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## Arizona VFW Auxiliary Newsletter

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### President Janae's Message

We had a good time at National Convention. We received a lot of information in a short amount of time during the National Ambassadors Program presentation. PDP Melody and I talked about some of the information presented and are excited to pass on it on to the Department Chairmen for them to use.

There were several Bylaws resolutions that passed at convention and the Ritual was revised also. Please go to [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) to see the resolutions that passed. Highlight the event tab and scroll to National Convention. Then scroll toward the bottom of page and you will find a reference to the proposed resolutions passed at the 2021 National Convention. Most of the Ritual changes were just to clean up language and to

be consistent.

Here is my mentoring moment: Please provide new Bylaws and Ritual Podium Edition books as soon as they are available to all the officers in your auxiliary to keep and include the Trustees. This should be a Standing Rule. We have Auxiliary officers that are referring to Bylaws and Ritual books that are several years old.

Fall Conference is this month in Show Low. We will be having joint VFW and VFW Auxiliary training in the morning. We are working in pairing up our program chairmen with their counterparts on the VFW side. We will have dinner in the evening at Show Low Post 9907 and will recognize the volunteers submitted from each District. The Department would like to recognize as many of our members as we can at the dinner. I look forward to seeing you at the conference. In order to receive the 2022 Circle of Excellence award the Auxiliary must have a member at the morning training.

I know we are all getting ready to honor all of our first responders during the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of 9/11. I am looking forward to attending as many as I can. Please let me know when you have something scheduled.

In these crazy pandemic times, we have members who cannot get out to socialize. In our busy lives, please make time to call someone and visit over the phone or set a time to visit them. The time we spend with them will for a few minutes chase the world away.

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## **Past Department President Melody Judd**

Brothers and Sisters,

It has been an honor to serve as the 2020-2021 VFW Auxiliary Department President.

Like you, the members, I wondered what this past year would look like with the pandemic when the year started. Together, we all pulled up our bootstraps and got the important work done of serving our veterans, their families, and communities.

The Department of Arizona and several Auxiliaries achieved the goal of 100% plus membership. Thank you all!!

To the Department Officers and Chairman, it was my pleasure to work with all of you. Your dedication to our members and our mission is inspiring. You all are strong and confident leaders of our organization.

We are all very proud of the Department Chairmen who received National Awards; Department Hospital Chairman Melissa Martin 1<sup>st</sup> Place Outstanding Performance; Historian & Media Relations Chairman Brenda Kinghorn Second Place Award; and Legislative Chairman Bambi Johnson - \$25.00 VFW Store Gift Certificate. Congratulations to all of you.

To My Commander, Jeff, thank you!

Thank you, Members, for making this past year a great year with beautiful memories that I will cherish.



Melody

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## National News

The September 2021 edition of the VFW National Auxiliary magazine is out. Click on the link



<https://vfwauxaz.org/uploads/documents/AuxiliaryMagazineSeptember2021.pdf> to read the latest news from National.

[2021 National Convention Book](#) - If you couldn't make it to National Convention in Kansas City this year, click above and take a look at the National Convention book. It is also on the Department webpage - [vfwauxaz.org](http://vfwauxaz.org) under 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](#)

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## National Videos

[National President Jean Hamil's Incoming message](#)



[Membership: Retention 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 be on each program's page on the Department webpage - [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org)



- [Veterans & Family Support: How to Participate](#)
- [Americanism - How to use a Hashtag: #AuxiliaryPatriotism](#)
- [Auxiliary Community Outreach: Supporting our First Responders](#)
- [Buddy Poppy - Best Practices for Your "Buddy"® Poppy Distribution](#)



## Department Secretary/Treasurer Kim Sloan

Recently a number of Auxiliaries have had members act independently of their Auxiliary in any number of ways, such as requesting donations on behalf of the Auxiliary without Auxiliary

approval. These members are usually acting in what they believe is the best interest of the Auxiliary, but sometimes not. The VFW Auxiliary requires a member when representing the Auxiliary in any way have the authority to do so by a motion made and approved at a meeting. While the Bylaws do not specifically address this issue, Robert's Rules of Order does address the issue.

Firstly by defining the Auxiliary as an Deliberate Assembly (See pg 1)  
*It is a group of people, having or assuming freedom to act in concert, meeting to determine, in full and free discussion, courses of action to be taken in the name of the entire group.*

Then it goes further (See pg 4):

*The basic principle of decision in a deliberative assembly is that, to become the act or choice of the body, a proposition must be adopted by a majority vote; that is, direct approval-implying assumption of responsibility for the act-must be registered by more than half of the members present and voting on the particular matter, in a regular or properly called meeting of the body.*

If you have any further questions on this particular issue, please contact me.

