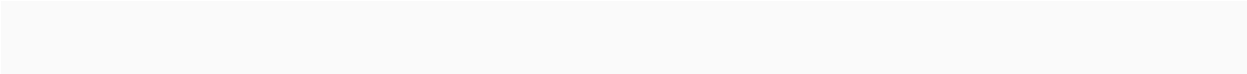

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**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Pin Points Newsletter
August 1, 2019 Vol 61 Issue 1**

Newsletters for 2019-20 will be distributed in three different formats!

Each method offers opportunities to learn and share!

- Via the Department website at
<https://www.azvfwaux.org/historian-media-relations>
 - Via the Department Facebook Page at
<https://www.facebook.com/azvfwaux.org/>
 - Via email distribution as an inserted e-message (NOT AN ATTACHMENT)
sent directly to your computer.
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VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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Hello VFW Arizona Auxiliaries,

I am so honored to represent you, the auxiliary members and the state of Arizona. When I started my journey, I had no idea of the challenges, satisfaction and victories that I would face. However, with the wonderful mentors and friendships that have helped guide me through the years, here I am. Your Department President. Thank you!

It really didn't sink in until this past National Convention in Orlando, Fl. What an awesome experience. One I will not ever forget.

This 2019-2020 year, the trainings for the state took a different turn. I took a chance on the "Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Training" and it has been a huge success. This training is for all officers in our Auxiliaries and Districts. Presidents to Trustees. Comrades are very welcome and are encouraged to attend. There are 3 more trainings scheduled. If you missed a training in your area, email me.

Saturday, August 3rd at Post 7401 Cottonwood

Saturday, August 10th at Post 9399 Apache Junction

Sunday, August 11th at Post 9907 Show Low

As the District meetings have already begun, this year their will be an auxiliary School of Instruction on all programs before each District meeting. Except for your District convention. I encourage you to contact your program chairman for any concerns and/or clarifications you may need. Remember they are there to help your auxiliary have a successful program.

As the year is getting started, we are hitting the ground running. Installation reports should be in now. Bonds should be ordered. And I have started my official visits. Along with working on your programs, there is one area I am encouraging auxiliaries to also work on.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT continued.....

As VFW Auxiliary members, our hearts call us to help our country's veterans, service members and their families. I'm sure you take as much pride in your membership and our unique programs as I do. To serve each veteran and family who turn to us in their hour of need, we must increase our efforts. I know you already give, so much, but the demand has grown dramatically.

My Auxiliary Department Presidents special project is "Arizona Charities" because donations are not keeping up with the program needs. This puts our programs in jeopardy, and that's simply unthinkable if there is even one veteran who needs us. The only way to ensure the continued vitality of our VFW Auxiliary programs is for dedicated members like you to support them.

We need you! Better yet, our veterans and their families need you. They rely on us – We rely on you!



JR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT—KIM HARNEY

What an incredible year we had! The Department did very well at the National Convention. We won first place in our group for Veterans and Family Support, Americanism, Chief of Staff and Historian/Media Relations. We won second place for Membership and Youth and third place for Buddy Poppy/National Home. Legislative won an award for the most creative education, resources and training on the Priority Goals, Action Corps Weekly and the overall legislative process while Youth won an award for best promotion of creating youth groups and/or engaging youth groups in Auxiliary programs. The Department was also recognized in the Circle of Excellence ceremony. The chairmen did a wonderful job in getting the word out on programs to the auxiliaries. You were then amazing in the work you did for our Veterans and their families. I can't thank you enough for everything you did

From the Department Secretary – Treasurer

Here is an update on the Resolutions that were considered at the 2019 National Convention:



Passed - Extend dates for Auxiliaries to send approved audits to the Department Treasurer



Passed – Members at Large may not be a Delegate or hold office



Passed – When 2 or more VFW Posts consolidate the Auxiliaries shall also consolidate



Failed – Regarding Transfers and proof of eligibility



Failed – Regarding Tele/Video Conferencing – still allowed but Auxiliary must still have quorum at the meeting sight



Passed – allows for appointment of a POW-MIA Flag Bearer



Failed – Regarding appointment of Audit Committee



Passed – Requires the most senior trustee present at audit to mail copy to Department Treasurer.

MALTA – Hope you like the new look of MALTA! We worked to clean it up a bit and make things easier to find. If you have any issues or can't find what you want – call me!

