



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Pin Points Newsletter

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Each method offers opportunities to learn and share!

- Via Department website at <https://www.azvfwaux.org/historian-media-relations>
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Apologies from Newsletter Editor Sheila Shutts.

The January Newsletter started when I was still home, but I have been out of town with limited computer access/resources for two weeks! This January Pin Points will be missing most graphics/images. Reports & event flyers will also be missing. When I return to Bullhead City there will be a 2nd mass email with the missing items. Your patience & understanding is appreciated!

Hope everyone has a safe & prosperous New Year!

SHEILA EILER
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, Auxiliary members!

Can you believe it? It's a new year with all kinds of possibilities and a renewal of one's self. I researched and found the top "55 New Year Resolution" ideas. I want to share a few of them as it pertains to us as members of the VFW Auxiliary.

Focus on passion. With the many programs that our Auxiliary offers, what is the one that you have a passion for? If we are concentrating on that one passion, we do not need the next topic.

Stop gossiping. Don't be that person. If we focus on our passion for our programs, we will not need nor have the time for that type of chat. Spread the positivity of our programs.

Give one compliment a day. It not only shows compassion, but it will also lift someone's spirits.

Do random acts of kindness. Norbert, the therapy dog, reminds us that anyone can be kind, and it costs you nothing. You can see Norbert, the therapy dog, on Instagram. He's so stinking cute!

Talk to yourself with kindness. I found this most interesting. How many of us are kind to others? Then we criticize ourselves and others. Be kind to yourselves.

Be kind on social media. Everyone who uses social media should strive to empathize more and respond to others on the internet with kindness. "Don't let hate or bullying be motivation for

interacting on social platforms."

Let go of grudges. Wouldn't it be nice to start 2020 with a clean slate? Leave hate behind. Anger is so 2019.

Talk less listen more. Good things happen when you talk less, and you learn and notice so much when you spend more time looking and listening.

As a lot of us do, we set goals and challenges to achieve for ourselves in a new year. We put in the most significant effort and volunteer hours into being advocates for our Veterans and their families, especially during the holidays. But then comes March and April, and it seems we forget what this Auxiliary is genuinely working so hard to achieve. By June and July our goals and challenges for the new year are nonexistent.

I am challenging myself to be better and renew on all levels of my life.

Who is with me?

I hope the New Year brings you and your family blessings and many renewals.
be continued...

To

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER
Kim Sloan

The following is a list of questions and answers that were presented at recent conference meetings. If you need further clarification about a question or an answer, please contact Department Secretary Kim Sloan.

