

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

INFORMATION BULLETIN

MAY, 2024



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**Bill "Jumper" Schaeffler, Commander
2023 – 2024**

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**Post 285, Post 836, Post 1433, Post 1677, Post 1763, Post 1796,
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Post 9833 Post 9977, Post 10254, Post 12098, Post 12210, Post 12222**



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 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.



2,300+

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

152,883

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

\$13 billion

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

\$1.6 million+

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

19

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.

\$3 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.

\$589,007

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.



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Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at [vfw.org](https://www.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.

5,667

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 good-hearted Americans.

**Cost of VFW Program Services:
\$61.5 Million**



Source: VFW 2023 Annual Report

Updated December 2023



SUPPORT THE VFW

Learn more about the VFW at [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org).



May 2, 2024

Aid for Allies Must Include Support for American Defenders

On April 23, the Senate passed \$95 billion in funding to support our allies in Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, an aid package the House worked overtime to pass three days earlier. Many who advocated for this support, to include the VFW, breathed a sigh of relief, as the United States reaffirmed its commitment as a world leader against tyranny.

Three weeks ago, I visited our allies in Taiwan and heard firsthand from both Taiwanese officials and VFW members about the importance of this support.

But before we pat ourselves on the back and declare victory, VFW members once again noticed the conspicuous lack of similar urgency on supporting Americans who stand in harm's way defending the ideals about which Congress says they so urgently care.

Time and again, we see Congress can mobilize in the eleventh hour to support urgent needs — whether it's averting a self-inflicted government shutdown or waiting until the absolute last minute to reaffirm long-standing and noncontroversial commitments to our allies. They even came together on unrelated legislation, sending a sell or be banned ultimatum to the Chinese-owned social media platform TikTok, which they added to the aid package bill based on national security concerns.

We rarely see similar urgency to support veterans. The bean counters in Congress will try to smugly dismiss this correlation, obfuscating on how these are different funds for different purposes. Frankly, Americans don't care about the technical nuance of bureaucratic nonsense. They care about results.

Support for our allies and support for American warfighters are intrinsically intertwined. If Congress can swiftly approve \$95 billion to support allies and defense contractors, why do these same legislators balk at the cost of paying military retirees their full earned pensions and disability payments?

Commonly called "concurrent receipt," the VFW has been fighting for more than 20 years for Congress to keep a promise it made in 2003 to end the unjust policy of offsetting these earned benefits.

The VFW has been a thought leader in this space, trying to incrementally fix the problem, focusing first on those who literally bled to defend our country.

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The *Major Richard Star Act* would allow medical retirees who were wounded in combat the option to receive their full military retirement benefits in addition to medical disability. These two distinctly different benefits currently offset one another. Despite veto-proof support across Congress, this common-sense policy solution has stalled for nearly half a decade — regardless of who controls Congress or the White House.

Just last month, I testified before the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees, calling for the *Major Richard Star Act* to go to the president's desk now, ending this injustice. VFW members then hit the halls of Congress mustering even more support for a bill that would send a strong message of solidarity to American service members, past, present and future.

While just about everyone in Congress publicly gives support, they privately balk at the purported price tag of a meager \$1 billion per year. Think about that. We have \$95 billion to throw around whenever we need it, but when veterans ask for a small share to end a glaring injustice, suddenly we can't scrape together enough nickels to get it done.

This is not about the money, it is about the gesture of support to our all-volunteer force, which is a national security imperative in the context of recent recruiting shortfalls.

Defense officials, legislators and pundits consistently come to the VFW, lamenting about the military's troubles recruiting young Americans to serve. When they talk to us about it, it's like listening to the stages of grief: They deny their responsibility. They get angry and blame the VFW. They bargain with us over what more we should be doing.

Even when the VFW pressured Congress to do the right thing on the *Honoring Our PACT Act* two years ago, we caught flak from so-called defense experts who refused to recognize that providing for the intrinsic hazards of military service actually reinforced trust and confidence in the military.

It's time for Washington to accept that this failure rests with decision makers and the fundamental disconnect between Beltway insiders and the Americans who volunteer to serve on the front lines.

When I visited troops in Europe last fall, I heard how our military is consistently "doing more with less" to execute its missions across Europe, Africa and the Middle East. One group told us they felt like America's "Easy Button" — and this was before Israel was attacked on Oct. 7.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS



Moreover, the VFW is tracking more than 30 states who are considering legislation explicitly restricting the conditions under which the federal government can activate their overtaxed National Guard. Something is clearly broken, but the echo chamber in Washington chooses not to see it.

Since its inception, the VFW has been a strong and vocal proponent of our military, the merits of military service, and the promotion and protection of American ideals. At times in history, it has been our duty to speak truth to power to consistently improve this majestic American experiment. When we see a problem, we act.

Today we have a major problem. While public sentiment toward the military remains high, young Americans who are fit to serve do not see the military as a viable career path. Initiatives like the *PACT Act* and the *Star Act* reinforce trust and confidence in the military, helping bolster the numerous benefits of service many veterans readily acknowledge. It's time that Washington has the same epiphany that America's standing in the world is not dictated solely by how lethal our weapons can be, or how much money we can throw at a problem, but how committed Americans are to the preservation of liberty and deterrence of our enemies.

The VFW unquestionably supports our allies in Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan. We know the support Congress pledged is critical. But Congress can never forget that supporting our allies includes supporting our troops. As U.S. military men and women receive injuries supporting and defending our allies, Congress dismisses its obligations to its own servicemembers while giving our allies more money. All the cash, bullets, and bombs are meaningless if we fail to ensure that America's all-volunteer force stands ready to protect our interests across the globe.

If Congress can get a bill passed that protects American interests aboard and cyberspace at home, then we expect them to show the same urgency to honoring its commitments to Americans who have defended this country by passing the Major Richard Star Act today.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane Sarmiento".

Duane Sarmiento
Commander-in-Chief

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS



May 2, 2024

Dear Comrade:

Since 2007 BURGER KING® franchisees and their customers have contributed almost \$7.7 million to the VFW's Unmet Needs program.

Throughout the month of May, I kindly ask you to recognize our great partner—BURGER KING®.

Stop by your local participating BURGER KING®, also encourage family and friends to purchase a meal, and say "THANK YOU" to the franchisee, managers, and BURGER KING® team members!

Proudly wear your VFW apparel while ordering, leave your business card or this letter, and let Burger King® management know that the VFW is there to support their restaurant as they, in turn, have supported our nation's service personnel, veterans and military families.

If you encounter a BURGER KING® franchisee or manager who would like information about participating in the BURGER KING®/VFW Unmet Needs fundraising campaign, please direct them to:

- Michael DeRosa, BURGER KING® franchisee (ret.) & VFW Foundation Chair, MDeRosa@vfw.org, 715.379.0471; or
- Renee Martin, VFW Foundation Donation Specialist, RMartin@vfw.org, 816.968.2784

Throughout my extensive travels across the United States, I have made it a point to frequent those businesses that support the VFW and its vital programs. BURGER KING® is such a business. It is my heartfelt belief that our relationship with BURGER KING® has been instrumental to the great success of our Unmet Needs program.

