

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

INFORMATION BULLETIN
DECEMBER, 2025



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GRERGORY HARRELL, COMMANDER
2025 – 2026

COGRATULATIONS
101% IN MEMBERSHIP
POSTS 40 Avondale, 1704 Globe, 2066 Nogales, 2135 Peoria,
3584 Superior, 3713 Coolidge, 8987 Eager

What Post is Next?
What District will be FIRST?

Commander's Corner

A few notes from the desk of the commander with recently asked questions

I would like to clarify a recent question and make sure everyone is aware of the changes between the new Uniting for Veterans (UFV) Grant Formerly known as the Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH) campaign. **BLUF:** Post/Auxiliaries will not be reimbursed for what you donate up to the maximum \$1500. This grant is a matching donation grant and for every point earned in the manner listed in the criteria, a matching donation will be made to the food insecurity or homelessness relief organization up to \$1500. Please make sure you inform your membership of these changes. I still believe this program is important but be informed of the changes.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Combat Tested Gaming (CTG). Combat Tested Gaming (CTG) has become the fastest-growing veterans gaming community in America. We are approaching 2,500 veteran gamers on our Discord server and streaming gameplay on our Combat Tested Gaming Twitch channel. Join our Discord community to connect with other veterans and active-duty service members who play your game of choice! Subscribe to our Twitch and YouTube channels to watch our gameplay and experience the thrill and camaraderie of our gamers.

Mission: The VFW ESports league promotes health, wellness, and comradeship through online gaming. The Combat Tested Gaming program aims to provide holistic support to veterans, addressing their unique needs and helping them thrive in their post-service lives.

I am proud to announce the State CTG Chairman and if you would like to be involved or have questions about gaming please contact:

Cassidy Voss AKA Game Name Green at vosshogg@gmail.com or via phone 719-877-3770, or Ken Weiss at kennex90@yahoo.co or via Phone 402-575-0200.

Commander's 2025–2026 VFW Department Holiday Message

Comrades, Auxiliary members, Families, and Friends,

As we gather with loved ones to celebrate the holiday season, I want to extend my deepest appreciation for everything you have done—and continue to do—for our veterans, our communities, and for each other. This time of year reminds us of the strength of our organization: service, compassion, and unwavering commitment to those who have worn the uniform.

Across the Department, your hard work has made a real and lasting impact. Whether through assisting a family in need, honoring our fallen, supporting our troops stationed around the world, or offering a hand to a veteran seeking help, you have shown the true meaning of “No One Does More for Veterans.” I am incredibly proud of every Post, District, and Auxiliary for the dedication you demonstrate each day.

As we celebrate, let us also keep in our thoughts the men and women currently serving away from home, their families who remain steadfast in their absence, and all our veterans who may struggle during this season. Your outreach, kindness, and connection can make all the difference.

May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and the warmth of camaraderie. May the New Year ahead be filled with renewed purpose, continued growth, and shared success as we carry our mission forward.

On behalf of the Department of Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a safe, prosperous New Year.

**Yours in Comradeship,
Gregory J. Harrell,
Commander, Department of Arizona
Veterans of Foreign Wars**





Message from the Junior Vice Commander

Volunteer Appreciation and Family Support

The month of December will be a busy time for all of us as we prepare for various events and responsibilities. I want to remind all our volunteers to take time for your families at home. While our commitment to supporting our Post, District, and Department is admirable, it is essential to recognize that our families stand behind us, supporting all that we do for veterans. Please be sure to thank them for their understanding and encouragement—they are an integral part of our mission. None of us can accomplish our goals alone.

I sincerely appreciate the sacrifices made by all our volunteers to ensure that veterans in our state are cared for. It is just as important to care for your family as it is to care for others. I am grateful for the support I have received this year from our members and Auxiliary. We are having a great year, and I want to extend special thanks to our Commander Greg Harrell for implementing an effective communication policy.

Mid-Year Goals and Season's Greetings

As we approach the midyear point, let's remain vigilant and continue to complete all the programs and tasks that have been set before us. I wish all our members and Auxiliary a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Advocacy for Veterans' Benefits

In December, The Veteran of Foreign Wars took a firm stand, insisting that leaders "Honor the Contract" for veterans' benefits. Hold your State Representatives accountable, email them, call them, or even visit them in person if necessary, but make sure they hear your voice.

From the Dept of Arizona Judge Advocate,

Hello Comrades,

Here we are as another year gets ready to pass, the holidays are upon us with all the hustle and bustle that surrounds the holidays. As we move through the year and cross into 2026. It is a good time for the Commanders and Judge Advocates to look through your Bylaws and make sure you are up to date. A comrade once said If your Bylaws are old enough to drive its time to update them. There have been some changes at the National level as well that you may want to add into your Post or District Bylaws as well or just familiarize yourselves with the new items. Those of you with canteens it's also a good time to review your SOP and rules regarding your canteen to make sure they are updated as well. As the holidays approach, please make sure you check in on comrades as this can be a difficult time for some of us Let them know you have their six. On behalf of my fiancée Evy and I, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year.

Jim Shanley

Dept. of Arizona Judge Advocate



Quartermaster's Corner

**PLEASE CHECK THE ARREARS SHEET
FOR STATUS ON MANDATORY
OBLIGATIONS**

**IF YOU SEE AN ERROR SEND AN EMAIL
TO AZVFW3@GMAIL.COM**

**TRUSTEE AUDITS FOR THE QUARTER
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 WERE
DUE ON NOVEMBER 15, 2025.**

**IF YOU ARE WAITING ON TRUSTEE OR
COMMANDER CERTIFICATION
SIGNATURES, SEND WHAT YOU HAVE
AND AN UPDATED COPY WHEN
COMPLETED**

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY



PATRIOT'S PEN



DONATION DRIVE

New sponsors of Arizona's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen awards are currently being welcomed.

We are seeking support for our local winners and recognize their hard work and dedication.

We offer various sponsorship levels and would be happy to recognize your contribution publicly at our awards ceremony.