Question and Answer Compilation from Conferences 2019

- 1 Q How long does a Ruling stay in effect?
1 A **A Ruling stays in effect until it is reversed or voted on as a Resolution**
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- 2 Q Can you get the VFW Magazine on-line?
2 A **Yes, on their website. <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/vfw-magazine>**
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- 3 Q Can we get the membership years in MALTA fixed to be correct year of joining?
3 A **There is no access in MALTA at this time. We can ask how much it will cost to add this feature and if Departments would like this added.**
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- 4 Q Auxiliary disband and the member transferred, how do you know what pin to give them?
It's the members responsibility to get a letter from the disbanded Auxiliary before it disbands.
4 A **However, if the Auxiliary is no longer in existence, it is possible your Department Treasurer may be able to help.**
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- 5 Q Is there a possibility that in the future there will be other eligibility come up like niece/nephew or great grandchildren?
The Government decided the consanguinity needed for membership. That is the degree of
5 A **separation from the Veteran. Unless they change we cannot change. So it is highly unlikely this will change. (This is an IRS regulation.)**
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- 6 Q Of the 9 employees at National Headquarters; How many are VFW members? How many are Aux Members?
6 A **We have no VFW members on our floor. However, everyone that we hire is asked to join. If they are eligible they join. We currently have 7 staff as members. Two are still researching eligibility.**
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- 7 Q How much is the salary of the 9 employees and who governs them?
Specific staff information is protected by Privacy Laws. However, the National CofA votes on the
7 A **amount for all employees in the budget and the National Secretary Treasurer manages individual salaries.**
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- 8 Q Legacy Life Insurance: Can we get information out to our members to explain this benefit? Did the name change?
8 A **We are working with AMWINS on a one page benefit sheet to help with this question.**
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- 9 Q Is the Auxiliary Magazine going to be sent to VFW members? Will the VFW have the ability to get a subscription to the Auxiliary Magazine?
No, the Auxiliary cannot afford to do this. We do not have Ads in our magazine to cover the costs.
9 A **The magazine is available on our web-site under Media/Magazine so if a VFW member wanted to read it, they could.**
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- 10 Q Should Auxiliaries pay for a subscription to the VFW Magazine and have it delivered to the VA? Would that be a service to Veterans?
10 A **Three members at the Western Conference informed us all that the VFW National Headquarters already sends a box to the VA Hospital to the Field Service Officer for distribution.**
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- 11 Q What if you can't place your hands behind your back for the prayer as it is in the Bylaws? This was asked in more than 1 conference.
Please understand, that for many members, they can no longer put their hands behind their back or they may not be able to stand. If you are at your meeting you can have the Patriotic Instructor
11 A **show members how to hold their hands but please do not go up to someone to tell them they are doing this incorrectly. They may no longer be able to do this and you could alienate a good member.**
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- 12 Q There was a question about removing caps, followed up by wearing a cap that is not the official Auxiliary cap.
- Ann announced that the National ruling is that the Auxiliary is to follow the VFW Bylaws, until a resolution is presented and passed on our floor and changes approved by the VFW. We are to follow the Chaplain. If he/she removes their cover, so should those wearing the VFW Auxiliary Cap. In doing so, Ann explained, our insignia faces outward. Ann further advised that wearing another hat/cap – baseball, cowboy hat is not acceptable, but wearing a cover for medical or religious purposes is acceptable. She further stated that the wearing of the Caps protocol applies both to male and female VFW Auxiliary members-that is to remove Caps when the Chaplain removes his/her Cover/Cap. Also, remember to be kind, if someone is wearing a different type of hat, you can assume it may be for medical purposes. You do not need to tell them individually to remove their hat. We are not the cap Police.
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- 13 Q If you are a line officer in the MOCA Grand. Can you wear your MOCA hat during an Auxiliary meeting, Dept. meeting, etc.? What if you are sitting outside the meeting recruiting? Do they have to remove their hat?
- Ann stated that as an invited guest of the President, the MOCA member may wear their MOCA hat as they will most likely be introduced as a guest. To be just sitting in the meeting, as an Auxiliary member in attendance, the MOCA hat should not be worn, as we are VFW Auxiliary members first. If the MOCA has permission to have a recruiting table out in the hallway, then the MOCA member may wear their hat. Recruiting in and during an meeting is not advised.
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- 14 Q Why do we have a new Podium Book every year? Can we not have a clip with the changes?
- Changes are made to the Podium Book every 3 years and every 5 years for the Ritual. Every year resolutions are purposed, some pass, some fail. The Offices of the President, Secretary and Treasurer should have the most current edition. New members, per our bylaws are entitled to a current podium edition. Other members in attendance shared that they write in their book or attach the resolutions that passed in order to use their Bylaws more than 1 year.
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- 15 Q There was a question about the collar pins.
- Per the Bylaws they should be worn on the Official Marine Blue Blouse/Shirt. However, if someone forgets to put them on before they leave their house, please don't ask them to leave the meeting. Again, please be kind.
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- 16 Q If we have a question for National Headquarters, who do we ask?
- Questions or concerns may be emailed to the info email address: info@vfwauxiliary.org On staff is Maria, she filters out all questions and concerns. Maria will respond immediately during the work week or sends to the appropriate staff member so correct information goes out.
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- 17 Q The question was that an individual's grandchildren are on missions and so they have put their grandmother's address as their home for now. However, when they renewed their membership, their card was sent to the treasurer instead of sending to the address on file. How do we stop this from happening?
- This should not happen. Please give us the specifics and we will inform Sheldon or George to be sure the address was not marked as a bad address.
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- 18 Q Can we put the information about ruling vs resolution in the Magazine?
- If there is room, we also have other avenues like the E-Newsletter and Facebook Live.
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- 19 Q How can you stop the magazine from coming to several members in the same household, wouldn't this save money?

