

Borland, Commander 2011-12



The 91st Annual Arizona State VFW & Auxiliary Convention was held at the Fort McDowell Convention Center and Casino on June 8th-12th 2011. Tim Borland, from Post 9972 in Sierra Vista was unanimously elected as the State Commander along with Sheila Shutts as the Ladies Auxiliary State President. Tim's team of newly elected line officers are Mike Ferguson as Sr. Vice Commander, Tony Mangine as Jr. Vice Commander, Ski Kuczynski as Quartermaster, Greg Kozakiewicz as Judge Advocate, Bob Hysko as Surgeon, Janie Miller as Chaplain and appointed Adjutant Ray Thomas. Tim's theme this year is "Veterans Helping Veterans".

Past Commander-In-Chief Bob Currieo administers the Commanders Obligation to newly elected Arizona State Commander Tim Borland. (Top Right) Commander Tim Borland's family enjoying the reception at the State Convention. From left to right is Jim Borland (Dad is a 20 Year Marine Corps and Army Veteran), mom Susan Borland (20 Year Army Retired Nurse), Tim's son Levi Borland (Marine Corps), daughter Leah Borland (Jr. in Highschool and planning on joining the Air Force; Nursing Corps) and then Tim. (Bottom Right) Tim's son Levi is congratulating "Dad" as the new Arizona State Commander.

All-American & All-State Awards

The All-American and the All-State program means that some post has gone above and beyond the call of duty, which is a great distinction, VFW Commander-in-Chief Eubank said. "Those people who are willing to

go out and do what is right for veterans, those who go above and beyond will be awarded the All-American program." Only the top 3% of ALL VFW Posts WORLDWIDE receive this honor! Congratulations, Comrades for the out-

standing work you did this year - you deserved it!!! All-American status is designed to recognize outstanding units and is based on participation in VFW programs as well as membership gains by posts, districts and departments.

All American Commanders

Dennis Dole	Dept. Arizona
Lindsey Botkin	District 7
Kenneth Marshall	District 10
Ralph Arvizu	6310 Tolleson
John Pletz	7507 Fountain Hills
Eric Gagomiros	9400 Sunny Slope
Lindsey Botkin	10342 Huachuca City
Larry Williams	3713 Collidge
Michael Ferguson	7968 Apache Jct.
John MacDuffee	9972 Siera Vista

All American Quartermasters

Ben Jacobs	District 7
Afra Miller	District 10
Paul Sausedo	6310 Tolleson
Richard Taylor	7507 Fountain Hills
Robert Hysko	9400 Sunny Slope
Ronald Zatochill	10342 Huachuca City
Thomas Jones Sr	3713 Collidge
Thomas Garney	7968 Apache Jct.

All State Commanders

Ken Marshall	District 10
Lindsey Botkin	All State Captain
Larry Williams	3713 Coolidge
Gene Wood	12043 Maricopa
Eric Gagomiros	9400 Sunnyslope
Mike Fisher	8015 Phoenix
Ralph Arvizu	6310 Tolleson
Mike Ferguson	7968 Apache Jct.
Rich Schwartz	8053 Sun Lakes
John Pletz	7507 Fountain Hills
Bob Stark	9399 Apache Jct.
John Schneider	7401 Chandler
Robert Souza	1677 Casa Grande
Robert Mayer	12031 Anthem
Dave Eaton	9401 Lake Havasu
George Baum	9907 Show Low
John Urick	8807 Tonto Basin
Louis Harder	7061 Parker
Mike Davis	769 Quartzsite

All State Quartermasters

Ben Jacobs	District 7
Mary Dallas	541 Prescott
Shane Anderson	769 Quartzsite
Bruce Spencer	4903 Tucson
Paul Sausedo	6310 Tolleson
Richard Taylor	7507 Fountain Hills
Thomas Garney	7968 Apache Jct.
William Scott	8807 Tonto Basin
Robert Rankin	9399 Apache Jct.
Robert Hysko	9400 Sunnyslope
Terry Hill	9907 Show Low
Ronald Zatochill	10342 Huachuca City
Jim Terry	12043 Maricopa

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Jim Katzenberger 285 Surprise

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From the State Commander *Tim Borland, 9972 Sierra Vista*



The very first thing I would like to address is the thanks I give to each and every one of you for your vote of confidence in electing me as your VFW Department Commander. I have traveled to every District meeting possible so far and plan on visiting all of you at least twice this year. I absolutely love serving veterans and family members of our veterans. My motto this year is **“Veterans Helping Veterans”** and with the help from all of you; we will stay focused on that exact statement. Veterans everywhere from the homeless to our veterans in the VA hospitals will get the help they so honorably deserve. No one other than our veteran should be loved and cared for more than our veterans whom have fought for our freedoms. These veterans through their remaining years will be shown nothing but support, love and mostly; thanks for their sacrifices they made when they took part in war for our country; they will never be forgotten nor will they ever be disrespected or mistreated.

The second thing I would like to address is the fires this year that put us through rough times, but we pulled through thanks to the many volunteers both in Pine Top Arizona and Sierra Vista. Through donations from California, New Mexico, National and personal donations from comrades and sisters, we as an organization saw and defeated many issues with displaced families and placement of those families into temporary homes. Both VFW Post 2364 and Post 9972 were given funds to help families through these hard times and I would especially like to thank both Bobby Price (Department Commander, California) and Abe Siaz (Department Commander, New Mexico) for going that extra mile and getting donations sent to the Department of Arizona so that we could give back to the communities a little something to show our gratitude for their service during this desperate time of

need. I am happy to report that the Department of Arizona was able to provide assistance to many families; however, our time of distress is not over. Sierra Vista due to the fires are now experiencing floods as high as three feet; breaking windows and totally flooding homes and yards with mud and debris, so donations are still needed and help is still being given. Thank you all for hanging in there and giving these two communities the helping hand they needed. It is humbling to see the communities pulling together to help their fellow neighbors.

The third comment I would like to mention is membership and programs. This year I have chosen my chairman very carefully because I believe that each of them will do an outstanding job fulfilling their obligations to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I did not choose friends; I chose the ones whom I knew had passion and a heart for their respected chairs. Please comrades and sisters; support our programs this year and let's have the best year ever!!!! With that said, I am announcing right now in this first newspaper article for all Post and District Commanders to stand up and give your best efforts ever with membership drives. I'm here to tell you that each and every Post and District Commander who makes all requirements for a White Hat; will get one. Even if I have to take the money out of my own pocket; no one will be left behind. I truly believe that if you work hard; you should be awarded; let's get 45 consecutive years in a row with 100% growth.

