VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

INFORMATION BULLETIN

JUNE, 2024



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Bill "Jumper" Schaeffler, Commander

2023 - 2024

Congratulations Being 102% + In Membership

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FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

THE VFW'S **SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Educate separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Accredited Service Officer.

Advocate for America's veterans and their families on Capitol Hill, ensuring promises made to veterans are promises kept.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Deliver morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits in fiscal year 2023.

Number of times the VFW has testified to Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$589,00

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 61% of the funds covered basic housing needs in fiscal year 2023.

52,883

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events.

Amount of academic scholarships awarded to 357 veterans and service members.

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.



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Undated December 2023



MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW

About the VFW

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Our Mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Our Vision: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.



The VFW by the numbers

1.4 million+

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,667

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



1899

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Helping struggling military families

488

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs*.

\$356,512

Amount of grants provided through **VFW Unmet Needs** covering housing for struggling military families.

253

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs.



Cutting red tape

130,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2023.

Nearly 14,400

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2023 resulting in more than \$82 million in disability compensation.

20 +

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

26,250+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2022–23 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

66,800 +

Number of students who competed in the 2022–23 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

Improving life in America

5 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$45 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

The VFW Relies on Donations

The VFW is a 501(c), and programs are made possible through membership dues and tax-deductible donations from goodhearted Americans.

Cost of VFW Program Services: \$61.5 Million



Updated Recember 2023



SUPPORT THE VFW

Learn more about the VFW at vfw.org.

Quartermaster's Corner

Please send all email for Department Quartermaster to azvfw3@gmail.com

Want to get a head start on saving money for next year's Arizona VFW Events?

E-Gift Cards are available in the Arizona VFW online shop.

\$100 value for \$95 \$200 for \$180 \$300 for \$270

https://vfwaz.com

Sale Ends June 30



Arizona VFW Department Holiday Schedule

Closed on the Following Days

June 19 Juneteenth

Jul 4 & 5 Independence Day

Sep 2 Labor Day

October 14 Columbus Day

Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving

Dec 25-27 Christmas

Dec 31 & Jan 1 New Years

Jan 20 MLK Day

Feb 17 Presidents Day



DEPT OF ARIZONA VFW & AUXILIARY 2024 FALL CONFERENCE

DoubleTree by Hilton

2100 S Priest Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282

Social Hour & Banquet Saturday, September 28, 2024

CRUSTED PORK CHOP

(Gluten Free)
herb Dijon crusted pork chop, truffle mashed
potato, roasted brussel sprouts, bacon
vinaigrette

MOMS MEATLOAF

house made meatloaf, lemon broccolini, red skin potato mash, bacon gravy

PIQUILLO RELLANO

(Vegetarian, Gluten Free) roasted vegetable quinoa stuffed piquillo pepper, pumpkin seed romesco, market \$50 until Aug 5 \$60 Aug 6 - Sep 16

AFTER SEP 16
WAIT LIST ONLY

Order and Pay Online

Visit Convention Page on Department website.

\$2 charge to cover credit card processing

Pay by Check

Complete this form and return entire page with payment to:

VFW Dept of Arizona, 6423 S Ash Ave, Tempe, AZ 85283

How many Meals? Pork Chop ____ Meatloaf ___ Piquillo Relleno ____ Who is paying? ___ Phone #__ Check #__ Post/Auxiliary # ___ Tell us about any food allergies

Deadline for \$50 Price is Mon, Aug 5, 2023

Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates

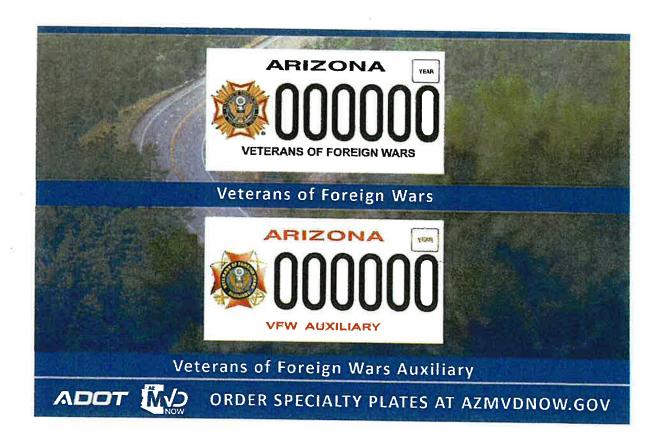
The Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates are live on https://azdot.gov/ and available at your local DMV office.