The 2019 Treasurer's Guide is on the National website vfwauxiliary.org under Resources. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. And it is on the

Department website – azvfwaux.org under Resources, Secretary Treasurer. That has also been updated to include more on how to use MALTA.

You'll find in the issue of Pin Points –

- **Audits Reports** – This report shows which Auxiliary need to send me Audit Reports. Please check this monthly to verify your Auxiliary/District is up to date.
- **Donations Report** – Note that this report only shows donations that come to Department. Donations that are made direct or made thru MALTA (CAR, National Home and National Patriotic Art) will not show on this report.

Now I'm going to use this space to reflect on some questions that have come up recently –

Sec. 812 and Sec. 813A - Allow the Auxiliary to instruct (by approved motion) the Secretary and Treasurer on the manner that the members want to receive the Minutes of the previous meeting and the current Treasurer's Report. While this allows those items to be sent out by email in advance of the meeting the members have the expectation that they will receive those items with enough time to review them prior to the meeting. I suggest that they be emailed at least 3 days prior to the meeting. If not the Secretary and/or Treasurer should be prepared to read those items at the meeting.

Sec. 809 – If the Auxiliary President resigns or is removed, the Sr. Vice President immediately becomes the Auxiliary President and the Jr. Vice President immediately moves up to Sr. Vice President. The President would then announce at the next meeting that there will be an election held for the office of Jr. Vice President at the following meeting.

CHIEF OF STAFF PDP CATHY SEIPPEL

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This is going to be a great year. As Chief of Staff I will be at your District meeting to help any way I can. We will be doing Talking points at all meetings. Below are the talking points to be discussed:

A Procedure for membership applications.

When and how to collect dues.

Assist in securing and filling out official and proper paperwork.

See that deadlines and fillings are met in a timely manner.

The National Organization has developed many resources for members use, including tools. These can be found online Auxiliary Academy and Programs & Publicity Resources page of National website. www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources

They are great tools, please use them!

I would ask the Auxiliary to call their members to attend meetings. Split the list between 3 or 4 people. Some will say no, maybe, I can't drive after dark, I am sick, etc. Here are some ideas on how to respond:

1. Ask if you can pick them up.
2. We really miss you. (Because you really do.
3. If they are sick ask if the Auxiliary can do anything for them. Kindness can go a really long way.

You can call anytime...I will be there to help 602-332-1253. Let's have a great year, have fun, but be kind to each other.

AMERICANISM—CHAIRPERSON JOHNETTE GIBSON DEBOARD

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Promoting Americanism and Connecting with the Community is our focus this year. You can do this by making a video, which is one of the questions on the year end report. We need to reach the community and tell our story! Number 10 of the year end report asks did you submit a video promoting Patriotism with community involvement. Are you wondering how to do that? There are a few ways to achieve this. A great start is planning your family freedom event and have someone video tape it. Video all your patriot holidays. You can edit them later to make a great video presentation. If you need help with that you can ask a scouting troop to help. There is a merit badge the scouts can earn for making movies. Most high schools or colleges have classes that would be able to help as well. All you must do is ask. A submission form is required and available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. I must receive the form and video by March 31, 2020. Below is what I will be looking for in your videos.

- Video no longer than 1 minute 30 seconds
- Does it say who we are?
- Does it include the Community?
- Does the video have a link or explain how to find out more about us?
- Does it show others what we do for our Veterans / community?
- Is your video visually appealing?
- Production level - not necessarily a Hollywood movie, but must be good enough to explain/show what we are doing in the our communities

Another project to connect with the community is a collage. I am asking each Auxiliary to make one. It is also due to me by March 31, 2020 and the entry form is on line as well. Mail Actual collage to be judged. The criteria is:

- Attach photos to cardboard base no larger than 20X20 no smaller than 14X14
 - Does it display Americanism involving community?
 - Is it patriotic?
 - Are the photos descriptive?
 - Does it include members?
 - Does it include members in the 'Official Look'
 - Is the collage visually appealing?
 - Overall look of collage
 - Is the imagery (photo) relevant?
 - Are photos in color?
 - Does it include VFW Auxiliary logo?
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BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Program Chairperson Lynn Pierre

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Welcome to the start of a New Year! Are you sharing plans for your Freedom Festival with other Posts and Auxiliaries? Remember to not only work with your comrades at your Post but also S.W.A.P.(Share Wonderful Auxiliary Projects.) and partner up with other Posts. Working Smarter rather than harder means you could find many ways to utilize Poppies not only for your Family Freedom Festival but for “EVERY” single event you conduct.

