



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Pin Points Newsletter

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

Each method offers opportunities to learn and share!

- Via Department website at <https://www.azvfwaux.org/historian-media-relations>
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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
SHEILA EILER

CONGRADULATIONS TO DISTRICT 8. 100% WhoooHooo!

Great job! You all are doing such a fantastic job on membership. I am excited with all of you who are working diligently in your Auxiliaries, Districts and for the Department. I thank all of you! January 2020 was a tough month for a lot of Auxiliary members. The loss of a loved one is never an easy time, even when you know it's expected. It's still hard. For me, some were close to home. My condolences to all.

But it wasn't until the tragic death of Kobe Bryant and his daughter that it hit me. What "All Lives Matter" means to me. Yes, I am a Laker Fan, having grown up in a suburb of Los Angeles, Ca. However, with all the broadcasts on that story. So many of our military died unexpectedly also. Not nearly the recognition they deserved for fighting for our freedom voluntarily. No somber music when mentioning our tragically lost service members on the news. Not getting paid millions of dollars. No faces on magazine covers. Nor guest appearances on TV talk shows.

For those lucky enough to have had their lives spared from a bombing, the effects of TBI and other illnesses associated, are being brushed over. Our own VFW Commander in Chief Doc Schmidt asked for an apology to the men and women dealing with TBI from the bombing recently. As of this date I have seen nothing where our military has received the apology.

I honestly hope our CIC brings this very issue to light when we "Storm the Hill" at the Legislative Conference 2020, in DC at the end of this month and early March. We the members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries need to be taken seriously. I just hope it doesn't snow.

February is always a select month for me. With Valentine's Day being on Friday, February 14th this year, coinciding with Presidents Day on Monday, February 17th. Consider your Buddy Poppy and membership drives. It's a three-day weekend.

It's Mardi Gras! Not only my homecoming on February 8th, but the actual Mardi Gras is also Tuesday, February 25th. Fat Tuesday. How about celebrating Mardi Gras at your closet VA home or hospital.

Have a "Leap Year" birthday party on Saturday, February 29th. How many leap year babies do we have in our Auxiliaries? I would really like to know if anyone in the Department of Arizona has a leap year member.

I wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Mardi Gras! To be continued.....

Chief of Staff Cathy Seippel Email: cathyspoodles1@yahoo.com

This is another way to help our Auxiliaries: Citation and \$50 to one member in the nation who assisted in revitalizing/ rejuvenating a failing or weak Auxiliary and utilized Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation in their efforts. Any member at any level of the organization can be nominated by the revitalized/ rejuvenated Auxiliary. Nominated member must be different than the nominated mentor for the Mentoring for Leadership Program. Form is attached.

Extension Award for Members No. 1

Nomination Form • 2019-2020 Program Year



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Nominators are to send this form to their Department Chairman by March 31, 2020.

Nominee's Name: _____

Department of: _____ Auxiliary No.: _____

Nominee's Member ID No.: _____ Nominee's Phone No.: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Share why the nominee deserves to receive the 2019-2020 Extension Award for Members No. 1. Describe how the nominee utilized *Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation* to revitalize/rejuvenate this Auxiliary. Please attach any additional information.

Nominated by: _____

Department of: _____ Auxiliary No.: _____

Nominator's Member ID No.: _____ Nominator's Phone No.: _____

Nominator's Email Address: _____

Signature of Department Chief of Staff: _____ Date: _____

The Department Chief of Staff is to sign and send the completed Department-winning nomination form to National Chief of Staff and Extension Gwen Rankin by April 30, 2020 for judging. The National winner will be announced at the 2020 National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

DISTRICT CORNER

DISTRICT 2

AUXILIARY 6739 CAMP VERDE

DEC. 21ST – CHILI COOKOFF

DEC. 25TH WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

AUXILIARY 7400 COTTONWOOD

DEC. TACOS IN THE LOUNGE HOSTED BY AUXILIARY FROM 3-6 PM.

DEC. 6TH LUNCH IN THE LOUNGE HOSTED BY AUXILIARY FROM 12:30 TO 2 PM

DEC. 7TH – FLAG RAISING TO HONOR PEARL HARBOR DAY.

DEC. 14TH – DISTRICT 2 MEETING. AWARDS FOR VOD/PATRIOTS PEN WILL BE GIVEN OUT.

DEC. 20 – POLAR EXPRESS FROM 5 TO 7 PM.

NOT SURE OF DATE. WE WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE VETERANS @ COTTONWOOD VILLIAGE

AUXILIARY 10227 PRESCOTT VALLEY

DEC. 3RD – HOSTING LUNCH AT THE POST FOR THE CLIENTS IN THE VA DOMICILIARY

DEC. 7TH - POST AND AUXILIARY PUTTING UP FLAGS FOR PEARL HARBOR DAY.