Remember that District Secretaries need to send in minutes from the District meetings. This is the only way for Auxiliaries to get credit for attending these meetings for the Circle of Excellence.

Before you put that application in the mail to me, please make sure that all the information is legible. I am getting applications that I can't read. They are either too dark or too light, or they are cut off on the edges.

Department will be sending out annual dues notices in September. Please work on retaining your members by encouraging them to pay their dues before Dec 31st.

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## Happenings at the Districts

### District 1

\*Aux 8242 lost a long time member, Paula Walters

on 8/5. A Celebration of Life was held in her memory on 8/26.

\*Next **District 1** meeting will be on 9/19 at Post 7061 in Parker beginning at 11 am.

## **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.



**The Family Day at the Phoenix National Guard Armory is tentatively scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>.** 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 5 pm and our first comedy show starting at 7 pm.
- Monthly Auxiliary meeting is the first Saturday of each month at 12 pm.
- Sunday brunch 11 am-2 pm each week.
- Taco Tuesday featuring Navajo Tacos 2-8 pm each week.
- Wednesdays are Poker & Darts League Night – serving Pot Roast.

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

- Tuesday Night Trivia Nights
- Car wash – date TBD
- Planning to have a turkey giveaway prior to Thanksgiving – more information to come soon.

### **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 FB that are informational entitled, “Did You Know...” September will be featuring Patriots Day.
- Sept 7 the Auxiliary is also planning a school assembly to talk about 9/11 for the 20th anniversary.
- Our post has summer Friday meals for members and guests for \$5, menu varies weekly and we try to post on Facebook.

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

- Jack of Hearts is held Sundays at 1 pm

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

- Ongoing, we have boxes set out at both Tempe American Legion Posts collecting quarters to fundraiser for the Arizona Veterans Home.
- Saturday, September 11, 10 am 9/11: Where Were You? 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special AZ Family 3TV Special – watch on TV or attend in person Watch event at William Bloys AL Post 2 located at 2125 S Industrial Park Road with Breakfast Buffet for \$10. Primary sponsor: Military Assistance Mission (MAM) and expect the Mayor of Tempe to be

present.

- Saturday, September 25, 5-7 pm –Dinner with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggie and Dessert – at American Legion Post 2, 2125 S Industrial Park Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282. Boxes for the Troops Fundraiser.
- 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.

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

- Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> we will hold a flag raising at noon and Auxiliary remembrance ceremony followed by a cook out.
- Sunday, September 19 at noon will hold a flag raising to commemorate POW/MIAs.
- Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a flag raising commemorating Veterans Day at noon followed by an Open House.
- Saturday, 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.



### **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

<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](http://www.vfwauxaz.org). Go to Login/Members Only, sign in and then click on Program Activity Reports.

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**Membership**  
**Jeanne Hampton**

## Make a Plan- Retention

Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers all have access in MALTA to view their membership list of Unpaid Annual Members. Make a plan- contact those members- break the list down into segments of in-person, phone, email and mailed notices. Have an event to invite the membership to attend. Offer to send them a calendar of upcoming activities at the VFW, next Auxiliary Meeting, September flag raisings and Patriotic events.



**INVITE** them back. Give them a reason for their voice to matter representing our Veterans. Let them know how easy it is to go into MALTA and renew their dues- directly, online, securely and while there, update their contact information. [Member-Portal-Training.pdf \(vfwauxiliary.org\)](#)

Two-minute YouTube video on how to pay in MALTA

[Auxiliary Member: How to Pay Dues Online with a Credit Card - YouTube](#)

**Pay it forward:** Does your Auxiliary have an outstanding volunteer, program chairman, absolutely always ready to assist member- consider "Paying it forward"- sponsor that annual member's dues, and if they inquire, let them know it was "paid forward" for their service. Thank them. Show appreciation. Every member matters. Every member is another piece of the puzzle that grows and makes us stronger.

## Bring them Back- Contact!

One of the best tools your Auxiliary can offer is a calendar of upcoming events and activities. Nothing says, "We want you to return" like handing someone a calendar- an open invitation to return for an event, meeting, activity. Contact your members- all your members. Make it a team effort- contact those with emails, contact by phone, contact in person, contact by sending a "Thinking of You" card. Invite your Auxiliary members back. Offer a raffle at the next Regular Business Meeting for a Life Membership to the VFW National Home to everyone in attendance. Go outside these 4 walls- Just like we are building on a puzzle without a border, each piece added builds the Auxiliary- why are we limiting our audience to within a border or "these four walls"?