As you know, we cannot “sell” Poppies. We can, however, make things out of poppies or with poppies, (you must leave one poppy in its original state), and then sell that item to raise money for your relief fund to support veterans and active-duty military and their families through our Auxiliary programs.



Our communities need to know that not only do we distribute that pretty, little, red flower – those flowers are assembled by disabled, hospitalized and aging veterans.

Here's an idea. How about getting with some of your Community groups and those Seniors who love projects? Ask them for ideas and help putting them together. You'd be amazed at how many of those folks will be so thankful for the camaraderie and work. What is your idea of the very best display of Poppies that helps explain what the poppies are about and why they are so very important?! You might want to incorporate the “Veterans Behind the Poppies” video to help the folks relate. Certainly, pull up the Department Webpage AZVFWAUX.ORG, and look under Resources for the Poppy Chairman's Manual. It can be very helpful!

Don't forget that .01 cent from every Poppy donation goes to the VFW National home! The VFW National Home supports 42 single-family homes, as well as a Chapel, Community Center, Guest Lodge, Health and Education Building and Nursery, and provides the Military and Veteran Family Helpline – **1-800-313-4200**. Please load that number in your contacts on your phone and refer to it every time you have a Veteran or military family member asking questions or looking for resources. This is a **FREE** service that partners across the nation with human service organizations to get answers for those in need.

It is a **HELPLINE, NOT a HOTLINE:** calls are



answered Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. **ALL CALLS WILL BE ANSWERED.**

You can become a life-time member of the National Home for only \$50.00 Contact me or go to www.vfwnationalhome.org anytime to help those families in need. In fact, I would love to see every Post assign a recruiter or two to help facilitate getting Life Members at the Home. What better way to help support a place that gives our Veterans and their families a chance to reintegrate in their community?

Poppies can be utilized anytime, anywhere for any event. Let's see what we can do to increase community knowledge this year – our Veterans' are certainly entitled to that! Please send me your awesome ideas so they can be published to help others, (while you get credit for a great S.W.A.P. idea) and thanks for all you do.

Chairman Lynn Pierre

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HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS—PLUS PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

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HISTORIAN—Remember that the 2019/2020 reporting year is 4/1/19 to 3/31/20. That means as the 2019/2020 Auxiliary Historian/Media Relations Chairperson you should back up and start from 4-1-19. The History of your Auxiliary started in April. The first item you might detail is the election of officers at the April Auxiliary Meeting, May would show the Installation of Officers, and June would be the Department Convention with AUX awards.

In the past this Historian documentation was written only. Now photos, and newspaper clippings can be added. You might even want to throw in a few flyers for REALLY special events.

Consider a nice binder to hold the History, or better yet....a USB flash drive with a Digital Screen for sharing. Use the binder, or digital screen at Membership Drives/Family Freedom Festivals and to share with guests at the Post who are potential new members. Let them know what we do....and our commitment to veterans and their families. NOTE: The Digital Screen should stay with the Auxiliary. Give a USB of the year to the outgoing President & keep a USB of the year for the Auxiliary archives.

MEDIA RELATIONS

FACEBOOK—Now, let's talk about Media Relations. If your Auxiliary doesn't have a Facebook page....get one NOW! The End of Year Summary specifically asks, "Does your Auxiliary have a Facebook page"? If you aren't Facebook savvy....someone in your Auxiliary is! Work as a TEAM! Get help and start a page. Facebook is FREE and is great advertisement for upcoming events, meetings, successes, and fun!

The Auxiliary members should LIKE other FACEBOOK Pages i.e. Department <https://www.facebook.com/azvfwaux.org/> or District, and even other Auxiliaries. By seeing those posts....great ideas will come to mind! Until next month.....

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We have 761 Subscribers

Send me an email to get on the distribution list!

A Tweet for TWITTER!

R.E.D. Remember Everyone Deployed!

Wear RED on Friday!

YOU TUBE: (2019 Voice of Democracy) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HjDGU7dWNw>

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE <https://www.azvfwaux.org/> This site provides the Department Program Resources, calendar & much MORE!