- 19 A The easiest way would be for the other members in the household to sign up for the digital magazine. You can also send an email to the info account and we will take care of it.
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- 20 Q Where can someone find Rulings, are they together in the same place?
- 20 A Your Department Secretary keeps a file of all rulings.
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- 21 Q How do we access blogs?
- 21 A Go to the Auxiliary Website - www.vfwauxiliary.org - then BLOG at the top, same line as HOME, pick the one you want to read.
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- 22 Q Why don't we get receipt notices but we get notice of withdrawal?
- 22 A You should be getting receipts for both receipts and withdrawals. If you are not please contact us at National Headquarters.
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- 23 Q What do we do when we find out that a current member is a convicted felon?
- They may be brought up on disciplinary action per Sec 1102 of the Bylaws. Make sure you follow the guidelines. However, they do not have to be brought up on charges. Look at it case by case.
- 23 A i.e.. If they have been a member for years and they did something as a teen and you just found out, you can just disregard. If they stole money, you may not want to make them your treasurer. Use your judgement. It is not automatic removal or action.
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- 24 Q Why doesn't the Membership Chairman have access to all of the members in their state?
- 24 A This has been a discussion for a while. Some feel they should have access, it would make their job easier. Others feel it would infringe on members rights to have their information given out to too many people. We currently do not have plans to give them access.
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- 25 Q How come the Conference President and Treasurer are not bonded?
- 25 A The conferences are not recognized in the bylaws so they are not mandated to bond. Conferences should not have an abundance of money on hand. Be sure the people you elect are trustworthy as best you can.
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- 26 Q Why do we have conferences?
- 26 A From what I have always been told, Conference were set up by the VFW to try to prevent bigger states from dominating the election of National officers. The premise of conferences would at least insure that the National officers would come from different areas of the country.
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- 27 Q Can we use both the old and new membership applications?
- 27 A Yes. If you use the older applications, the applicant must sign in both places on the application. On the new application, you only need one signature.
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- 28 Q There was a question on whether the rulings should stand because it mentioned bullets and bullets changes the Bylaws and only Resolutions can change the Bylaws.
- It was explained that the Rulings were put in the Bylaws because we were getting frequent questions on the cap and the fact that the Bylaws didn't address Departments without Districts.
- 28 A National President Peggy Haake made these Rulings so everyone can be on the same page. We are hoping resolutions will be brought forth at the next convention to correct these oversights in the Bylaws. One ruling was re-done to eliminate this concern.
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- 29 Q Can any member go through info@vfwauxiliary.org or can they call National?
- 29 A Anyone can email or call National Headquarters at any time. However, many calls or emails we receive will be sent back to the Department to go through the Chain of Command. If we do answer from Headquarters we will cc the Department President so they know what is being asked in their state. They may need to add something to their trainings etc.
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- 30 Q Since the Auxiliary supports the VFW VOD and Patriots Pen and now the VFW is going to help promote the Patriot Art. Can a Bachelor Post send in an entry? If an Auxiliary submits the entry for a Bachelor Post, who gets the credit?
Per the current brochure, it has to be submitted by an Auxiliary. As far as credit the Auxiliary that submits it would get credit on the Auxiliary side. However, the VFW Bachelor Post could always add it to their Community Service report that they submit to National.
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- 31 Q Is there a reason why a Post can't enter without an Auxiliary? Why can't Auxiliary enter VOD and Patriots Pen without a Post?
Since Auxiliaries all have Posts, it is usually submitted as a joint program. If the Post is not interested in participating, usually the Auxiliary can do the work and submit an entry.
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- 32 Q Section 915 Solicitation of Funds from a Third Party. If any Auxiliary has been using a third-party program forever, do they now have to get the Department CoFA approval? No one has been able to find information as to whether they ever got approval when this started.
Jan Owens suggested to go back to the department and do an email vote of all the Council to allow them to do their program.
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- 33 Q When will National set it up so Departments can see rejoins and who recruited them?
This is set up in MALTA already. The Department Treasurer can access under duties/reports Recruiter. It shows both new and rejoins.
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- 34 Q If a former Department President or Conference President go to Members at Large, do they stay on the roll call?
Yes and No. If the roll call is for the purpose of voting they will not be called. However, if you are just announcing who the Past President are, you may say their name as a courtesy. I am not sure how a Conference Secretary would know if a member transferred to be a member at large, unless they are notified from that department.
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Comments not Questions

- In the magazine, it stated it is our responsibility to keep older members information current. This person felt: these members need to reach out to us because we have a legal contract with them till they are dead.
I agree, it would be nice if members did reach out to us. However, older members that end up in a Nursing Home may not be able to reach out to us.
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- 2 C County Clerks could help find out information on deaths of older members. Use internet by searching: Name, Town, and State you last knew they resided
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- 3 C Suggestion: "Well Being" Committees could be set up to contact members to see how they are doing.
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- 4 C A concern was raised in regards to the Patriotic Art Contest now allowing 3D art. The rules as they were was very simple with the flat artwork. The allowance of 3D art – Ceramics, sculptures etc., makes shipping and handling most difficult. Perhaps more thought be given to 3D criteria.
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- 5 C A member shared that jewelry was eliminated from items being acceptable for the Patriotic Art entries and this took away the ability for the youth on their Reservation to submit entries.
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- 5 R Ann clarified that, the VFW Auxiliary did not eliminate jewelry. Jewelry was never allowed. The member was invited to send an email to National Headquarters expressing what she just shared with everyone so that the email can be shared with all of the National Line Officers to consider.
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| 6 | C | There was a suggestion made to blind copy versus to show all emails when an email goes out to a group. This will help with privacy and make it more difficult to hack members email addresses. Also, remember not to reply all unless you need to. |
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| 7 | C | There was a comment about moving the flag to the middle of the podium versus to the side because depending on where you are sitting, you can't see the speaker. |
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Key Codes

- Q Question
A Answer
C Comment
R Response

IRS Required Filing

Every District and Auxiliary is required to file at least a 990e Postcard annually.

If an Auxiliary finds that the Auxiliary has not filed for 3 years and has been revoked by the IRS -

Call the IRS

Verify the status of the Auxiliary

If revoked, find out what form needs to be completed and submitted

Pay the required filing fee

If you have questions as you're completing the form, call me and I will help you formulate the appropriate answer to the question(s) that you're having trouble with.

I will not fill out the form for a District or Auxiliary, but I will help you.