DEC. 10TH – POST & AUXILIARY HOLDING BINGO AT THE VA FOR THE PATIENTS AT DOMICILIARY.

DEC. 14TH CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SOLDERS & THEIR FAMILIES OF CHARLIE CO.

DEC. 15TH POT & AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY @ THE POST.

AUXILIARY 12128 WILLIAMS

WILL BE GOING TO THE COMMUNITY BASED OUTREACH CLINIC& GIVING OUT CARDS THAT SAY, "THANK YOU FOR OUR FREEDOM" AND A VETERANS PIN

DISTRICT 3

AUXILIARY 40

2/15/20 – Delivering Valentine Card to the Arizona Veterans Home 2/15/20 – Attending District 3 Meeting

AUXILIARY 285

2/15/20 – Attending District 3 meeting

AUXILIARY 1433

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

\$25.00) 2/15/20 – Attending District 3 Meeting 2/16/20 – Auxiliary Program Summary

Review 2/23/2020 – Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Projects (SWAP) – Aux.1433 in Glendale -1-

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

AUXILIARY 3715 2/2/20 – Super Bowl Sunday Bake Sale 3:30 PM Post 3715 2/14/20 – Auxiliary

Valentine's Day Dance & Dinner 6:00 PM Cost \$15.00 Post 3715 2/29/20 - Sadie Hawkins Dance

6:00 PM (dress attire: Jeans, Shirt, Hat, Freckles, Pony Tails, Braids) 3/14/20 – Auxiliary Dinner and PI Sale 5:30 PM Post 3715

AUXILIARY 12098

2/8/20 – Breakfast Brunch 8 – 11 AM at Buckeye Community Veterans Service Center 2/8/20 –

Attending Department Presidents' Homecoming Post 1433 2/11/20 – Taco Tuesday 5:00 – 7:00

PM Buckeye Community Veterans Service Center 2/15/2020 - VFW District 3 Meeting Post
12098 Buckeye Community Veterans Service Center, 402 E Narramore Ave, Buckeye, AZ
85326 8:30 AM District 3 Audit 9:00 AM School of Instruction 10:00 AM Joint
Meeting 10:30 Auxiliary Meeting
2/15/20 – Valentine’s Dinner 4:00 - 8:00 PM Honoring Vietnam Veterans Buckeye Community
Service Center 2/21/20 – Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Buckeye Community
Veterans Service Center 2/22/20 – Buckeye Veterans Lift-up Event complimentary Breakfast
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Odyssey Jr. High School 2/25/20 – Buckeye High School Career Fair 11:00
M – 2:00 PM

DISTRICT 5

AUXILIARY 549

February 5 Slingo and Girl Scouts selling cookies 5 to 7 pm.
February 14 Valentine’s Day Surf and Turf 5 to 7 pm. Band 7 to 11 pm.
February 15 Auxiliary & Comrade meeting Paddle Auction with finger food starts at 1 pm.
February 22 Inaugural Rider's Benefit to Prevent Suicide Music by Rowdy Johnson Followed by
Midnight Special.

AUXILIARY 4903

February 12 Blind unit will come for dinner

AUXILIARY 5990

Feb 8 Auxiliary Sirloin Steak Dinner Baked potato, salad, dessert. \$10 now, after Feb 5 \$12
MOCA meeting 11:30 am
February 15 Auxiliary /Comrade dinner 5-7 pm.
February 16 Spotlight on Veteran's 4:30 pm. Combat Vets to speak Potluck
February 17 Flag Retirement 4 pm.. Toast to President's Day 6 pm.
February 22 Monthly Birthday Dinner Casserole Potluck 5-7 pm.
February 23 Community Event 3-5 pm. TBD
February 29 French Dip Dinner 5-7 pm.

AUXILIARY 10254

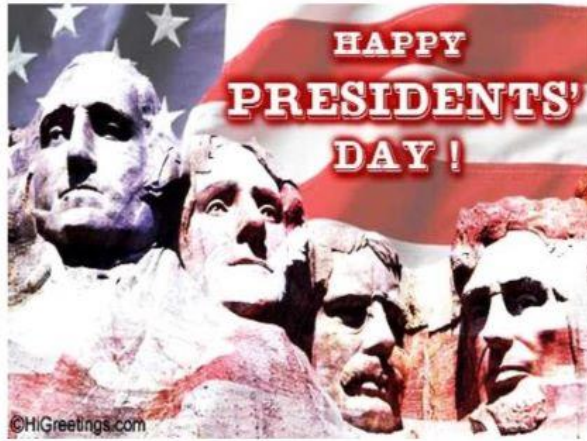
February 15 Valentine's Dinner 4-7 pm. Beef Stroganoff, Bread, Salad, Chocolate covered
Strawberries, Carnations
February 22 Bake Sale