Before I close, I would like to take this time to tilt my hat to two comrades whom we lost this year who were both Department Commanders for this great State. The first Past Department Commander (PDC) I would like to honor is Joe F. Sotelo. He served as our Department Commander in 1953 – 1954 and although I never met this man, I did meet his son and grandson at his funeral this past May. I promised to both of them that I would honor their dad and grandpa by writing a little something so that we can remember why this State is so great. PDC Sotelo will never be forgotten; during World War II he served as an infantry point

scout in the Timberwolf Division in the European theatre where he was severely wounded during the Battle of the Bulge and received several military medals, including the Purple Heart. One of his medals was presented by President Truman himself. Both his son and grandson were so proud of him that when they told me this story; tears fell from their eyes. May God bless PDC Joe F. Sotelo and his family forever. Then there was Billie E. Stuart; also a PDC for Arizona; serving his time as Department Commander from 1989 – 1990. I did get a chance to meet this comrade and since my involvement with the Department of Arizona in 2000, PDC Stuart has been my friend and advisor. You see comrades and sisters, if it wasn't for Billie, most of us wouldn't be involved now. Billie was the greatest veteran and friend I've ever known and I loved him so. Both Billie and Joe will be in my heart; I will not let them down nor will I let the Department of Arizona down. Rest in peace Billie; I know you're watching over all of us.

In closing, again I would like to thank all of you for your help through the years as I've moved through the chairs. I will never forget the help I've received from all of you nor will I forget where I came from. VFW Post 9972 will always be my home post and I thank them for all the assistance they have provided me through the years. Some key players I would like to especially thank are Roland Fuerst, Shorty Larson, Claudie Johnson, Francis MacDonnell, Charlie Price, Ben Jacobs, Bob Curreio and Gunner Kent; for these eight comrades have taught me the most. Many lessons have been learned and I haven't forgotten one. These eight comrades are the reason I stand in front of you today with the confidence and ability to speak clearly. I look so forward to this year and it's already moving so quickly by. Although each of us might sometimes have different views about things at times, all eight comrades and I will always do what is best for this organization. Thank you again for all your support and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Your comrade in arms,
Tim Borland

State Sr. Vice Commander

Mike Ferguson, 7968 Apache Junction



Has this really been a fast moving couple of months or is it just me. After our state convention, speaking of the convention

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our convention committee and their volunteers for one outstanding job) this year is really starting to pick up speed and I'm enjoying every second of it. I believe with what's succeeded in the past, along with the new ideas/changes institutionalized by our new Commander, his line Officers and his committee chairpersons this is going to be a great fun year for the Arizona VFW and it's Auxiliaries.

If you remember in my last news article I had mentioned a couple of items that I thought would be worth investing the time to pursue for the betterment of our State VFW. While I've been traveling around our state visiting posts and attending meetings, I've had a chance to talk to many of our comrades and sisters. It's a major consensus some of these projects/events would be beneficial and more information should be gathered. I've made this my secondary mission, second only to my Sr-Vice VFW duties, to gather as much factual important information as possible to be presented to our Council of Administration. One of my duties this year is the all state judging and a few things have changed this year. I'm not going to bring everything up because all the information is in the back of Commander's roster and on our website. The main changes which will affect all posts are: We have divided the Posts into two groups to make it fairer for all posts large 450 up or small 25-450 to get 100% membership points. Secondly there's a chance for all posts to get extra points by working their citizenship programs. Getting extra credit/points for Flag raisings & holding vets in the classroom.

I've disseminated this information at district meetings but I thought it was worth letting as many of our comrades know how they can help their post. Again, it goes without saying, this is a post award, the Commander only gets to wear the cover to show how proud they are of their post. Please remember – this judging is done on a point system. Everything is worth points and the points are added up and scored from the highest to the lowest. Posts or personalities are NOT part of the judging – you can be the busiest hardworking post in the state but if the paper work isn't sent in on time – your chances go to zero. Please keep this in mind and help your commander/committee chairperson and post get their reports, audits and resumes in on time. We would like to see every post eligible make ALL State this year and years to come.

As always, if you have a question on this year's judging please don't hesitate and contact me or any line officer, we're more than willing to help. I would like to keep going but our quartermaster/editor said not to babble and I think I'm getting to that point. So, in closing I would like to say I'm learning more and more every day, enjoying meeting everyone, traveling the state visiting our VFW Posts and super excited about our VFW happenings this year. It's been a little windy around Arizona but hold on to your covers because it's nothing like the whirl winds planned for Arizona Veterans and their VFW families this year.

As I travel around our state, please make sure if you have any questions, ideas, comments talk to me about them. I'm interested and here to serve you and that's what I like to do, BEST! Yours in service and if I can ever help or be of any assistance just give me a call. Thank you for all YOU do for our Arizona VFW.

*Mike Ferguson
Arizona State Sr-Vice Commander*

State Judge Advocate

Greg Kozakiewicz, 9907 Show Low



I would like to remind all Post Commanders that the Canteens within in a VFW Post in the State of Arizona are the responsibility of the Commander of that Post along with it's Club Committee and the Post Membership and have no official standing

in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The only time the Department gets involved with incidents within the Canteen is if they bring discredit upon to Organization as a whole in which case the Department would consider requesting the State of Arizona to withdraw the license of that Canteen.

Gregory Kozakiewicz, Judge Advocate

State Jr. Vice Commander

Tony Mangine, 6790 Wellton



First of all, I would like to thank all of you who continue to support me through the chairs. I am

proud to serve as your Junior Vice Commander and will do all that I can to return your trust and support.

The Department Roster books are in the process of being delivered and please note that the rules for Community Service reporting have changed and that the Ladies Auxiliary has a separate pro-

gram. The Chairman, Lew Shutts, has outlined the CS guidelines and reporting. Please insure that after you check the boxes on the bottom of the form that you document your entry on a line above.

Be active in your Community and citizens will become aware of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and want to become a part of our great organization. If we all do our part to help TIM, we can have another banner year and make it 46 in a row.

*Tony Mangine,
State Jr. Vice Commander*

VFW National Conventions

2011 August 27-Sept 1 San Antonio, Texas
2012 July 21-26 – Reno, Nevada
2013 July 20-25 – Louisville, Kentucky
2014 July 19-24 – St. Louis, Missouri
2015 July 21-26 - Quartzsite, Arizona

State Surgeon

Bob Hysko, 9400 Sunnyslope



I want to thank everyone who supported my election to State Surgeon for 2011- 2012, and best wishes

to Roger Gowen and Lindsey Botkin who will again campaign for 2012-2013 State Surgeon.

