

# Buckeye Post 12098 11/13/2010



New members of Buckeye Post 12098 and State Commander Dennis Dole ham it up for the State Photographer George Leon.



State Commander Dennis Dole congratulates Post 12098 Commander Bill Whiddon on the formation of the new Post.

On Saturday November 13, 2010 Arizona's NEW Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12098 was properly installed by AZ State Commander Dennis Dole according to National ritual and By-Laws at the Buckeye Arizona Army National Guard Recruiting Depot. The VFW Riders marked the occasion with a contingent from the

Thunder Mountain Chapter and VFW Tolleson Post 6310 honored all with their Color Guard. Charter members include **Johnnie R Albert, Jeffrey W Becker, Steven W Birch, Craig S Bosley, Kenneth R Brockman, Jessica Burnett, David Carrasao, Jerome A Combs, Alfred J Cowell, Ronald Cox, Joe Federico,**

**Robert M Fletcher, Richard E Grijalva, Benjamin L Mullett, Steven J Prince, Richard S Sade, Robert Sneed, Theodore P Teichgraber, M J Thomas, Reynaldo Trejo, Joshua T Troutman, and Thomas M Williams.** The Post will hold their monthly meetings on the second Thursday at the Buckeye Elks Lodge.



## Commander-in-Chief Eubank Stops Political Action Committee (PAC) Cold



Dear Comrades:  
As you know, in light of the VFW- PAC endorsements I, along with my leadership team, clearly expressed our deepest concerns to the PAC regarding the negative impact its recent endorsements were having on the organization. We expressed our grave concerns relating to the selection process that, in our opinion, were unintentionally biased toward the incumbent and as a result, patently unfair.

Although the VFW PAC Board of Directors was aware of the magnitude of outrage their decision process had produced among VFW members and supporters, they failed to acknowledge the urgings made by VFW leadership and disregarded the request to rescind all

current political endorsements.

In the end, the process and decisions made by PAC failed to represent the best interest of VFW members. The decisions of a relative few have significantly failed the organization and could ultimately hinder the ability of the VFW to fulfill its mandate of service to our nations' veterans, service members and their families.

For many generations the VFW and its many missions of service have withstood the sands of time. What our members have accomplished for so many years for many people has never been predicated upon loyalty to any political party, persuasion or philosophy. The VFW does not and will not enter the political arena nor embroil itself in partisanship by providing endorsements for political candidates.

Consequently, I have expeditiously moved forward during this critical juncture and have taken significant steps to correct the nega-

tive impact this situation is having on the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to regain the trust of our loyal members and supporters. As Commander-in-Chief, I propose to offer a resolution to amend the by-laws at the 112th National Convention for the purpose of dissolving the PAC. Meanwhile, under the authority granted to me as Commander-in-Chief in section 619 of the VFW National By-Laws and under section 620 of the Manual of Procedure I have withdrawn all PAC appointments effective October 15, 2010, thus effectively rendering the PAC inoperable.

The VFW- PAC was created by VFW members and not by VFW national leaders. This is exercised through the VFW convention as the governing body of the organization. As such, it is only the delegates at the convention that can determine the continued existence of the PAC. *Sincerely,*  
Richard Eubank, VFW National Commander

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From the State Commander *Dennis Dole, 769 Quartzsite*  
**VFW Family Pride**



Comrade's,  
 It seems like we were just installed and now we have six months left.

The Department of Arizona has had some real positive things happen so far. We have installed a new Post in Buckeye, have people excited about starting 2 more Posts, 1 in Chino Valley and 1 in Williams. We wish them good luck in the endeavors.

Community Service Chairman Ron Gage has done an excellent job in exciting our Posts to File their Community Service reports. The Bi-annual report has been sent to national and you have amassed 121,736 hours and spent over \$704,000 in helping our communities and serving our veterans. What just an excellent job. Keep it up through the remainder of the year and the State of Arizona can set a record for Community Service.

