

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Pin Points Newsletter

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Well I have started my journey.

I have visited several auxiliaries and Districts. And so far, I have driven past and through many cows, windy roads and monsoons. Remind me to tell you the stories. Thank you for the hospitality you have shown to me. During my travels and visits, I see good works and the dedication that our members have to our programs and our Veterans. I would like to touch on our dedication to each other as members of the VFW Auxiliary.

When we took our member obligation, it did not include bullying, slander or hatred of each other. We repeated, *"I will never wrong or defraud this organization-nor a member thereof"*. While some of us have formed some pretty strong friendships and bonds with each other through the years in this organization. Just remember bullying, slander and hatred will not be tolerated.

The Department of Arizona will be instituting a new auxiliary in Maricopa, Az. before year end. More information will be coming.

Our National President Peggy Haake, has announced her "National Presidents Special Project"

"VFW Service Dog Training Program"

The goal is to raise \$25,000.00 to train 15 service dogs for our Veterans. I know Arizona will do its part.

I thank all the auxiliaries for getting their bonds renewed on time. As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, all auxiliaries were bonded. Next are the 990's to be completed. If you have any problems completing this, please call Department Treasurer Kim, for direction and answers to any questions.

I hope each one of you have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day.

See you all real soon!



## Department of Arizona Chaplain's Report for August 2019

### The Ten Commandments of Friendship:

1. Speak to people – there is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting

#### Loss Members:

1433- C .Diane Stone  
1677-Candice Frasier  
6271- Kazuko (Kay) Swift  
6739- Rita Storms  
7061- Lois Rodgers  
7061-Wayne Rogers Jr  
9399- Janet Poteet  
9399- Jean Warren  
9907-Edward Dwyer (May)  
10386- Ron Ferrell

#### Sympathy:

Dept- Valeria Dayson  
Dept- Marcia Semones  
Dept- Melissa Martin  
1433- Donna Adams  
1677- Larry Frasier  
1677- Rebecca Webb  
1677- James Toney  
1677- Christine Clark  
6271- Casey Jones  
6739- Debra Snider  
6739- Nancy Stutzman  
8242- Jann Woods  
7400- Lora White  
9399- Melissa Martin  
9972- Sue Keel  
10386- Family of Ron Farrell  
10227- Deborah Campbell and  
Family

#### Get Well:

Dept-Darlene Mays-Tillman  
Dept- Johnnie Rae Latham  
Dept- Colette Bishop  
1796- Karen Rueger  
7400- Donna Piper  
8242- Betty Hayes

8242- John Muzidal  
9401- Ken Conkey  
9972- Jan Snyder  
9972- Jean Hamil  
10386- Bonnie Smith  
10386- Nancy Walker  
11014- Candy Kirby

#### Thinking of You:

Dept- Suzie Gleason  
6271- Nancy Iverson  
6739- Joy Bork  
9399- Amy Times  
9399- Linda Hoschouer  
9972- Barbara Kennedy  
9972- Pam Kahn  
10386- Wanda Janowski  
11014- Roy Johnston  
11014- The Craig's  
10227- Lynne Phillips Pisarik

#### Birthday:

285- Cathy Goins  
285- Ann I Newman  
1433- Mary Ayala  
1433- Evelyn Baca  
1433- Hope Blood  
1433- Pamela Barnes  
1433- Glenna Bertrand  
1433- Thelma Christiansen  
1433- Socorro Cruz  
1433- Cindy Dutemple  
1433- Teresa Hill  
1433- Donald Eiler  
1433- Sonia Jennings  
1433- Patricia Kocanjer  
1433- Lillian Merriman  
1433- Avis Miller  
1433- Lori Ann Roady