So, it's time to put "boots on the ground" and acknowledge BURGER KING® a *truly* deserving supporter. Many thanks for your participation!

Sincerely,

Dan West
VFW Adjutant General

P.S. Let us know about your BURGER KING® visit by sharing your story, photos and video on your Department, Post or Auxiliary social media sites by using the hashtag #ThankBK.

Information about the VFW's Unmet Needs program can be found at vfw.org/UnmetNeeds.

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**SAVE THE
DATES**



2024-2025 VFW ARIZONA EVENTS

2024 FALL CONFERENCE

Hilton DoubleTree Phoenix-Tempe

Sep 28 Conference & Banquet

Sep 29 Council of Administration

Rooms: \$124 + tax

Booking Deadline: September 8, 2024

Banquet: \$45 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: \$169 + 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: \$114 + tax

Booking Deadline: May 1, 2025

Installation Banquet: \$50 until March 31, increases after



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Dept. of Arizona

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TAX ID 86-0076886

April 29, 2024

Comrades,

This letter is to inform you that you are in violation of Veterans of Foreign Wars National and Department Bylaws. Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Arizona does not endorse nor recognize a VFW "MC" in this Department. We do endorse and recognize VFW Riders. You have, as a group and individually, been informed of this fact multiple times over the last 4 (four) years and yet insist that your letter from another Department (California) gives you the right to conduct VFW "MC" business in this State. You are in error.

You are hereby ordered to cease and desist forthwith; from wearing or displaying any items with "VFW Arizona MC" .

Your use of the Cross of Malta is a Trademark violation. Disregarding this order will result in Article 9 charges being filed against you or any other members who insist on violating our National and Department Bylaws.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Schaeffler".

Bill "Jumper" Schaeffler Sr., Commander
Department of Arizona
Veterans of Foreign Wars
"Lets Go"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lewis E. Wood".

Lewis Wood, Adjutant

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 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](https://www.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

Name: First, M.I., Last _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Grade in School _____ Age _____ Jacket Size _____

School Name, City, State _____

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable) _____

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian

(Required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Participant Agreement for Students Advancing to National Level

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. 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.

Signature of Student Participant _____ Date _____

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander/Chairperson Signature _____ Post # _____

VFW Auxiliary President/Chairperson Signature (if applicable) _____

Post Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

VFW Post Email _____

No. of students participating _____

No. of winners advanced to District _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$ _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Departments.

District Chairperson Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

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 Voice of Democracy Department Competition and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairperson Signature _____

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Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

The winner ☐ has been ☐ will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____.

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

Local VFW Post Information:

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time To Call: _____

Alternate Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time To Call: _____



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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](https://www.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](https://www.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

Name: First, M.I., Last _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

(____) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Grade in School _____ Essay Word Count _____

School Name, City, State _____

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable) _____

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian

(Required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

(____) _____

Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone _____

Parent/Guardian's Email _____

What Are the Rules?

- You must write your own essay.
- 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 national origin.) Do not put your name on the essay. The entry form is your essays cover sheet. Secure the Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Contestants are allowed to enter only once each year if otherwise eligible (one Post competition).
- The essay must be contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. Inappropriate use of ChatGPT or other AI tools is 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 contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally. All essays become the property of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars. The VFW retains non-exclusive rights to the use of your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.
- 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

Signature of Student Participant _____ Date _____

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post level Patriot's Pen Competition.

Post Commander/Chairperson Signature _____ Post# _____

VFW Auxiliary President/Chairperson Signature (If applicable) _____

Post Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

VFW Post Email _____

No. of participants _____ No. of winners _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarships awards \$ _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (Banquet, Pins, etc.) \$ _____

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 into the Department.

District Chairperson Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

(____) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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.

Department Chairperson Signature _____

(____) _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

The winner ☒ has been ☐ will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____.

Local VFW Post Information:

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time To Call: _____

Alternate Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time To Call: _____





Who - Soldiers, Active-Duty Military, Spouses, and Veterans

What - Mini Job and Resource Fair

When - 7 June 20224 1000-1400

Where - Bldg 22420 – TAP Center

Why – Opportunity to meet employers and veteran assistance services for employment and other benefits.

Register Early send an email to robert.n.gilmore.civ@army.mil or call 520-533-7314

We will have representatives from these resources and employers:

Post-9/11 Military2VA Case Management – assists coordination of transition from military to VA healthcare

Arizona Coalition for Military Families – Assists with a myriad of veteran concerns including employment

Arizona at Work

Employers include:

Defense Intelligence Agency, TekSynap SOS International, Arizona Public Service, State of Arizona, NETCOM, ...more to follow.

Quartermaster's Corner

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

Post Commanders,

**State Convention
Delegate Fees are a**

Mandatory Obligation

**even if your Post does not send a
representative.**

**Arrearage will carry forward to
ensuing year and may result in
Post Suspension if not paid.**



Wednesday, May 8, 2024

10:00am – 3:00pm

SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING

Post 9399

133 N Saguaro Dr.

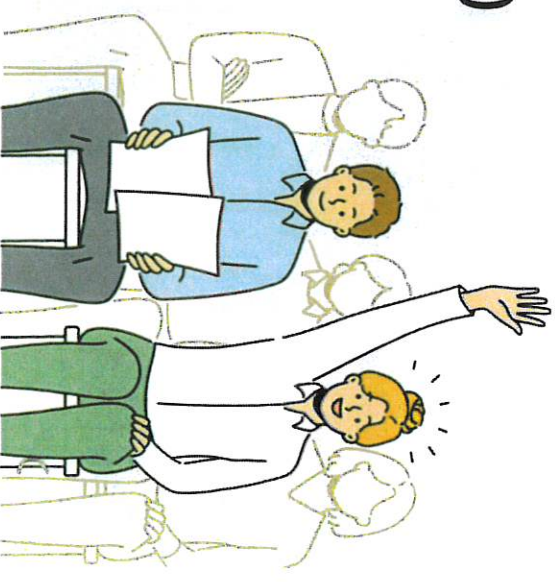
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

* All comrades or auxiliary members interested are welcome to attend.

* Lunch will be provided. Please mention any food restrictions when RSVPing.

Please RSVP by 05/01 to:

VFW.VBAPHO@VA.GOV





Our friends at BURGER KING® are at it again. Participating BURGER KING® franchisees will host a special fundraiser benefiting the VFW Unmet Needs program during the entire month of May. Since 2007, BURGER KING® franchisees and their customers have contributed nearly \$7.7 million to Unmet Needs. Their continuous and generous support has directly enabled the VFW to provide more than \$13 million in assistance to more than 11,600 veterans and military families in need.