January Roster Updates

Mohave Valley Auxiliary 404

New Meeting Day 1st Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Bucky O'Neill Auxiliary 541

Acting Treasurer Clyde Brooks

Email: brooksclyde95@yahoo.com

Phone: 928.273.3637

535 S. Onyx Pass

Prescott, AZ 86303

Stanley A. Crews Auxiliary 3513

Correct Annual Dues Amount \$35

Barney Figueroa Auxiliary 6271

New President JoAnn Wisner

Email: fungrma44@juno.com

Phone: 360.608.9427

3179 W. Cindy Way

Benson, AZ 85602-7711

Colo Gila Rivers Auxiliary 8242

New Treasurer Paula Walter

Email: paula.walter72@yahoo.com

Phone: 928.342.5365

14429 E. Fortuna Palms Pl

Yuma, AZ 85367

Joseph Monfort Auxiliary 9400

New Treasurer Louise Burrell

Email: burrell.beth@yahoo.com

Phone: 602.615.0093

10401 N. Cave Creek Rd. Lot 227

Phoenix, AZ 85020

Kim Sloan

Department Treasurer

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520.307.7940

Donations received by Department Treasurer.
donations made thru MALTA or donations mailed direct.

	Auxiliary	Cancer Aid & Research \$2 per member	VFW National Home for Children - Health and Happiness	VFW National Home Arizona House	VFW - Veterans and Military Support	VFW National Veterans Services	Arizon Schola
40							
285				\$ 20.00			
404	\$	374.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 154.00		\$ €
541	\$	320.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 15
549							
720				\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 3
769				\$ 20.00			\$ €
1433	\$	452.00	\$ 56.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 15
1677					\$ 50.00		
1704	\$	132.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 5
1760							

1763	\$	298.00	\$	37.25	\$	80.00	\$	100.00		\$	20	
1796												
2190												
2357												
2364	\$	58.00	\$	50.00	\$	20.00	\$	100.00		\$	10	
2555	\$	256.00	\$	32.00	\$	20.00	\$	100.00		\$	60	
3513					\$	20.00	\$	50.00		\$	20	
3578	\$	164.00			\$	25.00	\$	50.00	\$	100.00	\$	20
3584	\$	168.00	\$	21.00	\$	20.00	\$	20.00		\$	20	
3632												
3713			\$	20.00	\$	20.00	\$	10.00		\$	11	
3715												
4903												
5990					\$	20.00	\$	50.00		\$	70	

Donations received by Department Treasurer.
donations made thru MALTA or donations mailed direct.

		Cancer Aid & Auxiliary Research \$2 per member		VFW National Home for Children - Health and Happiness		VFW National Home Arizona House		VFW - Veterans and Military Support		VFW National Veterans Services		Arizona Scholar	
6271	\$	224.00				\$	50.00	\$	100.00			\$	15
6306	\$	308.00	\$	38.50		\$	20.00	\$	20.00			\$	10
6739													
6790	\$	508.00	\$	63.50		\$	100.00	\$	500.00				
7061													
7400	\$	330.00	\$	41.50		\$	60.00	\$	200.00			\$	60

7968	\$	1,672.00	\$	209.00	\$	20.00	\$	300.00		\$	40	
8053	\$	340.00	\$	100.00	\$	20.00		\$	100.00	\$	30	
8242	\$	666.00	\$	83.25								
8987	\$	202.00	\$	20.00	\$	20.00	\$	10.00		\$	3	
9399	\$	2,118.00	\$	264.75	\$	20.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	20
9400												
9401	\$	1,064.00	\$	133.00	\$	20.00	\$	15.00		\$	4	
9833	\$	304.00	\$	38.00								
9907			\$	75.25	\$	20.00	\$	200.00		\$	15	
9972	\$	1,543.00	\$	193.25	\$	20.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	15
9977												
10005					\$	20.00	\$	200.00		\$	10	
10227			\$	100.00	\$	20.00						
10254	\$	176.00	\$	22.00	\$	40.00	\$	20.00	\$	25.00	\$	2
10385	\$	25.00			\$	20.00	\$	50.00				
10386	\$	396.00	\$	49.50	\$	20.00	\$	200.00		\$	7	
10726	\$	250.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00		\$	20	
11014	\$	370.00	\$	46.25						\$	15	
12098												
12128					\$	20.00	\$	20.00		\$	3	

Chief of Staff Cathy Seipel

Did you know any member at any level that presents to a VFW bachelor Post using the "Why Having an Auxiliary Can Post Your Post" PowerPoint presentation and or uses the PDF "Ten Top Reasons for Your Post to have an Auxiliary" information sheet can receive a citation. The Commander of the Bachelor Post must complete the Extension Award for Members Award 2 Nomination Form and submit it to me by March 31st.

I have been calling the bachelor post to see about setting up an appointment. If you would like to help by presenting to a bachelor post please contact me.