Please consider donating to help us achieve our mission of fostering patriotism in the next generation.





ANNOUNCING THE AVHOFS 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society is pleased to announce that as of **November 1, 2025, our 2026** Scholarship application window is **OPEN!** The scholarship program was the first program developed by the Society in 2007 and remains one of our major supported programs today.

Once again, thanks to our generous donors, the Society will award multiple scholarships to qualified Veterans, Veteran Family Members & NG/RC members who reside and attend school in Arizona. The amounts of these unrestricted scholarships will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each. These scholarships are in addition to the three scholarships the Society awards annually to high school students participating in the Imprints of Honor Program.

Deadline to apply for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society Scholarship Program is 15 February 2026.

Scholarships will be presented during the 19th Annual Patriotic Awards Luncheon on May 1, 2026.

A new online Scholarship Application Form, and more information about our program, as well as a PDF copy of the flyer (attached) is available at:

<https://avhof.org/awards-scholarships/scholarships/> Please share!

Whitmore's Warriors Class of 2025-2026 Project



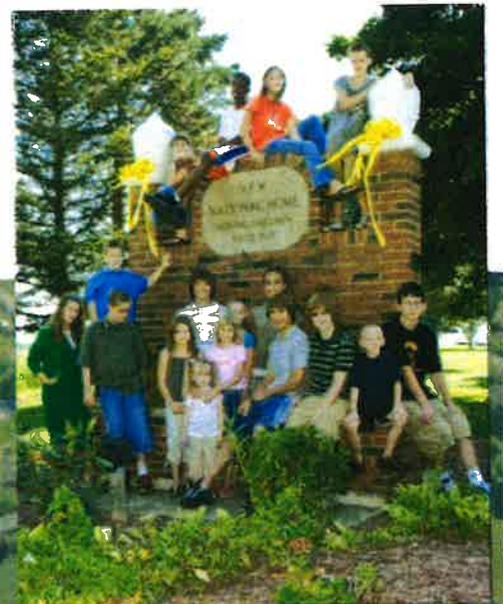
LET'S DO MORE
STOCK THE STORE



V F W
NATIONAL HOME

Whitmore / Callihan 2025 / 2026

Store Equipment (Refrigerators, freezers, etc and Food) Consists of purchasing equipment for the retail section including coolers and freezers for fresh and frozen food, and beverages, dry goods and other sundries that are deemed most useful to residents. This fundraiser will also purchase an honor system point of sale program that allows residents to enter the store with a swipe card, pick out items and pay for them with a credit or debit card both during and after business hours.



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 VITAL 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.



2,162

Number of VFW Accredited Service Officers across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

308,045

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

\$14.6 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits in fiscal year 2024.

\$1.54 million

Amount of academic scholarships awarded to 337 veterans and service members.

15

Number of times the VFW testified to Congress in fiscal year 2024. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$2.9 million+

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

\$150,352

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 26% of the funds covered basic housing needs in fiscal year 2024.



JOIN THE VFW

Connect With Us



All figures are based on fiscal year 2024 totals unless otherwise stated.

Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at vfw.org.

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.

5,500+

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



1899

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



Helping struggling military families

48

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

\$39,737

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

24

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs.



Cutting red tape

146,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2024.

14,000

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2024 resulting in more than \$110 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

26,431

Number of high school students who competed in the 2023-24 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

68,439

Number of students who competed in the 2023-24 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.



Improving life in America

5.9 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$50.8 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 good-hearted Americans.

**Cost of VFW Program Services:
\$58.9 Million**



Source: VFW 2024 Annual Report

Updated: December 2024



SUPPORT THE VFW

Learn more about the VFW at vfw.org.



DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



DontFeedTheSharks.org

What is a "Claim Shark"?

- A Claim Shark is an individual or company that charges hefty fees to "assist" or "consult" veterans with filing their VA benefit claims – this practice is illegal!
- Claim Sharks are not VA accredited, meaning they aren't required to adhere to the well-established professional and ethical standards of VA accreditation, so their advice can often be misleading or even fraudulent.
- Like a "Loan Shark," once you're in, you can't get out, and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new rating, no matter who does the work.

Some of their predatory practices are:

- Promising or guaranteeing an increased disability rating or percentage increase.
- Advertising expedited VA claims decisions.
- Requesting login credentials to access a veteran's personal information through secure VA websites like eBenefits or VA.gov.
- Using confusing tactics or ambiguous language to mislead claimants or coerce them into signing a contract.
- Telling veterans to forego VA exams and offering health consultations within their own network of doctors.

Who are the Claim Sharks?

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| ➤ Trajector Medical | ➤ Patriot Angels |
| ➤ Vet Benefits Guide | ➤ Veteran Care Services |
| ➤ Veterans Guardian | ➤ VetComm |
| ➤ VA Claims Insider | ➤ VA Claims Academy |
| ➤ Telemedica | ➤ Vet Assist |

Veterans can protect themselves by:

- Always working with VA accredited representatives.
- Attending all exams ordered by VA.
- Not signing contracts.
- Not agreeing to fees or payments from future benefits.
- Not agreeing to pay for medical consultations or opinions.
- Not providing access to Protected Health Information or Personal Identifiable Information.

Who is NOT a Claim Shark?

- VA accredited veterans service organization representatives, like the VFW
- VA accredited claims agents
- VA accredited attorneys
- Attorneys assisting with Camp LeJeune lawsuits who do not charge excessive fees



COMBAT TESTED GAMING

By the **VFW**
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

THE VFW'S INAUGURAL GAMING LEAGUE EXCLUSIVELY FOR VETERANS.

Join the
community!



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GAMES

- Rocket League
- Call of Duty
- Call of Duty: Warzone
- World of Warcraft
- Valorant
- Madden
- MLB: The Show
- Rainbow Six Siege
- NBA 2K
- Helldivers 2
- Apex Legends
- Fortnite
- League of Legends
- The Finals
- EA Sports FC
- And more! We are adding games consistently.