DISTRICT 10

AUXILIARY 7968

February 2nd @ 4pm Super Bowl Sunday Party, food and drink specials
February 26th Elvis & Spaghetti Dinner @ 5pm only \$6.00
February 14th Valentines Feather/Leather Party (Post & Aux are teaming up to do a conjoined
Feather Party)

AMERICANISM CHAIR —JOHNETTE DEBOARD email: johnnettegibson@yahoo.com



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Presidents' Day is February 17, 2020 do something special - invite the community to participate with your Auxiliary and Post. This is a National holiday therefore federal buildings and schools will be closed. Maybe have a barbeque with games available for everyone of all ages. If you want prizes you still have time to go

online to the VFW Store and purchase them. There are all kinds of things for kids and adults - book markers and coloring books. Have a flag retirement ceremony as well. Don't forget to invite your local scouts as well because they have badges to earn and you could incorporate things that will make this possible for them. Get all the adults involved whether they are a member of your post or not this is called community involvement. Have a membership drive during your event. Make sure to have someone from both post and auxiliary to answer questions that may be asked.

A project your Auxiliary and youth can do. Major Bill White, whom is 104-year-old World War 11 Marine veteran has one wish this Valentine's Day. He received a purple heart and now he just wants Valentine hearts. Cards can be sent to: Operation Valentine

ATTN: Hold for Maj Bill White USMC (Ret)

The Oaks at Inglewood

6725 Inglewood Ave

Stockton, Cal 95207

“Buddy®Poppy”/ National Home

What an exciting month is February. There are so many opportunities to utilize our Poppies and to educate the public. We can use them in bouquets or table centerpieces. We can schedule our drives and, of course our Poppy Balls are coming up. If you have questions regarding your displays, don't hesitate to utilize the Poppy Chairman's Guide on the Department Website under Resources.

If you have worked with a Community or Youth Group to come up with an idea for fund raising ideas with Poppies this year, I'd love for you to snap a picture of that idea with your Smart Phone and send it to me to share with everyone else in Arizona. So many of us are so good at sharing ideas that are greatly appreciated by many others. My number is 480-309-7244 and thank you in advance for sharing.

To the right is an idea utilized previously. A simple clay pot, with Poppies, greenery and a toothpick flag. Present these pots to Veterans in hospitals or homebound Vets. The smile you receive in return will make it all worthwhile.

Also, if you make baskets, decorate the handles with Poppies and include a Membership Application for the VFW National Home. A Lifetime Membership is only \$50.00 and provides so much for the families who live there. If you have someone at your Auxiliary who would like to head up recruitment for the National Home, please encourage them to do so. There are awards for numbers of members enrolled and the pride of knowing that you've helped the Veterans and their families is a reward in itself..

Have at it folks and please make your projects fun! here's nothing quite like a fun project to pull old and new friends together!



HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS—PLUS PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

PDP SHEILA SHUTTS CHAIRPERSON EMAIL: shutts@citlink.net



Let's talk pictures!! Please remember that I am the Department Facebook Coordinator. My email is listed above. Send me items that can be shared with all of Arizona! Special event pictures, or even flyers announcing events can be shared on Facebook. This allows members to calendar events for participation and share the fun that took place. It also shares ideas that may help other auxiliaries!

Please review ALL End of Year Summaries now!!!!!!

The Auxiliary may have missed an item of importance!!!!!!

EXAMPLE: "Historian/Media Relations"

QUESTION 8—End of Year Summary!

Did your Auxiliary use/present a Communications Award to local media?

Family Freedom Festival Tool Kit available at: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/>

- What Is the Family Freedom Festival and What Are We Supposed to Do?
- Steps to Participate and Event Ideas
- Sample Press Release
- Sample Social Media Posts
- Donation Request Letter (Fillable)
- Logo for Web and/or Social Media
- Logo for Printing
- Remember to Publicize the event and include a picture with your *End of Year Summary*!

PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

- Did you report Auxiliary VOD & PP participation?
- Did you attend the Awards Banquet at Winter Conference?
- Did you donate blankets for the homeless?

REMINDER: Check the February PAR Report to be sure the auxiliary is up to date in reporting!
Please & thanks!

PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS RECEIVED as of 1-30-20

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
District 1										
769	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
1763	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
2357										
6790	X	X	X							
7061									X	X
8242	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan

District 2

541			X	X	X		X	X		
6739	X	X	X	X	X	X				
7400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10227	X	X	X	X	X	X				
12128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan

District 3

40	X	X	X	X	X				X	
285	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
1433	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3715	X									
12098	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan

District 4

720	X	X	X	X	X					
1760	X	X	X	X	X	X				
1796	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
3513	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
3632	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
9400	X	X	X	X	X	X				
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan

District 5

549	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3578		X	X	X		X	X	X		
4903	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5990	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

10254

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

District 6

1704	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
2364	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
8987								X	X	
9907	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

District 7

6271	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9972	X	X	X	X	x	X				
9977	X	X	X		X	X	X			
10342										

