

# VFW DEPARTMENT OF AZ SABOTEN CON

Department Officers, Post Commanders, and AUX Presidents,



The Department Membership Chair is proud to report that our first Saboten Con was a success. We recruited five of the 10 qualified veterans we talked to and had the opportunity to do some great networking for other CON's that are running in AZ.

*THANK-YOU to all the volunteers that came out and help us with this event:*

**Comrades**--Lori Byrne, Hugues Byrne (Dept Judge Advocate), Kelly Silva (District 10 Commander), Scott Brown, and Frank Alger from Post 1677.

**Auxillary**—Doug Kinghorn, Brenda Kinghorn (Dept Sr. Vice President) from Post 2364; Pat Stinson from Post 7968; HJ Byrne from Post 1677, who while working for the CON helped with the marketing and networking aspect of this event.



This is a prime recruiting event for the AUX! We talked to over 50 people there that could be qualified as AUX members and many more that we just could not get to. This event is one that is prime for people in their 20's and 30's. That being said, all those that volunteered

had a great time and connected with some famous Saboten characters.



The first is Yurapico. She is a Japanese Idol, singer, and performer. This is her first time in America and preformed and signed autographs at the Phoenix Con. She actually took time out of her busy schedule to take a picture with those working at the VFW Booth.

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The second is none other than Babybeard. Babybeard is a three-member Japanese idol group that was formed in 2020. The group consists of Babybeard (from Australia), Suzu in the green, and Mahri in the blue. They have become very popular in the States. While setting up their booth right next to the VFW Booth on Sunday, Babybeard came over inquiring what the VFW was all about. Once Babybeard found out he thanked the members for their service and offered to take a digital picture with the group.



Other volunteers had an equally good time with the many people that attended the Saboten Con:

