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**Department President
Sheila Shutts**

WOW a New Year! Let's start off renewed and ready to face the challenges of the remaining 2011-12 Auxiliary Year. Department is here to help! Saturday January 14th is a special learning opportunity....that's right...come to the Holiday Inn 777 NORTH PINAL AVENUE Casa Grande at 9:00 am. The program being offered will feature End of Year Report information. The How To's for Auxiliary success and awards!!!!

Department President Pebbles will offer generalized suggestions for making these reports easy to do and fun! Then each Department Program Chairman will have the opportunity to give specific guidance for their Programs and how the Auxiliary can best provide the necessary information.

These reports are vital to the Department Chairman as each of them will compile all the Arizona work into one comprehensive report for their National Director. Then during National Convention 2012 in Reno the Departments who excel receive monetary assistance for their states' working budget!

This is where Team Arizona plans to SHINE. Those Grand Slams in the Presidents Special Project come into play when award winners are being selected.

We hope to see all qualifying Presidents, Treasurers, and Membership Chairman at the "Night on the Town" 6:00 pm Friday January 13th at the Casa Grande Olive Garden, followed by Training the next day at 9:00 am, and the big finale with the Voice of Democracy—Patriots Pen Banquet and Awards on Saturday evening. Don't forget we also have a Council of Administration Meeting (open to all sisters) 9:00 am Sunday! See you all very soon!

PEBBLES



LAVFW National President

GWEN RANKIN

Visits Arizona

February 4, 2012

Banquet Post 10005 Bullhead City

5:00 p.m. Aisle of Flags

Auxiliaries & Districts Please Bring Flags & Banners

5:30 p.m. Dinner DRESS CODE: Business

Grilled Pork Tenderloin, Green Beans, Rice and Cake

6:30 p.m. "An American Tribute"

Reservations Required

\$12.00 or 2 for \$20.00

February 5, 2012

404 Mohave Valley 9:00 A.M. Breakfast

9401 Lake Havasu 12:45 P.M. Lunch \$5.00

Oriental Chicken Salad

Reservations Required

10726 Parker Dam 2:30 P.M. Dessert

Please RSVP—Suzie Gleason 928-855-0627

Send National President Love Gifts To

Kim Sloan Department Treasurer





SHERL ANN DAVERIO, Elk Grove, California

NATIONAL AUXILIARY CHIEF OF STAFF
Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
National Representative to Arizona—Voice of Democracy

Sherl Ann Daverio, Elk Grove, California, is currently serving the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as the 2011-12 National Chief of Staff.

A Life Member of Benicia Auxiliary #3928, she joined on the eligibility of her late husband, Rhett, who served in the U.S. Army in from 1962-1970. She has served in several capacities for the Ladies Auxiliary including Auxiliary, District and State President. On the National level she has served as National Youth Activities Director, National District Council Member and is currently serving her eighth term as Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Retired after 30 years as a Legal Secretary, in her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family and is an avid sports fan.

Sherl's family included two children and six grandchildren.

Suzie Gleason – Department Chaplain

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Blessing for a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Deceased Sisters

1677 Glenda Stout
2357 Jeanie Allen
2357 Jean Gordon
2357 Marnie Leckie Adsit
6306 Joyce Yoder
9400 Dorothy Phare
9400 Shirley Curry
10005 Christine Angelozzi
10386 Marie Zampol

Sisters Who Have Lost Loved Ones

549	Shirley Adams	Mother in Law
549	Lucille Lombardo	Son in Law
549	Phyllis Denney	Daughter
8053	Dorothy Eberle	Sister & Sister in Law
9400	Heather Kingan	Grandmother
9401	Ethel Kendall-Clawson	Husband
10726	Lynn Miknaitis	Father

Get Well

3578 Ruth Runge
6306 Nancy Root-Dyer
6739 Donna Parker
7400 Rose Sperry Beulah Helgeson Sue Pierce
7401 Maxine Fabritz Bonnie Mihalka Cindy Torres
9401 Judy McIntyre
9833 Edna Lakoda Rita Mae Campbell
10005 Norma Stewart Doris Clark Mary "Dodie" Swain
10385 Laura Daniels Lolita Pate
10386 Florence Jones Tammy Archuleta Oeene Mowery Coleen Rawie



Veterans and Family Support—Deanna Pritchard, Chair

Cell # 602 881 5209 Email lavfw9400@yahoo.com

Welcome 2012!!

This year is going to be awesome. I can feel it in the air.

Did you make any resolutions?