NATIONAL PROGRAM RESOURCE WEBSITE <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/>

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT (PAR REPORTABLES): Attended Flag Raising/Americanism —APPC Raffle Tickets/Hospital—Department Presidents Pin/V&FS—Buddy Poppy Display/BP-VFWNATL HOME

District 6

1704 X X X

2364 X X X

8987

9907 X X X

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

District 7

6271 X X X

9972 X X X

9977 X X

10342

10385 X X X

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

District 8

404 X X X

2190 X X X

2555 X X

6306 X X X

9401 X X X X

9833 X X

10005 X X X

10386 X X

10726 X X X

11014 X X X

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

District 10

1677 X X

3584 X X X

3713 X X X

7968 X X X

8053

9399 X X

PAR as of 7-30-1919

HOSPITAL PROGRAM—CHAIRPERSON BRENDA PRICE

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I am humbled and honored to be the Hospital Chairman for the Dept. of Arizona. I am Brenda Price - Life member of Avra Valley-Marana Auxiliary 5990. Together, we will continue to *Build on the Foundation*. We will have an exciting and rewarding year of service as we Share Wonderful Auxiliary Projects/Programs (SWAP)

"The Hospital Program was one of the first nationally adopted programs for our organization. VFW Auxiliary members have been volunteering in hospitals and medical facilities since the organization's inception in 1914 offsetting millions of dollars nationwide in health care expenses."

One focus of our program is to remember our veterans in VA and non-VA medical facilities, local medical clinics, and nursing homes; not only to be their voice, but to acknowledge and honor their service to our country. I BELIEVE The Price of Freedom can be Seen in our Local VA Hospitals! As we work together to educate members and the community and actively engage in the hospital program, we Continue our Service to our Veterans & their Families.

Volunteer opportunities are available in VA Medical facilities, nursing homes, local hospitals, assisted living facilities, and Community Based Outreach Clinics. Many facilities will have varying types of opportunities to accommodate diverse ages and abilities. Be sure to follow all the guidelines given by that facility and ask how you can assist them. Sponsor an event such as bingo, a BBQ, or an ice cream social at a facility housing our Veterans. Invite veterans to a luncheon at your post and include their families.

All members should help in recruiting new volunteers. Successful recruiting is an art in itself. Tips for recruiting: (From the Hospital Program Guide)

- Know the hospital program and be able to answer information regarding the VFW Auxiliary.
- Know your facility. Make certain that any information you give regarding your facility is accurate.
- Be prepared to describe various assignments and what is expected. Explain that volunteers are trained and supervised by facility personnel.
- VFW Auxiliary meetings at all levels and activities beyond our organization should seek out new areas for volunteer recruitment.
- Create incentives that will attract and interest different generational groups.
- Work with the facility to create incentives for volunteers.
- Publicity release about an outstanding volunteer or an interesting hospital/facility project can aid in getting that public attention which can promote recruitment.
- A good reason to volunteer is to gain work experience, learn new skills, meet new people, and most importantly to give something back.

I am excited to meet our volunteers and equally to hear & see how each individual and auxiliaries promote the Hospital Program. I have witnessed some great talent emit from our members in the past and I am certain this year will be even better.

Have fun with the Hospital Program, utilize the resources to get you started, and let your Love and appreciation for our Veterans Shine! Remember: those that are hospitalized are reminded every minute, every hour of every day that they are *ill*. We can make a difference! We can relieve some of the anxiety and stress related to illness or recovery by our Active Presence. We are only limited by our own imaginations – Let's make a difference and...

Most importantly, Show them that they are NOT FORGOTTEN; get involved!!!

Legislative Program—Chairman Betsy Crown

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I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Betsy Crown and I belong to District 5, Avra Valley-Marana Auxiliary 5990. It is a great honor to assist District and Auxiliary legislative chairpersons. Thank you, Madam President, for giving me this opportunity.

My theme for this year is "Fighting for Our Veterans". They fought for us and it is our turn to fight for them. We need to help them gain the services they so richly deserve. After some thinking and reading, I believe that this is best achieved by the following ideas.

SWAP—Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Programs—Partnering with other Auxiliaries, Veteran Organizations and Civilian Organizations. There is strength in numbers where there is a common belief and a willingness to cooperate for a shared result.

