phone Number

Email

Post Commander's Name

Personal Phone Number

Email Address

Post Quartermaster's Name

Personal Phone Number

Email Address

Amount of Donation to Uniting To Combat Hunger

Volunteer hours completed

Corporate Supporter

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

Corporate Supporter

Supporter Contact Person Name and Position

Supporter Phone Number

Supporter Email

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

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

Signature of Post Quartermaster  Date Signed

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

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Housing for Heroes

(520) 876-0699

Supportive Services for Veteran Families



Temporary Financial Assistance to assist with rent, utilities, security deposit, moving costs and child care



Emergency Housing and General Housing Stability Assistance



Case Management, Transportation Assistance, Job Placement and more...



Do You Qualify for Assistance?

People who have served in the United States Military with a discharge status other than dishonorable, who also:

- ✓ Are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- ✓ Meet income eligibility requirements (<50% AMI)

Pinal County Veteran Service Office:

501 N. Florence St., Suite 101

Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Phone: (520) 876-0699

Fax: (520) 876-0841

Project Coordinator: Tianna D. Cann

www.nchponline.org



HOUSING FOR HEROES



National
Community Health Partners

Hospital Melissa Martin

Most of you know from hearing from me in the past my big passion is recognizing our Women Veterans as they are still not recognized like they should

she
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It's our job to give her
the best care anywhere.



WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE



be.

They deal with so many issues especially, if they are mothers leaving their children behind when they are deployed. No one can take care of a child like their own mother but they leave their children to go and fight for our country every day. I'm sure it's not easy doing their jobs and trying not to worry about the little ones at home.

We have many Women Veterans here at home that are giving birth away from any family members that could offer them support such as child care baby showers and many other needs. Every year I ask for donations for these pregnant women but every little bit helps. I will again in the coming months be asking for all the Auxiliaries to be holding diaper drives as well as collect as many baby items and comfort items for our new mommy Veterans.

Another good idea is to call your local VA Hospital and find out what the needs are for donations for our women Veterans.

Every VA facility is committed to meeting the unique needs of women Veterans by delivering the highest quality healthcare to each woman, while offering her the privacy, dignity and sensitivity to gender specific needs that she deserves. Your local VA facility has a full time Women Veterans program manager ready to assist her in getting timely access to the healthcare she needs.

The VA offers General Healthcare, Mental Healthcare and many special programs geared for women.

For more info: www.vba.va.gov and www.womenshealth.va.gov



VAVS REPORTS

News from the Prescott VA Medical Center

There is a meeting this month to determine upcoming events.

News from the Tucson VA Medical Center

It has been decided that we will not have an in person Christmas Holiday Party again this year. But I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful items that members in Districts 5 and 7 donate to the patients. As we did last year, gift donations will be dropped off at the VA and the Staff will distribute them.

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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VA



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."



Program Activity Reports Melody Judd

melodyfaye@frontier.com

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

<https://vfwauxaz.org/uploads/documents/ProgramActivityReport-fillable.pdf> or you can use the new [PAR - Google Form](#).

Each month, the updated Monthly PAR recording sheet will be behind login on the Department webpage at www.vfwauxaz.org. Go to Login/Members Only,

