

VFW Auxiliary Department of AZ District 7 President Reba Dermody

Thank you for the support of being your District President this past year.

We rocked out membership with over 100%. WAHOO

There were only 3 District Auxiliary meetings this year.

- July 14, 2019 was at the Benson Post
- September 29, 2019 was at the Bisbee Post
- April 19, 2020 was at the Sierra Vista Post

With the Covid-19 virus, our April 19th convention meeting was held by having our outlying Auxiliaries calling into the meeting. We at the Sierra Vista Auxiliary did our social distancing. Nominations, elections and Installations were held.

All of the Inspections of Auxiliaries were done by the 1st of December. Thank you to all of the Auxiliaries for being in good working order and by doing your programs.

Pearce Auxiliary and Post 9977 had a very bad water leak and it did a lot of damage within the Post. Everyone is working very hard to get it up and running again. It is so refreshing to hear that they have such a good attitude in a bad situation.

Benson Auxiliary 6271 is doing a lot of extra things with the Post and Auxiliary. It is great news to know that they are really coming along with items that they had in the planning stages years ago.

Thatcher Auxiliary 10385 is starting to build things up again. It was slow going for awhile but with a little bit of luck they will succeed.

Sierra Vista Auxiliary 9972 seems like it grows more and more members with each coming year. They all work well with the VFW and is great news. They are working with a command out at Fort Huachuca and have started to hold events to support them. They have also done a lot of work with Prestige Assisted Living in Sierra Vista. Anything to make the patients lives a little better. It has been tough the last couple months to not get to see our Veterans in that facility.

Since the Covid-19 Virus all the Posts and Auxiliaries had to close down. They are all hoping to open up very soon, so they can continue to do their great work with the dinners and fundraisers.

We as a District joined with District 5 for the VA Christmas Party at the hospital in Tucson. Was a great event and to see the faces on the patients receiving their Christmas gifts is always so heartwarming. We served cake and ice cream and had entertainment for the patients.

I as District President attended the Fall and Winter Department Conferences. I also attended a Department training on "Building on the Auxiliary Foundation" at VFW Post 549 in Tucson.

It has been a very good year and I wish all the new officers of the Auxiliaries, the District and the Department best of luck in the upcoming year.

I really hope and pray that this next year won't be as stressful as the past few months have been.

Please stay safe everyone. Hope to see you all again real soon.