IMPACT OVERVIEW

2,250+
Veteran
gamers.



**DEDICATED VFW
SERVICE
OFFICER**



answering VA benefits
questions daily.

**4 VFW
POSTS**



have leveraged CTG to start
gaming nights – one building
a gaming room to support
student veterans.

**5 VETERANS'
LIVES SAVED**



during crisis by
using connections
made through CTG.

CTG has quickly succeeded in reaching its early objectives. Now, as we look to the future, we set our sights on becoming THE leader in the veteran gaming space by continuing to promote the program and through partnering with a veteran-owned company which specializes in building the gaming infrastructure needed to support our growth and long-term success.

DO YOU SUPPORT THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS?
IF SO, WALK THE WALK GET YOUR ARIZONA SPECIALTY PLATES.



Veterans of Foreign Wars



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary



ORDER SPECIALTY PLATES AT AZMVDNOW.GOV

ANY QUESTIONS CALL DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTER!

480-941-5258



**HONORING WORLD WAR II
KOREAN WAR & VIETNAM WAR
VETERANS**

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO HONOR FLIGHT
ARIZONA BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:**

**CASH OR CREDIT CARD / ONE-TIME OR RECURRING
MEMORIAL GIFT DONATION / WILL OR TRUST GIFT
BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION GIFT**

**LIFE INSURANCE POLICY BENEFICIARY GIFT
OR BY OTHER OPTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE DONATE PAGE:**

WWW.HONORFLIGHTAZ.ORG

**HONOR FLIGHT ARIZONA
8711 PINNACLE PEAK RD. PMB 198
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255-3517**

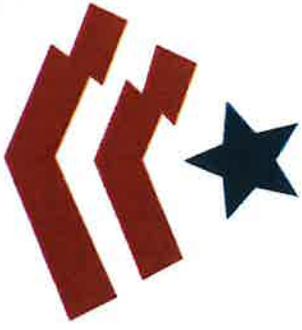
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YOU!**



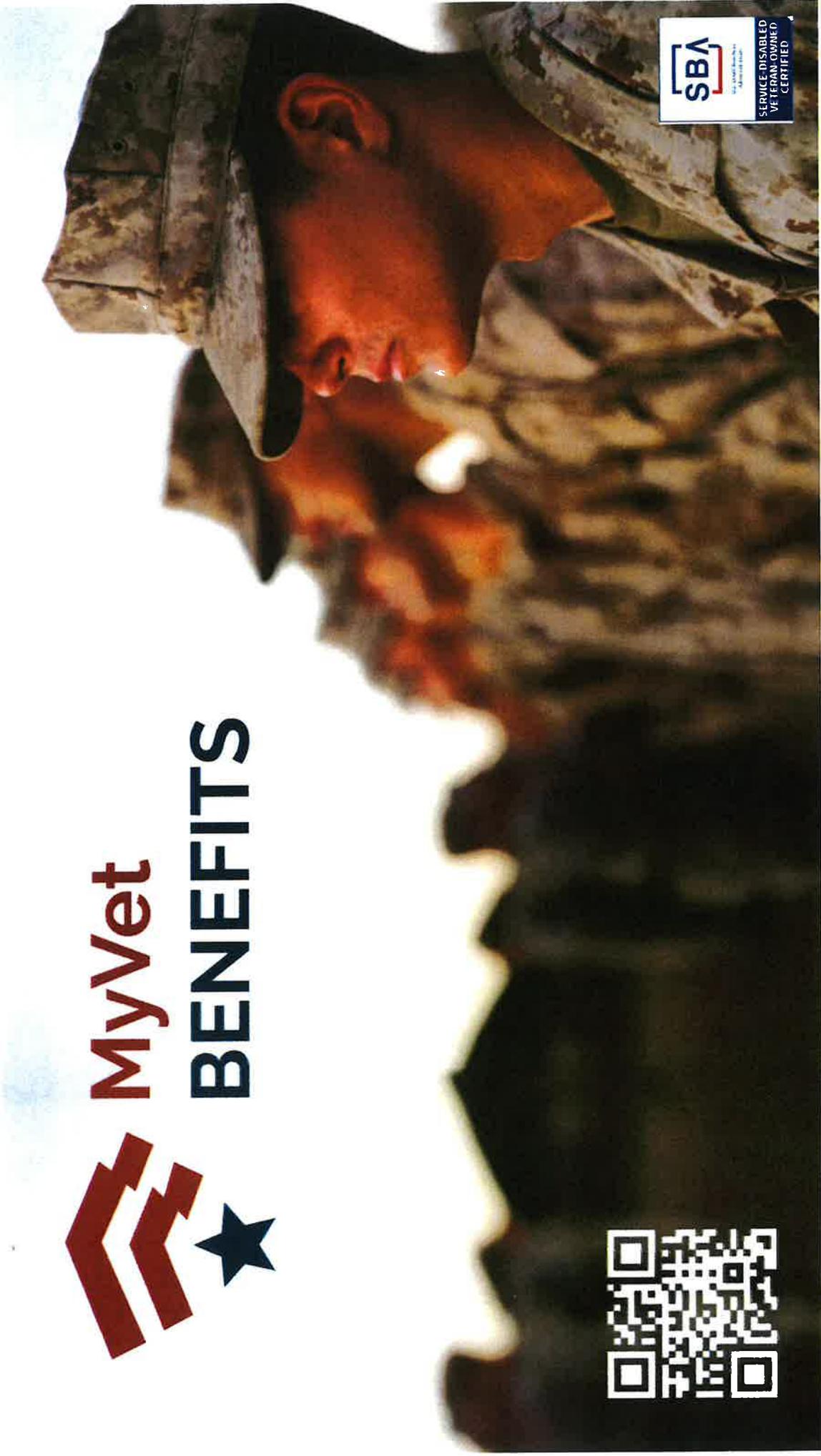
You, a loved one, or a friend has recently experienced an Honor Flight Arizona 3-day journey to Washington, D.C. These are the journeys of thanks and remembrance that are so often described by our returning Veterans as "One of the greatest experiences of my entire life."

