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VFW AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
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Hello members,

Fall is finally here. The weather is beautiful. And auxiliaries can get outdoors to work our programs. This is such a wonderful time for me to be able to get out and visit with all of you. As you all know I am making my official visits to all the Districts. This year our District meetings include Schools of Instruction.

The information given at the Schools of Instruction is for all our auxiliary members benefit. Our Department chairman travel many miles to present our programs and to assist our auxiliaries. Many members have questions on how to work on projects assisting our veterans. The Department chairman hear of so many wonderful projects happening in our state. And they share those ideas with us the members.

They in my opinion, do an excellent job of presenting the programs. I could be biased just a little.

Attending District meetings not only assists auxiliaries on how to work our programs with School of Instruction. It also gives a member a chance to meet sisters and brothers within their own district. Share ideas on programs, socialize and build long lasting bonds and friendships.

The same goes for attending the Fall and Winter conferences. Fall conference will include program training for both Auxiliary and comrades. You will be able to meet and see the Department chairman for the comrades who work alongside our Auxiliary Department chairman. Meeting sisters and brothers from other Districts within the state. Meeting your Department line officers. Putting faces with names.

I encourage each member to attend your District meetings. Attend the conferences. The tools are being provided to each member. To empower each of us with a positive attitude and the knowledge to be the best we can be. And grow into a member that can one day be a leader.

I, the 2019/2020 Department President and the Department chairman of Arizona extend to ALL members a helping hand. To be a part of strengthening you as a member and us as a Department.

To be continued.....

**The Chaplain Report is Unavailable  
for this Issue of Pin Points.....**

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### District 3

#### Auxiliary 12098

10/12 - Breakfast Bunch

Buckeye Community Veterans Center, Buckeye

8:00 AM- 11:00 AM Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00 402 E. Edison Ave., Buckeye, AZ)

10/18 - Meat Raffle at Am. Legion Aux. dinner - 5pm to 7pm

10/19 - Participating in District 3 meeting, & FFF Post 3715

10/19 - Participating in G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event at Lowe's in Buckeye 5pm to 8pm. Membership drive.

District 3 Auxiliary Meeting

10/19/19

9:00 AM – Merle Mitchell Post 3715-

10:00 AM School of Instruction

10:00 AM – Joint Mtg

10:30 AM Auxiliary Meeting

Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 PM Family Freedom Festival Post 3715

10/26 - Buckeye Halloween Spooktacular - Earl Edgar Field - 5pm to 9pm

10/27 - SWAP Meet – Post 1433 1-3:00 PM

11/9 – Participating in Buckeye Veterans Day Parade – 10am - Down Monroe in Buckey Auxiliary 285

11/11 – Participate in the Veterans Day Parade

11/16 – Family Free Day – 9am to 12pm – Sundance Park Buckeye – Membership Drive

12/7 Buckeye Holiday Boutique fundraiser – 8am to 12pm

12/8 – James Walton House visit – 11am to 1pm – Take donations Christmas decorating and food

12/14 - Buckeye Superheroes "Christmas Cause" 7:30am - 11am

12/14 - Participating in District 3 VOD/PP Banquet 5pm.

### District 5

549

Auxiliary Slingo every Wednesday 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Fundraiser Painting Class Tuesday October 15 from 5-8 p.m.

Children's Halloween Party October 27 from 1-3 p.m.

Rummage Sale Thursday October 31 through Saturday November 2.

3578

"Monday Social Night" (a pot Luck and lots of fun things to do.) every Monday evening.

Family Freedom Festival 1:00 p.m. All you can eat \$5 Program information and flag folding demonstrations, auction.

Dinner – October 25.

4903

Table at Nam Jam at Reid Park.

Trunk or Treat.

5990

Burger Nights every Wednesday 5- 7. \$6.

October 18 – Fall Festival and Movie Night at the VA.

Trunk or Treat at Roadrunner Elementary.

10254

Community Festival at school October 5.

Trunk or Treat at the Post October 26.

District 5 Meeting October 26 at VFW Post 4903.



Secretary Treasurer Kim Sloan

**Auxiliary Scripted Agenda** – I've heard lots of concerns regarding meeting times and one of the issues seems to be the time taken for the President to go between the Ritual and an agenda. So I'm almost done with a combination script from the Ritual and an agenda. This will be emailed out to Presidents and Secretaries and posted on the Department website. Since most Auxiliaries are using the Contemporary Meeting Ritual, that's the one I used. I hope this helps your meeting run more smoothly.