Throughout the month when patrons make a purchase at a participating BURGER KING® franchisee location, they'll have the opportunity to donate to the VFW Unmet Needs program in support of America's service members and veterans. Whether you dine in, use the drive-thru or have BURGER KING® delivered, it's important for each of us to find ways to show our appreciation to BURGER KING®. *Provided is a list of participating locations throughout the state of Arizona.*

Proudly wear your VFW apparel while ordering and be sure to thank the BURGER KING® manager for supporting our nation's heroes. Let them know the VFW is there to support their restaurant, just as they have supported our Unmet Needs program.

If you encounter a BURGER KING® franchisee or manager who would like information about the BURGER KING®/VFW Unmet Needs fundraising campaign, please direct them to:

- Mike DeRosa, VFW Foundation Board Chairman at 715.379.0471 or MDeRosa@vfw.org.
- Ben Vargas, VFW Foundation Assistant Director at 816.968.2720 or BVargas@vfw.org.

AZ. Participating BURGER KING® franchisees

Store Number	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Burger King #3634	6402 South Rural Rd	Tempe	AZ	85283
Burger King #7043	4805 E. Warner Rd.	Phoenix	AZ	85044
Burger King #3512	301 S. Beeline Hwy	Payson	AZ	85541
Burger King #4600	100 W. Deuce of Clubs	Show Low	AZ	85901
Burger King #10788	365 E. White Mtn. Blvd.	Pinetop	AZ	85935
Burger King #14177	1945 S. Ama School Rd.	Chandler	AZ	85248
Burger King #6046	2040 E. Irvington Rd.	Tucson	AZ	85706
Burger King #9367	2520 E. Valencia Rd	Tucson	AZ	85706
Burger King #3335	7006 E. Golfinks Rd.	Tucson	AZ	85730
Burger King #8615	8238 N Cortaro Rd.	Tucson	AZ	85743
Burger King #12258	15320 N. Oracle Rd.	Catalina	AZ	85739
Burger King #7165	365 N. Goswick Way	Camp Verde	AZ	86322
Burger King #15924	1960 W. River Road	Tucson	AZ	85702
Burger King #14670	2024 E. Southern Ave.	Mesa	AZ	85204
Burger King #6147	7780 E. Highway 69	Prescott Valley	AZ	86314
Burger King #16178	55 W. Fatco Rd.	Whiteriver	AZ	85941
Burger King #17383	2207 W. Happy Valley Road	Phoenix	AZ	85085
Burger King #17145	1201 W. Main Street	Mesa	AZ	85201
Burger King #4704	1440 S. Country Club Drive	Mesa	AZ	85210
Burger King #20102	4303 E. 22nd Street	Tucson	AZ	85711
Burger King #20345	9802 N. 7th Street	Phoenix	AZ	85020
Burger King #20501	15355 N. Northsight Blvd.	Scottsdale	AZ	85260
Burger King #2845	871 W. Saint Mary's Rd	Tucson	AZ	85745
Burger King #21380	1240 Gail Gardner Way	Prescott	AZ	86305
Burger King #22026	697 N. Main Street	Taylor	AZ	85939
Burger King #24523	10200 E. Golf Links Rd	Tucson	AZ	85730
Burger King #25879	9175 S. Rita Rd.	Tucson	AZ	85747
Burger King #28829	891 W. 4th Street	Benson	AZ	85602
Burger King #2640	3520 Route 66	Flagstaff	AZ	86004
Burger King #3200	5090 W. OLIVE AVE	Glendale	AZ	85302
Burger King #3973	5841 W. THUNDERBIRD RD	Glendale	AZ	85306
Burger King #5208	6698 W. PEORIA AVE	Glendale	AZ	85304
Burger King #5915	12601 W. BELL RD	Surprise	AZ	85375
Burger King #4032	2318 W. NORTHERN AVE.	Phoenix	AZ	85021
Burger King #4081	5102 W. MCDOWELL RD	Phoenix	AZ	85035
Burger King #4098	530 W. APACHE TRAIL	Apache Junction	AZ	85120
Burger King #4477	2708 E. UNIVERSITY DR.	Mesa	AZ	85213
Burger King #1638	2755 W. PEORIA AVE.	Phoenix	AZ	85029
Burger King #6716	47 SONITA AVE.	Nogales	AZ	85621

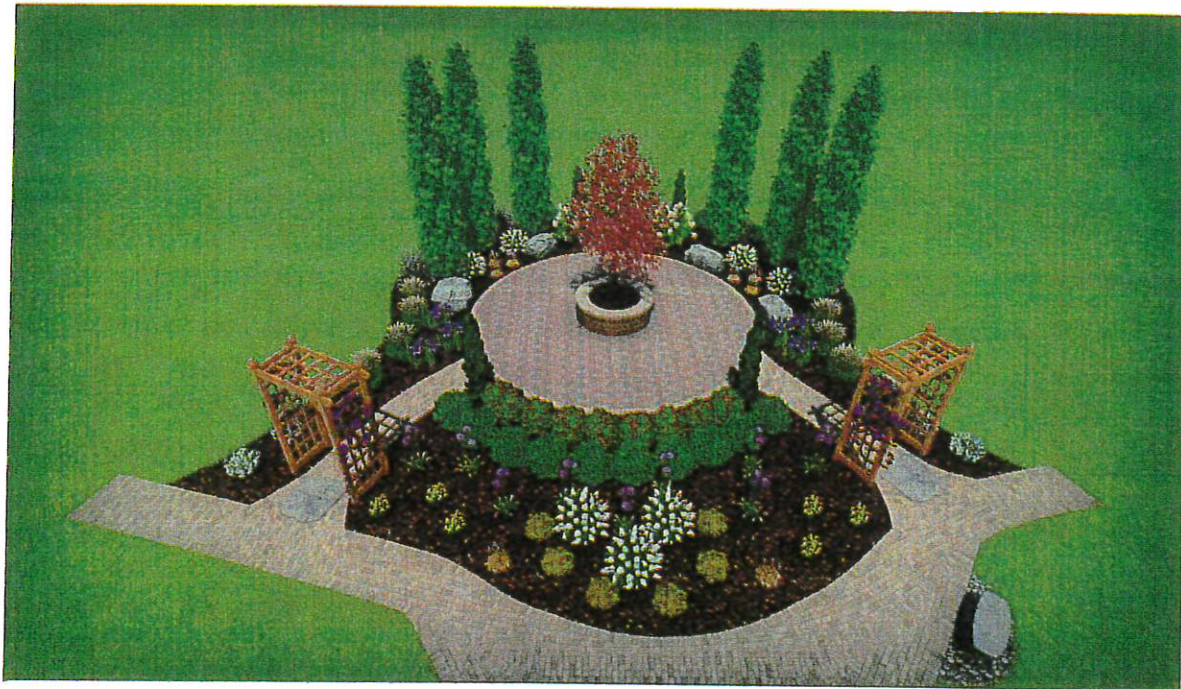


Centennial Garden

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>





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 _____

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:

WW 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: _____

NEW Post # _____ FORMER MEMBER # _____

TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____

RECRUITER (Please print) _____ ID# _____

QUARTERMASTER (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

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 _____

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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!!