September is the perfect month to take our mission of Serving Veterans outside to the public: 9/11 the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Day, as a Nation, we will never forget. September 17- Constitution Day- did you know any entity that is funded with Government monies is to recognize Constitution Day? Schools are eager to incorporate Patriotic themes into their curriculum. September 17 POW/MIA Day- We will Never Forget- offer to host a POW/MIA table in a public forum, there will be Veterans, there will be Veteran family members- they will remember the symbols and what they represent. ASK- Share Knowledge. After, read the names of the current identified and repatriated from "Action Corps Weekly"- open to anyone to receive the VFW Priority Goals and Veterans Legislation weekly. [VFW Action Corps Weekly - VFW](#) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September is Gold, Blue, Silver and White Families Day- an opportunity to be in a park or local venue to learn about Veteran families in your community.

## Benefits of Membership- Who we are

Speak to your new members. Bring them in- introduce them to protocol of an Auxiliary Meeting. Remember, you were new once, too. All the acronyms will lose your audience. Speak in PLAIN terms or identify when an action or acronym is used- Auxiliary Tradition: [VFW-Auxiliary-Traditions-08.2017.pdf](#) ([vfwauxiliary.org](#))

One wrap of the gavel- one word “attention”, two raps – “please rise”, three wraps “please sit down”. PAR -whereas someone who may have been a member for the past 5 or more years PAR elicits an “emotion”. If you are going to use the term P.A.R- follow it with Programs Activity Report. If you leave them in the dark, you lose your audience. Your audience is your potential new volunteer who is looking for a way to fit in. Three Great Strategies for Membership Retention [MM-Three-Great-Strategies-for-Member-Retention.pdf](#) ([vfwauxiliary.org](#))

They joined in Honor of a Veteran- Share with them. Auxiliary, Share Knowledge.

My inbox is open, my phone is always on. Your success is our success. Thank you for your service to Veterans Programs- invite someone along  
Jeanne

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\*Retention\* - Project Report- What did your Auxiliary do?? Please share Thank you, Auxiliary 1433 for your Report. Some of the Auxiliaries are doing AMAZING with Retention! Let us know what is working best for you!



## Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership Reba Dermody

Do you follow the 3 C's?

- **Consultant** - that is the most obvious role of the mentor
- **Counselor** - listen to your mentees
- **Cheerleader** - give constructive feedback, advise and provide support and enthusiasm.

Do you have commitment within your Auxiliary? Like a base of volunteers, you count on all the time. Have you asked the other members for their help?

Do you or your members feel appreciated? How do you reward or recognize them? How about that good job award? Or just a Thank you for everything you do.

Do you recognize the time and the effort your volunteers and members put in? A cake and coffee before or after a meeting. Or a special time just for them.

Do you feel your Auxiliary has good communication with your members? Does your secretary have everyone's emails? How do you get in touch when there is an event? Do you have a phone tree?



Do you share your events or task? Or do you leave it to one person? If you share, it saves time, and that one person does NOT get stressed out.

How do you serve others? When we volunteer to serve others, it makes us feel good that we helped in some way shape or form.

We all like to think our Auxiliary is healthy and problem free. But as I have said before. One size does NOT fit all. Don't let the little things become a huge mountain. Keep that nastiness at the door and don't let it spread.

The VFW Auxiliary National Website has a LOT of resources you can use within your Auxiliary or District. Such as:

- Phone Trees
- Mentoring guide C.A.R.E
- Good job cards and certificates
- Auxiliary meeting checklist

And so much more.

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## Historian/Media Irene Norwacki



Did your Auxiliary **DO** or does your Auxiliary **HAVE PLANS TO DO** any of the following:

- Educate youth about the Pledge of Allegiance (in-person or through video conferencing)?
- Host a “Buddy”® Poppy Drive?
- Partner with another organization to better your community?
- Drop off items for hospitalized veterans at VA and non-VA medical facilities?
- Participate in “Get out the Vote” efforts?
- Contact members of Congress regarding veterans’ issues?
- Host a drive-by school supply pickup, trick-or-treat, Santa or Easter Bunny visit?
- Fill stockings for homeless veterans?
- Participate in Wreaths Across America?
- Host food drives or donate food to a local food bank/food pantry?
- Donate gift cards so service members overseas can purchase items of their choice?
- Send Christmas or Valentine cards to soldiers overseas or hospitalized veterans?
- Donate books to your local library, school or literacy organization?
- Promote and participate in our youth scholarships and contests?

We know members and Auxiliaries are doing, plan to do and have done things listed above, along with many other things not listed. However, did they send the Department Historian photos and a description of what they did? It's so important for members to take photos and keep a record of the projects they

work on at home or in small groups in addition to photos at larger Auxiliary activities/events.

The **Who, What, When, Where** and **Why** of an event is so important to the story – and history – of the VFW Auxiliary. Take pictures (and write down who is in them), keep newspaper articles or print out online news articles about what is going on in your community, your state, our country and the world. It is important to capture the present of our organization, as the present quickly becomes the past.