Since being elected to State Surgeon I have been asked several times "What are the Duties of the Post Surgeon?" As per the 2010 VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Article II — Posts I Sec.218 — Officers and Chairman, Duties, and obligations. (a) Officers. (page70)

(9) Surgeon. The Post Surgeon shall perform such duties as are incident to the office or as may from time to time be required of him/her by the laws and usages of this organization or lawful orders from proper authority. (page72)

In 2007 I attended the Arizona State Convention in Laughlin, NV. Several days prior to going to the convention I began to have severe pain in my left ankle and foot. I went to the Hospital to have it examined and ex-rayed. Only to be told it wasn't broken. After the convention I went to my family

Doctor who did blood test and as a result found out that I had Gout. What is Gout? Gout is a build-up of uric acid crystals in joints which begins suddenly with painful bright red swelling in the joint space between the foot and the big toe. Symptoms last from days to weeks. The swelling results from an accumulation of inflammation fluid in the joint space.

Treatment: Gout can be treated in several ways, first by controlling your diet and eating less meats, seafood, sugar, and drinking less alcohol all which helps to increase uric acid levels in the blood. During acute attacks of Gout have your family Doctor prescribe anti-inflammatory drugs such as Indomethacin or Colchicine, ice and or heat, and drink plenty of water.

Prevention: Prevention of attacks depends on your efforts to lower uric acid levels by way of diet, weight loss, and the use of medication that blocks uric acid production or increases it's elimination from the body through the urine. Remember without good health we will be unable to continue to volunteer in this great organization.

*Yours in Comradeship,
Bob Hysko, State Surgeon
12th Evac. Hospital, Chu Chi, (1966-67)*

District 1 News

Tom vonAhlefeld 6790 Wellton



769 Quartzsite
1763 Yuma
2357 Bouse
3708 Salome

6790 Wellton
7061 Parker
8242 Yuma

First I would like to thank all the Post Commanders for their help

1. Post 769: Michael Davis, Shane Anderson, and Jeff Sorenson
2. Post 1763: Steve Scott, and John T
3. Post 2357: Wilmer Rogers
4. Post 7061: Doug Harter, and Casey Craig
5. Post 6790: Jerry Frisinger, and Larry Boyles
6. Post 3708: John Neville, Roger Crossman
7. Post 8242: Chuck Gregory, and Ron Gage

These commanders are the backbone of our district. Without them and their post, district 1 would not have done as well as we did. Each of these posts gave their 110%. I know that sometimes it is not easy, but with everyone's help it can be done. And you proved it. A very special thanks to Ron Gage, Larry Boyles, and Shane Anderson for their help in taking care of one of our posts that needed a little more help from outside. Thanks to each and everyone who went beyond just being a member. Thank you one and all.

A new year is here. I am hoping that this year will be even better than last. We all know what it takes. We can all work together

and again make that 100% membership, and participate in all the VFW programs. We can work together and do whatever it takes to become number one in the state. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Thank you for your support. I would never forget the man who always has my back. I never could do without him, Thanks for everything Tony. I could not have done as good as we did if it were not for you. I look forward to having you back this next year. Thanks again for all your help.. We shall "Lead the Way".

Tom T. VonAhlefeld,
District 1 Commander

Post 7968's "Honor Flight AZ" Recipient



Jim Johnson, Commander of Post 7968, Apache Junction accepting a photo of the cemetery on Iwo Jima taken by Robert Sherrard, with Mt. Subbacci in the background. Mr. Sherrard was on Iwo Jima with the 147th Infantry Regt. Post 7968 donated the funds to send Robert to DC as part of the "Honor Flight AZ" to visit the WWII Memorial.

District 3 News

LC Reed 1710 Phoenix



40 Avondale
285 Surprise
720 Phoenix
1433 Glendale

1710 Phoenix
2135 Peoria
3715 Phoenix
6310 Tolleson

8015 Phoenix
10695 Sun City
12098 Buckeye

Greeting comrades and sisters, First and foremost I am extremely honored to be District #3 Commander. The year has started to an utmost great start, along with the LAVFW, Men's Auxiliary and the White Tank Riders. Our first district meeting was held the 23 July 2011 at post 1433 and I would like to thank all of the Department line officers and distin-

guished guests for joining us. Our district president Susan Dore also added a new Ladies Auxiliary to district 3 at post #285. A reminder to all that district 3's next meeting has been change from post #720 Phoenix AZ. to post #1710 Phoenix AZ. Sunday October 23, 2011 at 0900 leadership training, 1000 district meeting. District #3 Motto This Year Is "Honor Bound For Our Veterans". District #3 Commander, L.C. Reed "Semper Fi"

District 2 News

Peter Fava 1709 Flagstaff



541 Prescott
1709 Flagstaff
6739 Camp Verde
6789 Window Rock

7400 Cottonwood
9632 Page
10227 Prescott Valley

Congratulations to all our new officers whether they are

Department, District or Post level. I look forward to working with you all this year.

For the past several years, I was the district adjutant for two Commanders and know that I can take on the duties and responsibilities of the Commander of district 2. I Plan to visit all the posts in my District at least once this year. I'm hoping that we can have a great year this year while meeting all our obligations and having fun while we're doing it.

In order to meet our obligations, we need to work on membership. We need to increase our younger generation membership each year to bring in new ideas and to increase the strengths that we already have. We need to mentor these younger members on what we know and at the same time encourage them to try new things. No one wants to join an organization where ideas are not taken serious or not open to new ideas. Let's invite all the younger veterans to join and welcome them into our organization. On this note, I must thank and commend all those Posts in District 2 who reached 100% in membership during the past year. I especially want to thank Comrades

Billy Weldon and Darrell Moore for the efforts in recruiting for their post and our district. Congratulations!

We have already had one District meeting and the next is scheduled for October 15 in Prescott, Post 541. At this time everyone should be working on their programs. We should be visiting the schools and talking with teachers promoting the Voice of Democracy and the Patriots Pen essay contests as well as talking with school principals to get nominations for Teacher of the Year. We should be contacting first responders agencies; law enforcement and fire departments, for nominations of the Gold Awards. Lack of bonds for our Quartermasters is not an option. And of course, we must continue with our documentation of reports! These reports are the only way that our Department and National can know all the good work you are doing. District two, let's start the 2011-2012 year off with the idea to work hard and get every report in on time and work on recruiting new members...at least three or more!

District two posts! I am a phone call or email away if you have questions or you're having problems.