Research—Know what current legislative proposals are up for debate. That means contact the legislators for their reasons for the proposals and why it is valuable. Don't be afraid to go to their office and to speak with them. Be professional and polite.

Educate—Work with organizations such as the League of Women Voters to help high school seniors to register to vote and to teach them the responsibilities of that privilege. This program fits in with classes needed to graduate. Voting is a right and a privilege that increases voter strength and reinforces voter constitutional rights.

Communication—Participate and help to set up roundtables to discuss problems and solutions facing communities, veterans, and the public. Again, this helps to educate candidates in the needs of their constituents.

Volunteer—Don't be afraid to participate in elections. Drive a veteran to his polling place, be a poll worker, hand out brochures, etc.

Most importantly, help rally the vote at your own post. Lead by example. It is important to remember that your opinions and your votes are just that-yours! We just want all eligible voters to turn out and register their opinions by voting.

Remember strength in numbers. Lead by example and support the needs of our Veterans.

Membership Chairman—Bambi Johnson

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Every Auxiliary and Post should have a Membership Committee that is dedicated to not only recruiting new members but also in engaging their members. One of the strongest ways to strengthen a Post and Auxiliary, is to work together to grow and maintain the membership of both entities. While a Post member cannot be on the investigative committee or an Auxiliary application and vice versa, both entities should be trained and willing to help a potential member with the applications. For each Veteran that joins a Post there are multiple family members that are then eligible for Auxiliary membership. Please work with your Posts to enlist some comrades for your membership efforts.

In both the Roster, and in the handouts there is a copy of our membership application with some tips for filling it out. Perhaps at a regular meeting under the Good of the Order, Auxiliaries may wish to do a mini-training on how to properly fill it out and hand out a blank form with the benefits of being a member to all meeting attendees. The more your members feel comfortable with the application the easier it is for them to recruit just one member. The larger the membership committee, the more likely you will be to have a committee member at every event ready to explain the benefits and assist with the application.

While both the National and Department has awards for membership, each Auxiliary may wish to do a reward to their members for recruiting. Utilize the Just One Member Pledge Cards at your meetings and events and celebrate the Member who succeeds in recruiting their new member!

Here are some no to low cost rewards you may want to consider:

- Recognition on social media
- Name on an Honor board inside the Post
- Certificate/Card for a Good Job
- Gift Certificate to a local restaurant

Partner Up with Scholarship & Youth by explaining the benefits of membership when speaking to groups regarding our scholarships and youth programs. Not only are those that are 16 years of age or older potential members, but so are their parents!

Mentoring for Leadership Program

Chairman PDP Reba Dermody Email: rebadermody@cox.net

***How to Mentor—The first thing I am going to tell you is:
LOOK AT YOUR YEAR END SUMMARY FOR THIS PROGRAM.***

This is a new program this year. Mentoring used to be with the Chief of Staff and mentioned in the Membership program. You need good mentoring in the VFW Auxiliary to learn how to ask newer members to join, so Chief of Staff and Membership go hand in hand with Mentoring.

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

Take a minute to think about the best mentor you've ever had.

This doesn't have to be someone at work, although it certainly could be. But mentors come in all shapes and sizes: It can be your manager, a colleague, a parent, a friend, a coach, a college professor etc. anyone who's been a particularly excellent advisor at some point in your life.

Now, think of what made them stand out to you. Was it the example they set? That you felt like they really understood your communication style, your working style, or your goals? That they seemed to always point you to the right resources or give you the right advice when you needed it?

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

In future Pin Point articles, we will touch on what a mentor is, including the three main types of mentors: peer mentors, career mentors, and life mentors. Then, we'll go through 12 tips for being an amazing mentor.

Thank you for your continued support of the VFW Auxiliary. With mentoring members, we will help this organization grow and flourish.

SCHOLARSHIP – CHAIRPERSON BRENDA KINGHORN

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Student Participation – Recipient Recognition – Community Awareness – Increasing Fund

Hi, I have been asked to be the Department of Arizona Scholarship Chairman, by President Sheila Lee-Eiler.

The Department of Arizona VFW and Auxiliary had the honor to have two of Arizona's students sent to Washington, D.C.

Kyle Polen, senior at Chaparral High School, took second place for the 2018-2019 Voice of Democracy National Scholarship. His essay was on the theme, "Why My Vote Matters." Kyle received the \$16,000 Charles Kuralt Memorial Scholarship, was sponsored by VFW Post 9400 and it's Auxiliary in Phoenix.