10385	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

District 8

404	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2190	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2555	X	X								
6306	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9401	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9833	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
10005	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10386	X	X	X	X		X	X			
10726	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
11014	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan

District 10

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HOSPITAL CHAIR—BRENDA PRICE EMAIL: BRENPRICE86@GMAIL.COM

2020 is in full swing: A new year and a new decade! As we enter into the 3rd quarter, I think it is important that we revisit the Program Goals. In Past Pin-Points, we outlined parameters on:

- Volunteer, Recruitment, Recognition and Support
- Promote Suicide Prevention, Mental Health Issues, and Health Research
- Community Education on Services in VA and Non-VA Medical Facilities

Use the Program guide and Year End Report to ensure your Auxiliary covers all the key points of the Hospital Program <https://www.azvfwaux.org/hospital-program>

Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year: Auxiliaries, please submit your completed nomination forms to me not later than February 28, 2020.

Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?

Connect with the Veterans Crisis Line to reach caring, qualified responders with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of them are Veterans themselves.

REMEMBER 20 a Day to 2 Many

HOW TO CONNECT WITH A RESPONDER	
Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1	Chat Connect online
Text 838255	Support for deaf and hard of hearing 1-800-799-4889

This free support is

- Confidential
- Available every day, 24/7

And serves

- All Veterans
- All Service members
- National Guard and Reserve
- Their family members and friends

National Ambassador Cyleria Guidry-Gerrets shared in her blog the Mission Act of 2018. To highlight her message she shares a 2019 update, which includes a VA Urgent Care benefit. This is critical, as Urgent Care facilities can easily and far more quickly address needs for minor injuries & illness, such as colds, sore throats, and minor skin infections. Please read about eligibility and locating an Urgent Care VA Provider at: <https://militarybenefits.info/va-mission-act/>

Blessings to all and thank you for serving our Veterans with Respect & Compassion

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR BETSEY CROWN Email: azcrown72@gmail.com

Well, we survived the holidays.... again! I enjoy the time spent with friends and family. Just when I thought I'd have a little down time, my birthday present to me was camping with Army Explorer youth! They are so great! I can't wait to see what they accomplish as adults. I hope and pray that my actions influence them in positive ways.

My next story is helping my husband with his claim for PTSD and exposure to Agent Orange. His claim was denied but the criteria used for the denial was not included in the denial. Job one is to make the process as murky as possible so that the veteran will give up. VA Service Officers help just as much as possible. But Veterans organization representatives must take up the slack. They can be a great asset. But there can be trust issues sometimes. Maybe the Service Officer is appropriately trained, focused on the needs of the Veteran, available when needed and can concentrate on the issue at hand, but the individual just can't make a connection. And as you may or may not know good Service Officers are deluged with claims.

Because I know what makes my husband tick, I will continue to intervene for my husband and to encourage him to play hardball so that he receives the benefits to which he is entitled. Our job as an organization is to encourage, to intercede, and to ensure that our legislators continue to stand up for our valiant Veterans. Without them, this land would not have the freedoms we enjoy.

I challenge you to help a veteran write a letter for any records needed, to listen to their stories (it is an honor), to volunteer to give someone a ride or perhaps just be a shoulder. I am not saying to enable harmful habits but to provide the assistance to help that person help themselves. I have found I learn something new every time I listen. Listen is the operative word.

Have a great day and learn something new. Don't let our history disappear.

Membership Chairperson Bambi Johnson Email: wzzrd2@hotmail.com

As we see from our membership rolls, adding younger members is essential to the future of the VFW Auxiliary. This can be very challenging due to hectic schedules, family, and financial obligations of younger people. As such we need to search for ways to make membership attractive and opportunities more accessible for them to participate.

The of the most challenging age ranges are those between 16 and 35 years of age. How many of your members currently fall into that category? Probably not many. For those between 16 and 21, the demands of school, work, family and friends may account for a high percentage of their time. For those 22 to 35 years of age, school may have dropped off to be replaced by raising a family. Is your Auxiliary member friendly to those that have such demands on their time?



Here are some tips to attracting and retaining these younger members:

Foster an Auxiliary environment that is accepting of occasional absences. Perfect attendance is typically not attainable for today's younger members. Perhaps have a volunteer act as a group child care provider for those members that need to bring their children with them on meeting nights.

Create social and networking activities that are interesting and convenient for younger people. Encourage younger members to be involved in the planning of these events. Listen to the opinions and suggestions of these young members as they are our future.

Reach out to current or past Scholarship winners/applicants to join. Your Auxiliary can host an event (bowling or a picnic) for all the applicants with their parents to thank them for their participation in the Scholarship Program and perhaps offer some gift or discount for those eligible to join at the event. (Don't forget the parents!)