Please consider helping Honor Flight Arizona and its all-volunteer staff in sending more Arizona Veterans to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C. THANK YOU!





MyVet
BENEFITS



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System



Veteran Services Event

Presented By NAVAHCS and VFW Post 6306

Date: December 3rd, 11 am till 4 pm

Location: 12858 Oatman-Topock Hwy, Topock, AZ 86443

(34.7831, -114.4810)

- Learn about Veteran programs and services.
- Speak with Dept. of VA staff at event.
- Enroll for Veteran benefits.

POC: Joshua Wear, RHC 928-458-8713 / Andrew Taylor, RHC 928-237-8310

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PEARL HARBOR

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Remembrance Day

7 December

VFW POST 2364
PINETOP-LAKESIDE
will conduct a
Remembrance Ceremony
December 7, 2025
11:00 AM
at the
Veterans Memorial Park
Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall
325 W. White Mountain Blvd.
Lakeside, AZ 85929



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System



Veteran Services Event

Presented By NAVAHCS and IHS Parker

Date: December 9th 9 am till 3 pm

Location: 12033 Agency Rd, Parker AZ 85344
(34.147032, -114.301840)

- Learn about Veteran programs and services.
- Speak with Dept. of VA staff at event.
- Enroll for Veteran benefits.

POC: Joshua Wear, RHC 928-458-8713 / Andrew Taylor, RHC 928-237-8310

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System



Veteran Services Event

Presented By NAVAHCS and VFW Post 3708

Date: December 10th 9 am till 3 pm

Location: 66514 Hall St, Salome, AZ 85348
(33.7830, -113.6182)

- . Learn about Veteran programs and services.
- . Speak with Dept. of VA staff at event.
- . Enroll for Veteran benefits.

POC: Joshua Wear, RHC 928-458-8713 / Andrew Taylor, RHC 928-237-8310

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System

Veteran Services Event

Presented By NAVAHCS and Arizona Western College

Date: December 16th 9 am till 3 pm

Location: AWC Quartzite Campus
695 N Kofa Dr Quartzsite, AZ 85346

- . Learn about Veteran programs and services.
- . Speak with Dept. of VA staff at event.
- . Enroll for Veteran benefits.

POC: Joshua Wear, RHC 928-458-8713 / Andrew Taylor, RHC 928-237-8310

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System

Veteran Services Event

Presented By NAVAHCS and Arizona Western College

Date: December 17th 9 am till 3 pm

Location: AWC Parker Campus

1109 Geronimo Ave Parker AZ 85344

- . Learn about Veteran programs and services.
- . Speak with Dept. of VA staff at event
- . Enroll for Veteran benefits.

POC: Joshua Wear, RHC 928-458-8713 / Andrew Taylor, RHC 928-237-8310

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 21, 2025
2:05 PM**

WFW

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Arizona

**BE SURE TO ARRIVE EARLY &
LOOK FOR THE TAILGATE PARTY**



SCAN ME



VS



**Join veterans at the game
for a special recognition
by the Cardinals.**

**Friends and Family
Welcome**

All seats are in Section 454



VFW AZ DISTRICT 3



STEPHEN FRANKLIN GUN RAFFLE

**SPRINGFIELD MIA STANDARD RIFLE
22" 308 WITH WALNUT STOCK
\$20.00 PER TICKET**



Drawing will be held at VFW State Conference
in Phoenix, AZ on 10 January 2026 Live on FB



TRIBAL VETERANS CONFERENCE AND SERVICES EVENT JANUARY 23-24, 2026 9AM-4PM BLUEWATER RESORT • CASINO

- 16 educational breakout sessions with subject matter experts.
- Resources on mental health, housing, employment.
- Traditional singing and dancing.
- Meet with service providers, VSOs, and fellow veterans.

Veterans bring a copy of DD Form 214 and/or medical evidence for claims.

Contact Joshua Wear at (928) 458-8713 for information.



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



Health
Choice



BLUEWATER RESORT
11300 Resort Dr, Parker, AZ.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24



9AM-4pm

An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross, Blue Shield Association

Department of Corrections
Correctional Officers Appreciation

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

raffles &
games



24 Teams of 4 Scramble Shotgun start 8am
Registration 7 am

\$100 Per Person
(includes cart, green fees,
lunch, drink tickets)



REGISTER NOW

charitygolftoday.com/azdept

7 February
2026



Dave White Municipal Golf Course
2121 N Thornton Rd, Casa Grande, AZ

For more information

Call 520-450-6446 or Rhctrick@azadec.gov

Veteran Construction Apprenticeship Fair



SCAN HERE

**Find a career in
construction!**

**Wednesday February 11, 2026
Mortgage Matchup Center
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**



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CARS FOR A CAUSE

BENEFITING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH RALLY POINT ARIZONA

hosted by



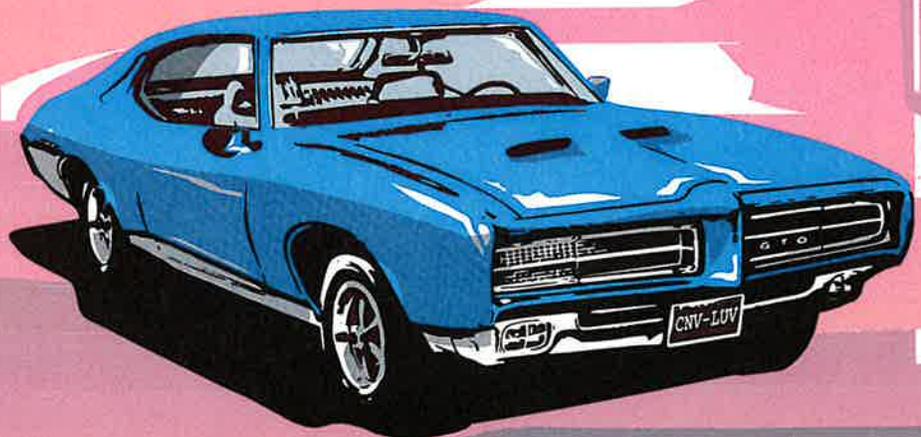
LA FRONTERA
ARIZONA

IMPACT-SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER

SAVE THE DATE

February 21, 2026

American Legion Post 2, Tempe, AZ



Be the first to know about the event details.
Sign up at tinyurl.com/CarsForACause2026.