Pete Fava, District 2 Commander

District 4 News

Charles Walters 9400 Sunnyslope



1760 Mesa
1796 Black Canyon
3513 Scottsdale

3591 N. Scottsdale
3632 Tempe
7507 Fountain Hills

9400 Sunnyslope
12006 Mesa
12031 Anthem

Thank you for electing me as you District 4 Commander for the 2011 -12 year . My goal is to have District 4 at 100% by March . I'm sure that , with all post cooperation this goal can be achieved . At this time I would also like to thank all the post in our district that made ALL STATE Commanders John Pletz Post 7507 Fountain Hills , Robert Mayer Post 12031 Anthem & Eric Gagamiro Post 9400 Sunnyslope . At this time I would like to thank all post Quartermasters in our district that made ALL STATE

they are Richard Taylor Post 7507 Fount Hills & Robert Hysko Post 9400 Sunnyslope . The Post that made All American this past year are Eric Gagamiro Post 9400 Sunnyslope & John Pletz Post 7507 Fountain Hills . It's a sign of good work and effort.

Do not hesitate to ask questions . If I don't know the answer I will get it for you . The biggest goal we have is recruitment and reports . As a team working together our district could be # 1 so let's all join together to make this possible.

Charles Walters ,
District 4 Commander

District 5 News

Gary Harlan 4903 Tucson



549 Tucson	3578 Ajo	10015 Tucson
1208 Tucson	4903 Tucson	10188 Tucson
2767 Mammoth	5990 Marana	10254 Three Points

In July the National 9/11 Flag toured Tucson beginning with a Flag Raising in the parking lot where Senator Gabrielle Giffords was shot. What an honor it was to help fold the Flag and prepare it for the next step in its journey.

You too can tour District 5 and enjoy our hospitality.

- Post 549 Every Thursday 5-7pm Karaoke & Snacks
- Every Friday Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. with a band to follow
- Post 1208 Refreshments served 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily
- Post 2767 Flag Retirement in conjunction with the Boy Scouts. Call for details.
- Post 3578 Pig Roast and entertainment on October 29 starting at 11 a.m.
- Post 4903 Every Friday DJ at 3 p.m. with food from 5 – 8 p.m.
- Post 5990 Patriot's Day September 11 Pot Luck from 4 – 6 p.m.
- Post 10015 Under New Management! Details to follow.
- Post 10188 Fish Fry first Friday of each month 5-7 p.m.
- Post 10254 Refreshments daily from 2 to 10 p.m. Horse Apples served on request!

Old Pueblo Chapter VFW Riders.....October 8 Challenger Little League Ride to benefit challenged youth. Contact Terry Brown at a7dtucuz@yahoo.com or (520) 248-0069.

District 5 Meeting – October 29 @ 10 a.m. VFW Post 10254 Private District 5 tours available. Contact Gary for details and prices. Special discounts for Veterans.

Thought for the day: There is no future in time travel.

District 8 News

Richard Lathrop 404 Mohave Valley



404 Mohave Valley	6306 Golden Shores	10386 Kingman
2190 Chloride	9401 Lake Havasu	10726 Parker Dam
2555 Golden Valley	9833 Dolan Springs	11014 Meadview
3516 Kingman	10005 Bullhead City	

To all the Posts and Comrades in District 8, I want to thank you all for the warm welcome I've received when I visited each Post.

District 8 is finally getting a VFW Riders Chapter. The stand-up installation is tentatively scheduled to be in September at Post 404 in Mohave Valley. I would like to invite all those interested in joining as a rider or as a supporter to attend. I will contact each Post Commander as to the exact date, so that they can pass it to their membership, so we can get the VFW District 8 Riders off to a good start.

A Service Officer School of Instruction is scheduled at the

next District 8 meeting which will be held at Post 2555 in Golden Valley on 30 October. Also, please remember to get all your necessary reports in on time to Department and to your District Chairmen as all these reports are extremely important. This year District inspections are starting in September and the schedule is currently being sent out to each Post.

All your District Officers and Chairmen are here to assist your Posts whenever you are in need of their assistance or have any questions. *Yours in Comradeship,*
Rick Lathrop,
District 8 Commander

Insurance for VFW Posts

VFW Posts have exclusive access to comprehensive insurance at competitive rates through the VFW Post Insurance Program. Insurance policies tailored to protect your Post's unique property and liability exposures including its volunteers, members, Auxiliary and home associations. The program was created under VFW guidance and is proud to be serving Posts for over 23 years!

Visit <http://www.vfwinsurance.com/PostIns.htm> or call 1-800-829-8390 for a FREE quote.

District 6 News

George Baum 9907 Show Low



1441 Miami	8807 Tonto Basin
1704 Globe	8987 Eagar
2364 Pinetop/Lakeside	9829 Payson
3584 Superior	9907 Show Low

A new year has begun for the VFW and District Six started off with possible disaster looming. I refer to the Wallow Fire which was threatening to devastate and or destroy a lot of District Six comrades, as well as numerous veterans, homes, property and businesses in the District. I am very proud to say that Pinetop-Lakeside Post 2364 stepped up and immediately offered aid and assistance to those that were evacuated. Their support was not limited to veterans, although they were their main concern. At the Council of Administration following the Department Convention, the Department of Arizona, Department of California and National, all pledged monies to help Post 2346 support our veterans. According to John Beeler, Post 2346 Quartermaster, Show Low Post 9907 and the Show Low Moose also made donations, and a total of \$17,000 was received for this effort. I know that several District Six comrades helped to fight the Wallow Fire and

many thanks to them. I also want to personally thank everyone for their efforts and donations. A lot of veterans and citizens of the White Mountains were helped during this stressful time. I hope that our veterans and comrades in the Sierra Vista area are OK and that they have also been taken care of.

District Six is in the process of forming a VFW Rider Chapter. It is one of only two districts in the state that do not have a chapter. If you are a rider or you are interested in being a supporter, please let me know and we will get you on the list of prospective members. Membership is open to Comrades, sisters of the Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Men's Auxiliary. We are very close to having enough members to form the Chapter. VFW Riders are a great resource and aid to the VFW.

I hope everyone has a good year so the Department of Arizona can remain a strong presence in the VFW.

In good comradeship, George Baum, District 6 Commander

Need Help With a VA Claim?