**New Membership Brochure** is attached to this issue of Pin Points. A much clearer and easier application to complete for the applicant. Please extend every applicant the courtesy of sitting down and spending some time with them to complete the application.

#### **Resignations – Sec. 809**

- **All resignations of Officers should be in writing and sent to the Secretary of the body from which the Officer is resigning.** *Note the word "should". It does not say "must". So an Auxiliary officer resigning from an Auxiliary office will forward their resignation to the Auxiliary Secretary. A District Officer resigning from a District Office will forward resignation to District President.*
  - **If the Secretary is resigning, the resignation shall be sent to the President of the body from which they are resigning.** *Again, Auxiliary Secretary will forward to Auxiliary President.*
  - **Resignations are effective when issued.** *An officer submits a resignation on September 1 but states that resignation will be effective at next Auxiliary meeting. Officers do not get to choose when their resignation will be effective. That officer's resignation was effective on September 1.*
  - **Verbal resignations are binding.** *An officer that calls the President and states that he/she is resigning from all Auxiliary positions has effectively resigned as of that date. The President or Secretary should encourage the officer to send a written resignation but if the officer does not - The Secretary or President should notate the date and time of the call and the basic content of the call.*

The Secretary needs to inform the President of any resignations he/she receives as soon as possible.

**Auxiliary Records Backups** – Auxiliary Secretaries and Treasurers that are working from home on personal computers, laptops, tablets should regularly back up their records (at least quarterly) on a flashdrive or "cloud" backup service. Make sure someone else knows what service you're using and the user name and password. That flashdrive should be kept in a secure location off site. A locked filing cabinet in the Auxiliary office or a locked desk drawer. This is a relatively inexpensive tool to ensure that records are always retrievable in case something happens to an officer or their personal property.

**Standing Rules** – Now is a good time to review the District or Auxiliary Standing Rules. Consider appointing the elected Trustees as a committee to review them and bring to the Auxiliary any changes that need to be considered and why. I have heard from several Auxiliaries that they haven't seen their Standing Rules for years. Every year the Standing Rules should be reviewed, appropriate changes voted on by the Auxiliary and a copy placed in the Secretaries Minute Book and the Treasurer's Record Book.

**CHIEF OF STAFF—Cathy Seippel    Email: cathyspoodles1@yahoo.com**



**Health Checkup for Your Auxiliary  
Member Questionnaire**

1. Why are you a member of the VFW Auxiliary? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you volunteer for, or offer financial support to, any of the eleven (11) National Programs:  
Veterans & Family Support; Americanism; "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home; Extension; Historian/Media  
Relations; Hospital; Legislative; Membership; Mentoring for Leadership; Scholarships and/or Youth Activities?

**YES            NO**    (circle one)

3. If you answered "YES", to question #2, what do you do and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. If you answered "NO" to question #2, please share the reason why. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you feel our National Programs benefit our local veterans, their families and our own members?

**YES            NO**    (circle one)

6. If you answered "YES", to question #5, what do you do and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. If you answered "NO" to question #5, please share the reason why. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Are there activities you would like to see in this Auxiliary? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Is the monthly business meeting conducted at a time that is suitable for you?

**YES**      **NO**      (circle one)

If not, what time would you like to see the meeting scheduled? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Is the monthly meeting length appropriate for the business conducted?

**YES**      **NO**      (circle one)

11. Do you have ideas on how to increase meeting attendance? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. What do you feel would bring new members into our organization? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Where do you see the VFW Auxiliary ten years from now? Will you still be a part of it? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **AMERICANISM—CHAIRPERSON JOHNETTE DEBOARD**

Email: [johnnettegibson@yahoo.com](mailto:johnnettegibson@yahoo.com)



Recognize teachers who care about America and our children! There are so many teachers who do so much for our youth, and they should be recognized. These teachers work hard and with such enthusiasm teaching about patriotism and the love for our country. One way you can recognize them is talk to the principle or counselors at your local school about our Teachers award sponsored by the VFW. Take the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award application with you. You can download the application at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). Familiarize yourself with the application and qualifications. Here are some key points to know about the contest.