*Volunteers
They don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.
Thank You!*

Invite groups such as the Scholarship participants or your other youth groups to join at the same time - this can make them more comfortable. Get their feedback as to what they think would encourage their friends to join.

Be open to the various ways that younger members can participate in your Auxiliary. Find out about their abilities and interests, and find ways to put them to good use in your Auxiliary's work. Social media is one of our best tools to keep the organization in front of the community and no one is better than our youth at utilizing the many avenues of social media.

Communicate that younger members are important to the organization because they make valuable contributions, and they are needed at all levels of Auxiliary leadership. Listen to how they would like to contribute, they bring a fresh view!

Arizona Aloha Membership Team Starters

Awesome Job on Recruiting 1 to 4 New or Re-join Members!

You are well on your way to the Red, White and Blue Lei Page! Happy Recruiting!

Alison Prevendar	Derek Hulsebus	Kimberly Baldwin	Ruth Coak	Dennis Skaar
Allan Connell	Diane Gouge	Kirk Lane	Ruth Malick	Don Christensen
Amy Bennett	Diane Patrick	Kristy Burke	Sally Sandiford	Eva Marie
Andrew Sage	Don Wood	Laure Bennett	Sandra Mills	Jacquilyn Miller
Anita Martin	Doug Downey	Leslie Farnsworth	Sandra Shuman	Jamie Risedorf
Annette Williams	EJ Granado	Linda Page	Sarah Elkins	Jeannette Bush
Arllys Gowen	Elaine Lehman	Lisa McCluney	Shanda Leffelman	Linda Verstraet
Autumn Gleave	Elizabeth Adams	Lisa Slamin	Sharon Eichelberger	Maneta Lathrop
Bambi Johnson	Elizabeth Wolfenbarger	Loretta Lauer	Sharon Gilfoil	Marlene Pacheco
Barbara Walls	Elma Paul	Lorna Lindert	Sharon Lee	Nyla Romero
Betty Amolsch	Elvin Propst	Luis Beltran	Sharon Powell	patricia Thomas
Beverly Hinds	Emilie Newman	Lynn Pierre	Sharon Turner	Ronald Peo
Bill McArthur	Eric Harrison	Margaret Robison	Sheila Eiler	Sheila Meyer
Bobby DeBoard	Evelyn Riegler	Marie Woodruff	Sherri Dailey	Shirley Whitacre
Brandy Sabala	Gary Drysdale	Marlayne Pontecroci	Sidney Rice	Brenda Bender
Brenda Kinghorn	George Bayer	Mary Darr	Sonya Schults	
Brenda Lloyd	Glorianna Hamlin	Mary Mason	Sonya Schultz	
Brenda McCulla	Greg Harrell	Matthew Dion	Spencer Labady	
Candace Andrews	Helena Gage	Mike Kemery	Stachia Clark	
Carol Gerving	Hugues Byrne	Mike Myers	Stefanie Horlacher	
Carol Gregory	Jacqueline Hayden	Mike Sward	Stella Baker	
Carol Hogan	James Carpenter	Mimia Miknaitis	Stephanie Gregory	
Carol Schwinn	James Jonas		Susan Kane	
Caroline Murray	James Manley	Nicholas Root	Terri Heitstuman	
Carolyn Hurt	Jane Miles	Nicole Atkinson	Terri Novak	
Carolyn Wuinton	Janice Hunsaker	Nicole Beck	Therese Hixson	
Cassandra Bell	Janice Robertson	Odell Woodard	Therese Olsen	
Charlene Fyler	Jann Wood	Olivia Collins	Thomas Obryant	
Charles Holt	Jean Braa	Pamela Baker	Tom Hunter	
Charlotte Gorman	Jean Wendt	Pat Navarro	Toni Johnson	
Christine Forrester	Judy James	Patricia Emery	Torie Miller	
Chuck Williams	Jeanne Koenig	Patrick O Connell	Velvet Stucker	
Connie Hargreaves	Jennifer Goss	Paula Walter	Vickey Robertson	
Conrad Welch	Jennifer Higby	Raomna Aarnold	Vicki Rippel	
Constance Zawacki	Jim Tyrus	Ray Gerving	Vince Mitchell	
Darlene Hitchcock	JoDelle Soderquist	Reba Dermody	Weezie Burrell	
David Degard	Jody Pitcher	Rhonda Heggs	William Pessaro	
David Hixon	Jolene McDonald	Rhonda Rakes Brown	Wilson Copeland	
David Price	Joseph Krysiak	Robert Dumont	Yvonne Cox	
Deanna Heilman	Kathryn Lambert	Robert Hyde Jr	Bobby Trujillo	
Deanna Pesek	Kelly Lecher	Roger Gowen	Christopher Sztuk	
Delores Hatfield	Ken White Cotton	Rose Hoagland	Cindy Dutemple	
Denis Sommerfield	Keirstin Parker	Roxanna Payntar		