1433- Veronica Santa Cruz  
1433- Marie Simmons  
1433- Marilyn Watson  
1704- Marlene Lettner  
1704- Louie E. Higdon  
2357- Barbara Thomas  
2357- Alva Simpkins  
2357- Gail Lavery  
2357- Susan Thompson  
2357- Lawrence Beasley  
2357- John Newman  
2357- Don Edwards  
2357- Annette White  
2357- Kelly King  
2364-Koe Lunk  
2364-Danny Kinghorn  
3713- Christine Paisley  
3713- Melody Judd  
3713- Carolyn Mitchell  
3713- Debi Rankin  
3713- Jacqueline Dunn  
3713-William Petzborn Sr.  
3715-Jeff Gruette  
3715- Mike Kessler  
3715- Lisa Campell  
3715- Jeannette Burnett  
3715- David Saiz Jr.  
6271- Rachael Flick  
6271- Darlene Hitchcock  
6271- MaryAnn Kratzke  
7400- Dana Bese  
7400- Steve Fin  
7400- Sharon Brooks  
7400- Joann Miller  
7400- Michel Estrella  
7400- Dallas Wright  
7400- Susan Rekow  
7400- Shelly Duran  
7400- Jack Fenn



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7400- Fern Gallegos  
7400- Patrice Wright  
7400- Dorene Cryder  
7400- Terri Roscoe  
7400- Dee Norwell  
7400- Heather Martin  
7400- Betty Clark  
7400- Jenifer Sherrel  
7400- Shirley Whitacre  
9972- Debra Eibler  
9972- Sayan Ferguson  
9972- Laurie Kalish  
9972- Joyce Paterson  
9972- Sheryl Rallis  
9972- Michelle Byrne  
9972- Amber Hensel  
9972- Mary Larsen  
9972- Virginia Shreve  
9972- Rebekah Defoor  
9972- Myong Nickerson  
9972- Andi Coleman  
9972- Patricia Riedel  
9972- Jimmie Smith  
9972- Nikki St George  
9972- Jennifer Barrett  
9972- Maria Fredberg  
9972- Carmen Chastain  
9972- Carol Nixon  
9972- Carrie Smith  
9972-Tsuyako MacDonnell  
9972- Nancy Carrillo  
9972- Sieglinde Martin  
9972- Evisa Swiney  
9972- Laura Hickman  
9972- Carol Stensby  
9972-Janejalia Underwood  
9972- Nina Garcia  
9972- Lisa Burns  
9972- Jenny McMenamin

9972- Laura Roberts  
9972- Teresa Crowe  
9972- Darlene Clark  
9972- Pauline Hart  
9972- Mary Anderson  
9972- Jane Claunch  
9972- Pearl Donica  
9972- Crystal Stinson  
9972- Diane Rivers  
9972- Theresa Allen  
9972- Patricia Averill  
9972- Vicki Beauchamp  
9972- Anna Colby  
9972- Mary Darr  
9972- Kathryn Hyatt  
9972- Dee Rowley  
9972- Dawn DiMaggio  
9972- Janice Kleve  
9972- Carol Deal  
9972- Susanne Dufek  
9972- Michael Kennedy Jr  
9972- Julie Hummel  
9972- Rebecca Barber  
9972- Cheryl Arellaga  
9972- Barbara Foy  
9972- Benjamn Headen  
9972- Catherine Potts  
11014- Lori Miller  
11014- Fran Wyse  
11014- Danny Durnan  
11014- Gary Buchanan  
11014- Stacie Macon  
11014- Kim Karash  
11014- Kent Barney  
11014- Wanda Carter  
11014- Janice King  
11014- Susan Campbell  
11014- Eileen Flannery  
11014- Bob Reynolds

11014- Scott McKinnon  
11014- Dale Beckett  
11014- Jonathon Kiser  
11014- Heather Brambaugh  
11014 – Shirley Groves  
11014- Tina McCauley  
12098- Donna Busby  
12098- Sherri Morean  
12098- Abigail Gorman  
12098- Luke Roberts  
12128- Issac McGill  
12128- Cathy Hart

### Anniversary:

Ken & Joyce Conkey

Thank You:

7400- Nancy McAnally

**Total Hospital Visits Reported**  
**212**

**Total Visits to Member Homes**  
**232**

**Total Phone Calls to Members**  
**383**

### ***DISTRICT 3***

#### **District 3 Meeting**

10/19/19

9:00 AM - Merle Mitchell Post 3715 - School of Instruction,

10:00 Joint Mtg

10:30 AM Auxiliary Meeting

Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 PM Family Freedom Festival 1- 3 PM

#### **Aux 3715**

9/14 –Patriot Day 9/11 Ceremony at Post 3715



### ***DISTRICT 5***

**549** September 14 Vet Fest Fundraiser 6 p.m. until midnight.

September 21 Ice Cream Social immediately following Auxiliary meeting.