The image displays two Arizona specialty license plates against a background of a winding road through a forest. The top plate is for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and features the word "ARIZONA" at the top, a VFW emblem on the left, the number "000000" in the center, and "VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS" at the bottom. A small "YEAR" box is in the top right corner. Below this plate is a blue banner with the text "Veterans of Foreign Wars". The bottom plate is for the VFW Auxiliary and features the word "ARIZONA" at the top, a VFW Auxiliary emblem on the left, the number "000000" in the center, and "VFW AUXILIARY" at the bottom. A small "YEAR" box is in the top right corner. Below this plate is a blue banner with the text "Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary". At the bottom of the image is a dark blue banner containing the ADOT logo, the AZ MVD NOW logo, and the text "ORDER SPECIALTY PLATES AT AZMVDNOW.GOV".

ARIZONA YEAR
000000
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Veterans of Foreign Wars

ARIZONA YEAR
000000
VFW AUXILIARY

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

ADOT **AZ MVD NOW** ORDER SPECIALTY PLATES AT [AZMVDNOW.GOV](https://azmvdnow.gov)

4th ANNUAL VFW WAGON BURNER OPEN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Looking for a unique way to support our veterans and the charities of the VFW? Not a golfer but what to contribute. Please consider becoming a sponsor for the 4th Annual VFW Wagon Burner Open Charity Golf Tournament being held at the Lake Powell National Golf Course May 18th 2024.
Only golf tournament with the Golf Ball Cannon!



Sponsor levels include:

WHITE TEE - \$1,000

Company recognition during the luncheon portion of the event.

Company name and logo displayed.

One foursome entry into the tournament.


RED TEE - \$500


THE hole sponsor. Company signage for both tee and green for a single hole.

SILVER TEE - \$150

Tee/Green sponsor. Company signage at hole tee or green.



 Saturday May 18, 2024

 Lake Powell National Golf Course
400 Clubhouse Dr.
Page, AZ 86040

LAKE POWELL NATIONAL GOLF COURSE

Registration @ 7:00 AM

Shotgun Start @ 8:00 AM

\$75 (per golfer)

\$300 (per foursome)

RAFFLE / SILENT AUCTION

Raffle and silent Auction to be concluded at
2:00 pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

May 14, 2024

Payment is required at the time of registration.

The golf tournament is a 2 person scramble

QUESTIONS?

Send any questions via email to

Levitappan@yahoo.com

Or

Jim Hall at (928) 660 - 2893

**\$5 each
6 for \$20**

AZ VFW 2023-24 DEPARTMENT RAFFLE

1st Drawing at Fall Conference Banquet

**2 Comp Room Nights at Winter Conference
and 2 Comp Banquet Tickets**

2nd Drawing at Winter Conference

**2 Comp Room Nights at State Convention
and 2 Comp Banquet Tickets**

Final Drawing

**State Convention Banquet
Half the Raffle Proceeds**





2024 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Loews Ventana Canyon Tucson

May 29 - June 2

7000 N Resort Dr, Tucson 85750

1-800-234-5117

Ask for VFW Dept of Arizona Group Rate



Standard Room
\$104 per night

Reservations
Close on May 7

New for 2024

One stop shop for

- **Banquet Tickets**
- **Program Ads - *New Options***
- **Raffle Tickets**

<http://tinyurl.com/vfwaz>

Banquet Prices and Dates

\$53* Until April 20

\$62* until May 15

\$68* until May 25

Waitlist Only after May 25

*Check or Cash Price

\$2 additional for Debit or Credit



NEW

For credit or debit orders over \$50.00, select installments at checkout to split your purchase into 4 interest-free payments.

Visit vfwaz.com

(Resources >> Conference/Convention Information)
for more details, booking links and paper order forms



Advertise your Post
Wish someone a Happy Birthday
Support a Candidate

Proceeds of the Program Book offsets the cost of the convention without having to raise Delegate Fees or charge a Registration Fee

Take this opportunity to promote your business, candidate, a Post, District or just say hello, Happy Birthday, etc... in the 2023-2024 convention program book. All participants of the annual convention of the Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars will receive this booklet.

This program book lists all scheduled activities and is used as a guidebook. Advertising rates are listed to the right.

Design help is available!

Payment and electronic copy of advertisement must be received at Department HQ no later than Friday, May 3, 2024.

No Exceptions!!

Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars reserves the right to refuse any ad not conforming to VFW viewpoints and values.

Ad Purchaser Information

Name: _____

Post /Aux _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check # _____

2023-2024

State Convention
May 29-June 2, 2024
Loews Ventana Canyon
Tucson

VFW or Auxiliary Price Sheet Convention Book Advertising Opportunity

Half Page 5" x 4" \$50 Full Color	Full Page 5" x 8" \$85 Full Color
Business Card 2" x 3.5" or 3.5" x 2" \$30 Full Color	

Send payment form and payment to
VFW Department of Arizona QM
6423 S Ash Ave, Tempe, AZ 85253
Email: azvfw3@gmail.com

Ad Information

_____ Booster (Name & Post/Aux #)	\$4
_____ Business Card	\$30
_____ Half Page	\$50
_____ Full Page	\$85
_____ 2 Page Spread	\$150

~~Inside back cover (\$100) and outside back cover (\$125) available.~~ First Paid, First Assigned. See Dept QM for info.

**DEPT OF ARIZONA VFW & AUXILIARY
CONVENTION AND COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
Commander and President's Reception and Banquet
Loews Ventana Canyon, Tucson**

**Reception & Banquet
Saturday, June 1, 2024**

Classic Caesar Salad
Choice of Roasted Pork Loin
Or
Braised Beef
Also includes Whipped Potatoes,
Chef's Choice Vegetable, Cheesecake,
Coffee, Tea

\$53 until April 20
\$62 Apr 21 to May 15
\$68 May 16 to 25

AFTER MAY 25
WAIT LIST ONLY

Deadline for \$53 Price is Monday, April 20, 2024

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? _____
of Pork _____ # of Beef _____
Special Diet? _____
Who is paying? _____
Who is picking up? _____
Check # _____
Post/Auxiliary # _____