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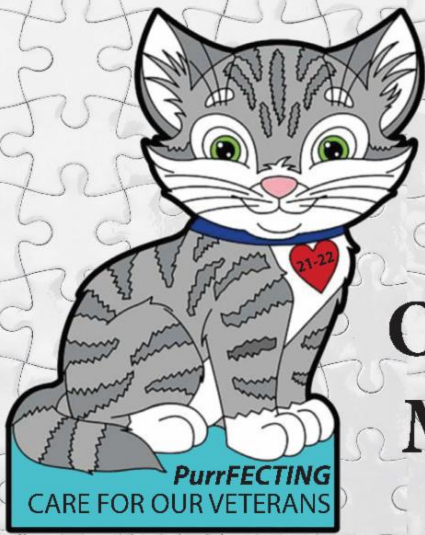
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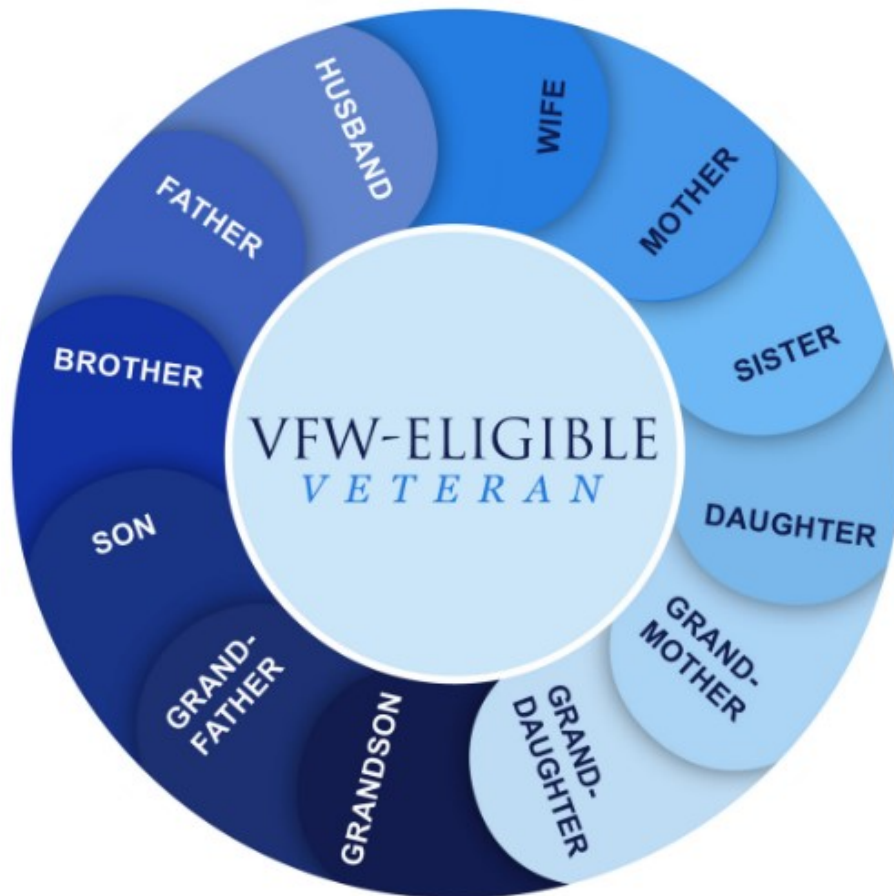


**5 NEW
OR REJOIN
MEMBERS**
Department President's Pin



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

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



**Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*

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**



8th Annual

GLENDALE

STAND UP FOR
VETERANS

ARIZONA



Saturday, October 9, 2021

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Arizona Christian University, 1 W. Firestorm Way, Glendale, AZ 85306

Opening Ceremonies: 7:45 a.m.

PARTNERING WITH *STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS*

Veterans Job Opportunities
(70+ employers ready to hire)

- ◆ MVD/Social Services ◆ Legal Issues ◆ Court Reps ◆ Attorneys ◆ Blood Drive ◆ Veterinary Services ◆ Hair Styling ◆ Lunch Provided

Many Businesses, Non-Profits & Support Agencies will be represented



Veterans, Service Organizations, Employers:
REGISTER at www.glendalestandup.org



AUXILIARY 5990 BRUNCH & LEARN OCT 9TH – 10:30AM

All Auxiliary Members Welcomed!

RSVP by 10/6/2021

VFW Auxiliary 5990 will be hosting a Brunch & Learn for all Auxiliary Members.

Come in, visit, and get to know each other as well as learn about Auxiliary Duties, Rituals, 2021-2022 Programs and more!

This will be a potluck event please consider signing up to bring an item to share:

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Tentative Agenda:

10:30= Meet & Greet

11:00= Auxiliary Overview

11:30= Program Overview

VFW Post 5990- 15850 W. EL Tiro Rd., Marana, AZ 85653

BIT'S AND PIECES'S SALE

The VFW 9833 Aux. of Dolan
Springs will be holding their 2nd Bit's and
Piece's Sale.

October 16 – 9:am – 3:pm

Bake Sale

Crafter Tables

Misc. Items Tables

Lunch 11:am – 12:pm

Donations greatly appreciated for the
Cancer Fund

Contact Patsy Jose 928 – 767 – 3663 for
available tables.

Louise "Weezie" Burrell

Celebrate Our
Wonderful Angels



Beautiful life, so full of giving ...



Saturday - October 16th - 1pm

VFW Post 9400

804 E Perdue

Phx Az 85020



Thank you Weezie,
for all your years
of dedicated service for our Veterans.



**VFW POST 549 AUXILIARY
PADDLE AUCTION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 2021
AT 2PM UNTIL ITEMS ARE GONE!**



Food will be available for \$5.00 a plate.

Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner

Auxiliary Post 5990 invites you to join us for an evening of great food, drinks and friends.