The monies received from the VFW plate will be used exclusively to fund the State Service Officer Program.

Monies received from the Auxiliary plate are dedicated to the fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational support to veterans and military members and their families and our communities.

For Questions about the Licences Plates please call your local DMV office.

Get your Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates Today!!





\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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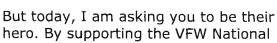
Committee Member

Become a Home Front Hero



Dear,

Our men and women in uniform make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve and protect our freedoms and, in doing so, answer the call to service. The courage and commitment they demonstrate make them worthy of being called heroes.



Home, you are a hero to military and veteran families that need our help.



That's why I invite you to join a very special group of supporters by becoming a Home Front Hero. When you join as a Home Front Hero, your ongoing monthly contributions help provide a steady, reliable source of funding that allows us to serve the families of those who keep our nation safe.

JOIN NOW

Becoming a Home Front Hero is so easy because you get to determine the amount of your monthly donation. At any time, you may increase, decrease, or suspend your giving. And, you can start today for as little as \$10 a month!

Whatever amount you pledge to give, you can be confident that your gift will ensure that veteran families continue to receive the support they need to build a strong family and that their children can enjoy their childhood.

Your monthly gift gives a brighter future to a veteran family facing economic uncertainty, post-traumatic stress, and other challenges. Be a lifeline for families in need and become a Home Front Hero today!

With sincere gratitude,

Sue Alverson



Centennial Garden

Celebrate the upcoming VFW National Home Centennial in style with a personalized engraved brick in our 2025 Centennial Garden. Whether it's to honor a loved one, commemorate a special event, or simply leave your mark on this historic occasion, our 8x8 engraved bricks offer a timeless way to do just that. And for a limited time only, you can secure your place in history for an unbeatable price of only \$500.

Our bricks are made from the highest quality materials and engraved with the latest technology, ensuring that your message will last for generations to come. Not only will your brick be a lasting tribute to your contribution to celebrate our 2025 centennial anniversary, but it will also add to the beauty and legacy of the garden for years to come.

With only a limited number of bricks available, now is the time to act. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Order your personalized engraved brick today for only \$500 and be a part of history.



To order bricks visit https://donate.brickmarkers.com/vfwnationalhome







2024-2025 VFW ARIZONA EVENTS

2024 FALL CONFERENCE

Hilton DoubleTree Phoenix-Tempe

Sep 28 Conference & Banquet

Sep 29 Council of Administration

Rooms: S124 + tax

Booking Deadline: September 8, 2024
Banquet: S45 until July 1, increases after

2025 WINTER CONFERENCE - VOD & PP AWARDS

Embassy Suites Tempe

Jan 10 Auxiliary Council of Administration

Jan 11 Conference & Banquet

Jan 12 VFW Council of Administration

Rooms: S169 + tax

(includes made to order breakfast & cocktail hour)

Booking Deadline: December 18

Banquet: \$50 until November 1, increases after

2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Loews Ventana Canyon Tucson

Convention: June 5-7, 2025

Council of Administration: Jun 8

Rooms: S114 + tax

Booking Deadline: May 1, 2025

Installation Banquet: S50 until March 31, increases after

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY



2024-2025 Theme

"Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024
Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$35,000 Award

What is the Voice of Democracy Program?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 27,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

Why Should I Enter?

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 DC, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$171,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$35,000.

The Rules

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 second max.) audio essay on a flash drive, or other electronic device. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. Inappropriate use of ChatGPT or or other AI tools is not allowed. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to your name, school, city, state, race, or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership.

Where Do I Submit My Entry?