Order and Pay Online

New for 2024

One stop online shop for

Banquet Tickets*
Program Ads *
Raffle Tickets *

*Processing Fee Applies
* Payment Plan available for
online orders over \$50

<https://tinyurl.com/vfwaz>

Deadline for \$53 Price is Monday, April 20, 2024

Program Data Sheet
5/1/2024

Program Data Sheet 5/1/2024			QM Bond	Trustee Audits are due 45 days after Quarter Closes				Buddy Poppy	AZ Service Office	AZ VFW Charities	National Home	Cmdr's Spec Proj	State Delegate Fees
Posts	City	Dist		06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31						
40	Avondale	3	X	X	X	X		X					PAID
285	Surprise	3	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	PAID
404	Mohave Valley	8	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		\$ 33.00
541	Prescott	2	X	X	X	X							PAID
549	Tucson	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	PAID
720	Phoenix	4	XX	X	X	X	X						\$ 88.00
769	Quartzsite	1	X	X	X	X	X						\$ 60.50
836	Bisbee	7	X	X	X	X							PAID
1433	Glendale	3	X	X	X	X		X			X		PAID
1677	Casa Grande	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	PAID
1704	Globe	6	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		PAID
1709	Flagstaff	2	XX	X	X								PAID
1760	Mesa	4	X										PAID
1763	Yuma	1	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	PAID
1796	Black Canyon City	4	X	X	X	X	X						PAID
2066	Nogales	7	X	X	X	X		X					PAID
2135	Peoria	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	PAID
2190	Chloride	9	X	X	X	X		X					PAID
2357	Bouse	1	X	X				X	X	X	X		PAID
2364	Pinetop-Lakeside	6	X	X	X	X	X	X					PAID
2555	Golden Valley	9	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		PAID
2767	Mammoth	5	X	X	X	X	X	X					PAID
3513	Scottsdale	4	X	W	W								\$ 77.00
3516	Kingman	9	XX	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	PAID
3584	Superior	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	PAID
3632	Tempe	4	X	X	X	X		X					PAID
3708	Salome	1	X	X	X	X		X					PAID
3713	Coolidge	10	X	X	X	X		X					PAID
4903	Tucson	5	X	X	X	X		X			X		\$ 71.50
5990	Marana	5	X	X	X	X	X						\$ 49.50
6271	Benson	7	X	X	X	X	X				X		PAID
6306	Golden Shores	8	X	X	X	X	X						\$ 27.50
6310	Tolleson	3	X	W	W	X		X	X	X	X		\$ 77.00
6739	Camp Verde	2	X	X	X	X		X					\$ 33.00
6789	Window Rock	6	X	X				X					\$ 11.00
6790	Wellton	1	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	PAID
7061	Parker	8	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	PAID
7400	Cottonwood	2	X	X	X	X	X	X					PAID
7401	Chandler	10	X	X	X	X	X						PAID
7507	Fountain Hills	4	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		PAID
7968	Apache Junction	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	PAID
8242	Yuma (Y.P.G.)	1	X	X	X								PAID
8807	Tonto Basin	6	X					X					\$ 33.00
8987	Eagar	6	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	PAID
9399	Apache Junction	10	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	PAID
9400	Sunnyslope	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	PAID
9401	Lake Havasu City	8	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		PAID
9632	Page	2	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		PAID
9833	Dolan Springs	9	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		PAID
9907	Show Low	6	X	X	X	X		X			X		PAID
9972	Sierra Vista	7	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		PAID
9977	Arizona Sunsites	7	X	X	X	X	X	X					\$ 27.50
10005	Bullhead City	8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		PAID
10015	Tucson	5	X	X				X					\$ 22.00
10227	Prescott Valley	2	X	X	X	X	X						\$ 82.50
10254	Three Points	5	XX	X	X	X		X					\$ 33.00
10385	Thatcher	7	X	X	X	X							\$ 22.00
10386	Kingman	9	X	X	X	X							\$ 60.50
10726	Parker Dam	8	X	X	X	X		X			X		\$ 27.50
11014	Meadview	9	X	X	X	X	X	X					\$ 33.00
12031	Anthem	4	X	X	X	X							\$ 22.00
12043	Maricopa	10	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		PAID
12098	Buckeye	3	X	X	X	X	X	X					\$ 22.00
12128	Williams	2	X	X	X	X	X	X					\$ 16.50
12210	Glendale	4	X	X	X	X	X	X					PAID
12222	Oro Valley	5	X	NA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		PAID

Districts	QM Bond	Trustee Audits are due 45 days after Quarter Closes				Service Office	National Home	Cmdr's Spec Proj
		06/30	09/30	12/31	03/31			
District 1	X	X						
District 2	X	X	X	X	X			
District 3	X	X	X					
District 4	X	X	X	X	X		X	
District 5	X	X	X					
District 6	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
District 7	X	X	X	X	X		X	
District 8	X	X	X	X				
District 9	X	NA	X	X				
District 10	X	X	X	X	X		X	X

Accountable Officer Bond Cost

Up to \$100,000 is \$4.00 per thousand
\$100,000.00 up to \$250,000 is \$3.50 per thousand
Over \$250,000 is \$3.25 per thousand
X = Though Tallman XX = External Company

Trustee Audits due 45 days after the end of each quarter

X = Properly Completed Audit Received On Time
L = Properly Completed Audit Received Late
E = Audit rcvd needing to be corrected
W = Department notified of delay

Buddy Poppy Program 2022-2023

3 poppies per member or a minimum of 250 whichever is greater

National Home - Voluntary Donation

VMS: Vets & Military Support

\$100 minimum to be considered for All-American

VMS: Use Online Donation in
OMS Dashboard for All American
DO NOT USE LAST YEAR'S LINK!!!!

State Delegate Fees-

These fees are to help defray costs for
2024 Convention in Tucson.

\$ = 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 and Mail to:

VFW Dept of AZ

6423 S. Ash Ave
Tempe, AZ 85283

Post Delegate Votes

Based on the members in good standing as of March 31, 2024

Post	Members	Del Vote	1 for 30		Post	Members	Del Vote	1 for 30	
40	98	4	.26666666	30	6739	136	5	.53333333	30
285	108	4	3.6	30	6789	17	1	.56666666	30
404	109	4	.63333333	30	6790	233	8	.76666666	30
541	347	12	1.5666666	30	7061	147	5	4.9	30
549	1442	49	8.0666666	30	7400	219	8	7.3	30
720	377	13	2.5666666	30	7401	488	17	6.2666666	30
769	251	9	.36666666	30	7507	181	7	.03333333	30
836	178	6	.93333333	30	7968	1144	39	8.1333333	30
1433	735	25	24.5	30	8242	469	16	5.6333333	30
1677	452	16	5.0666666	30	8807	142	5	.73333333	30
1704	77	3	.56666666	30	8987	93	4	3.1	30
1709	189	7	6.3	30	9399	697	24	3.2333333	30
1760	256	9	.53333333	30	9400	771	26	25.7	30
1763	241	9	.03333333	30	9401	718	24	3.9333333	30
1796	117	4	3.9	30	9632	69	3	2.3	30
2066	136	5	.53333333	30	9833	101	4	.36666666	30
2135	295	10	.83333333	30	9907	348	12	11.6	30
2190	35	2	.16666666	30	9972	2242	75	4.7333333	30
2357	140	5	.66666666	30	9977	99	4	3.3	30
2364	57	2	1.9	30	10005	489	17	16.3	30
2555	148	5	.93333333	30	10015	60	2	2	30
2767	44	2	.46666666	30	10227	396	14	13.2	30
3513	369	13	12.3	30	10254	124	5	.13333333	30
3516	133	5	.43333333	30	10385	62	3	.06666666	30
3584	52	2	.73333333	30	10386	218	8	.26666666	30
3632	242	9	.06666666	30	10726	112	4	.73333333	30
3708	44	2	.46666666	30	11014	115	4	.83333333	30
3713	283	10	.43333333	30	12031	65	3	.16666666	30
4903	321	11	10.7	30	12043	196	7	.53333333	30
5990	245	9	.16666666	30	12098	83	3	.76666666	30
6271	191	7	.36666666	30	12128	38	2	.26666666	30
6306	104	4	.46666666	30	12210	45	2	1.5	30
6310	351	12	11.7	30	12222	32	2	.06666666	30
		289					363		
					652				

**PLANNING CALENDAR
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**
(Subject to Change)

2024

Mar	2-7	VOD/Legislative Conference	Washington, DC
Apr	13	Dist 2 Convention	Post 6739, Camp Verde
	13	Dist 6 Convention	Post 1704, Globe
	14	Dist 1 Convention	Post 8242, Yuma
	14	Dist 10 Convention	Post 9399, Apache Junction
	21	Dist 7 Convention	Post 6271, Benson
	27	Dist 3 Convention	Post 1433, Glendale
	27	Dist 5 Convention	Post 549, Tucson
	28	Dist 4 Convention	Post 1796, Blk Canyon City
	28	Dist 8 Convention	Post 10005, Bullhead
May	05	Dist 9 Convention	Post 2555, Golden Valley
	29 Jun 01	State Convention	Loews Ventana Canyon
June	02	C of A	Loews Ventana Canyon
July 27-Aug 1		National Convention	Louisville, KY

2025

Aug 9-14	National Convention	Columbus, OH
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2026

Aug 15-20	National Convention	Salt Lake City, UT
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2027

July 31-Aug 5	National Convention	Milwaukee, WI
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2028

Aug 5-10	National Convention	San Antonio, TX
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Membership as of April 30, 2024

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior	Percent	City	N/R	Need
40	3	90	3	1	6	100	106	94.33%	AVONDALE	0	6
285	3	79	15	3	14	111	97	114.43%	SURPRISE	2	-14
404	8	100	3	0	8	111	142	78.16%	MOHAVE VALLEY	2	31
541	2	307	9	2	37	355	350	101.42%	PRESCOTT	8	-5
549	5	1260	48	13	141	1462	1443	101.31%	TUCSON	32	-19
720	4	312	23	2	40	377	426	88.49%	PHOENIX	3	49
769	1	215	3	3	30	251	287	87.45%	QUARTZSITE	5	36
836	7	92	3	59	27	181	170	106.47%	BISBEE	3	-11
1433	3	606	43	21	78	748	721	103.74%	GLENDALE	24	-27
1677	10	351	34	3	72	460	437	105.26%	CASA GRANDE	14	-23
1704	6	68	0	0	14	82	90	91.11%	GLOBE	1	8
1709	2	160	1	2	27	190	198	95.95%	FLAGSTAFF	1	8
1760	4	214	2	1	43	260	276	94.20%	MESA	2	16
1763	1	204	18	4	28	254	239	106.27%	YUMA	1	-15
1796	4	95	5	2	15	117	112	104.46%	BLACK CANYON CITY	3	-5
2066	7	111	2	16	14	143	154	92.85%	NOGALES	2	11
2135	3	205	1	3	87	296	302	98.01%	PEORIA	0	6
2190	9	26	0	0	9	35	40	87.50%	CHLORIDE	1	5
2357	1	121	5	1	14	141	143	98.60%	BOUSE	1	2
2364	6	37	0	0	24	61	65	93.84%	PINETOP-LAKESIDE	0	4
2555	9	109	10	2	27	148	144	102.77%	GOLDEN VALLEY	4	-4
2767	5	32	1	0	14	47	51	92.15%	MAMMOTH	2	4
3513	4	322	16	4	33	375	362	103.59%	SCOTTSDALE	11	-13
3516	9	116	5	0	17	138	141	97.87%	KINGMAN	1	3
3584	10	32	1	0	19	52	57	91.22%	SUPERIOR	1	5
3632	4	200	5	2	36	243	257	94.55%	TEMPE	1	14
3708	1	40	2	2	0	44	42	104.76%	SALOME	1	-2
3713	10	140	38	0	107	285	272	104.77%	COOLIDGE	0	-13
4903	5	288	3	0	37	328	344	95.34%	TUCSON	4	16
5990	5	205	13	5	26	249	240	103.75%	MARANA	3	-9
6271	7	165	6	2	20	193	195	98.97%	BENSON	7	2
6306	8	94	2	0	10	106	108	98.14%	GOLDEN SHORES	1	2
6310	3	317	4	3	36	360	370	97.29%	TOLLESON	3	10
6739	2	102	8	3	29	142	145	97.93%	CAMP VERDE	4	3
6789	6	15	0	0	2	17	28	60.71%	WINDOW ROCK	0	11
6790	1	207	2	1	25	235	248	94.75%	WELLTON	6	13
7061	8	128	5	5	14	152	164	92.68%	PARKER	2	12
7400	2	171	5	3	46	225	240	93.75%	COTTONWOOD	0	15
7401	10	415	8	4	67	494	542	91.14%	CHANDLER	6	48
7507	4	158	1	0	23	182	187	97.32%	FOUNTAIN HILLS	8	5
7968	10	879	37	8	282	1206	1173	102.81%	APACHE JUNCTION	22	-33
8242	1	412	6	2	51	471	491	95.92%	YUMA (Y.P.G.)	9	20
8807	6	125	0	1	17	143	150	95.33%	TONTO BASIN	0	7
8987	6	87	0	1	5	93	99	93.93%	EAGAR	3	6
9399	10	474	26	10	277	787	783	100.51%	APACHE JUNCTION	6	-4
Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior	Percent	City	N/R	Need