Get out of debt...Save money wherever and whenever you can...

Do more for others?

This month's article may help you do all three...

Every month we have hundreds of manufacturer coupons that expire or that we don't even bother to clip because we know we will never use. Did you know that overseas military members can use expired manufacturer coupons up to six months past their expiration dates? Military families stationed overseas are often living on one income, and money can be tight. Sounds like right here at home too.

It is a real easy project to adopt. Pick an overseas base. Here is a list of a few that I know are accepting coupons.

Base Name/location/service affiliation	Base mailing address
Alconbury, U.K. U.S. Air Force	RAF Alconbury 423 ABS/DPF APO AE 09470
Atsugi, Japan U.S. Navy	U.S. Naval Air Facility Navy FSC PSC 477 Box 32 FPO AP 96306
Vicenza, Italy U.S. Army	CAFAP ACS CMR 427, Box 19 APO AE 09630

You can view a complete listing at <http://www.ocpnet.org/Base%20List/BaseList1.htm> this site also offer great tips for getting started on this project. Only choose a base that is currently accepting coupons. Next get all your auxiliary sisters together with all the coupons that are either expired (no more that 2 months) or they will not personally use. Plan a day each month to sit, cut and sort into food and non food categories. Total the estimated savings. Put each category into a separate zip lock bag. Use flat rate Priority Mailers (available at the Post Office). Stuff your zip lock bags into it. You will need to fill out a customs form. You are ready to mail. You win, our Auxiliary wins, those serving our country overseas win. This project is reportable under #4 on the yearend VFS report. Get busy clipping those coupons!!!

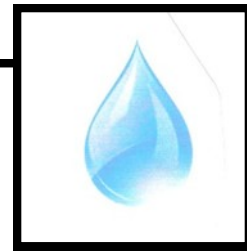
REMINDER: Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship applications are due at National Headquarters no later than February 15, 2012. How are you promoting this wonderful opportunity?

AMERICANISM—PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Theresa Grupe

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Pin Points--January 2012



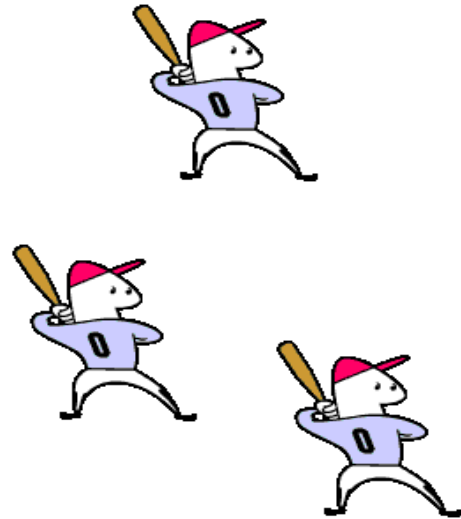
We remember that September was designated SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH. We STEPPED UP and let our communities know that we were very concerned about the suicides in our military by wearing the TEARDROP. You can continue to count the hours your members wear the Teardrop. Just find out the number of ladies wearing the teardrop and how many hours each did each month. Report all together on the Program Activity Report under Americanism.

We still have time to get into our individual communities and honor those businesses or citizens that fly or display their American or POW-MIA Flags on a regular basis with a **PATRIOTIC CITIZEN AWARD CERTIFICATE**. We can still make plans to present flags to deserving businesses or citizens.

AMERICANISM is all around us, every day in every way. Look for a flag as you pass your post office, bank and businesses. If there is no flag, it is up to us to make every effort to get that business a flag to go with American pride

By taking part in the **VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT** you are contributing to the permanent collections of the Library of Congress. We all have veterans within our communities whose stories are too important to be lost. You can download a Field Kit, which gives you guidelines for conducting interviews. www.loc.gov/vets

As Patriotic Instructor your duties are to educate and provide the general public with information that will help to foster patriotism among the membership. Salute the Flag by placing the palm of the right hand flat over the heart. When the Flag is displayed AND the national anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the Flag and salute. When the Flag IS NOT displayed and the national anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the music and salute. A member who is also a veteran may use the *military salute*.



TEAM ARIZONA

Cancer Aide & Research
Captain Debi Rankin
rankindebi@aol.com

Team Arizona – we are now starting a New Year – 2012!! A new beginning –
Come On Team – WE CAN DO IT – TOGETHER!!