Daniel Rodriguez, a sixth-grade student from Nogales, was named the 2018-19 Patriot's Pen National Scholarship first-place winner. His essay on the theme, "Why I honor the American Flag", won \$5,000, Daniel was sponsored by VFW Post 2066 Nogales, AZ.

The first two scholarships that need to be start work on, with the VFW Post, right now.

VFW Patriot's Pen "What Makes America Great"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31st, 2019

Patriotic Writing Competition Grand Prize \$5,000 Award
6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, public, private and home-schooled.

VFW Voice of Democracy (VOD) "What Makes America Great"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31st, 2019

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize \$30,000 Award
9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students, public, private and home-schooled.

At the National Convention in Orlando, Arizona's entry for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship was the Third Place winner. "Land of the Free, Home of the Brave" by Karina Yang, 11th Grade, was sponsored by VFW Auxiliary 720, Phoenix, Arizona. Karina received \$3500.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship

Applicants 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades. Home-schooled students are eligible. Maximum of 18 years of age, US citizen or us national. www.azvfwaux.org or www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships

Congratulations to all of our Department of Arizona winners. Come on Arizona, let's do it again!!

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM—Chairperson Janae Kemery

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National Veterans Service (NVS)

The VFW National Veterans Service (NVS) helps veterans, service members and their families obtain the benefits they deserve-at no cost to the veterans and/or families. The Veteran Service Officers will help write and submit the claims to the VA. Once the claim is filled, they will help track the claim through the system. They can also help file the appeals for denied claims. It is important to use a Veteran Service Officer. They will help avoid delays that missing paperwork or improperly filled out claims can cause.

NVS provides a nationwide network of nearly 300 Veterans of Foreign War Service Officers who help navigate the Veterans Affairs system. Those Service Officers recover more than \$1billion annually in VA Benefits and their dependents. Those Service Officers assist all veterans whether they are VFW members or not in filing claims for:

- Disability Compensation**
- Rehabilitation & Educational Programs**
- Pension & Death Benefits**
- Employment & Training Programs**

Those Service Offices also works to ensure veterans receive quality, timely, and accessible VA healthcare including:

- Hospital Care**
- Outpatient Care**
- Specialized Health Care for Female Veterans**
- Alcohol & Drug Dependency Treatment**
- Medical Evaluation for Disorders associated with Military Service, Exposure to Agent Orange, Radiation or other Environmental Hazards.**

Every VFW Post and every State department has highly trained and skill professional Service Officers. *It is important for us to get the information out on our National Veteran Service Officers.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM—Chairperson Dani Greene

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Hello, since this is my first Pinpoints of the 2019/20 year, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Dani Greene and I am your Youth Activities Department Chairman for the Department of AZ. I'm sure you're all reading your program guide and thinking, WOW, I have a lot to do... don't panic, I'm here to help. I'm going to go over questions each month that are in your program guide and give you guidance, ideas, support and help so you can work your program and be successful for your 2019/20 year! That is what we truly want from each one of our Auxiliaries, success in every program.

Now on to business.... Youth Activities Program Summary Question #1

Describe how your Auxiliary participated in Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans and/or how your Auxiliary participated in supporting your local Youth Organizations. How many Citations were given?

Who thought, "what the heck is a citation??"

Ok let me explain... A citation is a recognition award the Auxiliaries give.

Here is where you find the information go to <https://www.azvfwaux.org/> then go to resources, youth activities. There will be a link: [Youth Groups Supporting Veterans Citation Application \(Fillable\)](#) this leads you to the citation request form, follow the directions on how to fill the form out, mail the Citation request form to me, I will sign it and send it to National. Then you will be able to present it to your youth organization.

What is it for? A National citation will be awarded to any youth group for their efforts in support of veterans and their families.

Do I have any youth groups that qualify...? YES any youth groups that you have seen or know that have helped your Post, Auxiliary, any Veterans, done anything in their community to help Veterans qualify for a citation.

Follow the directions on the link and send it in for as many youth groups as possible, we need to recognize our youth and let them know how much we appreciate them & their efforts to Veterans, no matter how big or small. This also helps you network and build a rapport with your schools, community and local youth programs in the area.