All entries begin at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. Entries sent to VFW National will be returned. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post, follow these instructions: First, visit this website vfw.org/FindaPost to "Find A VFW Post." If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link https://www.vfw.org/ ContactUs/ and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email. If you still need assistance, please email us at VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org

What Is the Deadline for My Entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31, 2024. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

What Are the Judging Criteria?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

2024-2025 Official Entry Form Voice of Democracy Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

	Post Commander/Chairperson Signature	Post #
Name: First, M.I., Last	VFW Auxiliary President/Chairperson Signature (if	applicable)
Address	Post Address	
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip	
Phone Email	VFW Post Email	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) Grade in School Age Jacket Size	No. of students participating	
	No. of winners advanced to District	
School Name, City, State	Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$	
Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)	Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pi	ns, etc.) \$
To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian (Required even if student is 18 or over) Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	To Be Completed by the VFW District I certify that the student named in the preselected winner of the Voice of Democration and is a very least that the	evious section is the duly
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Participant Agreement for Students	Phone Email	
Advancing to National Level	To Po Completed by the VEW Department	
If selected as a first-place state winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian and school to attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C. as a guest of the VFW National Organization.	To Be Completed by the VFW Departr I certify that the student named in the pr selected first-place winner of the Voice of	evious section is the duly

In consideration for permission to participate in the National Voice of Democracy Competition ("Competition") I do hereby, for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the Competition and/or arising out of any travel related to the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my audio file, essay, name and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

I Have Read and Understand the Rules and Participant Agreement

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have not inappropriately used any AI tools or Chat GPT. I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible. I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

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To Be Completed by the VFW Post

Level Voice of Democracy Competition.

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post

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Department Chairperson Signature	
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The winner Ohas been Owill be (check the first-place Department winner on	ck one) notified that they are

For assistance contact: 816.968.1155 Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org

Local VFW Post Informati	ion:
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Alternate Contact:	
Phone:	Best Time To Call:





PATRIOT'S PEN



2024-2025 Theme

"My Voice in America's Democracy?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024
Patriotic Written Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What is the Patriot's Pen Program?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 73,000 students who participated last year in this contest.

Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, State and national level. Department (State) winners receive a portion of \$55,000 in national awards. National Winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000.

The Internal Revenue Service requires a recipient awarded more than \$599 be given Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable income. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition.

Who Can Enter?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. (Foreign exchange students are ineligible.)

How Do I Get Started?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot's Pen writing contest.
- Contact a participating VFW Post and indicate your interest in participating.

- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its VFW Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of October 31, 2024. You can submit your essay and entry form by email upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to the VFW National Headquarters directly will be returned.

How Am I Judged?

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points:

You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points:

Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points:

Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

What Is the Theme?

VFW's Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year's theme. The 2024-2025 theme is:

"My Voice in America's Democracy?"

Deadline Information.

To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2024.

Note:

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post, follow these instructions:

First, visit vfw.org/FindaPost to "Find a VFW Post."

If you don't have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble contacting them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) headquarters office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit **vfw.org/contactus** to look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email.

For assistance contact the VFW National Headquarters at 816.968.1155
Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org

2024-2025 Official Entry Form Patriot's Pen Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

	Post Commander/Chairperson Signature Post#
Name: First, M.I., Last	VFW Auxiliary President/Chairperson Signature (If applicable)
Address	
	Post Address
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Phone Email	VFW Post Email
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) Grade in School Essay Word Count	No. of participants No. of winners
School Name, City, State	Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarships awards \$
Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)	Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (Banquet, Pins, etc.) \$
To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian (Required even if student is 18 or over)	To Be Completed by the VFW District I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Contest District Competition and is our sole entry
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	into the Department.
Parent/Guardian Signature Date	District Chairperson Signature Dist. #
Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone	Address
Parent/Guardian's Email	
What Are the Rules? You must write your own essay.	City, State, Zip
•	Phone Email
All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics. 300 - 400 words in length (+ or - 5 word max). Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count. In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or	To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairperson I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Department Competition and is our sole entry into the National Judging.
national origin.) Do not put your name on the essay. The entry form is	Department Chairperson Signature
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enter only once each year if otherwise eligible (one Post competition).	Daytime Phone Email
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not allowed. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A	Local VFW Post Information:
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rights to the use of your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.	Alternate Contact:

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Patriot's Pen Competition.

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post level





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 At any time during the contest additional participant personal information (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.) could be requested by the VFW.

I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules

Arizona VFW Mandatory Obligations

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10227	2	351	16	2	42	411	400	102.75%	PRESCOTT VALLEY	12	-11
10254	5	103	3	14	14	134	121	110.74%	THREE POINTS	1	-13
10385	7	49	3	3	16	71	68	104.41%	THATCHER	2	-3
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720	4	312	23	5	47	387	426	90.84%	PHOENIX	3	39
769	1	218	3	3	30	254	287	88.50%	QUARTZSITE	8	33
836	7	92	3	59	29	183	170	107.64%	BISBEE	3	-13
1433	3	610	51	30	85	776	721	107.62%	GLENDALE	28	-55
1677	10	353	37	4	77	471	437	107.78%	CASA GRANDE	16	-34
1704	6	68	0	0	22	90	90	100.00%	GLOBE	1	0
1709	2	160	1	2	30	193	198	97.47%	FLAGSTAFF	1	5
1760	4	214	3	6	45	268	276	97.10%	MESA	2	8
1763	1	204	18	5	29	256	239	107.11%	YUMA	1	-17
1796	4	95	6	2	16	119	112	106.25%	BLACK CANYON CITY	3	-7
2066	7	111	3	26	18	158	154	102.59%	NOGALES	2	-4
2135	3	205	3	3	87	298	302	98.67%	PEORIA	0	4
2190	9	26	0	0	10	36	40	90.00%	CHLORIDE	1	4
2357	1	122	5	1	15	143	143	100.00%	BOUSE	2	0
2364	6	37	0	0	26	63	65	96.92%	PINETOP-LAKESIDE	0	2
2555	9	109	12	2	29	152	144	105.55%	GOLDEN VALLEY	4	-8
2767	5	32	1	0	15	48	51	94.11%	MAMMOTH	2	3
3513	4	323	17	4	35	379	362	104.69%	SCOTTSDALE	12	-17
3516	9	116	5	0	17	138	141	97.87%	KINGMAN	1	3
3584	10	32	2	0	24	58	57	101.75%	SUPERIOR	1	-1
3632	4	200	6	2	38	246	257	95.71%	TEMPE	1	11
3708	1	40	2	2	0	44	42	104.76%	SALOME	1	-2
3713	10	140	39	1	108	288	272	105.88%	COOLIDGE	0	-16
4903	5	288	4	0	53	345	344	100.29%	TUCSON	4	-1
5990	5	206	13	5	26	250	240	104.16%	MARANA	3	-10
6271	7	166	6	2	25	199	195	102.05%	BENSON	8	-4
6306	8	95	2	0	10	107	108	99.07%	GOLDEN SHORES	1	1
6310	3	318	5	4	51	378	370	102.16%	TOLLESON	4	-8
6739	2	102	8	3	35	148	145	102.06%	CAMP VERDE	4	-3
6789	6	15	0	0	7	22	28	78.57%	WINDOW ROCK	0	6
6790	1	207	2	1	28	238	248	95.96%	WELLTON	6	10
7061	8	128	7	9	25	169	164	103.04%	PARKER	2	-5
7400	2	171	5	3	49	228	240	95.00%	COTTONWOOD	0	12
7401	10	415	8	6	73	502	542	92.61%	CHANDLER	6	40
7507	4	159	1	0	24	184	187	98.39%	FOUNTAIN HILLS	9	3
7968	10	880	38	9	287	1214	1173	103.49%	APACHE JUNCTION	23	-41
8242	10	413	7	2	55	477	491	97.14%	YUMA (Y.P.G.)	9	14
8807	6	125	1	1	19	146	150	97.14%	TONTO BASIN	0	4
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Completed Quality Assurance inspection

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METRICS	RICS
Posts	66
Districts	10
Total	76
Inspected	0
Complete	0
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Comrades, This is the 2024/2025 District Commanders

This is what the zero point looks like. Let's see if we can start showing some green by 1 July 2024.

to QA the same Posts two years in a row. There are a couple of new reporting things on the sheet, to help track exempted Posts for District inspection eligibility, and to try not

Regards,

Mike Pearson
VFW-AZ and MOC-AZ Inspector
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Made in the USA

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