9400	4	652	20	13	95	780	872	89.44%	SUNNYSLOPE	13	92
9401	8	503	8	37	186	734	707	103.81%	LAKE HAVASU CITY	12	-27
9632	2	65	3	0	1	69	70	98.57%	PAGE	0	1
9833	9	87	0	1	13	101	98	103.06%	DOLAN SPRINGS	0	-3
9907	6	295	9	2	55	361	370	97.56%	SHOW LOW	3	9
9972	7	2001	132	87	104	2324	2375	97.85%	SIERRA VISTA	28	51
9977	7	93	1	0	7	101	98	103.06%	ARIZONA SUNSITES	3	-3
10005	8	439	15	6	39	499	521	95.77%	BULLHEAD CITY	3	22
10015	5	50	1	2	7	60	67	89.55%	TUCSON	0	7
10227	2	348	15	1	42	406	400	101.50%	PRESCOTT VALLEY	11	-6
10254	5	103	3	13	13	132	121	109.09%	THREE POINTS	1	-11
10385	7	48	3	3	13	67	68	98.52%	THATCHER	2	1
10386	9	157	6	0	57	220	273	80.58%	KINGMAN	5	53
10726	8	102	1	1	11	115	120	95.83%	PARKER DAM	1	5
11014	9	103	3	0	14	120	128	93.75%	MEADVIEW	7	8
12031	4	55	0	0	10	65	67	97.01%	ANTHEM	0	2
12043	10	148	4	1	46	199	202	98.51%	MARICOPA	2	3
12098	3	77	0	2	5	84	88	95.45%	BUCKEYE	2	4
12128	2	34	0	0	4	38	44	86.36%	WILLIAMS	0	6
12210	4	18	1	3	23	45	36	125.00%	GLENDALE	0	-9
12222	5	20	3	0	9	32	2	1600.00%	ORO VALLEY	2	-30
15003	99	2171	252	118	382	2923	2873	101.74%	SCOTTSDALE	69	-50
State	100	17455	902	484	3084	21925	22231	98.62%	STATE	374	306
Dist	1	1199	36	13	148	1396	1450	96.27%	Dist 1	23	54
Dist	2	1187	41	11	186	1425	1447	98.47%	Dist 2	24	22
Dist	3	1374	66	33	226	1699	1684	100.89%	Dist 3	31	-15
Dist	4	2026	73	27	318	2444	2595	94.18%	Dist 4	41	151
Dist	5	1958	72	33	247	2310	2268	101.85%	Dist 5	44	-42
Dist	6	627	9	4	117	757	802	94.38%	Dist 6	7	45
Dist	7	2510	147	167	185	3009	3060	98.33%	Dist 7	45	51
Dist	8	1366	34	49	268	1717	1762	97.44%	Dist 8	21	45
Dist	9	598	24	3	137	762	824	92.47%	Dist 9	18	62
Dist	10	2439	148	26	870	3483	3466	100.49%	Dist 10	51	-17
Dist	99	2171	252	118	382	2923	2873	101.74%	MAL	69	-50
State	100	17455	902	484	3084	21925	22231	98.62%	STATE	374	306

CHAPLAIN REPORT ARREARS as of 23APR

POST	DIST	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
40	3	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	4		
285	3		4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4		
404	8		4	4	4		4		4	4	4		
541	2	4			4	4	4	4	4	3			
549	5	4	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	4			
720	4												
769	1	3	4	4		4	4	4	4	4	4		
836	7	4	4			4	4	4	4	4	4		
1433	3												
1677	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4		
1704	6	4	3	4		2	4	4	4	4	4		
1709	2	4	4	4		4	4	4					
1760	4												
1763	1		4	4									
1796	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
2066	7			4		4	4	4	4	4	4		
2135	3	4	3	3		3	3	3	1	4	4		
2190	9	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
2357	1		4		4		2	4	4	2			
2364	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
2555	9	4	4	4	4	2	2	4	4	4	4		
2767	5												
3513	4												
3516	9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
3584	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
3632	4	2	2	4	2	4	4						
3708	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	3	4	4		
3713	10	4	4	4		4	4	4	4		4		
4903	5	4	2	3	3	3	3		3	3	3		
5990	5	4		2	4	4		2	4		4		
6271	7							4	4				
6306	8												
6310	3	4	4		4					4	4		
6739	2		3	3	3						4		
6789	6	3	3	3	1	1	4						
6790	1		2	4	4	3	4				4		

POST	DIST	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
7061	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
7400	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4		
7401	10	2	2	4	4	4	2	4	4	4	4		
7507	4	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	2		
7968	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
8242	1	3	2										
8807	6	2	1	1	4								
8987	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
9399	10	4	4	4	4	2	4		4	4	4		
9400	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4				
9401	8	4		4		4	4	4		4	4		
9632	2												
9833	9	1	1	4	3	1	2	4	4	3	4		
9907	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
9972	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
9977	7	4	2	1	3	2	2	2	4				
10005	8	4	4	4		4	4	4		4	4		
10015	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
10227	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		4			
10254	5	4	2										
10385	7								1	3			
10386	9												
10726	8	4	3	3	4	4	4	4		3	4		
11014	9	4		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
12031	4		4	4	4	2		4	4		4		
12043	10	4			2	4	4	4	4	4			
12098	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	4	4	4		
12128	2		3		4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
12210	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
12222	5										4		

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1: Late w/oData

2: Late w/Data

3: On Time w/o Data

4: On Time w/Data

VETERANS AND MILITARY SUPPORT 2023-2024

Post	District	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
769	1	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X	
1763	1												
2357	1					O	O						
3708	1			O				O	O	O	O	O	
6790	1				O	O	O	O	O				
8242	1	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	

541	2												
1709	2												
6739	2	O	X	X	O	O						O	
7400	2	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X	X	X		
9632	2												
10227	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
12128	2	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	

40	3		X	O	X	X	X	X	X				
285	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
1433	3												
2135	3	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	X	O	O	O	
6310	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
12098	3	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		X	X	X	

720	4												
1760	4												
1796	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	
3513	4												
3632	4	O	X	X	X	O	O						
7507	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	
9400	4	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	
12031	4	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
12210	4												

549	5	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2767	5		O	O	O	O		X	X	X	X	O	
4903	5	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	
5990	5	X	O	X	O	X	O		X	O	O	O	
10015	5												
10254	5	O	O	O	L	L	L	L				O	
12222	5			O									

Post	District	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1704	6	O	O			O					O		
2364	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6789	6	O	O	O									
8807	6		X	X	X	X							
8987	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9907	6	O	O	O	X	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	

836	7	X	X			O	X	X	X	X	O		
2066	7	L	L	L	L	O	X	X	X	X			
6271	7	O	O	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
9972	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9977	7	O	O	O	O	O	O	X	X				
10385	7	X									O	O	

404	8	O	X	X	X	X	O	X		X	X	O	
6306	8	O	O	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	
7061	8	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	
9401	8	X	O		O	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	
10005	8	X								X	X	X	
10726	8	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	X		O	O	

2190	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2555	9	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		
3516	9	O	O	O	X	X	O	O	O	X			
9833	9	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	O	O	O		
10386	9												
11014	9	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	

1677	10	X	X	X	O	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	
3584	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3713	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
7401	10	O	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	
7968	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9399	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
12043	10	X	O	O									

NOTE:

1. Block Empty = No Report
2. Block has O = Wrong Form/No Info/or
No Activity BUT Report is Accepted
3. Block has X = Report is Accepted
4. Block has L = Report is after the 10th
Not Accepted

Arizona State Hospital Reports Year 2023-2024

Posts	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	Posts	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M
40			O	X	O								3513												
285	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			3516	L	L	L	X	L	X	X	X	X	X	X	
404		X	X	X	L	X		X	X	X	X	X	3584		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
541													3632	L	L	L	L	L	X						
549	O	L	O	L	L	X	L	X	X	X			3708												
720													3713	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
769	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			4903							X	X	X	X	X	
836	X	X	L	X	L	L	L	L	L	L			5990	X	L	L	X		L						
1433													6271												
1677	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	X			6306					X							
1704			X	X					X	X			6310	L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
1709		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					6739		L	X									
1760													6789												
1763													6790		L										
1796													7061												
2066	L	L	L	L	X	X	X	X	X	X			7400	L	X	L	L	L	X	L	L	X	X	X	
2135		X	L	L	X	X	X	X	X	X			7401	L	L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2190		L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			7507	X	X	X	X	X	X	L	X	X	X	X	
2357		O											7968	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2364		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			8242	X		L	X								
2555	L	X	L	X	L	L	X	X	X	X			8807												
2767		X	X	X			L	L	X	X			8987	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

X means report received on time

Blank Column means No report submitted

L means the report was received late for that month

O means old form used

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Western Conference



Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu Hawaii
October 31- November 3, 2024



2024 VFW & AUXILIARY WESTERN CONFERENCE




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Conference registration is \$210.00 per person and must be received by **October 16, 2024**. Please be sure to inform us of any dietary restrictions. We will do what we can to accommodate your needs.