Have you begun planning for the – **777 Campaign?** Last month I mentioned how each sister and our comrades would call 7 names each day of the week – 7 Sun, 7 Mon and so on. You would then ask those men and women (they don't have to be VFW or Auxiliary members) to donate \$7 for CA&R Fund. That would be – 7 People – 7 Dollars. Our National Campaign is scheduled for March 19 – 26, 2012. We have all been touched by Cancer. As a treasurer – I have had another sister receive a Cancer Grant from our National Headquarters. We need to work hard to help the smartest and brightest that the Lord has given us – to find a cure!!

Please put on your calendar's the Wanda **and Billie** Stuart's Gamble Against Cancer on February 18, 2012 at VFW Post 9399 – Apache Jct. Please send your cash donations to Kim Sloan - Dept. Treasurer. If you would like to donate items and are planning on attending the Department Voice of Democracy – please bring them with you!! If you're not attending – call your president or your district president – I am sure they will meet up with you to collect the donation ;-)

Wishing you a Healthy New Year!!

“Step Up – Leave No Veteran Behind” while “Our Veterans Inspire Us to Excellence”

Always in our Lord's love and grace,
Debi Rankin

HISTORIAN 2011-2012

Terri Pfander
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LADIES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA HISTORY:

The Department of Arizona, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars was organized in 1931 by Edythe E. Deubler, National Deputy Chief of Staff. The Department Charter was granted upon petition of the following Auxiliaries:

Phoenix Memorial Auxiliary	No. 720	Phoenix
Louie E. Higdon Auxiliary	No. 1704	Globe
Buckey O'Neil Auxiliary	No. 541	Prescott
Gila Auxiliary	No. 1441	Miami
Sandy Coor Auxiliary	No. 1443	Glendale

Originally, meetings were referred to as “**Encampments**”.

First Encampment - Glendale, Arizona, April 18, 1931. The first officers were installed.

Soon after the First Encampment Auxiliaries added:

Sunshine Capitol Auxiliary No. 1763, Yuma, Arizona, June 30, 1931
Dode Morris Auxiliary No. 1760, Mesa, Arizona, December 18, 1931

Second Annual Encampment - Prescott, Arizona, July 1-2 1932.

Tucson Auxiliary No. 541 Tucson, Arizona was organized on November 23, 1932.
This is the Historical Records entry....probably 549 in actuality!

March 1933, the first visit from a National President occurred. National President Consuelo Peart De Coe met at the VFW Hall in Phoenix, Arizona with 18 Department Officers present and many other members.

Third Annual Encampment, Globe, Arizona, June 2-3 1933.

The Department participated in it's first parade and held it's first annual banquet.

Fourth Annual Encampment, Tucson Arizona, May 1-2 1934.

Tucson Auxiliary No. 541 Tucson, Arizona was reorganized July 1934.

Council of Administration,

Phoenix, Arizona, February 3, 1935 the Treasurer reported \$6.35 on hand.

New Auxiliaries:

Wright Windham Auxiliary	No. 1796	Safford, Arizona,.
Tonopah Auxiliary	No. 1826	Tonopah, Arizona.
Jerome M. Leonard Auxiliary	No. 426	Douglas Arizona.

Council of Administration April 25, 1935.

Treasurer now a balance of \$98.38! A Budget Committee was appointed.

Another new Auxiliary:

Capt. Chas. L. Hathaway Auxiliary No. 3076 Winslow, Arizona.

Write your history and save it for your Auxiliary! Never leave our Veterans' or their stories behind.

Hospital

Cathy Seippel, Hospital Chairman

cathyspoodles1@yahoo.com

As we start a new month and a very new year we need to remember our hospitals and our veterans in them.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. The Christmas parties at the VA Hospitals were the best. I hope most of you got to attend at least one of them.

The Ladies Auxiliary has been in existence for 98 years and for all these years we have been helping our hospitalized veterans. The ball has been hit and we are rounding first base with a \$20.00 donation to Hospital, how about a Homerun in Hospital? Let's make Arizona 100% reported in Hospital.

On Saturday morning before the VOD/Patriot's Pen Banquet there will be a training session on Year End Reports. All the Department Chairmen will be talking about their Year End Reports and how they should be filled out. Please plan on attending and if you have questions please ask, I will be happy to answer them. I am looking forward to receiving a Year End Report from each Auxiliary in Arizona. Also remember to share your ideas for your visits to the VA Hospitals, I love to hear them and we can share them with our other sisters to benefit our veterans.