Arizona Aloha Membership Team

5 or more New or Rejoins for 2019-2020



Kerry Strand 21

Pamela Van Winkle 5

Dani Greene 23

Liz Wolfenbarger 9

Verla Fish 5

Jan Snyder 19

Michael Miller 5

Russ Parnell 5

Becky Kent 8

Gayle Holt 16

Daniel Greene 27

Kim Harney 11

Jim Johnson 9

Thomas Loebach 6

Debi Rankin 6

Marie Thomas 9

Linnie Romero 11

Mark Schrand 6

Carol Pickering 14

MJ Bonnell 18

Johnette DeBoard 9

Kristina White Cotton 5

Wendy Moore 7

Virginia Ingram 5

Rhonda Monroe 7

Jeanne Hampton 5

David Moeller Jr 10

Kathryn Doran 13

Melissa Martin 10

Kristie Purnell 11

Claire Crawford 5

Janae Kemery 22

Jason Walker 26

Joanne Pooley 9

Chris Jones 5

Joy Fleming 7

Vicki Roberson 7

Nancy Horlacher

Arizona VFW Auxiliary Membership Tiki

*Arizona is within reach
to make 100% by
January 31st!*

*We need just 340 New,
Rejoin or Annual
Members to pay their
dues by January 31st!*



*96.73% as of
January 29, 2020*

Mentoring for Leadership Reba Dermody Chairperson

Email: rebadermody@cox.net

I really want you to push the Auxiliary and Member Awards for Mentoring. If you haven't looked at the forms. Please do so now not later.

This is a continuation of the 12 ways to be an AMAZING mentor

9. Give more than you ask for.

I believe in the principle of "what goes around, comes around." I like to think about my mentors who've gone out of their way to meet me for coffee, or meeting for a two-hour lunch, who have given me feedback, point me to resources, and so on. The best mentors I've had have selflessly offered their time and wisdom to me - and I'm sure the best mentors *you've* had have done the same. I want to take this time to say, "Thank you!"

Give more than you ask for. Most mentees inherently have less to offer because they're typically younger and less experienced. It can be hard to ask for help if you feel like you're a burden on someone else. Giving advice or help freely -- and making it clear you're happy to do so -- is a huge help to easing those anxieties. Just remember, their idea might be different than yours. It doesn't mean that it is a wrong idea. Sometimes a fresh idea is a good thing.

10. Seek out classes or projects related to skills your mentee wants to develop.

Great mentors look for situations -- and some even create situations -- where their mentees can get involved to learn some of the skills they've been hoping to learn. Hold mentoring Schools of Instruction. There are many items available such as Building on the Auxiliary Foundation, and articles about our Auxiliary Traditions to have included in those Schools of Instruction. The information is available on the National VFW Auxiliary Website.

It can be anything from connecting them with someone with experience or sending them to a website. Take note of the areas in which your mentee wants to grow, and always be looking for opportunities to point them in the right direction. They might want to continue in this organization, to become a leader instead of a follower.

First, start with something that gives context, this could be something that requires research and is genuinely valuable. Then, hand off something small that you normally do for your mentee to own, like a weekly email, or a blog post, or a Facebook post. This will help your mentee learn how to develop ownership over something, including how to execute and reach a goal on his or her own. Then, build upon that foundation.

"Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance towards the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vintage point."

Harold B Melchart

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR BRENDA KINGHORN E-MAIL: BREADFRIENDS@MSN.COM

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest – Student Entry Deadline to VFW Auxiliary – March 31st.

VFW Auxiliary and District Judging Complete – April 10th

VFW Auxiliary/District winners to Department for Judging – April 15th

VFW Auxiliary Department Winners to VFW Aux. National

Headquarters

Eligibility: Any student, grades 9-12 max. age 18, US Citizen or US national

Does not have to be related to a VFW/VFW Aux member to participate

Scholarship Amount: 1st place winner from each State competes for national awards totaling \$31,000.

Submission Requirements: Two-dimensional art – min. size 8"x11" – max 18"x24"

Three-dimensional art – no larger than 18" in any direction.

Cannot weigh more than 5 pounds.

Digital art, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.



PLEASE SEE APPLICATIONS FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION –

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>

Reminder: 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. All applications are to be submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters before February 15th, 2020.

Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant – Completed Application and Essay deadline April 1st, 2020

Arizona VFW Auxiliary Merit Scholarship - Completed Application and Binder deadline April 1st, 2020

Please send to Department Chairman

Applications and rules can be printed from <https://azvfwaux.org/scholarship-program>

National Goals: Student Participation – Recipient Recognition – Community Awareness – Increasing Fund

"Continuing Our Service to Veterans and their Families"

Veterans & Family Support Chairperson Janae Kemery

Email:janaetrout@yahoo.com

I can't believe this is February 2020 already. Time sure does fly by fast, it just seems we were in the month of December 2019 getting ready for the holidays. Our reporting year is April 1 thru March 31. Your year-end reports are due to me by April 20, 2020.