All hotel reservations are to be made by the attendees by contacting the hotel by **October 16, 2024**. In order to receive the conference preferred rates of \$177.00 or 202.00 plus tax per night, please let them know that you are with the VFW. **Note:** There is no hotel shuttle from Honolulu International to the hotel. There are Taxi, UBER, LYFT, and shuttle services that can take you to/from the hotel.

**Ala Moana Hotel
410 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii 9681**

Summary and Payment Sheet: All payment information is on this page. The Department of Hawaii will accept checks, and credit card payments. If paying by check, print and include a copy of page 9 with your payment.

Print a copy of this package for your files. Send your saved copy as an attachment to the following e-mails: Norbert Enos, VFW Department of Hawaii, State Quartermaster (vfwhaq@aol.com) and George Barlett, VFW Department of Hawaii, 2024. Western Conference Registration Committee (VFWHawaii@yahoo.com)

If you have any questions, please contact George Barlett, at (808) 953-8628 or e-mail: vfwhawaii@yahoo.com.



2024 VFW & AUXILIARY WESTERN CONFERENCE



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410 Atkinson Drive Honolulu
Hawaii 96814

Tentative Schedule of Events**

Thursday, October 31, 2024

	Arrival Day	Room
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration	TBD
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Dinner (On Your Own)	TBD
5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	TBD

Friday, November 1, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration	TBD
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Explore Oahu (On Your Own)	TBD
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Dinner (On Your Own)	TBD
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	TBD

Saturday, November 2, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Conference Registration	
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Joint Opening	TBD
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	VFW General Session	TBD
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary General Session	TBD
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet	TBD
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	VFW General Session Reconvenes	TBD
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary General Session Reconvenes	TBD
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Medicare 101 – Humana	TBD
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	No-Host Cocktail Hour	TBD
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Aloha Banquet & Entertainment	TBD
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.		TBD
8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	TBD

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Departure Day

Thank you for attending and we hope you enjoy the conference!
Have a safe trip home!

**Meeting Places and Times are subject to Change



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Attendee Registration Form

Department: _____ Post #: _____ Auxiliary #: _____
Name: _____ Title: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Department: _____ Post #: _____ Auxiliary #: _____
Name: _____ Title: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Dietary Restrictions: _____

Driving ☐ Flying ☐ Airline/Flight Number: _____ / _____

Approximate Arrival Date/Time: _____ / _____

Departure Date/Time: _____ / _____

Registration Includes:

- Swag Bag
- Saturday Continental Breakfast
- Saturday Lunch
- Saturday Banquet
- Banquet Entertainment
- Hospitality Room on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Evenings



Conference Registration Fee: \$210.00 per Attendee
Registration must be received by October 16, 2024

Select \$210.00 for one attendee or select \$420.00 for two attendees.

Registration Fee (Check One): \$210.00 _____ \$420.00 _____



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Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
(808) 955-4811

WELCOME TO ALA MOANA HOTEL

Overlooking Honolulu's diverse landscape, you'll be granted impressive views across the shimmering ocean, city skyline or mountain ranges from your hotel room. All guests receive complimentary WiFi, with each room featuring a microwave oven and refrigerator, providing total convenience during your stay at our Honolulu hotel. Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra is host to an extensive range of guest amenities including a sparkling resort pool, fitness centre with gymnasium, sauna and steam room, restaurant and cafe, onsite paid car parking, along with direct access to the Ala Moana Shopping Center. When it comes to location there's nowhere more central than our Honolulu accommodation. Situated just 10 minute's drive from the Honolulu Financial District, you can take a short stroll from the hotel to Magic Island, walk to Waikiki Beach in just 15 minutes, or wander down to the Ala Wai Yacht Harbor at dusk and watch the sun as it sets over the Pacific Ocean.

All reservations must be made by **October 16, 2024** in order to receive the conference preferred rates, attendees must identify themselves with Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The hotel conference rate is good for three days prior and three days after the conference. There are a limited number of rooms available at the \$177.00 rate. Attendees need to call (808) 955-4811 or use the following link:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50708342>

Hotel Information

Check-In: 3:00 p.m.

Check-Out: 11:00 p.m.

Minimum Age to Check-In: 21

Smoke Free Property

Kona Tower Room Rate:

\$177.00 + Tax/Night

Waikiki Tower Room Rate:

\$202.00 + Tax/Nighty

Parking

On-Site Parking

Hourly: \$4

Daily: \$34.50*

Long Term

Parking Valet

Daily: \$45

Hotel Reservation Worksheet

(For your convenience)

Check-In Date: _____ Check-Out Date: _____

Note: The hotel does not have shuttle service. There are taxi, UBER, LYFT, and shuttle services that can take you to the hotel from the airport. The hotel is thirty minutes away from the airport.



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Western Conference Ad Request

All Ads and payments must be received by **October 16, 2024.**

Prices are as follows (Black & White Ads Only):

Full page: \$150.00 ☐

Half page: \$100.00 ☐

Amount Due: \$ 0.00

Only full-page and half-page ads will accommodate graphics.

Please provide the following:

Sponsor Name: _____

Graphics provided for Ad (Check One): Yes ☐ (Attach Electronically or Mail with Payment)
No ☐

Ads can be e-mailed to George Barlett at vfwhawaii@yahoo.com or mailed .



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Summary and Payment:

Department: _____ Post#: _____ Auxiliary #: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Department: _____ Post#: _____ Auxiliary #: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Driving: Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Flying: Airline/Flight Number: _____ / _____

Arrival Date/Time: _____ / _____ Departure Date/Time: _____ / _____

Ad - Sponsor Name: _____

Full Page: ☐ Half Page: ☐

Graphics Provided: Yes ☐ No ☐

Registration Fee: \$ 0.00 _____ Ad Fee: \$ 0.00 _____ Total: \$ 0.00 _____

If paying by check, make check payable to: **VFW Department of Hawaii**

Credit Card: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX ☐

Name (as it appears on the card): _____

Billing Address for card: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

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