Remember Gettysburg Pennsylvania November 19, 1863.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" *President Abraham Lincoln started his address this way, so I am going to say this sisters, that all men and women are created as equals which enables us to do what we do now. We are up to bat at all times and our love for our veterans is beyond measure. President Sheila is working very hard to help us through this year. Remember every year is harder and we must work harder but we as sisters in our Auxiliaries are mighty, with love in our hearts we will always be # 1 in our "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes".*

Stephanie Morris—Legislative Program Chairman
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Writing to Members of Congress

*Those who DON'T vote are the ones that really change an election!
There are no unimportant elections.*

Whether you email, write a letter or fax a message here are some hints to make it have more impact:

1. Letters should be limited to one page and one issue.
2. Be courteous, respectful, but don't "gush" or be over flattering. Never use vulgar language, profanity, or threats. The third one could bring the Secret Service to your door and the first two are rude, and not respectful. If you are writing on an issue that the VFW has requested letters/emails be sent to Congress it does not reflect positively on the VFW if you use any of the three.
3. Clearly state the purpose of your letter. Be factual but not emotional. If it concerns a specific bill identify it correctly, use the following:

House Bills: "H.R. _____"

House Resolutions: "H.RES. _____"

House Joint Resolutions: "H.J.RES. _____"

Senate Bills: "S. _____"

Senate Resolutions: "S.RES. _____"

Senate Joint Resolutions: "S.J.RES. _____"

4. Identify yourself. Anonymous letters go nowhere. Give your correct name, address, and phone number. You must give your name and address if you want a reply, even in an email.
5. List any credentials you have or personal experience related to the issue you are writing about. Provide specific information on how the issue or bill affects you personally or your community.

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6. A three paragraph letter is suggested:

- In the first paragraph identify yourself and why you are writing. Remember to state the correct title or bill number.
- The second paragraph should provide specific information how the issue affects you and others. If you have a personal story related to the issue, tell it.
- The third paragraph should state what you wish done – a vote on the bill for or against or a change in policy.

7. Addressing Members of Congress. The below should be used in letters sent through the mail as well as emails and faxes:

To Your Senator: The Honorable (full name) (Room #) (Name) Senate Office Building United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 Dear Senator:	To Your Representative: The Honorable (full name) (Room #) (Name) House Office Building United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 Dear Representative:
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Remember they work for us and they may not know any more about the issue than we do. And even less about the impact it could have on their constituents. Your letter can make a difference in how your representatives vote on any given issue. But they won't know unless we tell them!!!

MEMBERSHIP

By Department Membership Chairman
Mary C. Salisbury
Phone: 928-706-4044



**A “BIG HELLO” Sisters!!!
PUT ME IN COACH I’M READY TO PLAY**

You are so **GOOD**...we can hardly believe how **AWESOME** you are!!! Many of our *Team Arizona* Auxiliaries have already met and/or surpassed the **100%** membership **GOAL**. Presidents, Treasurers and Membership Chairmen for these Auxiliaries will be enjoying a ‘**Night On The Town**’ with Madam Pebbles at the Olive Garden in Casa Grande on Friday, January 13, 2012 (Winter Conference weekend). **Congratulations!!!! We are so proud of you!!!**

The rest of us are right in the **GAME**, ready to **MAKE IT HOME...!!!** So don’t stop now, though, as there are more goals to be reached and awards to be won. There are members to sign-up just waiting in the wings. We want *Team Arizona* to break the records this year.

Thank you for playing to **WIN.....** Together we will **YABBA DABBA DOO IT...!!!!**

Use the Keys to a Successful ‘**BIG HELLO**’ Campaign provided to you. I’m sure you’ve got some plays of your own available to attract new members and reinstate old friends. Use your **BIG HELLO** smile to promote new growth and exceed all previous Membership Records. You will need the latest tools: The National Facts Leaflet, Membership Brochure, Membership Applications. All free for the asking! When you are working on your ‘**BIG HELLO**’ Campaigns, make sure everyone on your team is well acquainted with the various programs sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary.

We have made a slight change to the 2011-2012 Membership Year End Report. The revised report can be found on our website at [www.vfw.org](#). The revised report can also be found as an attachment to this Pin Points edition.