Once you have photos of these projects, post them to your Auxiliary's Facebook page. If your Auxiliary doesn't have a Facebook page, start one! It's free and a great way to share photos of your Auxiliary in action in your community.

Don't forget to post on social media of the wonderful things you are doing in the name of the organization.

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## Scholarships Janice Robertson

School is starting and now is the time to get with the teachers and help them encourage our students

to apply themselves and write that essay or record that essay or to draw the PurrFect patriotic picture. Find a Scout Troop, a JROTC, or Young Marine Group and get them involved.

**Patriots Pen** - Grades 6-8; A 300-400-word essay "**How Can I be a Good American?**"

**Voice of Democracy** - Grades 9-12; A 3 to 5 minute recorded oral essay "**America, where do we go from here?**" Both are due to the Post by **Oct 31st**.

Also for Grades 9-13:

**Young Creative Patriotic Art Contest**, Two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art and a typed explanation of patriotism expressing your art in 250 words or less.

September is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. Ask the students to participate in a ceremony of remembrance of that day and get them to ask their parents and grandparents where they were on that day. See if they can draw a picture of that fateful day.

What a PurrFect way to show our Americanism and Patriotism and get our children involved.

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## Americanism Lynn Pierre

Hi! September is indeed a busy month. National Suicide Prevention Month can be filled with

getting our Suicide Pins and information out into the Community. Are you supporting a Community event this month? The all-important 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11? We already have plans in motion, but I would ask that we make a huge effort to get out flags, honor our Pledge of Allegiance and educate people around us about our Auxiliary Traditions.



How about handing out little packets with our Suicide Pin, the information on our "22 A Day" and a Flag? Or painting some small rocks with the Suicide Prevention number on one side and a Flag on the other to sprinkle around the site of the ceremony.

Be sure to get some of those great pictures posted on social media with our #AuxiliaryPatriotism tag. It can make all the difference in education and pro-activity for our Veterans, Military, and their families.

Labor Day is a huge day for celebrations. We can fill some of those backyard cookouts with Flags and Flag Etiquette information. In a little basket in the middle of the table with condiments and Poppies so it is noticeable.

As Department Chaplain and Chairman of Americanism, it is my duty to remind everyone to do those Gold, Blue, Silver and White Star Events. Day of the Deployed is October 26<sup>th</sup>. and Gold Star Mothers' Day is the last Sunday in September.

September may be a good month to make plans for a get together of some sort. A brunch or dinner, where we can all remember to recognize these folks with pins or flags. Here are your descriptions of each:

Gold: Someone who lost a loved one in service or because of it.

Blue: Someone with a loved one actively serving.

Silver: Folks who have a loved one who was injured in service or ill because of it

White: Parents and immediate family of a suicide victim

Members of many of these groups are understandably private. However, keep in mind, there are many of them within our own ranks and in our communities. We just need to get the above information out to everyone and watch them go, "Oh that's me!" . We can put it in our local libraries, community centers and schools. Please share your ideas so that those in smaller areas can put something together as well.

Lastly, those especially important POW/MIA Ceremonies on the third Friday in September. If we are still having difficulty getting the ROTCs to participate, consider a team of your own as a suggestion. There is nothing wrong with the Auxiliary offering to perform it in the name of the person they joined under. It is quite an honor, does not take long to learn and can give you a real feeling of accomplishment.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions and I wish you a most successful September!



**Buddy  
Poppy/National  
Home  
Rhonda Follett**

Starting this month we would like all our Auxiliaries to promote our wonderful National Home and what it has to offer to Veterans and their families. Post the National Home Helpline number in your Post and on your Facebook Page, or ask to put a flyer in your VA Clinics. Remember this is a Helpline on a Hotline. Motto: Be Heard, Be Helped.

Call: **1 800 313-4200** Monday- Friday: 8-4:30 Eastern Time.

I am promoting the Associate membership to the National Home this year along with our own Memberships. The National Home gets no Federal Funding; their support comes from us. Ask businesses in your area to become a lifetime member of the National Home and purchase a Associate Membership for \$50.00. If you have members of the Auxiliary and Post that are not National Home members, please encourage them to become one and support the National Home.

Would you like to become a **Home Front Hero**? It only takes a few minutes on your computer to make a monthly donation as little as 5 or 10 dollars or more a month. I decided to do this after reading the Home Front Hero Newsletter. This helps in so many ways for the National Home to continue to do what it does for the Veterans and families who need just a helping hand at some point in their lives. With all we do for our Veterans sometimes the National Home gets pushed to the side; as one Veteran from California said in an interview. This helped me to make my mind up to become a **Home Front Hero**. Go to the National Home Website at <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org> and hit on donate and it walks you right through setting up a one-time only donation or a recurring donation.