Jim Katzenberger VFW Service Officer
3333 N Central Ave, Ste 1049
Phoenix, AZ 85304
Phone: 602 627-3316 FAX: 602 627-3320

Life Membership is a Click Away

The Life Membership plan can be joined anytime of the year. Member is not required to be a currently paid annual member. The plan features a 12 month payment schedule. Member will elect, upon receipt of first monthly invoice to pay via CHECK, CREDIT CARD, or ACH

Age	One Time Payment	12 Month Option
30 and Younger	\$425	\$38.64
31-40	\$410	\$37.27
41-50	\$375	\$34.09
51-60	\$335	\$30.45
61-70	\$290	\$26.36
71-80	\$225	\$20.45
81 and over	\$170	\$15.45

DEBIT. An automatic payment option is available. The \$35 down payment can be made via check or credit card. (Post may accept cash) Member will receive upon processing of down payment, a provisional "Life Membership Card." A regular "Life Membership Card" will be issued upon completion of the installment payment plan. Each invoice will include a payoff amount for the member to use if paying early.

Contact your VFW Post today or you can enroll online at <http://www.vfw.org/>. To enroll by mail, call National Life Membership at 1-800-963-3180 for an enrollment form.

State Convention at Fort McDowell 2011

This year the State Convention at the Fort McDowell Casino & Resort was a tremendous success. The rooms were priced right, food options were plentiful, everything was within walking distance and VFW business was taken care of. Some were even lucky enough to win in the Casino, and those that were not that lucky, you will have a chance to redeem yourself next year. The contracts for 2012 and 2013 were signed with the Fort. Room rates for the next 2 years will be \$79/night. We are also looking for ideas for family member activities while we are in business meetings (there is a local zoo, aquatic park, golf course, etc.). This is your convention - we would like input from anyone interested in assisting and of course I will listen to your thoughts on how we can make a better convention for you next year. If you have some ideas on how we can attract our younger veterans and their families please contact Convention Chairman Dan Ferguson at danfergusonvfw@yahoo.com





Arizona VFW & Ladies Auxiliary

Present Fall Conference & Hospital Banquet

Saturday Nov. 19, 2011
 Holiday Inn Casa Grande
 777 N. Pinal Ave
 Casa Grande, AZ 85222
 520-426-3500 or 800-465-4329 Code "VFW"

Rooms - \$79.00 + Tax Single or Double
 Dinner \$25.00 or \$35.00 at the Door
 Reservation Deadline 11/11/2011

Saturday - Fall Conference 9:00am
 No Host Bar 5:00pm
 Dinner 6:00pm
 Sunday - Council of Administration Meeting 9:00am

For Dinner Tickets Mail Check to:
(make checks payable to "Dept. of AZ VFW")

Chuck Bong
 17567 W. Bridger St.
 Surprise, AZ 85388
 delilabong@hotmail.com
 H-623-925-9418
 C-623-377-0704



Veterans Travel Service, Inc.



If you are planning a trip, whether it is for business or personal, one of the member benefits is just a phone call away. Veterans Travel Service, Inc. has been working with VFW members since 1986 and can handle all your travel needs. They are experienced in every area of travel. It could be for a tour, cruise or vacation package. You receive a VFW rebate when booking with Veterans Travel Service. If you need help with airline tickets, their expertise might be the ticket you need; although they charge service fees, the savings will usually far outweigh the cost of the fee. So if you're travelling soon, call them at (800) 325-9377. They are located in the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters, and their personal service is something to be appreciated these days!

Don't be a Victim to Phone Fraud

Every year, thousands of consumers in the United States lose tens of billions of dollars to telemarketing fraud.

The quickest way to shut down a scam is to ask them to send you some written information. If they are a legitimate charity or company they likely have whole departments that can fulfill your request. When things are in writing you can make sound decisions, which isn't what they want. Taking action now with your parents, elderly friends or other contacts can go a long way toward protecting them in the future. A discussion or two about the hazards of scams can do more for these people than helping them get back on track after they've already become victims.

When people call requesting anything, question them, and do not offer any personal information over the phone. You can limit the number of telemarketing calls you receive by placing your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry by calling 1-888-382-1222 from the number you wish to register. If you feel that you have been part of a scam, contact the Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne (602) 542-4266, 1275 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007 <http://www.azag.gov/>. If you have any questions please call us at Dept. Headquarters. 480-941-5258

Ladies Auxiliary President, Sheila Shutts



Comrades of the Veterans of Foreign Wars - Department of Arizona.....I wish to extend my hand in friendship. We are united in love for our country, and we share a purpose that only you can truly understand! Serving our veterans, active military, and their families is a calling and the National President for the Ladies Auxiliary VFW has issued a challenge that each of us Step-Up and Leave No Veteran

Behind (this is easy)....for YOU Inspire Us to Excellence!

As Department President for 2011-2012 I can promise to work beside the comrades on all levels. Commander Borland and I share the same goal and that is for Arizona to be the best that we can be! So I encourage all of us to make an extra effort, volunteer an extra bit each week to make the VFW & LAVFW in Arizona the shining gold star that it is! That star represents the Copper State, but in my heart it represents our Arizona Veterans.

"No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection."

Department of Arizona Proposed Schedule

The following is the proposed Department schedule for the upcoming months. Please check with the respective Chairmen and/or Posts in the event of changes or cancellations.

September 2011

- 10 - State President Homecoming @ 10005 Bullhead City
- 10 - Cootie Steak Fry @ Prescott VA Hospital
- 11 - District 1 Meeting @ Post 7061 Parker 11am
- 15-18 - National Commanders Homecoming Quincy, MA
- 22-25 - National Presidents Homecoming Sacramento, CA

October 2011

- 01 - District 10 Steak Fry @ 3713 Collidge 5:00pm
- 09 - District 7 Meeting @ 10432 Huachuca City 11am
- 13-16 - National Jr. Vice Conference @ Kansas City, MO
- 15 - District 2 Meeting @ 541 Prescott 11am
- 16 - District 10 Meeting @ 9399 Apache Jct. 10am
- 23 - District 3 Meeting @ 285 Surprise 10am
- 29 - District 5 Meeting @ 10254 Three Points 10am
- 29 - District 6 Meeting @ 3584 Superior 10am
- 30 - District 8 Meeting @ 2555 Golden Valley 11am

November 2011

- 04-06 - Western Conference Ogden, Utah
- 05 - District 4 Meeting @ 1796 Black Canyon City 10am
- 13 - District 1 Meeting @ 769 Quartzsite 11am
- 19 - Hospital Banquet Holiday Inn Casa Grande
- 20 - State C of A Meeting Holiday Inn Casa Grande 9am