**3578** "Monday Social Night" A pot Luck and lots of fun things to do every Monday night.

Patriot day – September 11 at 5:30 Pot luck and 6PM program. Our theme is "WILL WE BE PREPARED IF A DISASTER COMES TO OUR TOWN". We will have speakers from Auxiliary VFW, Sherriff's Dept. Ambulance service and from the American Legion Commander.

Sept 20th POW-MIA program ( no time yet )

Sept 27th we will have a dinner (Beef Fajita's, Spanish Rice and Beans. Time 5 to 7.

**4903** September 11 Blind Hehab residents at the Post for dinner.

**5990** Burger Nights every Wednesday 5- sold out. \$6.

**10254** A Bake Sale is in the planning stages

Secretary Treasurer Kim Sloan

#### Auxiliary Treasurers

Please review Booklet of Instructions; Auxiliary Treasurer, Duties of

*At each Auxiliary meeting, the Treasurer shall make a report following the Reading of the Minutes, which shall contain:*

- a) Balance on hand at last report* – This would include balance from previous month's report in each fund including General Fund, Dues, Relief Fund etc.
- b) Amount received from all sources since last report* – This would include all dues payments, life member fees, fundraiser proceeds, donations, etc. into each fund
- c) Amount expended since last report* – This would include all disbursements made from every fund
- d) Balance on hand* – This would be the ending balance in each fund.

*Treasurer's report must show all receipts and disbursements in detail, including name of person or firm to whom check is issued and stating from what purpose.*

While the Bylaws state that the report shall be presented in any manner determined by vote of the Auxiliary (Sec. 813A), I caution Treasurer's to make sure that the monthly report is clear and concise. Do not cut corners in presenting your report and be kind and respectful to members who have questions.

#### Deceased Members

Auxiliary Treasurers can mark members Deceased using MALTA.

The first step is to MAKE SURE MEMBER IS REALLY DECEASED! Do not go off rumors.

Here are the steps:

- Log into MALTA
- Click on Duties
- Click on Auxiliary Treasurer
- Click on View Members
- Fill in Membership number or name of member
- Click on Search
- Verify you are looking at correct member profile
- Scroll to the bottom and check Deceased (fill in date if possible)
- Click SAVE
- Your screen will go back to the View Member screen and you'll see member is now shown as Deceased.



#### **All Members**

See Bylaws Sec. 810A – *The disbursement of money shall be upon motion made and passed at a meeting except for the transmittal of membership dues, which does not require a motion; expenses allowed by Standing Rules.*

**Solicitation of Donations** either monetary or “in kind” must be approved by the Auxiliary membership. There have been instances when a member has requested donations on behalf of the Auxiliary for items such as car repairs, rent abatement, haircuts. I strongly suggest that every Auxiliary have a Standing Rule requiring any donation request to be on Auxiliary letterhead and signed by the President.

#### **Records Retention**

Auxiliaries must keep original Membership Applications for 6 years after a member dies or until the member attains the age of 120. There is nothing in the Bylaws to say that you must keep hard copy – you could scan them and save them on a flash drive.

#### **Officers**

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding regarding officers’ resignations and their right to run for the same office or another office. *Any member who has been removed from office in accordance with Sec 809B shall not be eligible for election to that office during the current Auxiliary year.* So, if an officer resigns because are moving and then decides not to move, may run for the same office or any other Auxiliary office.

Sec. 809B refers to officers that are removed for cause such as failure to fulfill the duties of their office. There is a procedure that must be followed. Those members once removed from office would not be eligible for election to THAT office during the current year. They would be eligible for election to any other office.

## 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**

## DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF – CATHY SEIPPEL

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*Chief of Staff Article is from National Chief of Staff Gwen Rankin's Blog*

### *Help Stop the "Homelessness" in our Auxiliaries*

Our Departments are already feeling the loss of Auxiliaries as Special Orders come from National Headquarters announcing Auxiliary closures. The closures may render our Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters "homeless"; that is without belonging to a working Auxiliary. How does this happen?

- Failure to elect and install officers for 2019-2020 per Sections 804A and 806A of the VFW Auxiliary Bylaws.
- Failure to hold regular meetings with a quorum present for transaction of business per Sections 210 and 212 of the VFW Auxiliary Bylaws.
- Cancelled by direct order of the VFW Commander-in-Chief. The VFW Auxiliary is dropped from the rolls of the National Organization due to the cancellation of a Post.