Have you done your Community Buddy Poppy Drive yet? If you have, send me a project report with just 3 pictures so I can get it sent to National. I have received two so far. I know we are new into the year and I would like all our Auxiliaries to receive acknowledgement not just from our own Department but from National.

See you all at the Fall Conference in Show Low Sept 25-26. Come enjoy and learn.

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**Legislative  
Connie Hargreaves**

September is a great month to **“shift into gear”** for legislation!



September is full of opportunities to promote

registering to vote, "Vote with a Veteran in Mind" since there are many bills being presented for Women and Women's health care during September "**Woman Veteran Month**".

Keep encouraging your representatives both State and Federal to vote for and introduce bills on Woman health issues, jobs, education and helping them with PTSD needs.

There are three opportunities for Flag raisings on **Patriot Day, 9-11 - 20<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary of 9/11 Twin Towers, Pentagon and the people who crashed the Plane in Pennsylvania more than likely saving the attack on the White House. All the people lost their lives including the first responders from the Police and Firefighters/Emergency techs. Yes, the legislation surrounding this event including those who fought so many years after. There are many bills presented and more to come to help our Veterans and their families.

**September 18<sup>th</sup> POW/MIA Day** - the third Saturday in September. Have a flag raising on Labor Day and honor front line workers who had an interesting year and still in some cases must wear masks. Hand out water bottles with the sticker "Vote in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ a United States Veteran (they can fill in a Veteran name). Have a table set out to sign up for Action Corp weekly, encourage your members to advocate for the Veterans and their families with their elected officials utilizing this wonderful tool which lets them know about bills coming up for vote and in one quick click, send advocacy letters to their officials.

Hold a flag raising at your local school for **Constitution Day September 16 or 17**, depending on whether they have school on Friday.

For **Constitution Day** utilize the SOS activity book, Arizona, which educates on Arizona Legislation and Civic activities. It has word search, coloring pages, connect the dots and other items dealing with Arizona law. Hand out pocketbooks on the Constitution, and Flag etiquette. Bring in information on how many flags and the history of the United States on when the Congress voted the designs of the flag in. There are several word search, word scrambles and puzzles available online. Use the VFW Pledge of Allegiance coloring books. Have your auxiliary members do a word search at a meeting, set a time, see how many they find in 5 minutes. Create a skit on how a bill is created and passed.

Contact your women veterans and ask them to attend the flag raisings, encourage them to have their voice heard by signing up for Action Corp weekly. Hold an event like a luncheon or dinner and invite your representatives to meet the Women Veterans of your Post and Auxiliary and talk to them about their needs and concerns.

Educate your members on issues pertaining to Vietnam Veterans on POW/MIA Day September 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring up issues that pertain to them as well as Agent Orange or burn pits. Encourage Veterans to speak about the problems and issues they face.

Set out a voter registration table at events and at the Post.

If you do a Family Freedom Festival or Buddy Poppy Drive, set out sign up sheet for **Action Corps Weekly**, some of the information they provide and teach what they do. Also have the VFW Priority Goals set out, order enough for

the year. Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup> would be a great time to involve Veterans, their families and local representatives.

September is **Suicide Awareness Month**,

This is a great time to advocate for more programs for Veterans, mental health, PTSD, adjusting to civilian life, education, access to health needs, help for family members who also need to know how to recognize the signs and be able to help. Set out the cards for the crisis line.

Remember, Legislation is not always a top priority or not always understood as to the importance of being involved. Education, especially in this program, is a necessity. Make it fun.

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## Youth

### Brenda Kinghorn

Welcome to the start of Fall. We hope to see you at the Fall Conference.

Did your auxiliary hand out school supplies? Please report it on the PAR report and make a project report with pictures and email it to me.

Has your auxiliary sponsored a Youth group in your area?

- Youth Group Examples for VFW Auxiliary Sponsorship:
- Youth sports teams
- High school service learning and civic engagement departments
- Church youth groups
- School Clubs
- Home-School Associations

When planning an event or project, try to include a youth group. They can hand out “Buddy Poppies (Buddy Poppy and Youth Project report), marching in a patriotic parade (Project report – Americanism and Youth. Also don't forget #AuxiliaryPatriotism)

There is a Patriotic Youth Award designed to recognize individual youth for their patriotism or who have volunteered their time helping our veterans, active-duty, military and their families. Displaying their patriotism should not go unrewarded; three design award certificates can be found on the Department Website – [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org) under Programs/Youth/Youth Recognition

#### Youth Contests-

**Illustrating America** – Deadline – Entries received by: Local Auxiliary – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

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

Application and rules for these two contest can be found on the Department website - [www.vfwazaux.org](http://www.vfwazaux.org) under Programs/Youth/Youth Contests.