Document Retention

The following list has been compiled in response to requests from Posts that have asked how long to retain certain files and records. Please keep in mind that this list does not have the effect of law, and a judicious amount of common sense should be used when applying it to your Post.

<u>Record Name</u>	<u>Retention Period</u>
Accounts payable invoices	7 years
Accounts payable ledger	7 years
Accounts receivable ledger	7 years
Annual financial reports	Permanent
Annuity & deferred payment plans	Continuing record
Audit reports, annual	10 years
Audit reports, periodic	2 years
Audit work papers	5 years
Balance sheets	5 years
Bank deposit slips	5 years
Bank statements	5 years
Bills of lading	2 years
Bonds - Fidelity	3 years after termination
Bonds - Surety	3 years after termination
Budgets	5 years
Bylaws	Until superseded
Cancelled checks	7 years
Cash receipt records	7 years
Certified annual financial statements	Permanent
Community activity reports	3 years
Contracts	7 years after termination
Correspondence, executive	10 years
Correspondence, general	3 years
Depreciation schedules	Permanent
Election of Officer Reports	5 years
Employee records	4 years after termination
Employee contracts	7 years after termination
Employee withholding records	7 years
Employee accident reports	30 years after settlement
Employee insurance records	11 years after termination
Employee termination	7 years
Entertainment, gift & gratuity records	3 years
Expense vouchers	7 years

<u>Record Name</u>	<u>Retention Period</u>
Fidelity bonds	3 years after termination
Financial reports, periodic	2 years
Financial reports, annual	Permanent
Freight bills	3 years
Freight claims	2 years
Garnishments	7 years after termination
General ledger	Permanent
Income statements, annual	Permanent
Income statements, periodic	2 years
Incorporation papers	Permanent
Inspection reports	3 years
Insurance records, general	4 years after Policy expiration
Inventory records	Permanent
Labor Cost Records	3 years
Lease Records	3 years after termination
Membership Applications	Permanent (<i>see note 1</i>)
Membership Rosters	5 years
Minutes of Post Meetings	5 years (<i>see note 2</i>)
Payroll register	7 years
Periodic financial reports	2 years
Petty cash records	3 years
Property records	Permanent
Quartermaster Monthly & Quarterly Reports	5 years
Shipping & Receiving documents	2 years
Tax records	Permanent

Note 1: Membership applications should be retained as a permanent record to aid in establishing length of membership, original eligibility, and other items of historical value.

Note 2: In some instances, it may be advisable to retain the minutes of Post meetings when those minutes contain policy decisions. Normally, however, those policy decisions would have been incorporated into the Post Bylaws, and the minutes would only be of minor historical significance.

Obviously, the foregoing list is not all-encompassing, nor is it intended to be. A good rule of thumb in determining what files and records to keep is that if the file or record has no financial or historical significance, then it is probably time to dispose of it.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date _____

Name (First MI Last) _____

EMAIL _____

Address (Street) _____

Apt. / Lot # _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

MALE
FEMALE
DECLINE

Dates Of Service (mm/yyyy) to (mm/yyyy)

Location of Foreign Service _____

Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Phone _____

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD SPACE FORCE

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

VFW II

VIETNAM SERVICE

AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)

INHERENT RESOLVE (2014 - present)

OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE

DESERT SHIELD/STORM

IRAQ (2003 -2011)

HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY

KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)

BOSNIA/KOSOVO

SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA

Location _____

KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM/EXPEDITIONARY

EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

Dates _____

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments please complete the following

ANNUAL MEMBER (1 Year)

ANNUAL MEMBER (2 Years)

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

By entering into the Installment Plan, I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00. Information about scheduling payments can be found by calling the VFW Member Service Center at 1-833-VFW-VETS. Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options require credit/debit card for processing. By signing this application you acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options, if selected.

Credit Card # _____

(Mastercard Visa Discover or Amex only)

EXP DATE _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

Signature _____

Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

NEW Post # _____ FORMER MEMBER # _____

TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____

RECRUITER (Please print) _____ ID# _____

QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Contact VFW Member Services at 1-833-VFW-VETS (1-833-839-8387) or write VFW Member Services, 406 W. 34th St., Suite 316, Kansas City, MO 64111 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts, or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file, explain why the payment could not be processed, and provide alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW life membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a life membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an annual membership card at the time of enrollment. A permanent life membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The life membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted. Delinquencies of 31-120 days can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward. Member will be dropped from the installment plan after 120 days delinquent and all monthly payments made to date will be applied to future years annual dues.

VFW POST MEMBER TRANSFER DECLARATION (used for transfers in accordance with Sec. 107 of the Manual of Procedure). I hereby certify by signature on this application that it is my desire to transfer my membership as indicated above. I further certify that I am not indebted to my former Post, be it through oral or written commitment or otherwise, and that to the best of my knowledge no written charges have been preferred against me by my former Post, and I understand that any such indebtedness or charge which may be disclosed at any time hereafter will render this transfer null and void.

I ATTEST that I am a veteran of, or am currently serving in, the US Armed Forces, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions, I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; (3) I have received Imminent Danger or Hostile Fire Pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

Applicant's Signature & Date _____

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

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____



BRENDA SMITH

Arizona Department Chaplain 2026-2027

It is my humble privilege as a life member of VFW Post 1763 in Yuma, AZ, to announce my candidacy for the position of Department of Arizona Chaplain for the upcoming 2026-2027 year.