When looking at the year-end report, I am sure you have noticed this is shorter than past years. There are only five questions to answer. Let's review these questions, because you still have plenty of time to get this program done.

1. Describe any fundraising activities your Auxiliary hosted/co-hosted with the VFW Post for National Veterans Service (NVS).

2. Describe any fundraising your Auxiliary hosted/co-hosted with the VFW Post for VFW Veterans and Military Support Programs (exp: Unmet needs, Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship, etc.).

If you have not done these fundraisers yet here are some fun ideas. Raffles (Baskets, 50/50) Dinners at the Post, Sales/Donations (Bake, Candy, Popcorn, Dinner Tickets, Movie Tickets). To come up with more ideas you can search nonprofit fundraisers on the internet, they have many more ideas. Remember these need to be done in the name of NVS or Military Support Programs.

3. Describe how our Auxiliary participated in and/or sponsored events or projects for homeless veterans. (Stand downs, clothing drives, etc.).

Includes volunteering your time, donating cans of food, gift cards to organizations such as food banks.

4. Describe how your Auxiliary provided direct aid to veterans, active – duty service members and/or their families? (exp: meals, transportation, packages, donations, etc.)

Total monetary value of donations and goods/services provided. \$_____

Total monetary donations provided. \$_____

Approximate number of veterans/military personnel assisted: _____

Did you donate items for the patient gift bags at the VA Hospital? Does your auxiliary donate items to the hospital? Do provide gifts to veterans in local nursing homes or donate items to the VA Clinic in your community?

5. How did your Auxiliary promote the Veterans & Family Support Program during your Family Freedom Festival Event?

Did you have information on the table? Did you speak to Veterans, family members, or members of the public about the available programs?

Please remember to send pictures for all these events.



February is here...

Happy Valentine's Day & National Freedom Day. It was good to see so many of you. Hope everyone was able to get some Youth Activities in during the holidays. Re information and links are listed below if you have questions....

Youth Activities Program Summary Question #7

7. Describe how you participated in the Illustrating America. How did your Auxiliary pr

What is Illustrating America- A patriotic art contest for elementary and middle school students. Benefits of Illustrating America: • Encourage students' artistic abilities and work. • It's fun to see how our youth see the world through their drawings and are interested with the hope they'll enter the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. How can I participate in Illustrating America? • Host contests for students in grades K-8 in one of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. There is one National winner in each grade division for first, second and third place in each grade division. • Approach your local schools and make them available under "Youth Activities" @ www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. • Reach out to families or organizations through print and online media. How does Illustrating America promote the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest! Auxiliaries start by promoting the contest throughout the community. • Collect patriotic artwork for judging. Auxiliary and Departmental awards to you! • Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are not allowed. Come up with your own idea. Auxiliary doesn't have a lot of funds, stop by local businesses and ask for donations. A great prize, more youth will be willing to participate in the program.

Promote it on social media, local schools, library. Anywhere there are youth... promote it. Hand out to help you promote it.

Deadline: Student entries are due to local Auxiliaries by March 31st. If districts vote on these must be completed by April 10th. (District judging is optional.) Winners are due by April 15th.

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

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	X	X			7061	X	X	X	
285	X	X	X		7400	X	X		
404	X	X			7968	E	X		
541	X	X			8053	X			
549	X	X	X		8242	X	X		
720	ext	ext			8987	X	X		
769	X	X			9399	X	X	X	
1433	X	X			9400	E			
1677	X	X			9401	X	X		
1704	X	X	X		9833	X	X		
1760	ext				9907	X	X E	X E	
1763	X	X	X		9972	X	X	X	
1796	X	X	X		9977	X	X		
2190	X	X E			10005	X			
2357	X	X E			10227	will resend	X E		
2364	X				10254	X	X		
2555	X	X E			10385	X	X	X	
3513	X	X	X		10386	X	X		
3578	X	X	X		10726	X	X		
3584	X	X			11014	X	X		
3632	X	X E			12098	X	X		
3713	X	X			12128	X			
3715	X	X			District 1	X Feb - Nov	X Feb - Nov		
4903	X	X			District 2	X	X		
5990	X	X			District 3	X	X		
6271	X	X			District 4	E			
6306	X	X	X		District 5	X	X		
6739	X				District 6	X	X	X	
6790	X	X	X		District 7	X	X	ext	ext
					District 8	X		X	
					District 10	X			

Donations received by Department Treasurer.
This report does not reflect 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	Arizona Scholarships	Hospital	Department President's Special Project	National Patriotic Art
40									
285	\$ 48.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 45.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
404	\$ 374.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 154.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
541	\$ 320.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
549			\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
720			\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
769			\$ 20.00			\$ 60.00			
1433	\$ 452.00	\$ 56.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	
1677			\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
1704	\$ 132.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	
1760									
1763	\$ 298.00	\$ 37.25	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	
1796			\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 75.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	
2190			\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
2357									
2364	\$ 58.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
2555	\$ 256.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
3513			\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	
3578	\$ 164.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
3584	\$ 168.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
3632			\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00		
3713		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 110.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
3715	\$ 108.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00
4903									
5990			\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 75.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	

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6271	\$ 224.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
6306	\$ 308.00	\$ 38.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
6739									
6790	\$ 508.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00			\$ 100.00		
7061									
7400	\$ 330.00	\$ 41.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	
7968	\$ 1,672.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 50.00
8053	\$ 340.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00
8242	\$ 666.00	\$ 83.25			\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
8987	\$ 202.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	
9399	\$ 2,118.00	\$ 264.75	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
9400	\$ 468.00	\$ 58.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	
9401	\$ 1,064.00	\$ 133.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00		\$ 45.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
9833	\$ 304.00	\$ 38.00							
9907		\$ 75.25	\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
9972	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 193.25	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 150.00
9977									
10005			\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
10227		\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00					
10254	\$ 176.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
10385	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	
10386	\$ 396.00	\$ 49.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00
10726	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
11014	\$ 370.00	\$ 46.25		\$ 200.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 974.00	
12098									
12128			\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	



Mardi Gras



Saturday, February 8th, 2020



5 pm - Until



Sandy Coor VFW Post 1433

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

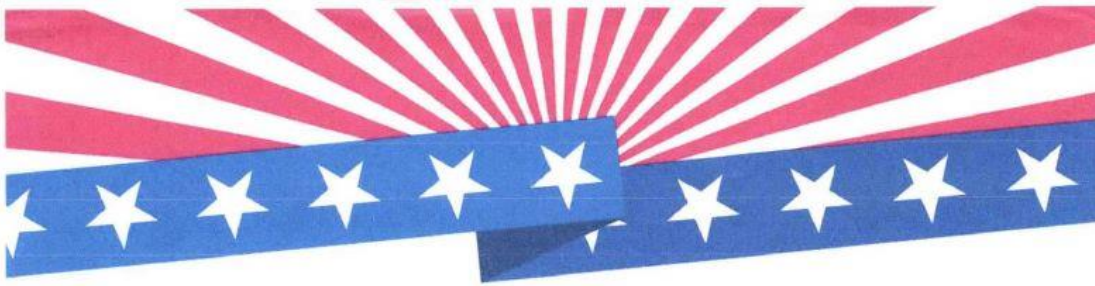
Sheila Lee-Eiler

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

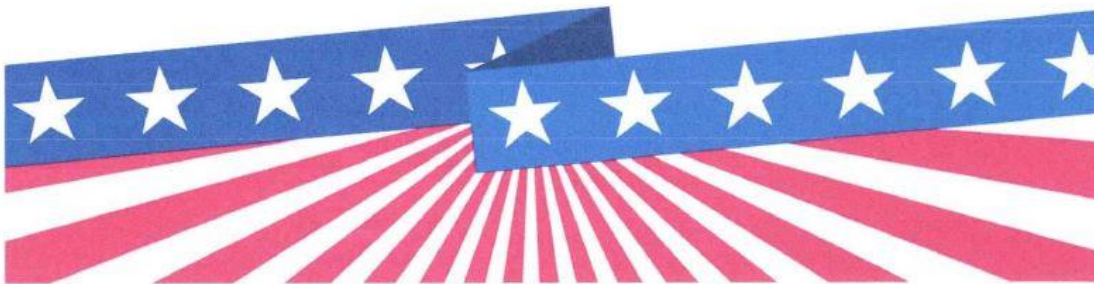
Deadline for tickets March 9, 2020

Make Checks Payable to
VFW Auxiliary 1433

Send Checks to:

Lois Moore,
5439 S. Holbrook Lane
Tempe, AZ 85283

Point of Contact: mooreannitha@gmail.com





No One Rides Alone

Department President Shirt 2020 – 2021

The shirt is a blue denim button up shirt with a pocket on the left with the emblem above the pocket..
 Women's shirts are short sleeved. Men's shirts come in both short and long sleeve.

ONE SHIRT ORDER PER FORM

Ladies Size		Quantity	Size	Price
Small to XL	\$30	_____	_____	_____
2X – 4X	\$35	_____	_____	_____

Men's Size		Quantity	Size	Price
Small to XL	\$30	_____	_____	_____
XXL – 4X	\$35	_____	_____	_____

Men's Short Sleeve _____ Men's Long Sleeve _____

Totals \$ _____

Name: _____ Post / Auxiliary # _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Paid Check #: _____

Send the completed form with payment to:

Melody Judd
 381 N. 3rd Avenue
 Show Low, AZ 85901

Orders to be delivered at the Department Convention must be received by May 1, 2018.