Extension Award for Members No. 2

Nomination Form • 2019-2020 Program Year



2. Citation to any member at any level who presents to a VFW Bachelor Post using the "Why Having an Auxiliary Can Boost Your Post" PowerPoint and/or PDF and "Ten Top Reasons for Your Post to have an Auxiliary" information sheet available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Commander of that bachelor Post is to complete the form and submit it to the Department Chief of Staff by March 31, 2020. The Department Chief of Staff is to send the form to the National Chief of Staff by April 30, 2020. Citations will be mailed to the Department for presentation at Department Convention.

Post Commanders are to send this form to the Department Chief of Staff by March 31, 2020.

Presenter's Name: _____

Department of: _____ Auxiliary No.: _____

Nominee's Phone No.: _____ Nominee's Email Address: _____

Post Membership: _____ Number of Post Members Present for Presentation: _____

Presentation materials utilized (check all that apply):

- ☐ "Why Having an Auxiliary Can Boost Your Post" PowerPoint
☐ "Why Having an Auxiliary Can Boost Your Post" pdf
☐ "Ten Top Reasons for Your Post to have an Auxiliary" information sheet
☐ Other (please describe): _____

Describe how the presentation was received by Post members:

Will the Post consider having an Auxiliary to their Post? YES _____ NO _____

If no, list the primary reason(s) for not wanting an Auxiliary:

Post Commander's Name: _____

Post Name and No.: _____

Post Mailing Address: _____

Post Commander Phone No.: _____

Post Commander Email Address: _____

Signature of Department Chief of Staff: _____

Date: _____

The Department Chairman is to sign and send the nomination form to National Chief of Staff Gwen Rankin by April 30, 2020.

DISTRICT CORNER

District 3

Auxiliary 40

1/25/10 – Hosting the Districts Membership Appreciation Event

Recognizing Patriot Pen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Post winners

Auxiliary 285

1/25/20 – Participating in the Districts Membership Appreciation Event

Auxiliary 1433

1/22 – 1/24/2020 - Participating in Maricopa StandDown

2/8/2020 - VFW Department Presidents Sheila Lee-Eiler Homecoming 6:00PM (Price \$25.00)

1/25/2020 – Participating in Membership Appreciation Event

2/23/2020 – Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Projects – Aux.1433 in Glendale -1-4PM

3/29 – 4/1/2020 VFW National Auxiliary Presidents Visit in Glendale Post 1433

Auxiliary 3715

1/11/2020 - VFW Winter Conference, Scottsdale Plaza.

1/25/2020 – Participating in the Districts Membership Appreciation Event

Auxiliary 12098

1/11/2020 - Breakfast Bunch - 8am to 11am - Buckeye Community Veterans Service Center

1/14/2020 - Taco Tuesday working with the Post selling tacos, etc. to the public.

1/17/2020 - Meat Raffle at Am. Legion dinner to benefit James Walton Home.

1/15/2020 - Participating in Member Appreciation Day

2/15/2020 - VFW District 3 Meeting – Post 12098 Buckeye Community Veterans Service Center,
402 E Narramore Ave, Buckeye, AZ 85326

District 5

549 Tucson

January 11,12 2020 Winter Conference

Slingo Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30

January 8,15,22,29

January 25,2020 Poppy Drive 10-2 at Ace Hardware and at Walmart on Broadway and Camino Seco

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1 Breakfast a month date to be determined

1 Dinner a month date to be determined

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January 8, 2020 Meal for blind unit from the VA Hospital at the Post

5990 Marana

December 31,2019 New Year's Eve Party

January12,2020

Family Day for the 860th MPCO /Family Freedom Event held at Estes Elementary School in Marana. 11am starting

10254 Three Points

no activities planned

Americanism

Chairperson - Johnette DeBoard

Happy New Year to All !!

With the new year upon us we really need to get into the community and schools to teach proper flag etiquette. On the VFW Auxiliary website, <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/>, you will find a letter you can adjust to fit what you would like to do and send it or deliver it to your local schools or teachers/coaches asking to come in and teach flag etiquette. The letter is titled "Respect for the Flag Letter to Schools". There is also a citation you can present to the sports team or individuals that participate, which are also on the website, print off the Flag Education for Kids to take with you.

Here are a few things to teach that are listed: How should the flag be displayed? Are you supposed to decorate the flag? Saluting the U.S. Flag, Half Staff, how to properly dispose of the flag. Of course, you should teach what NOT to do as well. Such as don't let the flag touch the ground and don't draw on or otherwise mark the flag. Teach proper flag etiquette at parades as well. One very important thing to teach is whenever the American Flag is passing by STOP all conversation you are having. So many times, I have seen a person standing with their hat removed hand over heart and still talking. Teach them this is very disrespectful.

"BUDDY®"POPPY/NATIONAL HOME

Chairperson Lynn Pierre

Here's hoping everyone had an awesome Holiday Season!

"Buddy®Poppy" Displays are almost due.....

By now everyone should be well on their way to an awesome Poppy Display for this year. Please remember, this should be fun. If you were one of the Auxiliaries/Posts who erected a small Christmas Tree to be decorated with Poppies and gathering donations for the VFW National Home, you already have a display – see how easy that was?