## Auxiliary Community Outreach Bambi Johnson



On September 11, 2001 al-Qaeda launched a series of coordinated terrorist attacks upon the United States, killing almost 3,000 people. In the immediate aftermath of the tragic events, the President proclaimed September 14, 2001 as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001. A year later, September 11 was made a National Day of Mourning referred to as Patriot Day. This observance has been proclaimed annually since 2002.

Throughout the nation, municipalities are planning events to remember the citizens and first responders who lost their lives during the attack on our nation 20 years ago. Patriot Day; you could step up and volunteer with your communities during these events. Contact your City Councils, Chambers of Commerce, churches and other charitable organizations to see how your members can help.

Social media is also an excellent source of event information.

Most of the events that I have seen being advertised are outside and you could set up water stations or pass out small flags to attendees. It is the gift of your time that should be recorded for the program.

This has also been a time of environmental challenges, due to both fire and monsoon seasons. Fires and flash flooding from monsoon rains, have left behind displaced people and animals. Please check how you can assist your communities to help those in need. Many areas need volunteers at the food banks, animal shelters and with general clean-ups. Many local homes and businesses are dealing with issues left by the receding waters from flash flooding.

Remember your area homeless during monsoon season. In both the high country and the valley, the homeless need help with extremely hot temperatures and protection from rain. Consider holding a "Tarp Drive" to collect new tarps to hand out to your homeless. A Tarp can be a buffer from the scorching land and a dry protection from heavy rain.

When we are United in our cause, we are Strong for our neighbors, forming an Awesome Community of caring.

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

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**Veterans and Family  
Support  
Stephanie Morris**



From the Administration for Community Living Website: “Celebrated every November, National Family Caregivers Month (NFCM) is a time to recognize and honor family

caregivers across the country. It offers an opportunity to raise awareness of caregiving issues, educate communities, and increase support for caregivers. ...

Families are the primary source of support for older adults and people with disabilities in the U.S. Many caregivers work and also provide care, experiencing conflicts between competing responsibilities. Research indicates caregiving also takes a significant emotional, physical, and financial toll. With nearly half of all caregivers over age 50, many are vulnerable to a decline in their own health. Studies show that coordinated support services can reduce caregiver depression, anxiety, and stress, and enable them to provide care longer, which avoids or delays the need for costly institutional care.”

So, in November plan on recognizing caregivers in your area. You most likely only need to look as far as your members to find caregivers, but you do not need to limit yourself to your members. Plan on providing recognition or honor. It does not have to be large or expensive.

Some suggestions from Veterans and Family Support National Ambassador Nelda Clifton:

- “Be a listening ear. Visit with them in-person, by phone or electronically.
- Bring or have delivered a meal or a gift card to a local eatery.
- Mail a thinking of you card or flowers.
- Personal care gift cards for a spa day.”

You can also offer your time – help them with errands, with yard work, or help them with finding information on the internet. And it would be great if you would continue to have contact with them after November.

Also, provide them information:

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have joined together to create a new program, Respite Relief for Military and Veteran Caregivers, which offers family caregivers of veterans or service members access to free, short-term relief with the help of in-home care professionals. The program offers 35 hours of no-cost respite care. Respite Relief Application Link: <https://hiddenheroes.org/respite/apply/>

Top 10 Tips for Family Caregivers, the orange text links to more information for the caregiver. The link at the bottom is on the V&FS Resources page and will take you to the graphic with the below text.

1. **Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!**
2. **Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.**



3. Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
4. Learn how to **communicate effectively** with doctors.
5. Caregiving is hard work so **take respite breaks** often.
6. Watch out for **signs of depression** and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
7. Be open to **new technologies** that can help you care for your loved one.
8. [Organize medical information so it's up to date and easy to find.](#)
9. Make sure **legal documents are in order.**
10. Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

Link: <https://www.caregiveraction.org/resources/10-tips-family-caregivers>

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## Hospital Melissa Martin

The September issue of the VFW Auxiliary National magazine features “The Honors Escort Program” (pages 13-14) which is part of the Hospital program.

Many times, the Honors Escort are staff of the VA who provide this special end of life when a veteran passes away. This special ceremony begins with support for the family and includes a bedside Flag ceremony and a procession escort from the facility.



Take the time to see if the VA in your area has a “Honors Escort Program” and if so get out the word on how to volunteer for this special part of the Hospital program. For those without a VA in their area, this would be a great time to go into assisted living facilities, nursing homes and local hospitals and provide information on the “Honors Escort Program” and encourage them to start one.

This type of volunteering in our VAs and non-VA facilities allows us to give the veteran the respect they deserve as well as letting them know that they are not forgotten and that someone cares about them. No one **especially** our veterans should pass away alone.

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## VAVS REPORTS

News from the Prescott VA  
Medical Center

The Prescott VA VAVS August meeting was cancelled. The hope is to have a meeting in October.

The Domicile is locked down until October 1st.