There are time constraints to see that members are relocated to a Healthy Auxiliary. If any one of the above examples is happening to your Auxiliary, please do take the initiative:

- To respond to letters from your Auxiliary or from your Department President or Secretary by letting the sender know what Auxiliary you will want to transfer into.
- Call on your fellow Auxiliary members to be sure they too will respond to communication, so they make their choice of the Auxiliary to transfer into.
- *To not be "homeless"!* Not responding and stating where you want to be transferred to will list you as a Member at Large in your Department.
  - No Auxiliary home and family • No voice
- Not getting your service to veterans' volunteer time counted in the Department Programs
- While your membership stays on Department rolls, your Districts (if your Department has them) bear the burden of making up membership numbers from defunct Auxiliaries.

Your Auxiliary is not closing? Homelessness doesn't concern you or affect you? Why should you worry about "homeless" members?

- As an Auxiliary member, you should choose to concern yourself to bring members back into the fold, into your VFW Auxiliary home, into your Auxiliary family.
- By working the Member at Large list for your area, you are helping by being part of the solution!



## CHIEF OF STAFF CONTINUED:

- Bringing in a Member at Large to your Auxiliary may help your membership numbers.
- It may give you another volunteer, or a new Chairman, or even a new Officer down the road.
- There are members (especially Life Members) on the Member at Large list that may not even realize their Auxiliary has folded.

As an Auxiliary member in good standing, you could keep the homeless numbers down. Here's how:

- Offer to be the team lead for the Member at Large project for your Auxiliary
- Recruit fellow members to contact those on the Member at Large list.
- No one needs to go at a task alone. Besides, it's a great time to get to know your Brothers and Sisters under different circumstances besides in a business meeting.
- Assist your Auxiliary by going through your Department Member at Large list.
- Have your Auxiliary format a letter inviting a Member at Large to join your VFW Auxiliary Family and give some examples of how your Auxiliary bring our National programs into the community, making a difference for our veterans and their families.
- Let them know the Department and National is under new leadership.
- Let them know if the Auxiliary is under new leadership.
- Let them know some of the National Programs areas of emphasis and how this is the year of "*Serving Our Veterans with Aloha!*"
- Host a Family Freedom Festival to show them visually what the Programs mean to your Auxiliary and to our veterans.
- Have your Auxiliary host a "Welcome Back Night" of training for members from the Member at Large list to show them all the resources [MALTA](#) and the [National website](#) holds for us.

Let your Department Chief of Staff know that your Auxiliary is working this aspect of Extension. Work together with your Membership and Mentoring for Leadership Chairmen. Let me know if your Auxiliary has taken up the "homeless" cause.

Send your contact information, Auxiliary number, Department and a brief write-up to [kaleoran@aol.com](mailto:kaleoran@aol.com).

Help us stop the "homelessness" in our Auxiliaries this year!

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## AMERICANISM—CHAIRPERSON JHANNETTE DEBOARD

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**POW/MIA Recognition Day** is September 21<sup>st</sup>. We need to remember those prisoners of war and those missing in action. Daily someone should be making sure the POW/MIA table is clean and has a fresh slice of lemon on it. Here is a great idea you can do to really honor those men and women. SWAP Idea!

Last year, the post commander, an honor guard member in uniform, and an Auxiliary member took a table and all the items, that belong on the table to a local school. They did a presentation on the table and items for grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and it was received very well. This year they are contacting the local schools to set up presentations the whole week starting September 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. You can do as many as you want. The school they went to enjoyed the learning experience so much that they invited them back to do more presentations on some of our other programs like Buddy Poppies and scholarship.

**Gold Star Mother's Day / Family Day** is Sunday September 29, 2019. What is Gold Star Mother's Day? It's a day to recognize and honor those who have lost an immediate family member while serving with the US Armed Forces. This is a day for all of us to recognize and honor those who have lost an immediate family member. A thoughtful idea your Auxiliary can do would be host a free dinner in honor of the deceased service member, also to recognize the families. These families must know we care and will never forget.



## BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Program Chairperson Lynn Pierre

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We have Patriots' Day and National POW/MIA day coming up. What amazing times to utilize the "Buddy Poppy"® and inform our Communities how very important that little flower is to our Veterans and their families. How many of us have huge events scheduled on those two days? Maybe you need Poppy Centerpieces for your dinner, or wreaths for presentation. Please look at Pinterest as there are many ideas on that site regarding the use of Poppies that are new and refreshing.



Many of us will be heading into our schools in August and September to get out our scholarship materials. Try attaching a Poppy and brochure to that material to get the young ones interested. This would be a great time to combine Scholarships, Youth and "Buddy" Poppy as a project and get some ideas from them on your upcoming Display for this year. Don't forget to utilize the "Buddy" Poppy Chairman's Manual, (located on the AZVFWAUX.COM site under Resources). I've included some pictures of this year's winners at National Conference in Orlando, Florida.



Let's take time to work with our Comrades in setting up those Poppy Drives as they can happen anytime and are a vital part of how we teach Communities about what we do. Consider getting into your Chamber of Commerce with a bouquet or display and brochures. Any time we work with our people is a great time to get the word out. Thanks for all you do and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas you'd like to S.W. A. P.!

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

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### HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

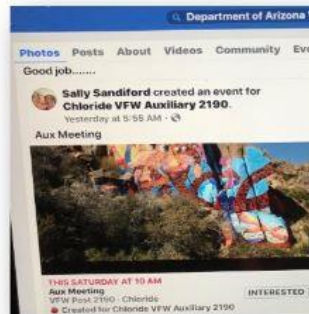
Auxiliary Historian/Media Relations Chairpersons should be following us (CLICK THE LIKE BUTTON UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG) on the Department Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/azvfwaux.org/>

We regularly post pictures, flyers, etc. that can be used for Auxiliary Historian records or digital auxiliary screens. Several National & Department pictures are available for use and show our Department in action!

FACEBOOK (FB) Big shout out to A2190 Chloride!

They are using FB to share the Auxiliary Meetings

as an EVENT! WOW! Great idea!



### YOU TUBE—BUDDY POPPY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mbKEo1h1Lg>

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE <https://www.azvfwaux.org/>

A TWEET FOR TWITTER—Action Corps today! Add your voice to the thousands of veterans' advocates making a difference each day <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly>

PIN POINTS NEWSLETTER we have 763 Subscribers. Send me an email to get on the distribution list!

MAIL CHIMP is the format that Department uses for mass distribution of the Pin Points Newsletter. If emails sent monthly are less than 2K, it's free! Computer knowledge is helpful when using this site.

<https://mailchimp.com/>

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER is just one of the great ways for formatting newsletters! *PDF Converter*

*Profession 8* is just one way to change PDF's to jpegs.

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.



# PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS RECEIVED

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
District 1												
769	X	X		X								
1763	X	X										
2357												
6790	X		X									
7061												
8242	X	X	X	X								
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
District 2												
541			X	X	X							
6739	X	X	X	X								
7400	X	X	X	X								
10227												
12128	X	X	X	X								
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
District 3												
40												
285	X	X	X									
1433	X	X	X	X	X							
3715	X											
12098	X	X	X	X								
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
District 4												
720	X	X	X	X	X							
1760												
1796	X	X	X	X								
3513												
3632	X	X	X									
9400	X	X										
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
District 5												
549	X	X	X	X								
3578		X	X	X								
4903	X	X										
5990	X	X										
10254												
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar



## PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORTS CONTINUED.....

### District 6

1704	X	X	X											
2364	X	X	X	X										
8987														
9907	X	X	X	X										
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		

### District 7

6271	X	X	X	X										
9972	X	X	X	X										
9977	X	X												
10342														
10385	X	X	X	X										
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		

### District 8

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

### District 10

1677	X	X	X	X										
3584	X	X	X	X										
3713	X	X	X	X										
7968	X	X	X	X										
8053														
9399	X	X												

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## Hospital Chairperson—Brenda Price      brenprice86@gmail.com

September is Suicide Awareness month. If you have not already done so, now is a good time to get the Suicide prevention ACT cards, Warning signs of Suicide, Veterans Crisis Line (1.800.273.8255) and other materials displayed at the Post and make them accessible in your 'outreach' packets.

Promote Veteran and Military Suicide Awareness and Prevention. An estimated **20** veterans a **day** commit suicide. You can help lower this number and make a difference in the life of a veteran or service member in crisis by educating yourself and others about [the warning signs of suicide](#).

The [Veteran & Military Suicide Awareness Blue Teardrop Pin](#): Auxiliaries are encouraged to purchase and wear the teardrop. When asked about the significance of the Tear Drop, share that it is to promote awareness for veteran and military suicide.

The [Veterans Crisis Line](#) connects veterans in crisis and their loved ones with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1; chat online; or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is also available.

### VFW AUXILIARY HOSPITAL GRANT APPLICATION

The purpose of this grant is to benefit veteran patients in VA Medical Centers, those utilizing VA Clinics, or residents of State Veterans' Homes, rehabilitation facilities or homeless programs sponsored by the VA. Other types of care facilities will be considered on a case by case basis. \$250.00 is the maximum amount that will be disbursed per Auxiliary per year. A "Project Completion Report" is required including receipts for total funds spent, pictures, volunteers and number of veterans served. That report must be sent to the VFW Auxiliary Arizona Department Hospital Chairman immediately following the completion of the project / donation. Copies of the receipts for purchases are to be sent to the Department Treasurer.

Continue to utilize the program guide and other resources available to VFW Auxiliary Members: [Access Hospital Program Resources HERE](#)



- Create incentives that will attract and interest different generational groups.
- Work with the facility to create incentives for volunteers.
- Publicity release about an outstanding volunteer or an interesting hospital/facility project can aid in getting that public attention which can promote recruitment.
- A good reason to volunteer is to gain work experience, learn new skills, meet new people, and most importantly to give something back.

Have fun with the Hospital Program, utilize the resources to get you started, and let your Love and appreciation for our Veterans Shine! We can make a difference! We are only limited by our own imaginations – Let's make THAT difference and.....**Most importantly**, Show them that they are NOT FORGOTTEN; **get involved!!!**

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## Legislative Program—Chairman Betsy Crown



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I'd like to pass along National Ambassador Mercie Woolfolk's ideas for the next year. These ideas have been passed and are supported by both the VFW and the Auxiliary. Bringing these concepts to fruition will require the cooperation and support of both sides of the house.

Fully funded Veterans and defense programs  
High quality health care and no cost insurance  
Timely access to earned benefits for disability assistance and memorial affairs  
Success after discharge or retirement through education, employment, and transition assistance  
Improve military quality of life through better benefits and retirement packages  
National citizen protection, troop support and war on terrorism

The key to unlocking these ideas is becoming active through your post and auxiliary as well as your own personal involvement. Look around and investigate other organizations for ideas and support. There truly is strength in numbers.

Don't be afraid to contact your legislators on the local, county, state, and national level with your concerns and ideas. As our National Ambassador says, "if they don't hear from us, they will make the decisions for us and we will have to live with the consequences of OUR inaction!"

Invite your national legislators to participate in a Town Hall meeting. Write a well thought out letter and encourage your family, friends, neighbors, and the guy on the street to write as well. Be VOCAL and POLITE! Make contact with your local newspapers, television and radio news for sharing the needs and ideas.

Talk with educators about inviting veterans to talk about their time in the military. Some will talk gladly while others may not. This could be a great history project for young people to inspire and to point them in a future career path. Partner with other organizations such as the League of Women Voters to assist high school seniors with the voter registration process. This will tie in with required graduation classes.

When we remain silent is when we fail! As citizens, we owe our veterans more than we can repay. Involvement is what it's all about.

Be sure to look at [www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service](http://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service) for more information.

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Engage new members with a solid plan during their first year as an Auxiliary Member.

The first 3 months are the most critical to show a new member that they are valued and appreciated.

They just paid to donate their time and energy to our cause and should receive an orientation on programs and benefits and mentoring to help develop a feeling of commitment and belonging.

*Be sure to utilize the New Member Orientation Checklist.*

*Within the First Week*

Call or email the new member to introduce yourself. Offer your contact information should that new member have any questions. If your Auxiliary has a website or Facebook page, tell them about it so they can see what's going on. Provide a calendar of upcoming events.

Encourage them to create a member profile in MALTA.

*Within the First Month*

Invite the new member as soon as possible to whatever Auxiliary event is coming up next, whether it be a meeting, a community service project, or something else. Offer to pick them up if they need a ride. Or if it's a family event, be sure to let them know that anyone can come. They might feel more comfortable coming with a family member or friend. Be sure to send them a reminder at least three days out from the event. And immediately following the event, send an e-mail or handwritten note saying that you're glad they came.

Give them a New Member Packet with the items available on the national VFW Auxiliary website ([www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org)).

*Within the First Two Months*

Your Auxiliary will most likely have a meeting within this time period. Specifically invite the new member and save them a seat. Have a copy of "Understanding VFW Auxiliary Traditions" printed out and make time to explain each of the items on it. Much of it will be entirely new to them.

*Within the First Three Months*

Scheduling is difficult, but try to meet up for coffee, and see if the new member has any questions about what they have been involved with so far. Have a copy of the VFW Auxiliary Bylaws and Ritual available in case a question comes up that you can't answer.

The goal with each of these steps is to maintain contact with the new member in order to engage them in your Auxiliary as soon as possible. Engaged members actively participate in Auxiliary meetings, events, special projects and leadership opportunities. Once you have engaged that member and extended that hand of friendship continues to nurture that relationship. An engaged membership equals a healthy Auxiliary!

**Partner up**    **Mentoring** – Utilize the knowledge of an existing member by matching new members with them and having an orientation package with information about our traditions, officer contact info, upcoming events & programs.

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## MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP – CHAIRPERSON REBA DERMODY

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### *What Does It Mean to Be a Mentor?*

At its core, being a mentor is being a trusted advisor. It can mean a lot of different things, but it all boils down to making yourself available to support and advise someone when they need it, delivering that support in a way that makes sense to them, and always, always keeping that person's best interests in mind.

A mentor/mentee relationship can last for years, or it can last one coffee date. When you mentor someone long-term, you really get to know and understand their personality, learning style, and goals, which can set you up to offer richer, more relevant advice over time

### *Be an Effective Peer Mentor*

- Peer Mentors are Role Models.
- Establish an Ongoing Connection.
- Peer Mentors Are Involved and Connected.

### *Career Mentors*

When most people think of mentorship, they're thinking about career mentorship. Their purpose is to serve as a career advisor and advocate, and to help reinforce how a mentee's job contributions fit into their long-term career goals, and perhaps even how they fit into the bigger picture of the company's goals. Yes, our VFW Auxiliary is a business. How we choose to get our information out to the public is our job.

### *Life Mentors*

Someone who is there for you through thick and thin, providing solid advice and guidance through life's trials and tribulations. How many of us have done this without realizing we are mentoring?

Life mentors will:

Support you after a setback	Give you the map and guide you
Believe in you more than yourself	Teach from experience
Give you honest feedback	Ask powerful questions
Help clarify your situation	Are your role model
Motivate and inspire	Give you the tools to reach your goal

If you have any questions or concerns. Please get in touch with me.

*Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction. John C Crosby*

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## **SCHOLARSHIP – CHAIRPERSON BRENDA KINGHORN**

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**Student Participation  
Recipient Recognition  
Community Awareness  
Increasing Fund**



**The VFW Auxiliary is proud to offer and participate in scholarship contests that help further the education of our nation's youth, our members and their immediate family members.**

### **Continuing Education Scholarship**

The **National VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education** scholarship assists members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational/ technical school.

VFW Auxiliary has four conferences, a member from each conference will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship will be paid directly to the American college or vocational/technical school of the awardee's choice.

**Application process began on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Qualifications: 18 years of age or older

One (1) of the following: Current VFW Auxiliary Member (must have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for (1) year, prior to entry of application)  
Spouse of current VFW Auxiliary Member  
Son or daughter of current VFW Auxiliary Member

The completed application is due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters **no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>**. All questions must be answered. Write a brief essay (no more than 300 words), describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain these goals.

Please post applications at the VFW Post and send an email, with the application as an attachment, to the members of your auxiliary.

For reporting on the yearend report for this scholarship, how was the scholarship promoted i.e.: distributed applications, publicized/promoted program, promoted at the Family Freedom Festival.