Youth Groups to find potential candidates to give citations to:

Any school organization, adopted classrooms, JROTC, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Athletic Teams, National Junior Honor Society, Student Councils, FFA, Girl & Boys Club, Local Libraries, so much potential to find amazing youth organizations in your community! Although it is not mandatory, we hope to get the Auxiliaries involved with some of these organizations in projects together.



Homecoming Department of Arizona

Commander Tom Judd



September 21, 2019
4:00 p.m. –

VFW Post 9907 – Show Low, Arizona

Fun, Karaoke, Comradeship
BBQ Rib Dinner Sat. Night
& Scout breakfast Sunday

\$30.00



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LESS LIGHTNING WELSH, 10/12

DEPT. OF ARIZONA
VFW & VFW AUXILIARY
FALL CONFERENCE 2019
OCTOBER 4-6, 2019
Hilton Tucson East

7600 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710

Reservations number: 1-800-445-8667
ask for: "VFW FALL CONFERENCE 2019" group rate

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPT 4, 2019

Room 99.00 + Tax

Tentative Schedule Saturday 10/5/19

9:00 - Welcome and Introductions, Programs Presentations

Lunch on your own

4:00-5:00 pm - No Host Social Hour

5:00 pm - POW-MIA Ceremony / Dinner / Recognition of Volunteers

SUNDAY 9:00am C of A Meetings

Deadline for Dinner

Reservations is Sept 15, 2019

\$35.00 (after Sept 15 - \$40)

(Menu is being negotiated at this time)

Send Dinner Checks to:

Veterans of Foreign Wars

6423 S. Ash Ave

Tempe, AZ 85283

Payable to: "VFW Dept of AZ"

Please note on check:

Fall Conf. Dinner

*Table reservations may
ONLY be made for tables
of ten. \$350.00 must be
on ONE check and noted
"Fall Conf. Table of 10".
All other seating is first
come, first served.*

For more info:

Ski Kuczynski 480-941-5258

email - azvfw3@gmail.com

VFW & Auxiliary C of A Meetings are Sunday at 9:00am

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA



VFW AND VFW AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to recognize 1 volunteer from the VFW and 1 from the VFW 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. The winning volunteers will be recognized at the Fall Conference Banquet on Saturday, October 5, 2019. It is up to the VFW Post and/or the VFW Auxiliary to notify the volunteers of this recognition event and we encourage the Post and Auxiliary to purchase the banquet ticket for their volunteer.

VFW OR AUXILIARY INFORMATION

VFW Post Name and Number _____

OR

VFW Auxiliary Name and Number _____

Contact _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

TELL US ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Name: _____

Is the volunteer a member of the VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary? _____

THIS IS A REQUIREMENT.

Facility where he/she volunteers _____

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

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO VFW DEPARTMENT
VFW - azvfw3@gmail.com C/O Commander Tom Judd.
VFW Auxiliary – Sheila.eiler1@gmail.com

DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Auxiliary and District Quarterly Audit Reports

received by Department Treasurer.

Bylaws Sec. 309 - Any Auxiliary in arrears for failure to make quarterly audits shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation on all levels.

An Auxiliary that has failed to submit quarterly audit reports to the Department Treasurer may not vote at any District Meeting until the arrearage is corrected.

Auxiliary	2nd Quarter 2019 Apr- June	3rd Quarter 2019 July- Sept	4th Quarter 2019 Oct - Dec	1st Quarter 2020 Jan- Mar	Auxiliary	2nd Quarter 2019 Apr- June	3rd Quarter 2019 July- Sept	4th Quarter 2019 Oct - Dec	1st Quarter 2020 Jan- Mar
40					7061				
285	X				7400	X			
404	X				7968	Ext 8/19			
541					8053				
549	X				8242	X			
720	Ext 8/19				8987				
769					9399	X			
1433					9400				
1677					9401	X			
1704	X				9833				
1760					9907				
1763	X				9972	Ext 8/19			
1796					9977	X			
2190	X				10005				
2357	X				10227				
2364					10254				
2555					10385	X			
3513					10386				
3578	X				10726	X			
3584					11014				
3632	X				12098	X			
3713	X				12128				
3715					District 1				
4903					District 2	X			
5990	Ext 8/19				District 3				
6271					District 4				
6306	X				District 5	X			
6739					District 6				
6790	X				District 7	X			
					District 8				
					District 10				

CALENDAR UPDATE

All Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Trainings will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Districts 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 Schools of Instruction at 10:00 a.m.
Districts 3, 4, 5 and 10 Schools of Instruction at 9:00 a.m.