The Poppy Chairman's manual is online and will describe each of the categories in detail. I'm so excited to see this year's entries, and I know they will be amazing!

Greetings from the VFW National Home!

Just as a reminder, how many of you have loaded the number for the Military and Veteran Helpline on your phones? In case you've forgotten, it's 800-313-4200. Load it on your phone and you will never have to pause to look it up again when you meet a Veteran who needs your help.

We are still very much in need of new members for continuing support of the Home and our Veterans. Applications can be found on the National Home website: www.vfwnationalhome.org and on the Department's website: <https://www.azvfwaux.org/buddy-poppyvfwnational-home>

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS—PLUS PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

PDP SHEILA SHUTTS CHAIRPERSON EMAIL: shutts@citlink.net



FACEBOOK IS FREE AUXILIARY PUBLICITY

DOES YOUR AUXILIARY HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE?

IF NO????? WHY NOT?????

If you have a page do you post event flyers?

Auxiliary Meeting Reminders?

Dues Payment Reminders?

Great Pictures from recent Events?

Facebook Tips for An Active and Awesome Auxiliary Page

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Active-and-Awesome-Auxiliary-Facebook-Pages.pdf>

Does the Auxiliary have a “Publicity Guide?”

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFW-Auxiliary-Publicity-Guide-2017.2018.pdf>

Does the Auxiliary have contact info for local newspapers? An email contact is SUPER!

Does the Auxiliary invite local newspapers to “Welcome Home Celebrations” for Our Active Military?

Does your Auxiliary use MailChimp or something similar for mass emailing? It’s FREE!

PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

Report document titles should include AUX# (Example) **A10005 Jan 19 PAR**

Reportables Include:

- ⇒ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Events
 - ⇒ Christmas Parade Participation
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HOSPITAL

CHAIRPERSON BRENDA PRICE

I trust everyone is entering 2020 with enthusiasm and eagerness to continue service to our Veterans!

With the Holidays behind us, we can relax a bit and refocus on our Program Objectives. We only have a few months to complete our Programs, so now is a good time to work with your auxiliaries to ensure all your time, effort, and hard work is in alignment with the YEAR END Report.

Let's look at a few:

3- asks if your Auxiliary Sponsored/ conducted an event or activity in ANY VA or Non-VA Medical Office. With all the Holidays- Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Pearl Harbor Day, & Christmas, I trust each of you took the opportunity to pay Tribute to our Heroes by hosting an event.

6 – How did your Auxiliary promote Suicide Prevention and Mental Health? Did you utilize the ACE Cards or brochures? Do you have the FIVE -Signs available or posted so you have easy access to assist a Veteran in need? How about the Suicide Prevention Help Number, Do you KNOW the number?

Veterans Crisis Line (1.800.273.8255) REMEMBER 20 a Day to 2 Many

#11 - Veterans Voices Writing Project – Does your Auxiliary subscribe to the magazine, Has your Auxiliary made a donation, or does one or more of your members volunteer with the program?

Veterans Voices Writing Project

- This therapeutic writing program is designed to acknowledge military veterans' experiences and build self-esteem through creative writing.
- Volunteer to assist a veteran in writing a story, poem or whatever they wish to create and share.
- To learn more, visit veteransvoices.org, call 816-701-6844 or email volunteer@veteransvoices.org.

I am pleased to announce that we awarded TWO Auxiliaries \$250.00 each for the Hospital Grant! Let's give a Shout out to Auxiliaries 10227 & 12098

How exciting it was for me to demonstrate my support of those Auxiliaries!

It is not too late, APPLY TODAY!

None of our programs are solo acts. It takes our members working together to ensure successful completion. Next month we will look at recognizing and thanking our volunteers who helped make this year a success!

Membership

Chairperson Bambi Johnson

Family Freedom Festival - did you have one or is it still on the horizon? With just three months until the end of the program year, and six months until the end of the membership year, it is important to put your best foot forward at your freedom festivals for getting new members. The Freedom Festival is truly our Community Outreach to introduce our organization to the community at large and is often the first one on one opportunity for the public to understand our mission and programs.

During the last District meetings, we have shared pointers for doing a membership booth and Talking Points about our organization. We hope that you will be utilizing those tips at your Freedom Festivals. A great way to bring interest and conversation, is to have a digital picture frame playing pictures and slides of what your members are doing. Show them participating in the programs as well as also having fun at your events! If you have been giving Good Job Awards or certificates to your members, include pictures of those presentations. One of the best first impressions we can give to potential new members is that they would enjoy becoming a member. If possible, have some music playing at your booth to entice interest and draw people over to have a conversation.

Please remember that although we are recruiting for the Auxiliary, we are also great recruiters for the Comrades. For every new comrade there is the circle of relatives that can join us. Many times, the VFW programs and avenues for assistance for veterans and their families are the items that bring new members. Having information on these programs, especially National Veterans Service and what a service office does to help with navigating the VA system can be the "Hot Button" for joining us.