How does the contest work? Your post will recognize one outstanding teacher in each of the three categories K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The winner's will then be sent to the district for judging and if they proceed, they will go to department for judging and if they advance they will go to National for judging.

Who is eligible? All current teachers if they teach for at least half the day in a classroom environment.

How are teachers Nominated? In 350 words or less, describe why you feel the teacher should be selected. Describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods as well as his or her dedication to education. Before your winner goes on to the district for judging they should provide a 1 -5 page resume with documentation of their teaching experience and a head and shoulder photo of themselves.

When is the deadline? The deadline to your post is Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.



## BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Program Chairperson Lynn Pierre Email: [tltd@hotmail.com](mailto:tltd@hotmail.com)

### October, One of the "ber" Months!

It is getting cooler and folks may have a bit more ambition now. We are sneaking up on the Holidays so isn't October the perfect time to think about those projects that might include the "Buddy"

#### **"Buddy"® Poppy (Borrowed from Nat'l Ambassador Betty J. Stahm's Blog)**

It is never too early to start your "Buddy"® Poppy Displays for Reno 2020. Login to [azvfwauz.org](http://azvfwauz.org) for complete rules and regulations. Go to Resources and "Buddy®Poppy"/National Home.

Choose a desirable category.

Read all pertinent information.

Don't forget at least one of the poppies must be in its original form and color with label attached.

Invite your local community members, youth groups or senior centers to participate with you.

Remember the 3 categories; 1) Community Education 2) Memorial and 3) Decorative.

Most important – Have fun with your project! Make it a team effort!

Are you ready, get set GO! Let's get those creative thoughts going.



#### **VFW National Home for Children**

By now your Auxiliary has had at least one regularly scheduled meeting. Did you vote to send in your Health and Happiness donation? We ask for 10 cents per member, more if you can spare.

Again, it is so very important that we pursue those Life Memberships. For only \$50.00 you too can be a life member of the VFW National Home and show your support for our Veterans and their families. You might even suggest a National Home Life Membership Raffle at your Post/Auxiliary. There are many other ways to help as well. Please visit <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/donate>.

Please remember our Program Goals for this year: Its never too early to get started on our Projects and always to have fun! Buddy"® Poppy National Display Contest—Buddy"® Poppy Education and Community Outreach—VFW National Home Education and Community Outreach.

S.W.A.P. ideas are always appreciated. Please call or email me with your design or fundraising ideas and I will get them published in future Pinpoints in order to help each other. Have a great October and ALOHA!

## HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS—*PLUS* PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

PDP SHEILA SHUTTS    shutts@citlink.net

**BULLETIN BOARDS are MEDIA Driven!**

- *Must have Eye Appeal*
- *NEVER Messy or Cluttered*
- *Updated Often*
- *Post Current Events—Halloween is Coming*
- *Post Auxiliary Member Good Job Awards*
- *What about a featured “Volunteer of the Month”?*
- *Newspaper Clippings*

**Planning for Veterans Day Starts NOW!**

**YOU TUBE—Buddy Poppy**

<https://youtu.be/H8MzZdF1CAs>

**Author a Buddy Poppy TWEET for TWITTER!**

**“A Poppy is to Remember”**

**“Wear a Buddy Poppy this Veterans Day”**

**“Buddy Poppies Lest we Forget”**

**Send “Letters to the Editors” regarding Poppy distribution!**

**Add “Buddy Poppy” or “Get Out the Vote” Information to your email signatures!**

**NATIONAL PROGRAM RESOURCE WEBSITE** has been updated with 2019-2020 info. Page 4 of the National Program Book (the Family Freedom Festival), has been completed and has suggestions for each program. <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/>

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**NATIONAL VFW AUXILIARY MAGAZINE**—The editors of VFW Auxiliary Magazine want to know what you think about features and articles you see in the magazine. Have a magazine submission or story idea? Send submissions to [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org), Attn: Editor-in-Chief.