# Advanced Care Planning Online Workshop

Take Control. Keep Control. Be Prepared.



**Every Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.  
and Thursday from 11:00 a.m -12:00 p.m.  
VA Video Connect (VVC)**



Open to all Veterans and a guest of your choice.  
To register and for more information, please call: (520) 792-1450 ext 1-2520

Advance Care Planning Group Visits (ACP-GV) offer a place for you to share, learn and help your fellow Veterans understand the benefits of planning for future healthcare decisions if you become too ill to make or communicate choices for yourself. ACP-GV can help you understand how to fill out an advance directive that matches your preferences so you are always in control of your healthcare.

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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

[www.Tucson.VA.gov](http://www.Tucson.VA.gov)

 [www.facebook.com/VATucson](https://www.facebook.com/VATucson)  
 Follow us on Twitter @TucsonVA

**VA**



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health  
Administration

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)

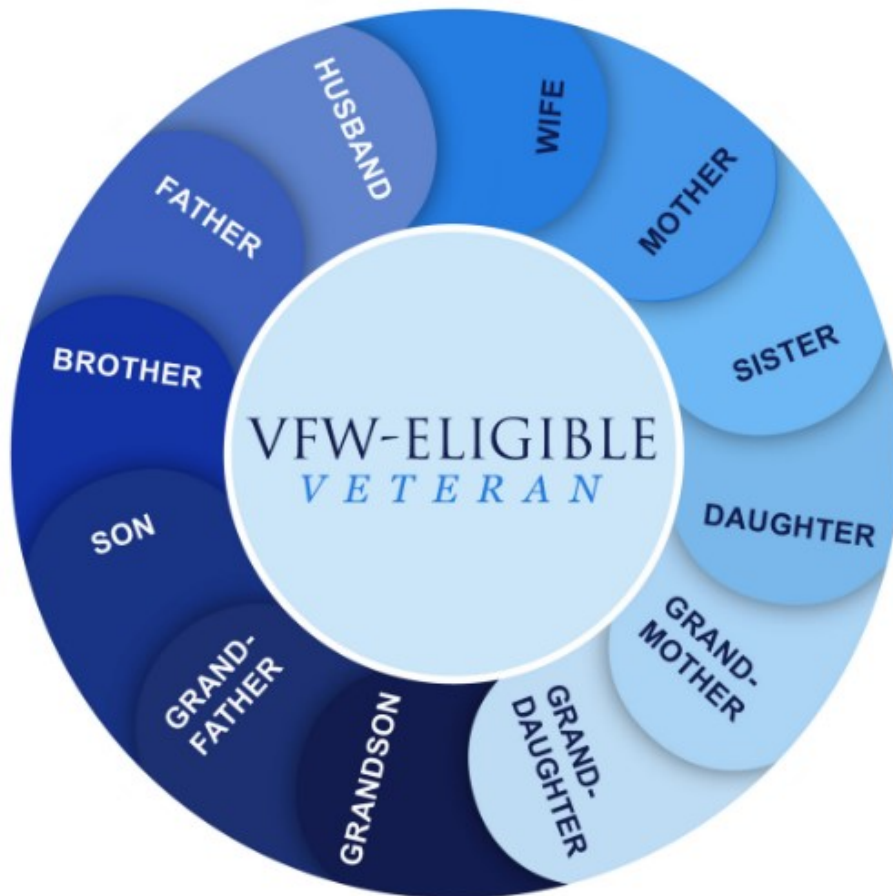
*Thank you for your support of our Nation's Veterans.*

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."

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# VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



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

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# DEPT OF ARIZONA VFW & AUXILIARY FALL CONFERENCE 2021

September 25 & 26, 2021

Show Low Elks Lodge #2090  
805 E. Whipple St — Show Low, AZ 85901



## Saturday Agenda

- 9:00 Opening Ceremony and Introductions
- 9:30 Programs
- 10:45 15 minute Break
- 11:00 Continue Programs
- 12:30 Remarks by National Representative  
Closing Ceremony  
Lunch on Own
- 5:00 Dinner at VFW Post 9907

## Sunday Agenda

- 9:00 VFW & VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration Meetings



**Days Inn Show Low**  
*480 W. Deuce of Clubs  
Show Low, AZ 85901*

Call (928) 537-4356

**\*\* Ask for VFW Rate \*\***

\$85 for 1 Queen Bed  
\$95 for 2 Queens or 1 King

**VFW Post 9907**  
*381 N Central Ave  
Show Low, AZ 85901*

Phone:

(928) 537-7511

1.3 Miles from Elks  
0.6 miles from Hotel



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA



VFW AND VFW AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to recognize one volunteer from the VFW and one from the Auxiliary who volunteer timeless hours and service for our Veterans and families. Each VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary may submit one volunteer for this recognition. Those volunteers will then be sent to your District who will then submit the District Winners to Department. The winning volunteers will be recognized at the Fall Conference Banquet. It is up to the VFW District/Post or the Auxiliary to notify the volunteer of this recognition event and we encourage the post and Auxiliary to purchase the banquet ticket for their volunteer.

DEADLINE to DEPARTMENT: 31 August, 2021

VFW OR AUXILIARY INFORMATION

VFW Post Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

or

VFW Auxiliary Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TELL US ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEER

Volunteer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is the volunteer a member of the VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary? \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS A REQUIREMENT

Facility where he/she volunteers \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief description of this volunteer's activities/projects/responsibilities:

DISTRICT COMMANDER/PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to VFW Department at [vwfzadzj@gmail.com](mailto:vwfzadzj@gmail.com) Attn: Larry Williams or VFW Auxiliary at [janaetrout@yahoo.com](mailto:janaetrout@yahoo.com) Attn: Janae Kemery

DEADLINE TO DEPARTMENT - 31 August, 2021





- ★ Date: Labor Day
- ★ Location: Snow Low A
- ★ Attractions: Air Show, Live Music, Antique Plan, Motorcycle, Drone Comp



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911 TOWER CHALLENGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS  
**NEVER FORGOTTEN  
9.11 TOWER  
CHALLENGE**

CLIMB 2,071 STEPS TO  
HONOR THE FALLEN ON  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**

REGISTER TODAY AT [911TOWERCHALLENGE.ORG](http://911TOWERCHALLENGE.ORG)

**PHOENIX: GILA RIVER ARENA**  
**TUCSON: TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER**  
**FLAGSTAFF: NAU SKYDOME**  
**YUMA**

JOIN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTERS & MILITARY PERSONNEL ALONG WITH FAMILY & SUPPORTERS AS WE CLIMB 2071 STEPS TO HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE ALL DURING THE ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

20 YEARS LATER WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES ON THAT FATEFUL DAY AND THANK THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY, DOMESTICALLY & ABROAD.

FIND OUT MORE BY VISITING  
**[WWW.911TOWERCHALLENGE.ORG](http://WWW.911TOWERCHALLENGE.ORG)**  
OR ON FACEBOOK AT 911 TOWER CHALLENGE

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THE 100 CLUB OF ARIZONA



& THE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION





## 9/11: Where Were You? 20th Anniversary Special

**AZ Family 3TV Special**  
produced by  
**Nicole Crites**



**Watch the 9/11**  
**on 3TV, 10 am on**  
**Saturday, Sept. 11th**

**Join Us!**

We invite you to watch the 9/11 Special  
at your local American Legion/VFW  
**William Bloys Post 2/VFW3632**

*2125 W. Industrial Park Drive, Tempe*

*All you can eat breakfast buffet for \$10.00*

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL  
**“Honoring Our Heroes”**  
**“9/11” Patriot Day “Memorial”**

September 11, 2001 - September 11, 2021

**SHOW LOW ELKS LODGE #2090**

805 E. Whipple Street - (928) 537-4901

Memorial Hours: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Bingo Hall  
Wednesday - Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is Welcome!

**“Join Us” for a very “Special”**  
**“20th Anniversary”**  
**Patriot Day “Remembrance” Program**  
**Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm**

**“MEMORIAL BOARDS”**

Listing each and every name of the victims at the World Trade Center;  
The Pentagon; Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and Flight 93.  
3,355 Men, Women, and Children, who gave the “Ultimate”: “Their Lives”.

**“FRONT PAGE HEADLINES”**

Newspaper Articles from September 11, 2001, showing the “Horrors of that Day”.

**“POWERPOINT PRESENTATION”**

Depicting over 200 pictures of the devastation of that fateful day.

**God Bless “You” and God Bless**  
**“The Greatest Country in the World”,**  
**“Our United States of America”.**

**IN GOD WE TRUST**



Coordinators: Jim & Connie Zawacki - (Jim) 575-288-8148 - (Connie) 575-654-7731 - czawacki2014@gmail.com

*The Auxiliaries of District 10 announce an open invitation to all to attend our Memorial and Monument Dedication.*

*Our Auxiliaries and Posts are united in the creation and dedication of a stone and bronze monument to remember those who lost their lives 20 years ago and the heroic efforts of our First Responders. Contributions and volunteers from our areas have worked together to make this a reality and are committed to help our youth understand both the events of that day and how we came together as a nation to go forward.*

**20 Year Anniversary of 9/11/2001  
Memorial Monument Dedication  
Veterans Memorial Gazebo  
1001 N. Idaho Rd, Apache Junction  
9/11/2021 8:46 A. M.**



***Never Forgotten***



# 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

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Accepting donations of non-perishable food items.



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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: **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](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**

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.

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