My military career in March 1983 with the US Navy until 1989, when I joined the AZ National Guard 852nd MP Company. I transferred into 2221st Quartermaster Co. and deployed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm 1990-1991. Upon returning to AZ I transferred to Detachment 1, 855th MP Co., Yuma, AZ. I medically retired in July 2000 with 17 years in service.

As the Chaplain for both Post 1763 and District 1 since 2021, I feel that there is a great need within the state to reach out to every member, post and district with the purpose of insuring everyone knows that I am here.

Currently, I call and visit post and district members. I assist the Veterans State Home in Yuma with providing support to the residents and their families, along with participating in the Veterans Final Walk.

Arizona VFW Mandatory Obligations

Current as of November 27, 2025. Delegate Fee reporting will be in January	District		25-26 Election Rept	QM Bond	Audits due 45 days after Quarter Closes				26-27 Election Rept	State Delegate Fees
	Posts	City			06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31		
40 Avondale	3	X	C	R	R				\$ 38.50	
285 Surprise	3	X	C	R	R				\$ 33.00	
404 Mohave Valley	8	X	C	R	R				\$ 27.50	
541 Prescott	2	X	C	R	R				\$ 71.50	
549 Tucson	5	X	C	R	R				\$ 275.00	
720 Phoenix	4	X	EX	R					\$ 82.50	
769 Quartzsite	1	X	C	R	R				\$ 55.00	
836 Bisbee	7	X	C	R	R				\$ 38.50	
1433 Glendale	3	X	C	R					\$ 154.00	
1677 Casa Grande	10	X	C	R	R				\$ 93.50	
1704 Globe	6	X	C	R	R				\$ 22.00	
1709 Flagstaff	2	X	L						\$ 44.00	
1760 Mesa	4	X	C	R	R				\$ 60.50	
1763 Yuma	1	X	C	R					\$ 55.00	
1796 Black Canyon	4	X	C	R	R				\$ 33.00	
2066 Nogales	7	X	C	R					\$ 33.00	
2135 Peoria	3	X	C	R					\$ 60.50	
2190 Chloride	9	X	C	R					\$ 16.50	
2357 Bouse	1	X	C	R	R				\$ 33.00	
2364 Pinetop-Lakesi	6	X	C	R	R				\$ 16.50	
2555 Golden Valley	9	X	C	R	R				\$ 33.00	
2767 Mammoth	5	X	C	R	R				\$ 16.50	
3513 Scottsdale	4	X	C	R					\$ 88.00	
3516 Kingman	9	X	C	R	R				\$ 33.00	
3584 Superior	10	X	C	R	R				\$ 16.50	
3632 Tempe	4	X	C	R	R				\$ 49.50	
3708 Salome	1	X	C	R	R				\$ 16.50	
3713 Coolidge	10	X	C	R	R				\$ 44.00	
4903 Tucson	5	X	C	R	R				\$ 71.50	
5990 Marana	5	X	C	R					\$ 49.50	
6271 Benson	7	X	C	R					\$ 49.50	
6306 Golden Shores	8	X	C	R					\$ 27.50	
6310 Tolleson	3	X	C	R	R				\$ 77.00	

If Errors are Noted PLEASE email the Dept Quartermaster at azvfw3@gmail.com	District		25-26 Election Rept	QM Bond	Audits due 45 days after Quarter Closes				26-27 Election Rept	State Delegate Fees
	Posts	City			06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31		
6739 Camp Verde	2	X	C	R	R				\$ 38.50	
6789 Window Rock	6	X	*	R					\$ 11.00	
6790 Wellton	1	X	C						\$ 49.50	
7061 Parker	8	X	C	R	R				\$ 38.50	
7400 Cottonwood	2	X	C	R					\$ 44.00	
7401 Chandler	10	X	C	R	W				\$ 93.50	
7507 Fountain Hills	4	X	C	R					\$ 38.50	
7968 Apache Junction	10	X	C	R	R				\$ 214.50	
8242 Yuma (Y.P.G.)	1	X	C	R	R				\$ 93.50	
8807 Tonto Basin	6	X	C	R					\$ 33.00	
8987 Eagar	6	X	C	R	R				\$ 27.50	
9399 Apache Junction	10	X	C	R	R				\$ 143.00	
9400 Sunnyslope	4	X	C	R	R				\$ 192.50	
9401 Lake Havasu City	8	X	C	R					\$ 143.00	
9632 Page	2	X	C	R					\$ 22.00	
9833 Dolan Springs	9	X	C	R					\$ 27.50	
9907 Show Low	6	X	C	R	R				\$ 77.00	
9972 Sierra Vista	7	X	C	R	R				\$ 473.00	
9977 Arizona Sunsites	7	X	C	R					\$ 27.50	
10005 Bullhead City	8	X	C	R	R				\$ 99.00	
10015 Tucson	5	X	C	R					\$ 22.00	
10227 Prescott Valley	2	X	C	R	R				\$ 88.00	
10254 Three Points	5	X	EX	R					\$ 27.50	
10385 Thatcher	7	X	C	R	R				\$ 22.00	
10386 Kingman	9	X	EX	-					\$ 49.50	
10726 Parker Dam	8	X	C	R	R				\$ 27.50	
11014 Meadview	9	X	C	R					\$ 33.00	
12043 Maricopa	10	X	C	R	R				\$ 16.50	
12098 Buckeye	3	X	C	R	R				\$ 44.00	
12128 Williams	2	X	C	R	R				\$ 27.50	
12210 Glendale	4	X	C	R	R				\$ 16.50	
12222 Oro Valley	5	X	C	R	R				\$ 16.50	

Bonding Documentation

Pricing - See Rate Sheet on Dept Website

A = Application Received On Time
 C = Certificate Processed and Emailed
 EX = External Bond
 W = Contacted Dept, Awaiting Documents

Trustee Audits

R = Audit Received
 RW = Audit Received and Reviewed
 E = Rcvd w/Errors CORRECTIONS NEEDED
 W = Contacted Dept, Awaiting Documents