**THIS**



**vs THIS**



## PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS

PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS RECEIVED							
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>District 1</b>							
769	X	X	X	X	X		
1763	X	X		X	X	X	
2357							
6790	X	X	X				
7061							
8242	X	X	X	X	X		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>District 2</b>							
541			X	X	X		
6739	X	X	X	X			
7400	X	X	X	X			
10227	X	X	X				
12128	X	X	X	X			
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>District 3</b>							
40							
285	X	X	X	X	X		
1433	X	X	X	X	X		
3715	X						
12098	X	X	X	X	X		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>District 4</b>							
720	X	X	X	X	X		
1760							
1796	X	X	X	X	X		
3513							
3632	X	X	X	X			
9400	X	X	X	X	X		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>District 5</b>							
549	X	X	X	X	X		
3578		X	X	X			
4903	X	X					
5990	X	X					
10254							
<b>District 6</b>							
1704	X	X	X	X	X		
2364	X	X	X	X	X		
8987							
9907	X	X	X	X	X		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>District 7</b>							
6271	X	X	X	X	X		
9972	X	X	X	X	x		
9977	X	X					
10342							
10385	X	X	X	X	X		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>District 8</b>							
404	X	X	X	X	X		
2190	X	X	X				
2555	X	X					
6306	X	X	X	X	X		
9401	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9833	X	X					
10005	X	X	X				
10386	X	X	X	X			
10726	X	X	X		X	X	
11014	X	X	X	X	X		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>District 10</b>							
1677	X	X	X	X	X		
3584	X	X	X	X			
3713	X	X	X	X			
7968	X	X	X	X	X		
8053							
9399	X	X	X	X	X		



Hospital Chairman: Brenda Price Email: brenprice86@gmail.com

#### 2019- 2020 Program Goals

Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support  
Promote Suicide Prevention, Mental Health Issues and Health Research  
Educate the Community on Service in VA and non-VA Medical Facilities and Health Research

Arizona temperatures do not always mirror the Season, but we are approaching the Fall/Winter Seasons. Historically, that means an increase in Veteran suicide. I cannot emphasize enough how critical our involvement is in reducing and prayerfully eradicating this behavior.

20 A Day is still 2 Many

Remember to wear the Teal Blue Teardrop: Download the Template from the [National VFW Auxiliary Website](#)

OR – Purchase your Suicide Awareness Pin (\$3.00) with proceeds benefitting the National President's Special Project

Still looking for a fun way to get involved? The Southern Arizona State Veterans' Home in Tucson, Arizona recently unveiled a 'Cinema'. Thanks to the Military Order of the Cootie, Our Veterans can enjoy the theater experience right from their wheel chairs! What does this mean for you? Every month the State Home will show a movie, you can assist in transporting patients to the Cinema, getting them their snacks, and enjoy the movie. For Schedule, call 520-638-2150 They'd love to have you!!!

#### SWAP – Share Wonderful Auxiliary Projects

Date to Remember:

November 11 Veterans' Day

When visiting a medical facility, take along some American Flags and pass them out  
Coordinate with a facility to invite Hospitalized Veterans to an event at your Post Home  
I want to thank everyone for all you're doing for our hospitalized veterans. I look forward to reading about the wonderful things you are doing to brighten our Veterans' days! Please report all hours volunteered at any medical facility to your Auxiliary Hospital Chairman.



Show them that they are NOT FORGOTTEN; **get involved!!!**

20 A Day is 2 Many

## Legislative Program—Chairman Betsy Crown

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Hello and Happy Fall to you! I hope that your projects and ideas are bearing fruit. Cooperation with both sides of the house and other organizations will help you in your endeavors. I have some thoughts on some new ideas that I found in the course of my reading. My husband, a retired Marine, helps me to understand the implications of how the reading material impacts our Veterans, their families and their communities.

With Veteran unemployment up for the FOURTH month in a row, more needs to be done to help Veterans with understanding their Montgomery GI Bill and the Post 9/11 programs. Help them assert their choices when the Veterans are deciding how to pay for college and career training. A recent court ruling could give the Veterans an additional year of GI Bill benefits. Don't be afraid to point Veterans toward their legislators to tell their stories.

The Veterans Administration has changed the way it calculates income for needs-based benefits. It has identified certain medical expenses that can be deducted from the Veteran's income. This will make claims for pensions, parents' dependency and indemnity more consistent. It also allows transfer of funds for helpless children regardless of age and veteran controlled trusts. It helps veterans to increase net worth for pensions and to deduct medical care for dementia care and third-party medical care. Veterans of Foreign Wars is also calling for the Veterans Administration to work to improve its care of Veterans in the Veterans Homes. A recent rating of the 132 Veterans Homes showed more than half earned three stars or less. Please encourage your legislators to support the highest level of care for those who served.