**Have a table at the Family Freedom Festival with all the Scholarships. (Showing potential members and take picture of the table with your scholarship chairman) and for-**

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## VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM—Chairperson Janae Kemery

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Veterans and Military Support contains three programs. You are thinking wasn't there four, yes there was a fourth one, but Operation Uplink is no longer a program. The three programs we still have are: Unmet Needs, VFW "Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship", and Military Assistance Program (MAP). Information on these programs can be found on the Veterans and Family Support Resources Page on the Department's website at: <https://www.azvfwaux.org/veterans-family-program>. These programs serve Active-Duty and recently Discharge Military. Please don't forget to make donations to these programs. They can be made online or by mail.

There are other programs out there you may not be aware of. These are military programs and benefits like Healthcare, Housing, and Education, which help with military life. Examples: Job search help for spouse and dealing with deployment. There is one key thing to remember, is that our military and their families have information hammered into all their minds again and again. That everyone who serves whether you're military personnel, retired veteran, have a member who serves, or a veteran. It's important to remember there are plenty of resources and support groups. However, beyond a simple breakdown of military family benefits, it's easy to get lost in the military resources system and give up on your search, before finding what you really are after! There is a list of main support groups that all dependents should check and use regularly. Please go to our website page listed above.



## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM—Chairperson Dani Greene**

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Hope everyone is getting off to a great year. As I said last month, I'm going to go over questions each month that are in your program guide and give you guidance, ideas, support and help so you can work your program and be successful for your 2019/20 year! That is what we truly want from each one of our Auxiliaries - success in every program.

### **Youth Activities Program Summary Question #2**

#### **2. List ALL Youth Groups that your Auxiliary engaged with during the year, & an estimated number of youths involved**

I know that it can be hard to keep track and calculate everything, especially if you're a larger auxiliary and an active one at that. The key is to keep track of everything as you do it. A lot of auxiliaries do so much, it's hard to go back and recall everything done for the year. We want you to get the credit your auxiliary deserves, and it takes proper documentation and reporting to do that. Use your monthly PAR Youth Activities section to track it monthly and keep notes, so when it comes to the end of the year reports all you must do is look back and plug in the information and numbers. It's a full year you are bound to forget things.

But more importantly...The main reason for this question is this, it reminds your auxiliary to stay active with the youths & youth groups in your community. There are so many ways to work with your local youth, it doesn't just mean sponsorship or giving money and items. If your Auxiliary doesn't have a lot of money or is a smaller auxiliary, no worries a lot of the programs just involve your time. I am always saying think outside the box. This helped me immensely when I was the Youth Activities chairman for my auxiliary. The main goal is to stay active and help our local youth know what The Veterans of Foreign War is and what the Auxiliary is and understand its importance and what it does.

#### **Potential Youth Groups to work with:**

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



**Donations received by Department Treasurer.**

**This report does not reflect donations made thru MALTA or donations mailed direct.**

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### Auxiliary and District Quarterly Audit Reports

received by Department Treasurer.

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

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

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

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Meeting Day / Time 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 10:00 a.m.

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**Freeman Sinclair Auxiliary 10726**

Meeting Time 5:00 p.m.

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**Darrel D. Bommer Auxiliary 11014**

**Change Meeting Day and Time**

Second Thursday 9:00a.m.

**Buckeye Auxiliary 12098**

Meeting Location: 402 E. Narramore

Meeting Day / Time 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.



*Homecoming*  
*Department of Arizona*  
*Commander*  
*Tom Judd*



*September 21, 2019*

*4:00 p.m. –*

*VFW Post 9907 – Show Low, Arizona*

Fun, Karaoke, Comradeship  
BBQ Rib Dinner Sat. Night  
& Scout breakfast Sunday  
\$30.00



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IN EXCHANGE WITH 10/12

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

7600 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710

Reservations number: 1-800-445-8667  
ask for: "VFW FALL CONFERENCE 2019" group rate  
HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPT 4, 2019  
Room 99.00 + Tax

**Tentative Schedule Saturday 10/5/19**

9:00 - Welcome and Introductions, Programs Presentations

Lunch on your own

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

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

**SUNDAY 9:00am .... C of A Meetings**

*Deadline for Dinner*

*Reservations is Sept 15, 2019*

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

*(Menu is being negotiated at this time)*

*Send Dinner Checks to:*

Veterans of Foreign Wars

6423 S. Ash Ave

Tempe, AZ 85283

*Payable to: "VFW Dept of AZ"*

*Please note on check:*

Fall Conf. Dinner

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

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