Where: VFW Post 5990
15850 W El Tiro Rd

When: October 16th, 2021

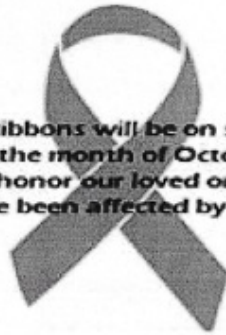
Time: 4:00 pm for fun and games



Dinner will follow from 5:00 - 6:30 pm (while supplies last)
A delicious brisket dinner will be served (\$8 donation)



Pink ribbons will be on sale for \$1
For the month of October
To honor our loved ones
Who have been affected by breast cancer



Come help us support our cause!
All funds earned will go into our Cancer Program

NAM TO SAND JAM

NEVER ABANDON ME JUST ACCEPT ME



OCTOBER 23, 2021 • REID PARK FREE CONCERT 10AM - 6PM

- Military Displays • Veteran Resources • Camaraderie
- 9 AM Pancake Breakfast • Cold Drinks • Food • Music

NAM TO SAND



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Accepting donations of non-perishable food items.



Like us on Facebook • www.NamJamTucson.org • www.VVA106.org

VALLEY WIDE VENDERS PLUS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

AND

VFW AUXILIARY TO POST 10385

3481 W. 8TH STREET

THATCHER, ARIZONA 85552

PRESENTS on **OCTOBER 23, 2021**

DINE

FISH OR CHICKEN DINNER
WITH ALL THE FIXINS

\$10.00

5:00-7:00 P.M.

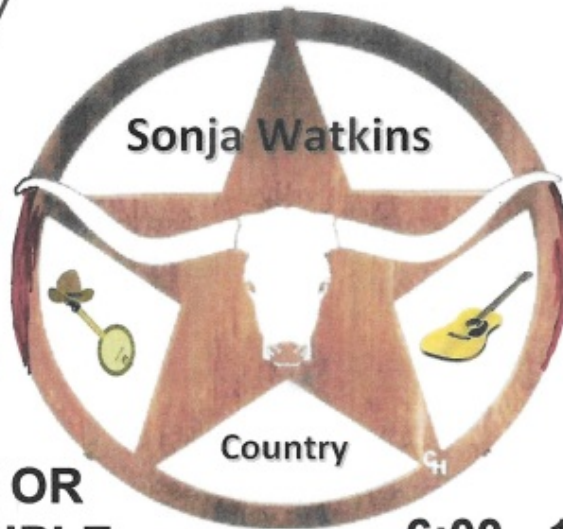


AND

COSTUME CONTEST
ADULT CONTEST
and
KIDS CONTEST
Between 2 & 4 p.m.

DANCE

OR LISTEN TO THE MUSIC
FROM



**\$5.00 EACH OR
\$8.00 COUPLE**

6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

33rd Annual
APACHE LEAP
MINING FESTIVAL

OCT. 22-24, 2021
Superior, Arizona

Burro Run
Sign up:



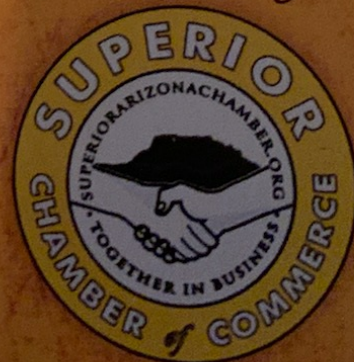
www.burro.run

From Burros to Big Rigs!
Past & Present

Mining Competition,
Carnival, Burro Poop Drop,
Vendors, Beer Garden,
Live Music and Entertainment

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COMING 2021

OCTOBER 28TH - 31ST



THE WALL THAT HEALS
VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER

A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

WILL BE IN



THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER

The Wall That Heals is a three-quarter scale traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The exhibit consists of the Wall replica and the mobile Education Center. The Wall That Heals exhibit is open to the public day and night throughout the visit.

**We hope that you will be able to join us October 28th through the 31st at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex. The full event schedule will be posted at www.PINETOPLAKESIDE.com as we get closer to the event date. If you would like to volunteer or participate, please contact :
Tony Alba at 928-368-8696 ext. 240 or at
Talba@pinetoplakesideaz.gov.**



VFW POST 9833



**JOINT DINNER
COMRADES AND AUXILIARY
working together**



**OCTOBER 29, 2021
FRIDAY**



**4:30 - 6:00 DINNER
KAROAKE with TOM**

**SALAD, (2) MANICOTTI,
GARLIC BREAD, DESSERT**



**Eat in: \$7.00 donation
Take out: \$8.00**





VFW Post 5990 Calendar & Announcements
October 2021



VFW 5990 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

- Cooties Meeting ★ Saturday 10/2, 1 PM
- House Committee ★ Thursday 10/7, 7 PM
- Comrades' Meeting ★ Thursday 10/14, 7 PM
- Auxiliary Meeting ★ Thursday 10/21, 7 PM
- Planning Committee ★ Thursday 10/28, 7 PM

Stop by the Canteen!