I encourage you to explore the issues that matter to your membership. As the word gets around, you will find that people will approach you with questions. Talk, write, and form collaborative groups. There is strength in numbers, and it increases our presence. Sharing with other organizations is a positive for all those involved. We exist to serve those who chose to protect and serve our country.



**MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM—CHAIRPERSON BAMBI JOHNSON    EMAIL: wzzrd2@hotmail.com**

As October begins you should be working on Early Bird Membership Ideas. New and rejoin membership counts began on the 7/1/19 and some members will have already achieved an award by now. The National Auxiliary awards have their first level award based on 95% membership by 11/30/19 so you have time to achieve this first level with early bird membership campaigns.

Here is one idea for those campaigns: Do a drawing for a prize by giving 1 ticket to each member renewing by a certain date and 5 tickets for those renewing early and converting to life membership. For each new member, you could award 1 ticket to both the new member and the recruiters – again give 5 tickets if the new or rejoin is for life! One prize idea is a gift basket or a gift card for an evening out.

Keep in mind those members that your Chaplain or membership committee may identify that are in hard times that could be Adopted by either the Auxiliary or an individual member. Adopt is not just paying membership dues...it is caring and helping a Brother or Sister thru rough times.

**NATIONAL AWARDS FOR MEMBERS (all National pins will be mailed directly to the member)**

1. Red Plumeria Pin to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020.
2. White Plumeria Pin to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits ten (10) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020.
3. Blue Plumeria Pin to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits twenty (20) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020.
4. Special VFW Auxiliary Member Drawing for each VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020\*. For every five (5) new and/or rejoined members recruited, your name will be entered in a *drawing for \$300 cash*. Official form must be completed, postmarked and mailed to National Headquarters, or emailed to [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) by May 31, 2020.

**NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES**

50/50 Award \$50 to each Auxiliary that reaches 95% by November 30, 2019, and \$50 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% Plus by January 31, 2020, based on the June 30, 2019, total membership numbers.

**ARIZONA AWARDS FOR MEMBERS**

Arizona Recruiter Pin with 2019-2020 year rocker for each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits ten (10) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020\*. If the recruiter has previously earned an Arizona Recruiter Pin, they will be awarded the 2019-2020 rocker to add to their existing pin.

*Important Note\*\* While National only accepts and tracks one recruiter for a new membership, Arizona tracks all members listed as having helped recruit a new member for our Arizona Recruiter Pin. Make sure the name and membership number of the additional recruiters are legible when sending the form to our Treasurer, Kim Sloan. You cannot be listed as both a recruiter and an investigating committee signature on the same application.*

**ARIZONA AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES**

An Auxiliary Surprise Basket will be awarded to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% Plus by January 31, 2020, based on the June 30, 2019, total membership numbers.

**This article will be the start of the 12 Ways to Be an Amazing Mentor**

***1. Approach each mentorship differently.***

While you can do your best to categorize a mentor/mentee relationship, everyone is unique. When you first start out, it's important to take the time to assess your own style and readiness and think about what kind of commitment you can and want to make.

- What kind of manager style do you naturally have/want?
- What expectations will you set regarding your style and how best to work with you?
- How will you know when your mentee is successful?
- *How will you communicate what success looks like to him/her?*
- *What do you hope your mentee's development looks like over the course of your mentorship?*
- How can you segment out his/her experience into phases to get to that point?
- How will you use one-on-one time?
- How will you explain your expectations for one-on-one meetings (if applicable) so you're on the same page?

***2. Set expectations together in the very beginning.***

Once you've reflected on the questions from #1, both you *and* your mentee will find it helpful to sit down and go over expectations -- especially if you're just getting to know each other. There might be a program that they are excited about. Maybe they want to become something more than a member. Maybe they want to get more involved, to become an officer of the VFW Auxiliary, your District or even onto your Department.

For example, let's say a former member sends you a cold email asking what it's like now within your VFW Auxiliary? You might be wondering if they asked you that because they want to join again, or whether they're just curious about what the VFW Auxiliary is like now. Maybe they had a very bad experience before and that is why they let their membership lapse. Understanding exactly where they're coming from is going to help drive your discussion in the direction that's helpful for both of you. If you aren't comfortable answering this former member. Get with someone who is.