December 2011

- 03 - District 2 Meeting @ 7400 Cottonwood 11am
- 10 - District 10 VOD/PP Banquet @ 9399 Apache Jct. 5pm
- 17 - VA Christmas Party @ Prescott VA
- 17 - VA Christmas Party @ Tucson VA

January 2012

- 08 - District 7 Meeting @ 9977 Pierce 11am
- 08 - District 10 Meeting @ 7401 Chandler 10am
- 10 - District 10 Steak Fry @ 1677 Casa Grande 5pm
- 14 - VOD Banquet Holiday Inn Casa Grande
- 15 - State C of A Meeting Holiday Inn Casa Grande 9am
- 21 - District 6 Meeting @ 9829 Payson Elks 10am
- 21 - Cootie C of A / Homecoming
- 28 - District 5 Meeting @ 10188 Tucson 10am
- 28 - District 10 Steak Fry @ 1677 Casa Grande 5pm
- 29 - District 8 Meeting @ 10726 Parker Dam 11am

State Service Officer

Jim Katzenberger, 285 Surprise



Let me introduce myself, I am Jim Katzenberger USN (Ret) VFW Life Member and I was appointed your Department of Arizona Service Officer in March.

I have made Phoenix and the Valley of the Sun my home for over 50 years. I attended elementary and high school in northwest Phoenix. After high school I served one hitch in the US Navy (1963-1967). I returned to Phoenix and spent 13+ years in law enforcement (Phoenix Police & Maricopa County Sheriff's Office) In 1980 I reenlisted in the US NAVY and retired from the US NAVY after 21 years of service.

Towards the end of my Navy career I became involved with the Fleet Reserve Association (Life Member) and after my retirement I was asked to be the local branch's Service Officer. I have held every office on the local and regional (department) level including Southwest Regional President (Western Conference Commander) covering west Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, southern Nevada and southern California. I have been appointed to numerous national committees and served one term on the National Board of Directors. I am an accredited National Service Officer with the FRA.

In 1997 I joined the American Legion (Paid Up For Life) and a few months later became the post's service officer. At the post level I have held every office (chair) including Post Commander. I have been a service officer at the post, district, area and department level. I served as the service officer for

the VA hospital in Phoenix for over 5 years. I am an accredited service officer with the American Legion.

In 2005 I went to work as a Veterans' Benefits Counselor for the Arizona Department of Veterans Services. I worked out of the VA Regional Office and then in 2006 I opened a satellite office at the VAMC northwest clinic in Sun City. I was there until October 2008 and then moved to the newly opened Maricopa County Workforce Center in Avondale. Unfortunately in February 2009 the State had a major budget crunch and five ADVS offices were closed including mine.

I stayed busy volunteering as a post and district service officer working for two (2) years out of American Legion Post 62 in Peoria.

Since March the VFW Service Office has gone through a transition due to a change of personnel. Terry Dalton has retired, John Pfeiffer had to leave because of medical reasons and Lisa Miller accepted employment elsewhere.

The office now consists of: myself, Department Service Officer; Michelle Markwood, Administrative Assistant; Bill Whiddon, Assistant Service Officer and Bev Pemberton, claims consultant.

We have been very busy assisting veterans and their families file claims and getting up to speed on the various claims that are either pending or are in the appeal process.

If you are in the neighborhood stop in for a cup of coffee and say hello. *Vets Helping Vets,*

Jim Katzenberger, State Service Officer

Veterans of Foreign Wars Help Fire Victims in Arizona

As all of you know since June 12th, the Sierra Vista and White Mountain communities have been gravely affected by the wild fires and the devastation it has left in its path. Many Veterans have lost their homes and property in the fires. Due to the intensity of the fire and the 50mph winds they were evacuated on very short notice taking with them only important documents, a few changes of clothes, and that is all. Victims of the fires find themselves with nothing, and no insurance to replace anything they have lost. God Bless everyone who has helped support the veterans of these communities during this tragedy. John Beeler from VFW Post 2364 in Pinetop and John MacDuffee from VFW

Post 9972 in Sierra Vista coordinated the relief efforts at each fire area. Thanks to a generous donation of \$10,000.00 from the Department of California, \$15,000.00 from VFW National Headquarters, and cash donations from individual posts across the state (\$100.00 from New Mexico Post 3317) Beeler & MacDuffee have helped many VFW members, Ladies auxiliary, Men's auxiliary, widows and Veterans with cash supplements during and after the evacuations. Food boxes were also passed out in the Alpine area. The VFW has stepped in to make a small difference in the lives of the fire evacuees. Keep them in your prayers that they may return to a normal life at home again.

Voice Of Democracy & Patriots Pen

Scholarship Program Banquet

Saturday January 14, 2012
Holiday Inn Casa Grande
 777 N. Pinal Ave
 Casa Grande, AZ 85222
 520-426-3500 800-465-4329 Rate Code "VFW"

Room for 2 people with breakfast \$79.00 + Tax

1600hrs (4:00 pm) Students/Parents/District Commanders & Presidents Reception in the Citrus Room (Pictures)
 1700hrs (5:00 pm) No host cocktails
 1800hrs (6:00 pm) Dinner

Buffet Dinner ONLY \$25.00
 Make Checks Payable to: **VFW Dept. of AZ**
 Mail to: **Tom T. von Ahlefeld**
9351 E. 28th Street
Yuma, AZ 85365
928-271-9988

C of A Meeting is Sunday at 9:00am

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OUTSTANDING SERVICE OFFICERS

We would like to hear about the hard work your Post and Department service officers are doing. If you would like to see them receive some much-deserved recognition, send us a brief note explaining why.

Please send information to:

Checkpoint

Attn: Outstanding Service Officers

406 W. 34th Street

Kansas City, MO 64111

(816) 968-1171 tdyhouse@vfw.org

VFW Veterans HELPLINE (800) VFW-1899

75 Years and Counting



Post 3516-Kingman receives the 75 Year Award. So far, four VFW Posts has been given this honorable award for 75 years in operation. In order of muster is the following: VFW Post 426-Douglas, VFW Post 1710-Phoenix, VFW Post 1677-Casa Grande and VFW Post 3516-Kingman. Congratulations to all.

She Serves & Military Women's Advocacy

Please contact me if you have a home coming so I can attend. I'm here for any recruiting or help for Women Veterans. If any Women Veteran has any Ideas, comments or complaints that you would like me to bring up at the National Convention in TX, Please contact me. Thank you for your services.