A tip for when the potential new member wishes to take the unfinished application home to complete it, is to ask their permission to take a photo of their contact portion of the application so that you can follow-up with them. Then make sure you call them in a few days to let them know

we are interested in them and offer any assistance they need to complete their application. It will assure them that we are truly interested in welcoming them to our organization!

Mentoring for Leadership
Chairperson Reba Dermody

This article is a continuation of 12 ways to be an Amazing Mentor.

7. Be forthcoming about mistakes you've made.

Being open to sharing your own mistakes and failures is one of the best gifts a mentor can give. Not only is it helpful information for problem-solving purposes, but it also helps build trust, gives them permission to share their own mistakes, and strengthens the relationship overall.

"Newer members don't always feel comfortable owning up to a mistake or admitting that they're struggling in a certain area," says Emma Brudner, who manages HubSpot's Sales Blog. "If you cop to your failures and struggles, you make it okay for them to chime in and help them share with you."

8. Celebrate their achievements.

Because people often look for or call upon a mentor to help them with tough situations, many mentorship conversations revolve around the negative stuff. When you take the time to highlight and even celebrate your mentee's successes and achievements, you're not just balancing out the mood of those conversations -- you're also building your mentee's confidence, reinforcing good behavior, and keeping them focused and motivated. Depending on the relationship, mentees might also be seeking approval from their mentors -- and acknowledging their success is a way to satisfy that psychological need for recognition.

How you go about celebrating their achievements is entirely up to you. For example, if you're a peer mentor helping onboard a new Auxiliary member, you may choose to publicly acknowledge them either by sharing their success at a meeting or an event. A little praise goes a LONG way.

Jane Ziebarth
2019-2020 National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador

Mentoring!

The Auxiliary provides great resources to help enhance your knowledge of programs and

traditions to assist you to broaden your insight into the organization, build confidence to be an active participant and create leadership skills.

At your leisure, take some time to page through the Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation guidebooks. The guidebooks are versatile. You may print the entire book, a certain section of interest or read online. The goal of these guidebooks is to develop and maintain consistent practices across the organization; to train and equip leaders of today and tomorrow; and to strengthen the basic building blocks of the organization: the foundation.

SCHOLARSHIP

CHAIRPERSON BRENDA KINGHORN

REMINDER

Winter Conference - VOD, Patriot's Pen and Teachers Awards Banquet
January 11th and 12th, 2020

Take pictures of your student attendees and family members. Also, the Post and Auxiliary members at the banquet, so the pictures can be put on your Auxiliary Facebook and saved for your Media program and for your year end report.

If you have pictures of the Post and Auxiliary working together judging the entries, award dinners at the individual posts and auxiliaries, please email them to me.

Take the Scholarship "End of the Year" summary and start filling it out, if you haven't already.

****The next scholarship is the VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education, to assist members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a vocational/technical school (This is a National VFW Auxiliary Scholarship). Only the auxiliary member, spouse, son and daughter of a member are eligible to apply. Application is found on the VFW Auxiliary National Resource page or the Dept of Arizona Auxiliary website, also the entry is in the Department Program book.**

All applications must be submitted by the Auxiliaries, to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters before February 15th, 2020.

National Goals: Student Participation – Recipient Recognition – Community Awareness – Increasing Fund "Continuing Our Service to Veterans and their F

families"

Veterans & Family Support
Chairperson Janae Kemery

Unmet needs

First, I hope that you and your family had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and want to wish you a Happy New Year.

What happens when your spouse or significant other is serving overseas? And the mortgage is due, or your car breaks down or other problems that you don't have funds for. There are just a few things that could happen while our service men and women are serving overseas. You ask yourself what will I do? I have no one to call or ask for help. This is when Unmet needs comes into play.

The program provides financial aid grants of up to \$1,500 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant- not a loan-so no repayment is required. To further ease the burden, they pay the creditor directly.

Established in 2004, the VFW Unmet Needs Program has provided over \$10.5 million in emergency assistance grants to nearly 9,000 qualified veterans and military families. In 2007 Burger King franchisees became the primary supporters of the Unmet Needs program; to date they have raised more than \$5.3 million to provide veterans and military families with assistance for rent, mortgages, utilities, vehicle repair, food and other basic needs. Participating Burger King franchisees conduct fundraising campaigns in July or November of each year. 100% of the proceeds support veterans and military families.

Expenses Eligible for Payment

Household expenses-mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance.

Vehicle expenses- payments, insurance, repairs.....(Major repairs for vehicle over tens years old will not be considered.)

Utilities

Food and Clothing

Children's Clothing - Diapers - Formula - School or Childcare Expenses

Medical bills, prescriptions and eyeglasses- the patient's portion for necessary or emergency medical care only.

Please go to www.unmetneeds.com. To look at eligibility criteria or call 866-789-6333.

Youth Activities

Chairperson Dani Greene

Happy January we are now out of the holiday season....and into a brand-new year, I hope you all have an amazing 2020 year!