Like I have said before. Mentoring goes hand in hand with Chief of Staff and Membership.

Again, make sure you have read your Year End Summary. This is a new program and we want to make sure you understand what is being asked of you to implement this program. Any questions or concerns. Please get in touch with me.

*"Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence." Sheryl Sandberg*



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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### Patriot's Pen Program – 2019-2020 Theme - "What Makes America Great"

Each year more than 132,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$55,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

The VFW posts, with the help of their Auxiliaries, drop off or send entries to grades 6-8 at public, private or parochial high schools. Share scholarship information on social media.

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY – 2019-2020 THEME – "What Makes America Great"

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives.

Open to students in grades 9-12<sup>th</sup>. The audio essay to be 3-5 minutes, on CD or flash drive and submit a typed version.

Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme.

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., Feb 29 - March 4, 2020, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$154,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

Student entry Deadline for both scholarships – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to the student's local Post

All scholarships can be found [www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships](http://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships)

For reporting on the yearend report for these scholarships, how were the scholarships promoted i.e.: distributed applications, publicized/promoted program at the Family Freedom Festival, on bulletin boards, in your newsletters, in local media.

## VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM—Chairperson Janae Kemery

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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT



SUPPORT OUR VETERANS WHO ARE DEPLOYED AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS



We have many military members who are serving overseas and are far away from their families. Our care packages that we send to the men and women who are serving and protecting our country. Brings a little bit of home and to show them how much we appreciate their sacrifices.

The packages that we send needs to have an available APO/FPO military address. Your care packages can include the following: bags of coffee, tea bags, beef jerky, candy (no chocolate), crackers, chips, nuts, sunflower seeds, pretzels, granola bars, current magazines, puzzle books, pre-paid phone cards, blankets, caps, socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, and K-9 treats.



Speaking of families that are here while the love ones are away, many of them are on a tight budget. Especially during the holidays, we can help the families by finding out what they need. Is it food, clothes, diapers, books, and toys? Invite them to your post for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Chairperson Dani Greene

Email: [dani7968aux@gmail.com](mailto:dani7968aux@gmail.com)

Hello all, hope you had an amazing month and have been starting to review your Youth Activities Program Summaries. Start preparing and working on a game plan to make them a success. Patriotism through Literacy & Illustrating America are two new programs that were introduced in the program this year. If you need more information on these programs go to your National VFW Auxiliary website <https://vfwauxiliary.org> or the AZ VFW Auxiliary website <https://www.azvfwaux.org> both will have all the information you need to make these two new programs a great success for your Auxiliary. We will be moving on to question number #3 on your summary but first I wanted to remind you that your VOD & Patriot's Pen awards are coming up and even though that is a Scholarship program it involves youth as well so try to help your scholarship chairman with getting submissions and getting into your local schools. This is certainly a great way to TEAM UP with another program and work together on making it a huge success. One Team.. One Fight..

### Youth Activities Program Summary Question #3

#### 3. Describe how your Auxiliary used R.A.P. Coins and/or R.A.P. Cards...

How may R.A.P. Coins were distributed?

How many R.A.P. Cards were distributed?...

RAP coins are coins you can purchase to reward a youth you see doing "A Random Act of Patriotism" hand them out to your Auxiliary so they can also participate in finding youth that are doing a "Random act of Patriotism". Ask them to report how many they gave out and why. This is great way to reward your youth for their good deeds...find the link on my Youth Activities Department Page to order & purchase. <https://www.azvfwaux.org/youth-activities-program> . If your Auxiliary is a little short on funds... no worries, there is also a template for printable cards on the youth activities page as well. Print and hand them out as well. Ok so what is considered a "Random Act of Patriotism"??? Well that's up to you did your JROTC, Boy Scouts, etc.. come volunteer, did a youth stand for the National Anthem without being prompted, there is so much and its totally up to you what you consider a RAP, get them out, and always be thinking outside the box! If you need further information from me just give me a call or email!