Keep working, don’t stop, have fun, **SEND PICTURES**. Keep laughter in your heart for that will be the **KEY to OPENING DOORS** for your “**BIG HELLO**” Campaign. Thank you for everything you are doing



94.91%

90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%



65% by September 30, 2011
75% by October 31, 2011
85% by November 30, 2011
100% by December 31, 2011
105% by January 31, 2012

NIGHT ON THE TOWN WINNERS
MUST RSVP TO DEPARTMENT ASAP
CONTACT E-MAIL

mcsalisbury@npgcable.com

Night on the Town WINNERS

720
1710
1709
2190
2357
2364
3584
3632
5990
6271
6739
6790
7401
7968
8242
9907
9977
10005
10188
10342
10385

District 6

Based on 1-1-12
National Records

National will not complete their End of Year posting until later in the week. We have a few more Auxiliaries that may qualify!!!!

**Voice of Democracy—Patriot's Pen—State Scholarship
Captain Sharon Ashby-Robinson ashbyrob@frontiernet.net**

Step 13

Report!!! 28 auxiliaries have yet to report any activity for either program. My auxiliary is one of them...My excuse? Mrs. Claus has been gone from home from before Thanksgiving until just before Christmas. My sisters have worked the judging in my absence and a report to Judy is forthcoming. If you are another auxiliary yet to report - **WHAT IS YOUR EXCUSE???**

Our Department VFW Chairmen have to report to National by Jan 31, 2012. If they don't have all our numbers from Judy's tally on January 10, your work will not be accounted for to National and Arizona will not get the credit.

Step 14

AWARD PRESENTATIONS: Many posts and auxiliaries wait until the end of May to honor the students because they are part of the school year end ceremonies at the high schools/middle schools. This is fine if you have established it in previous years and the students know to expect to wait that long to be recognized. But there is no reason they should have to wait that long for award money. I think they should be told they will receive their post level plaques/certificates at the end of the year but give them their checks now, if you haven't already. Satisfied students are great word of mouth advertising to those who might follow them.

We already went over different items available from National in the last article. Don't hesitate to use gifts like these at award presentations as well.

Step 15

Prepare for next year and the chairman who follows in your footsteps. We have not been told yet what the topics will be for next year, but we can let the teachers know to tell the students we will contact them as soon as we have that information. We can also encourage the teachers to talk about the success of this year's program to those students who qualify to participate next year.

Whenever you present the awards before the student body, whether it be at year end or a mid-year assembly, build up the program for those students there who have not yet participated. The more they hear about it the greater interest will be sparked.

State Scholarship...What have you planned for a fundraiser for State Scholarship? Perhaps you have a general fundraiser for all your programs and will simply give a portion to this program. Department needs time to plan for what they will be able to do at the convention. Please make arrangements for this program before spring so we have time to get our act together. And REPORT!

"Step Up - Leave No Veteran Behind"

Coach Chrissy Harlan

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Youth Activities

I hope by now you have all made contact with the art teachers, home school associations, art supply stores and are well on your way to getting entries for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Competition. If not, it is time to STEP Up and get it done.



The deadline to get entries to me is April 15, 2012.

Did you know the Department Budget for the Young American Creative Patriotic Awards is only \$250. This is hardly enough to give away 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards! These young artists work very hard and long hours to present us with their ideas. They also spend money on supplies and the required matting. They deserve to be recognized and awarded for their efforts. The Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and State Scholarship students all receive nice monetary awards and we would like to do the same for the artists. Let's show them how proud we are of them.

Please STEP UP and make a donation to the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards either through your Auxiliary, District or a personal donation.

Also get your Post and Men's Auxiliary involved. Send donations to the Department Treasurer Kim Sloan earmarked for Patriotic Art.

Remember to include your donation on the Youth Activities Year End Report form. This donation will give you credit for participating in the program.

STEP UP and make a slam dunk and make sure this program does not get sent to the showers!

GO ARIZONA



This & That Page

Item 1322 Unwavering Support Button \$1.00
VFW Store <http://www.vfwstore.org/>



*****Department Convention Information & Registration*****
<http://vfwaz.org/2012conv>



**Bring Flags & Banners to the National President's
Isle of Flags 2-4-12 Bullhead City Post 10005**

2nd Half Instructions for President's & PAR Chairmen

Presidents: Please meet with the Auxiliary Sister in charge of compiling the Program Activity Reports (PAR) that are sent monthly to PDP Judy Hamlin.

January is the time to review that you have reported activity for each of our Programs: Veterans & Family Support, Americanism, Cancer Aid & Research, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen, and Youth. The Department has a requirement to be 100% reported with EVERY Auxiliary participating!

An End of Year Report that says, "NO REPORT" is just that! It is considered as non-participation and hurts the TEAM ARIZONA results to National. Be a Team Player and help make Arizona SHINE!

PEBBLES