State Delegate Fees-

Annual Mandatory Obligation
 \$ = Money Due

*If paying all with one check, please attach
 a note with a breakdown of how much for
 each item.*

Please make all checks payable to :

VFW Dept of AZ

6423 S Ash Ave, Tempe, AZ 85283

**VFW-AZ INSPECTION
ARRARS 2024-2025
UPDATED: 12/1/2025**

INSPECTION METRICS	
Posts	65
Districts	10
Total	75
Suspended	0
Inspected	50
Complete	42
Incomplete	8
Un-Inspected	25
Inspected %	66.67%
Complete %	57.53%

TACOM METRICS	
Posts (& HQ)	43
Inspected	39
Un-Inspected	4
Complete %	90.70%

Not Inspected	NO
Inspected-Not Complete	PEND
Inspection Complete	PASS
Suspension	SUSP
QA Inspection	QA
Inspected w/ Discrepancy	

POST	CITY	District	INSP	TACOM	QA	POST	CITY	District	INSP	TACOM	QA	
DISTRICT 1												
769	Quartzsite	1	NO	N/A		1704	Globe	6	PASS	N/A		
1763	Yuma	1	NO	N/A		2364	Pinetop-Lakeside	6	PASS	10		
2357	Bouse	1	NO	4/8		6789	Window Rock	6	PASS	8		
3708	Salome	1	NO	4		8807	Tonto Basin	6	PASS	7		
6790	Wellton	1	NO	N/A		8987	Eagar	6	NO	N/A		
8242	Yuma PG	1	NO	N/A		9907	Show Low	6	PASS	9		
DISTRICT 2												
541	Prescott	2	PASS	N/A		DISTRICT 7						N/A
1709	Flagstaff	2	PASS	8		836	Bisbee	7	PASS	10		
6739	Camp Verde	2	PEND	6		2066	Nogales	7	NO	9		
7400	Cottonwood	2	PASS	10		6271	Benson	7	NO	8		
9632	Page	2	PASS	4		9972	Sierra Vista	7	NO	15		
10227	Prescott Valley	2	PEND	N/A		9977	Arizona Sunsites	7	NO	8		
12128	Williams	2	PASS	8		10385	Thatcher	7	NO	8		
DISTRICT 3 (100% 10-29-2025)												
40	Avondale	3	PASS	N/A		DISTRICT 8						N/A
285	Surprise	3	PASS	N/A		404	Mohave Valley	8	PASS	9	QA	
1433	Glendale	3	PASS	6		6306	Golden Shores	8	PASS	10		
2135	Peoria	3	PASS	4		7061	Parker	8	PEND	N/A		
6310	Tolleson	3	PASS	10		9401	Lake Havasu City	8	PASS	7		
12098	Buckeye	3	PASS	N/A		10005	Bullhead City	8	PASS	7		
12210	Glendale	3	PASS	N/A		10726	Parker Dam	8	PASS	N/A		
DISTRICT 4												
720	Phoenix	4	PEND	N/A		DISTRICT 9						N/A
1760	Mesa	4	PASS	2		2190	Chloride	9	PASS	N/A		
1796	Black Canyon City	4	PASS	5		2555	Golden Valley	9	PASS	N/A		
3513	Scottsdale	4	PASS	10		3516	Kingman	9	PASS	10		
3632	Tempe	4	PASS	6/13		9833	Dolan Springs	9	PASS	2*		
7507	Fountain Hills	4	PASS	3		10386	Kingman	9	PEND	13		
9400	Sunnyslope	4	PASS	9		11014	Meadview	9	PASS	N/A		
DISTRICT 5												
549	Tucson	5	PASS	N/A		DISTRICT 10						N/A
2767	Mammoth	5	NO	N/A		1677	Casa Grande	10	PASS	11		
4903	Tucson	5	NO	6		3584	Superior	10	PASS	1		
5990	Marana	5	NO	8		3713	Coolidge	10	PASS	7		
10015	Tucson	5	NO	N/A		7401	Chandler	10	PASS	N/A		
10254	Three Points	5	NO	N/A		7968	Apache Junction	10	PEND	N/A		
12222	Oro Valley	5	NO	N/A		9399	Apache Junction	10	PASS	5		
						12043	Maricopa	10	NO	N/A		
Department HQ												
*last reported on-hand 2021, missing as of 2/2025, TACOM reporting in-process												

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MEMSTATS as of 12/1/2025

RED 101% Plus
GREEN 100%

Post	Dst	Annual N	Annual C	Annual R	Life Ne	Life Co	Life Re	Life Upg	Current	Prior	%	Div	City
769	1	3	7	1	2	236	0	9	249	271	91.88%	4	QUARTZSITE
1763	1	4	7	0	3	210	0	7	224	251	89.24%	4	YUMA
2357	1	0	10	0	0	115	0	1	125	129	96.89%	7	BOUSE
3708	1	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	42	45	93.33%	11	SALOME
6790	1	2	7	1	0	197	0	1	207	230	90.00%	5	WELLTON
8242	1	2	13	0	2	423	0	3	440	466	94.42%	3	YUMA (Y.P.G.)
0	1	11	44	2	7	1223	0	21	1287	1392	92.45%	5	
541	2	3	20	1	1	309	0	3	334	354	94.35%	4	PRESCOTT
1709	2	0	10	0	0	165	0	0	175	190	92.10%	5	FLAGSTAFF
6739	2	0	17	0	0	110	0	2	127	156	81.41%	6	CAMP VERDE
7400	2	0	13	0	2	164	0	4	179	213	84.03%	5	COTTONWOOD
9632	2	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	61	65	93.84%	10	PAGE
10227	2	5	15	2	4	384	1	7	411	432	95.13%	3	PRESCOTT VALLEY
12128	2	0	3	0	0	34	0	0	37	40	92.50%	11	WILLIAMS
0	2	8	78	3	7	1227	1	16	1324	1450	91.31%	4	
40	3	14	49	1	3	97	0	4	164	150	109.33%	6	AVONDALE
285	3	15	4	0	1	101	0	3	121	129	93.79%	7	SURPRISE
1433	3	11	38	3	4	625	0	12	681	834	81.65%	2	GLENDALE
2135	3	4	97	1	1	192	0	1	295	290	101.72%	4	PEORIA
6310	3	4	27	0	3	306	0	4	340	389	87.40%	3	TOLLESON
12098	3	7	2	1	0	84	0	2	94	98	95.91%	8	BUCKEYE
12210	3	1	1	0	0	28	0	0	30	51	58.82%	10	GLENDALE
0	3	56	218	6	12	1433	0	26	1725	1941	88.87%	4	
720	4	4	17	1	1	301	1	4	325	408	79.65%	3	PHOENIX
1760	4	4	23	2	1	221	0	5	251	284	88.38%	4	MESA
1796	4	2	7	2	0	94	1	1	106	126	84.12%	7	BLACK CANYON CITY
3513	4	4	22	4	4	340	2	5	376	432	87.03%	3	SCOTTSDALE
3632	4	1	17	1	2	202	0	7	223	231	96.53%	5	TEMPE