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## 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  
Amy Bennett  
Brenda Kinghorn  
Candace Andrews  
Charlene Fyler  
Charlotte Gorman  
Christine Forrester  
Deanna Pesek  
Elizabeth Adams  
Elma Paul  
Evelyn Riegle  
George Bayer  
Glorianna Hamlin  
Helena Gage  
Jane Miles  
Jann Wood  
Jennifer Higby  
Kelly Lecher  
Kristy Burke  
Luis Beltran  
Laure Bennett  
Marlayne  
Ponteccroi  
Pamela Baker  
Raomna Aarnold  
Rhonda Heggs  
Sandra Shuman  
Sharon  
Eichelberger  
Sharon Gilfoil  
Sonya Schults  
Stefanie Horlacher  
Stella Baker  
Stephanie Gregory

Susan Kane  
Terri Heitstuman  
Therese Hixson  
Therese Olsen  
Roger Gowen  
Kimberly Baldwin  
Elvin Propst  
Linda Page  
Joseph Krysiak  
Greg Harrell  
Ken White Cotton  
Ray Gerving  
Connie Hargreaves  
Don Wood  
Bill McArthur  
James Manley  
Jim Johnson  
Chuck Williams  
EJ Granado  
Robert Hyde Jr  
William Pessaro  
Lisa McCluney  
Derek Hulsebus  
Nicholas Root  
Wilson Copeland  
Arlys Gowen  
Delores Hatfield  
Diane Gouge  
Jeanne Hampton  
Kristina White  
Cotton  
Linnie Romero  
Lorna Lindert  
Lynn Pierre

Nancy Horlacher  
Patricia Emery  
Rhonda Monroe  
Sherri Dailey  
Weezie Burrell  
David Price  
Joanne Pooley  
Andrew Sage  
Carolyn Wuinton  
Marie Thomas  
Rose Hoagland  
Ruth Malick  
Vickey Robertson  
Wendy Moure  
Hugues Byrne  
Bobby DeBoard  
Chris Jones  
Joy Fleming  
Kristie Purnell

# Arizona Aloha Membership Team

5 or more New or Rejoins for 2019-2020





# Arizona Membership Tiki

*79.81% as of September 29*

**DUE TO OVERWHELMING DEMAND**

**ONE LAST ORDER IS GOING IN  
FOR  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA PRESIDENTS SHIRT**

**ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT  
FALL CONFERENCE**

**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER  
CASH OR CHECK**





**Continuing Our Service to Veterans' and Their Families**

**Department President Shirt 2019 – 2020**

The shirt is a *red collared style* with short sleeves with the above emblem on the left. They will be available in the male or female style.

**ONE SHIRT ORDER PER FORM**

Ladies Size		Quantity	Size	Price
Small to XL	\$25	_____	_____	_____
2X – 4X	\$30	_____	_____	_____
Men's Size				
Small to XL	\$25	_____	_____	_____
XXL – 4X	\$30	_____	_____	_____
Totals			\$ _____	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post / Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed form with payment to:

Sheila Lee-Eiler  
Address PO Box 6562  
Glendale, AZ 85312-6562

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

## Department of Arizona

### **BUILDING ON THE VFW AUXILIARY FOUNDATION TRAINING**

**Open to all VFW and VFW Auxiliary Members**

**VFW Post 720**

**4853 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix**

**Saturday November 16 10:00 to 3:00**

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## **Roster Updates**

### **District 1**

Acting Treasurer Carolyn Garner  
Email: bekygarner1944@hotmail.com  
928.210.5072  
PO Box 307  
Wellton, AZ 85356-0307

### **Corporal Ben Scott Auxiliary 769**

Acting Treasurer Sharon Lee  
Email: sjonesmsi@hotmail.com  
435.820.0575  
PO Box 5286  
Quartzsite, AZ 85359

Secretary Diane Patrick  
Email: patrickdiana23@gmail.com  
928.287.3514  
PO Box 2247  
Bouse, AZ 85325

### **Avra Valley - Marana Auxiliary 5990**

Secretary Judy Hubbard  
Email: judithmhubbard@aol.com  
520.401.4008  
7076 N. Nelson Quihuis Rd.  
Marana, AZ 85653

### **Fred Morton Hughes Auxiliary 6790**

President Doug Downey  
517.403.6469

### **Mt. Tipton Auxiliary 9833**

Meeting Time: 11:00 a.m.