· I'm sure there were a lot of Youth Activities happening within your Auxiliary during the holiday season, hopefully you took the time to get a lot of your youth activity projects completed. If not no worries, you still have plenty of time. Look back at what you did within your Youth Activities Chairmanship Report on your PAR and document it for your yearend summary.

Youth Activities Program Summary Question #6

6. Describe how you participated in the Patriotism through literacy. How did your Auxiliary promote it?

What is Patriotism through literacy? Helping youth learn about America through books, both historical fiction and creative nonfiction.

How to Promote it? Volunteer to read a historical or creative nonfiction picture book to kids at your local library. • Donate historical fiction or creative nonfiction books to local schools, shelters or libraries. • Host a read-a-thon and award small prizes (stickers, pins) for numbers of books or hours read. • Run a writer's workshop for aspiring teen and tween authors at your Post Home. • Invite an author of historical fiction or creative nonfiction to do a book talk/signing in your area. Promote and support reading among youth with this simple, fun and potentially free (use your local library!) initiative. Introduce youth to historical figures and teach them about events in our nation's history while fostering a love of reading that can lead to a lifetime of learning. Reading has many benefits, including increased grammar and writing skills, improved focus and concentration, and helps children to understand and share the feelings of others; reading stretches our imagination. As Dr. Seuss said, "Reading can take you places you have never been before.

Go the website for further mentoring - www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources

<https://www.azvfwaux.org/youth-activities-program> . National VFW Auxiliary website
<https://vfwauxiliary.org> or the AZ VFW Auxiliary website <https://www.azvfwaux.org>

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*Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars
and Auxiliary Present*

Winter Conference

Organizational Training Jan 11-12, 2020

Voice Of Democracy

Patriots Pen & Teachers

Awards Banquet Saturday January 11, 2020



Four Points by Sheraton
2532 W. Peoria Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85029



Reservations number: 1-888-627-9057
ask for the "Veterans of Foreign Wars
Winter Conference 2020" group rate

Deadline for room reservations: Friday, December 20, 2019
Room rate \$109 includes FREE Breakfast for up to 2 persons per room.

8:30-12:30AZ Capital Visit (Students, Parent only)

9:00-NoonVFW and VFW Auxiliary Training

4:00pm Student/Parents/District Commanders & Presidents Reception (Pictures)

5:00pm No Host Cocktails - Banquet Room Foyer

6:00pm Dinner & Awards

SUNDAY 9:00am C of A Meeting

*Deadline for Dinner Reservations is Jan. 1, 2020 - \$35 (after Jan. 1 - \$40)
(the Menu is being negotiated at this time)*

Send Checks to:

Veterans of Foreign Wars

6423 S. Ash Ave

Tempe, AZ 85283

Payable to: "VFW Dept of AZ"

Please note on check:

VOD Dinner

*Table reservations can ONLY be
made for tables of ten (10). \$350*

*must be on ONE check and noted
"VOD Table of 10". All others are
first come, first served.*

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



Mardi Gras



Saturday, February 8th, 2020



5 pm - Until



Sandy Coor VFW Post 1433

7618 N. 63rd Ave. Glendale, Az. 85301

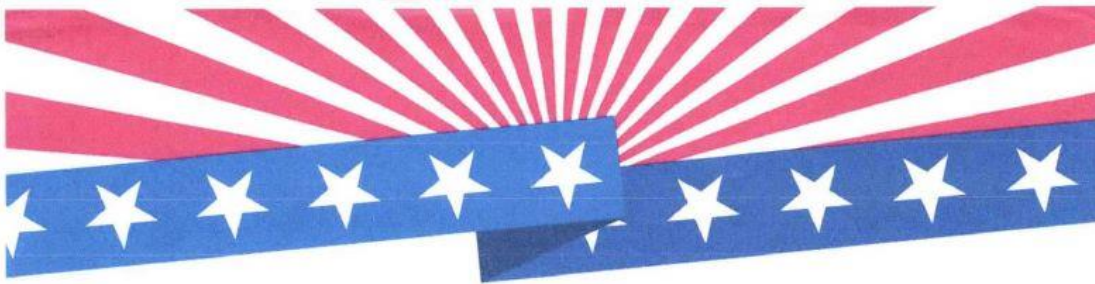
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VFW Auxiliary Department of Arizona President's Homecoming

Event Tickets \$25.00 Includes Dinner

Send checks to Lois Moore 5439 S. Holbrook Lane Tempe, Az 85283

480-427-6262 - mooreannitha@gmail.com



VFW Department of Arizona Auxiliary



National President's Visit

March 29 – April 1, 2020



*Please Join us and National President Peggy Haake
for a Mexican Buffet dinner*

When: Monday March 30, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Where: Sandy Coor Post 1433

Location: 7618 N. 63rd Avenue, Glendale AZ 85301

Cost: \$10.00

Deadline for tickets March 9, 2020

Make Checks Payable to
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