Open 3 – 8 PM Daily

★ OCTOBER CANTEEN SPECIAL ★
Pink Lady Cocktail \$2.50 ★ Bud & Bud Light \$2

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: Bingo Kitchen ★ \$5 Donation 6:30 PM: Hall Bingo
WEDNESDAY	5-6 PM: Taco Bar ★ \$5 Donation
THURSDAY	4-8 PM: Texas Holdem' Poker
FRIDAY	5:30 PM: Bar Bingo
SATURDAY	5-6:30 PM: Sub & Chips ★ \$5 Donation No regularly scheduled events.

BULLETIN BOARD

 <p>Canteen Announcement To keep pace with rising costs, our members have voted to increase liquor prices by 25 cents per shot. Thank you for your support!</p>	<p>Your understanding is appreciated! All meals are "while supplies last" and the food occasionally runs out before the allotted time. (We try really hard not to let that happen!)</p>
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RENT OUR HALL FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

520-682-6134 ★ VFW5990AvraValley@gmail.com

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

Roast Chicken Dinner ★ 5-6:30 PM
 Chicken & Sides ★ \$8 donation
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**

Baggo Tournament ★ \$5 per player
 Registration 3:30 PM for 4 PM Tourney
Meal Deal ★ 5 – 6:30 PM ★ \$5 Donation
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

Auxiliary Brunch & Learn Potluck
 10:30 – 12:30 ★ RSVP by 10/6

New Members Meet & Greet
 "Finger Food" Potluck ★ 4 – 6 PM
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**

Sundae Family Fun Day ★ 3 – 5 PM
 Ice Cream Social & Board Games
 \$2 Donation ★ Open to the public
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Flag Retirement Ceremony ★ 4 PM
US Navy Birthday Toast ★ 7 PM
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser
 4-7 PM ★ Brisket Dinner \$8 Donation
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Pool Tournament ★ \$6 per player
 Register at 3:30 PM for 4 PM Tourney
Meal Deal ★ 5 – 6:30 PM ★ \$5 Donation
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**
District Meeting & Luncheon ★ 10 AM

Spaghetti Dinner ★ 5 – 6:30 PM
 Salad, Bread, Dessert ★ \$5 donation
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24**

Chili & Cornbread Cookoff ★ 4:30 PM
 \$5 Entry (includes meal) ★ \$3 Meal
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26**
NATIONAL DAY OF THE DEPLOYED ★ Toast 7 PM
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
- Adult (21+) Party ★ Saturday 10/30**
 Potluck 5 PM ★ Costume Contest
- Family Halloween Event ★ Sunday 10/31**
 4-6:30 PM ★ All ages welcome!



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5990 Avra Valley/Marana
15850 W. El Tiro Rd. Marana, AZ 85653
520-682-6134 ★ VFW5990AvraValley@gmail.com
VFW 5990 Facebook ★ VFW 5990 Auxiliary Facebook





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: GVFW21**
- **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

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)

Thursday, November 4th:	1:00pm-4:00pm	Registration
Friday, November 5th:	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
Saturday, November 6th:	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
Sunday, November 7th:	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	
			TOTAL	

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

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

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

VFW AUXILIARY 3632 TEMPE AZ

2021 BOXES FOR THE TROOPS EVENT



Now- til our November 20th 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.

98th AVIATION BRIGADE FAMILY DAY



December 5, 2021

10:00am – 2:00pm

Papago

5636 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85088

Activities

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

Lunch will be provided

Community Partners

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

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PEARL HARBOR

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Remembrance Day
7 December

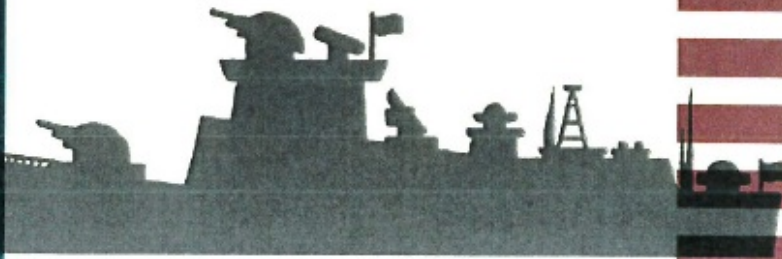
**VFW POST 2364
PINETOP-LAKESIDE**
will conduct a
Remembrance Ceremony

December 7, 2021

11:00 AM

at the
Veterans Memorial Park

Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall
325 W. White Mountain Blvd.
Lakeside, AZ 85929





JEANNE HAMPTON

Dept. Arizona Guard 2022-2023

MY HERO-MY VETERAN

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

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

CONTACT

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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.



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

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".

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.



Department President's Shirt 2022-2023

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

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

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

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

Totals \$ _____

Name: _____ Post / Auxiliary # _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Paid Check #: _____

Send the completed form with payment to:

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

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

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