Donna Holloway, Military Women's Advocacy

Donna Holloway
 PO Box 1651
 Show Low AZ 85902
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VFW Partners in Patriotism



Have you heard about VFW's Partners in Patriotism? – It is a realization that not everyone wants to receive our mailings but would still like to support the VFW's programs. This is why we developed Partners in Patriotism. Partners in Patriotism is a planned giving program that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate unwanted mail. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card, or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in this option, please contact VFW Development Department at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email us at partners@vfw.org with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

One reason the Military Services have trouble operating jointly is that they don't speak the same language. For example, if you told Navy personnel to "secure a building," they would turn off the lights and lock the doors. The Army would occupy the building so no one could enter. Marines would assault the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat. The Air Force, on the other hand, would take out a three-year lease with an option to buy.

Commander Borland's Homecoming in Sierra Vista

Come and enjoy the festivities of our new state commander Tim Borland's Homecoming. Our theme is Margaritaville "It's Five O-Clock Somewhere"

FRIDAY, 16 March 2012: Steak Dinner at VFW Post 9972 for only \$8.00 a plate (Members Only) and \$9.00 a plate (Non-Member & Guests). Dinner Starts at 05:00pm and ends at 07:30pm. There will be entertainment that night with plenty of fun and dancing.

SATURDAY, 17 March 2012:

07:00 AM – Handicap Golf Tournament at Ft. Huachuca's Golf Course. This is a handicap tournament so please bring your handicaps with you or provide them on the registration form. If you have never played before and honestly have not, then we will ensure you get the proper handicap. This tournament is for all of us to relax and enjoy the company of other veterans and family members of veterans. This tournament is open to everyone, VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary and family members. For more information on the Golf tournament, go to www.vfwpost9972.org and click on information tab. Also, donations are needed to sponsor a hole for this golf tournament; minimal donation of \$100. This is a great opportunity for your VFW Post or Ladies Auxiliary to be recognized for your generous donations. Donation forms are also on the VFW Post 9972's Website. Please register your team ASAP; for we will only be entering 18 teams.

11:00am - Lindsey Botkin and Dan Ferguson will be selling tickets for the Homecoming at the door of the VFW. Bar opens in the back at **5:00pm**, Canteen in the front is open all day!

6:00pm - State and Post Color Guard along with the VFW Rangers will post Colors; Dinner will start after the posting of the Colors. (Dinner will be a Hawaiian Style Buffet)! Dress is casual, if you have a Hawaiian Shirt where it. Where shorts if you like, just relax!

7:00pm: Band will start. They can play almost any song you request. Bring your dancing shoes or go barefoot; just have fun!

8:15pm - Commander's opening of gifts. In addition to the band in the back, there is also Karaoke with Terry in the front bar from 8:00pm to?

SUNDAY, 18 July 2012 – The best Breakfast in town.

08:00am – 11:30am: If your birthday is in March, the breakfast is on us. If not, breakfast runs anywhere between \$2.00 up to \$5.30 depending on what you order. We have a full menu to choose from.

Banquet tickets are \$15.00 each or \$25 per couple. Please make reservations early so we can get a good head count on how many dinners are to be served. Send all checks to:

Lindsey Botkin, 2512 N. Calle Siete, Huachuca City, AZ 85616
 Ear mark in memo section "Homecoming Banquet 2012" and make checks payable to VFW Post 9972; or email Dan Ferguson with your name and how many guests plan to attend. Dan will keep a database so that when you arrive, you can pay at the door that day. Dan's email address is: danfergusonvfw@yahoo.com, put on the Subject line (ATTN: State Commander's Homecoming Banquet Tickets).

The following motels will be available at discounted rates:

America's Best Value - 50 rooms blocked (One block and a half from Post)
 1 bed 2 people \$57.99
 2 beds \$67.99
 Phone # 520-459-5380; Code "VFW"
 Cut off and rooms go back to motel 1 March 2012

Windermere Hotel - 50 rooms blocked (Four Miles from Post)
 \$75.00 per night; Hot Breakfast Every Morning
 Phone: 520-459-5900; Ref. # 57652 Code "VFW"
 Cut off- Feb.15th, 2012

Super 8 - 50 rooms available 201 W. Fry Blvd. (Behind the alley and across the Street)
 Starting rate at \$45.00 + tax; with tax total cost is \$50.65
 Contact # 520-458-6711 Code: VFW
 Cut Off- Feb. 15th, 2012

10 free non-hookup RV spots beside the VFW for parking and if an Elk, there are 12 - 14 spots at the Elks Lodge for \$12 a night with hookups. All rooms are to be reserved by 15 February 2012 or they will go back to the motel and rooms will only be available at regular rates with first come depending on availability.

Everyone who is selling Tim's Homecoming Pins, all money needs to be sent with all checks being made out to Sierra Vista VFW Post 9972 and in memo please State H/C Pins; to:

Lindsey Botkin, 2512 N. Calle Siete, Huachuca City, AZ. 85616

"Who cares if a laser guided 500 lb bomb is accurate to within 9 feet?"

State Chaplain

Janie Miller, 12043 Maricopa



It is the new year and I have to start out by thanking all my fellow Comrades who again voted for me for State Chaplain and had confidence in me to fulfill this job. For those who did not vote for me: I hope that I will live up to the high standards that you expect and be able to convince you that voting for me wasn't such a bad choice after all.

For those who were elected Chaplains at both levels: First of all, thank you for taking up this important job. I wish you (and all officers) a great Arizona year!!!! As to business: The report form has received a few cosmetic changes but reporting as such has not changed. Reports are to be sent to Department NLT 10th of each month. This also applies to District Chaplains. I have distributed a packet for each of you to each

District Commander at the Flying Squadron following the Incoming CofA. If you have not received it, please call your Commanders first.

It appears that there was some confusion about the input for Department Chaplains of the Year because I received only a total of 4 (!!!) letters. To prevent confusion next year, I have made up a form for Commanders to use. The system will be similar to the All-State Resume: no form >>> no award.