7507	4	0	14	0	0	151	0	0	165	183	90.16%	6 FOUNTAIN HILLS
9400	4	14	31	35	2	653	0	7	735	910	80.76%	2 SUNNYSLOPE
0	4	29	131	45	10	1962	4	29	2181	2574	84.73%	3
549	5	16	66	6	9	1262	0	16	1359	1470	92.44%	1 TUCSON
2767	5	0	8	0	0	33	1	1	42	48	87.50%	11 MAMMOTH
4903	5	4	15	0	4	292	0	4	315	347	90.77%	4 TUCSON
5990	5	2	7	3	2	209	0	2	223	249	89.55%	4 MARANA
10015	5	0	2	0	0	54	0	1	56	64	87.50%	10 TUCSON
10254	5	0	3	0	0	103	0	1	106	136	77.94%	7 THREE POINTS
12222	5	2	3	0	2	38	0	4	45	47	95.74%	11 ORO VALLEY
0	5	24	104	9	17	1991	1	29	2146	2361	90.89%	3
1704	6	0	18	6	0	68	0	1	92	78	117.94%	9 GLOBE
2364	6	1	3	0	0	34	0	0	38	60	63.33%	10 PINETOP-LAKESIDE
6789	6	0	2	0	0	13	0	0	15	21	71.42%	11 WINDOW ROCK
8807	6	0	7	0	0	119	0	0	126	133	94.73%	7 TONTO BASIN
8987	6	2	5	1	3	89	0	5	100	99	101.01%	8 EAGAR
9907	6	5	42	2	4	306	0	7	359	359	100.00%	3 SHOW LOW
0	6	8	77	9	7	629	0	13	730	750	97.33%	6
836	7	3	12	42	0	91	0	1	148	188	78.72%	5 BISBEE
2066	7	6	12	8	1	109	2	1	138	121	114.04%	7 NOGALES
6271	7	0	11	0	1	170	0	1	182	203	89.65%	5 BENSON
9972	7	52	56	12	10	2027	5	16	2162	2477	87.28%	1 SIERRA VISTA
9977	7	0	2	1	1	98	0	1	102	102	100.00%	8 ARIZONA SUNSITES
10385	7	3	8	1	1	48	0	1	61	73	83.56%	9 THATCHER
0	7	64	101	64	14	2543	7	21	2793	3164	88.27%	3
404	8	2	6	1	2	94	0	2	105	111	94.59%	8 MOHAVE VALLEY
6306	8	1	6	0	1	90	0	1	98	103	95.14%	8 GOLDEN SHORES
7061	8	1	3	1	0	134	0	3	139	165	84.24%	6 PARKER
9401	8	5	63	1	3	518	0	7	590	717	82.28%	3 LAKE HAVASU CITY
10005	8	1	21	3	2	438	0	3	465	484	96.07%	3 BULLHEAD CITY
10726	8	0	8	0	0	93	0	0	101	112	90.17%	7 PARKER DAM
0	8	10	107	6	8	1367	0	16	1498	1692	88.53%	4
2190	9	0	2	0	0	27	0	0	29	35	82.85%	11 CHLORIDE
2555	9	1	7	1	0	112	1	0	122	143	85.31%	6 GOLDEN VALLEY

3516	9	2	6	0	1	102	0	1	111	130	85.38%	7 KINGMAN
9833	9	1	4	1	1	83	0	2	90	97	92.78%	8 DOLAN SPRINGS
10386	9	3	20	2	1	177	0	4	203	207	98.06%	5 KINGMAN
11014	9	0	10	0	1	98	0	1	109	122	89.34%	7 MEADVIEW
0	9	7	49	4	4	599	1	8	664	734	90.46%	6
1677	10	15	45	5	4	370	0	7	439	471	93.20%	3 CASA GRANDE
3584	10	1	14	4	0	34	0	0	53	51	103.92%	10 SUPERIOR
3713	10	7	30	12	1	152	1	2	203	194	104.63%	5 COOLIDGE
7401	10	0	12	0	1	391	0	5	404	451	89.57%	3 CHANDLER
7968	10	8	76	6	3	878	2	11	973	1098	88.61%	1 APACHE JUNCTION
9399	10	13	50	0	4	518	0	9	585	655	89.31%	3 APACHE JUNCTION
12043	10	10	24	0	1	150	2	2	187	195	95.89%	5 MARICOPA
0	10	54	251	27	14	2493	5	36	2844	3115	91.30%	3
15003	99	316	211	60	31	2284	8	51	2910	3412	85.28%	1 SCOTTSDALE
0	99	316	211	60	31	2284	8	51	2910	3412	85.28%	2
0	255	587	1371	235	131	17751	27	266	20102	22585	89.00%	

To be All American eligible 101% is required