### **White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907**

Chaplain Jane Bradford  
Email: janebradford@frontiernet.net  
928.537.9389  
2180 W. Whipple St.  
Show Low, AZ 85901

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

Donations received by Department Treasurer.  
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## Joining is Rewarding!

When you join the VFW Auxiliary, you have the opportunity to:

### • Support Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members and Their Families.

The VFW Auxiliary offers numerous avenues for service, such as hospital volunteering, the adoption of military units and promoting patriotism. Anyone with a heart for veterans can count their membership as an important way to stand with veterans and the military community on Capitol Hill and on local legislative issues affecting them.

### • Develop New Skills.

The VFW Auxiliary offers numerous ways for members to acquire and utilize skills such as leadership, public speaking, fundraising, event planning and community outreach.

### • Network and Develop Friendships.

Through local and national events, members have the chance to meet people from all walks of life and many career backgrounds, creating a vast network of people who are passionate about veterans, active-duty service members and their families.

### • Receive Service Benefits.

The VFW Auxiliary is pleased to offer members access to one of the nation's largest networks of money-earning products and services in the insurance and benefits industry.

- Discounted policies for life, health, accident, long-term care and dental insurance, along with many other benefit plans.
- Access to discounts on products and services that are important to you – including local offers!
- Credit cards and certain financial services are available through USAA.

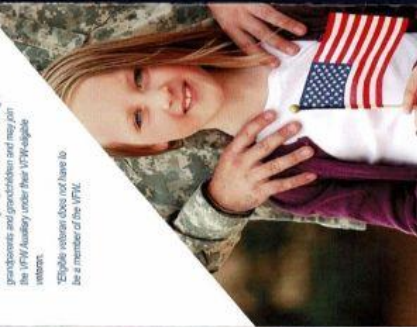
## Who Can Join?

Our organization comprises nearly a half million members from diverse backgrounds who have a common connection: all are relatives of a VFW-eligible veteran.\*



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

\*Eligible veterans also need have to be a member of the VFW.



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary**  
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
[www.vfwauxiliary.org/join-us](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/join-us)

### Questions?

Contact National Headquarters at  
[info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org)  
or 816-561-8655

## Join Us!

Membership in the VFW Auxiliary is an excellent way to show your support of America's veterans.

### Our National Programs:

- Assist the VFW pass or book legislation that impacts veterans and their families.
- Provide nearly a million volunteer hours in the VA medical system.
- Conduct patriotic programs with thousands of students.
- Offer hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth.

### What's expected of me?

As a VFW Auxiliary member, you will be asked to:

- Pay dues.
- Attend meetings and events.
- Use your skills and talents to make a difference.

**Volunteer with us and celebrate the freedoms we enjoy in America!**



*Join us*  
**SUPPORT VETERANS**  
*and their families*





**Who We Are and What We Do**

Since 1974, the VFW Auxiliary has united Americans from all walks of life with a common purpose to improve the lives of veterans, active-duty service members and their families, and our communities. Our programs bring needed services, information and assistance to these target groups. Visit [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) to learn more about our national programs and how you can make a difference.

- Veterans & Family Support
- Americanism
- Buddy "Poppy"
- VFW National Home for Children
- Hospital
- Legislative
- Scholarships
- Youth Activities

### VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Recruited/Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter Member ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID (if already a member) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership  
☐ Rejoin Membership Rejoined Previous Member ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Member at Large in Department of \_\_\_\_\_ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

#### THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### POST-AFFILIATED (Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ to Eligible Veteran\* \_\_\_\_\_ VFW Membership ID \_\_\_\_\_

☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

#### THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

☐ NON-AFFILIATED (Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ to Eligible Veteran\* \_\_\_\_\_ VFW Post (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of campaign ribbons or medals: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 18 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ 2 ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Obligated Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY

☐ Check here if this is a gift.  
Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Life Membership Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address for card \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY

☐ ACH (Bank withdrawal)

Name of Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Routing No. \_\_\_\_\_

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Attach voided check HERE.

(Required)

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership

Through 20 \$253

21-25 \$242

26-30 \$230

31-35 \$219

36-40 \$213

41-45 \$201

46-50 \$196

51-55 \$184

56-60 \$173

61-65 \$161

66-70 \$150

71-75 \$132

76-80 \$109

81-85 \$86

86-90 \$69

91 and over \$56

**OBLIGATION** In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.

Signature ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be signed by all members.)

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**