Please take care of all who need assistance: visit veterans – both in hospitals and at home – regardless whether they are VFW members or not, attend the Christmas Parties at all VA Hospitals and the VA Home. And as a quote for the start: How you spend your time is more important than how you spend your money. Money mistakes can be corrected; Time is gone forever (D. Norris)

Joe F. Sotelo, (2/25/1919 - 5/20/2011) First AZ All-American State Commander 1953-54 Billie Stuart, (1/14/1932 - 5/10/2011) State Commander 1989-90

TAPS



*May These
Heroes
Rest in
Peace*

40 Avondale

- Nick Sciortino
- 285 Surprise**
- Jon Peltier
- 549 Tucson**
- Harry Connick
- Joseph Fitch
- Walter Haag
- Jordan Knutson
- Grady Koonce
- Clarence Lovell
- Jorge Pro
- Ross Swinford
- John Tyszkiewicz
- Juan Ybarra
- 720 Phoenix**
- Jeffrey Kurtzman
- Herb Lieb
- Dennis O'Neil
- Darrell Ostrander
- Thomas Screnci
- Robert Tremont

769 Quartzsite

- Arliss Barton
- Michael Berryman
- James Dolecki
- Leroy Sunderland
- Harlow Vindedahl
- 836 Bisbee**
- James Metzler
- 1208 Tucson**
- Charles Brown
- 1433 Glendale**
- Alfred Howard
- Gerald Rowe
- Charles Shields
- Nevin Weikel
- Bruno Woltmann
- 1441 Miami**
- Joe Sotelo
- 1677 Casa Grande**
- Frank Bridges
- 1763 Yuma**
- Victor De Porto
- 2135 Peoria**
- Alfred Smith
- 2357 Bouse**
- John Nagle
- 2555 Golden Valley**
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- Renald Labreoque
- 3513 Scottsdale**
- Art Mc Cullough
- Kenneth Stewart
- 3516 Kingman**
- Thomas Murray
- Lester Rydberg
- Rey Suchanek

3584 Superior

- Ernesto Chiquete
- Salvador Fontes
- George Mariscal
- Benito Medina
- Leon Poe
- Mike Zavala
- 3632 Tempe**
- Cleiborn Booker
- Toby Clement
- Stephen Kadoich
- Joseph Kimmye
- 4903 Tucson**
- Dick Purvis
- 5990 Marana**
- Manuel Bernal
- Harold Cress
- 6271 Benson**
- Elliott Bray
- Douglas Ponsford
- 6306 Golden Shores**
- Gary Carlisle
- Jack Robbins
- 6310 Tolleson**
- Frank Palladino
- 6739 Camp Verde**
- Charles Boyles
- 7400 Cottonwood**
- George Adams
- Fred Dutner
- 7401 Chandler**
- Steve Brinza
- Manuel Garcia
- Clarence Irvin
- 7968 Apache Jct.**
- Robert Chandler

Eberhard Eiyneck

- Albert Haller
- Hank Mc Kay
- Joe Weaver
- 8015 Phoenix**
- Ronald Castle
- 8053 Sun Lakes**
- Burton Johnston
- R Jones
- Owen Miller
- Charles Painter
- Kenneth Reinig
- 8242 Yuma**
- Charles Baker
- Curtis Breaan
- Gerard Harrigan
- Warren Hemphill
- Verlon Kiehn
- Liland Mc Kibbin
- Ralph Palmer
- James Ridenour
- Thurmon Rutherford
- Raphel Walters
- Harry Wildhaber
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- 8987 Eagar**
- Horace Lansdon
- 9399 Apache Jct.**
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- Fred Miller
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- Fred Krenkler
- 9829 Payson**
- A Hamilton
- 9833 Dolan Springs**
- Charles Stella
- 9907 Show Low**
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- 9972 Sierra Vista**
- Robert Castor
- Francis Dull
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- Louis Rubsamen
- Robert Wooten
- 9977 Sunsites**
- Andrew Beasley
- 10005 Bullhead**
- Michael Ettinger
- Robert Hess
- 10188 Tucson**
- Daniel Henry
- Robert Hood
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- 10386 Kingman**

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- Harry May
- Rodney Nolen
- C Tull
- Irvin Waldo
- Clay Young
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- Melvin Thomsen
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- Robert Sherer
- Harold Turner
- Stephen Yuhasz

No Cost Accidental Death Policy From the VFW

All VFW members in good standing are insured under the VFW National Sponsored \$1,000 Personal Accident Protection Plan at no cost to the member.

Benefits are payable in the event of an accidental death or dismemberment. This policy includes a \$1,500 travel rider in the event the member should pass away due to an accident while traveling as a paid passenger in a

bus, plane, train, etc. Benefits reduce at ages 70 and 75.

A copy of the duplicate certificate is located on our website at <http://www.vfwinsur-ance.com/PAPP.htm>. All questions about this policy can be directed to the VFW Insurance Administrator at 1-800-626-0027, including how to file a claim.

Many posts mistakenly tell their mem-

bers that they have a free life insurance policy through the VFW; however, this is not life insurance, rather it is an accidental death and dismemberment policy.

Information about all VFW National insurance plans can be found at www.vfwinsur-ance.com. Please pass this information to all post members. We thank you for supporting the National Programs.

Post 10254 Three Points



The VFW Rangers of Post 10254 presented the Colors during the Memorial Day Parade in the Tucson Estates Parade, 30 May 2011.



May 30th 2011 Memorial Day, District 5 Commander and Mrs. Gary Harland are joined by Jessica, Terri and Makayla Udovich at the Post 10254 War Memorial to pay homage to past veterans. The children of Comrade Chris Udovich assisted in decorating the flags of the memorial.

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Surprise Firefighter Receives National Award



Receiving the VFW National Firefighter Award, from left to right, Captain Robert Cromer, VFW Post Sr Vice Commander Richard White, Post Commander Frank Amichetti. Photo courtesy of Michael Eimer Photography.

Every year each Veterans of Foreign Wars Post seeks nominations for Firefighter of the Year recognition from their local Fire Department. In the fall of 2010 Surprise, AZ. Fire Chief Michael White recommended Captain Robert Cromer. Surprise VFW Post 285 recognized Captain Cromer's achievements with a plaque and forwarded his citation to District Three where, in competition with the other VFW Posts in the District, Captain Cromer's nomination was selected for the Department (State) wide competition. The Department Judges chose Captain Cromer, over the other eight District's nominees, to represent Arizona at the National level.

At the VFW Department of Arizona Convention in June 2011 the National Commander-in-Chief

Richard L. Eubank presented to Post 285, for Captain Cromer, a "VFW Firefighter of the Year Award", personally signed by Commander-in-Chief Eubank and his Adjutant General Alan "Gunner" Kent.

On June 30, 2011 at the Surprise Fire Department's Quarterly Awards Meeting Captain Cromer was presented his National Award by VFW Post 285 Commander Frank Amichetti and Senior Vice Commander Richard White. The significance of this award was perhaps best stated by one of the firefighters after the ceremony, "Captain Cromer has rightfully earned the high honor of this award, but it also reflects positively on every member of the Department and makes us all very proud."

Folding of Colors in Tucson



District 5 Commander Gary Harlan, Tucson VFW members and the Tucson Fire Department all pitch in to fold a very LARGE flag in Tucson.