JUNE 2019

June 15 District 1 Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Training VFW Post 769 Quartzsite
June 22 District 8 Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Training VFW Post 9401 Lake Havasu City
June 29 Districts 3 and 4 Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Training VFW Post 1433 Glendale

JULY 2019

July 6 District 10 Social VFW Post 7401
July 13 Districts 5 and 7 Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Training VFW Post 549 Tucson
July 13 District 2 Meeting VFW Post 12128
July 13 District 6 Meeting VFW Post 9907
July 14 District 7 Meeting VFW Post 6271
July 14 District 8 Meeting VFW Post 6306
July 14 District 10 Meeting VFW Post 9399
July 20 – 24 National Convention Orlando, FL
July 27 District 5 Meeting VFW Post 5990

AUGUST 2019

August 3 District 2 Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Training VFW Post 7400 Cottonwood
August 4 District 4 Meeting VFW Post 9400
August 10 District 10 Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Training VFW Post 9399 Apache Junction
August 11 District 6 Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation Training VFW Post 9907 Show Low
August 11 District 3 Meeting VFW Post 1433

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 15 District 1 Meeting VFW Post 8242
September 21 Department Commander's Homecoming VFW Post 9907
September 29 District 7 Meeting VFW Post 836

OCTOBER 2019

October 4 VFWA Department Audit and Officers Meeting
October 5 VFW and VFWA Fall Conference Tucson Hilton East
October 6 VFW and VFWA Council of Administration Meetings
October 12 District 6 Meeting VFW Post 8987
October 19 District 2 Meeting VFW Post 6739
October 19 District 3 Meeting VFW Post 3715, Family Freedom Festiva

October 20 District 8 Meeting VFW Post 9833
October 20 District 10 Meeting VFW Post 1677
October 26 District 5 Meeting VFW Post 4903

NOVEMBER 2019

November 1-3 Western Conference – Anchorage, AK
November 17 District 1 Meeting VFW Post 6790
November 17 District 4 Meeting VFW Post 1760

DECEMBER 2019

December 8 VFW and VFWA Department Officers Joint Meeting
December 14 District 2 Meeting VFW Post 7400
December 14 District 3 Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen Awards
December 14 District 10 Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen Awards
VFW Post 7968

JANUARY 2020

January 4 District 10 Social VFW Post 3713
January 10 VFWA Department Audit and Officers Meeting
January 11 VFW and VFWA Winter Conference
January 12 VFW and VFWA Council of Administration Meetings
January 11 District 6 Meeting VFW Post Tonto Basin
January 19 District 7 Meeting VFW Post 2066
January 19 District 8 Meeting VFW Post 2555
January 19 District 10 Meeting VFW Post 7401
January 25 District 5 Meeting VFW Post 10254

FEBRUARY 2020

February 4 District 10 Social / Past Dist Commanders and Presidents
Dinner
VFW Post 9399
February 8 Department President's Homecoming VFW Post 1433
February 8 District 10 Buddy Poppy Ball VFW Post 9399
February 9 District 4 Meeting VFW Post 720
February 15 District 3 Meeting Am Legion Buckeye
February 16 District 1 Meeting VFW Post 2357
February 19-24 VFWA Mid Year Conference and CAFE – Honolulu, HI

MARCH 2020

March 29-April 1 National President's Visit Phoenix area

APRIL 2020

April 11 District 2 Meeting VFW Post 10227
April 11 District 6 Meeting VFW Post 1704
April 19 District 1 Meeting VFW Post 769
April 19 District 7 Meeting VFW Post 9972
April 19 District 8 Meeting VFW Post 10005
April 19 District 10 Meeting VFW Post 7968

APRIL 20

**AUXILIARY YEAR END
SUMMARIES DUE**

April 25 District 4 Meeting VFW Post 1796

April 25

District 5 Meeting VFW Post 549

MAY 2020

MAY 1

**AUXILIARY CIRCLE OF
EXCELLENCE REPORTS DUE**

May 2

District 3 Meeting VFW Post 1433

JUNE 2020

June 2 – 7

Department Convention Scottsdale Plaza Resort

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