Buddy Poppies that have been purchased by our Posts and Auxiliaries have reached 152,000+ for the first half. We are #1 in our Division, #2 in the Western Conference and #4 in the Nation. We still have Memorial Day Coming so please order more and get out and work the Buddy Poppy Program. Remember that to qualify for All State you have to order

5 poppies per member so place that order today. If you have any questions concerning the Poppy Contest at State Convention please contact Chuck Bong the Chairman.

From the information I have the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen entrants have exceeded expectations and the Chairmen have had a difficult Job in choosing the Recipients of this years awards. We will be looking forward to you joining us in Casa Grande for the Banquet and enjoy hearing from our National Representative, Junior Vice Commander in Chief John Hamilton.

Currently our membership is running behind last years December 1 total. We did meet the 85% goal set by National for Oct 31 but we need to pick-up our recruiting and retention efforts. We will be unveiling a new membership Awards Program at the Post level during the Council of Administration Meeting on January 16, 2011 in Casa Grande. We will also have an announcement on the Reinstate Arizona Jump Start Program outlined at State Convention last June.

You do not have to be a State, District or Post officer to attend a CofA. Come an join us on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.

*Yours in Service,*  
*Dennis Dole, State Commander*

From the Ladies Auxiliary President *Pauline Servin, 1677 Casa Grande*



2010 is coming to an end. We still have many things to accomplish and goals to reach by working together. Let's put aside our differences. Use your great ideas, keeping the good work in giving "Hope" to veterans and their families.

Our National President, Cortina Barnes, will be visiting Arizona January 27, 28 and 29, 2011. Auxiliaries that wish to give a monetary "Love" gift should send

it to Department Treasurer, Nancy Kane. I wish to thank all the Sisters for giving me the opportunity to attend the Statue of Liberty's 124th birthday celebration. The weather was great. (I ordered the sunshine. Ha!)

Remember our Troops at all times, especially during the Holidays. It is my wish that everyone will be with their families for a great holiday. Continue giving "Hope" to our Veterans and Families. We are United by Love for Our Veterans and Country.

**State Sr. Vice Commander**  
*Tim Borland, 9972 Sierra Vista*



To everyone who reads this; thank you very much for what you do for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Just recently I attended the Western Conference where I met many other honorable Veterans and family members of Veterans to where I've definitely realized why we all do this; at least I have. Without question, taking care of Veterans and working for Veterans the rest of my life is now my calling in life. I absolutely love Veterans and this country so my promise to you is to continue working hard to get the help that Veterans and their families deserve. With that said, one of my promises to you is to continue to promote VA assistance so without further ado, let us talk once again about the Vietnam Veteran.

Recently and ongoing, the Department of Veterans Affairs has begun distributing disability benefits

to Vietnam Veterans in all SERVICES who qualify for compensation under recently liberalized rules for Agent Orange exposure. An example of this is a friend of mine whom is a Life Member of 9972 and of the American Legion Post 52 in Sierra Vista. This friend served during time of War in Vietnam while serving both in Blue and Brown waters while serving for the U.S. Navy. Over and over again, this comrade was refused compensation from Prostate Cancer that he believed was service connected and the cause from exposure to Agent Orange. I told this comrade to not give up and to continue filing because he and anyone else who has been exposed to this agent should get compensation for it. Well, I saw my friend a couple of weeks ago and he wanted to thank me for encouraging him every day not to give up; he got his compensation

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## State Jr. Vice Commander

*Mike Ferguson, 7968 Apache Junction*



Hoping everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and spent time with loved ones. My adventure in the State Offices has and is becoming more exciting every day. After going to Kansas City to the National Junior Vice Training Conference, I came back very excited to get started working for you, Arizona Vets and their families. I learned a lot in the few days I was there and met many of our counterparts in the Kansas City office. One thing I did find out and confirmed (before I went I wasn't real sure) is everyone I met in Kansas City is very eager to help us in anyway they can. Therefore, I'm happy to pass on - if the question is there - don't be afraid to call for an answer - they're waiting on your call. Also, did you know you can stop all the donation materials you get at home by sending this one form making a yearly donation? I have always heard this, but never got or found the form. If you haven't got this form (like me) - I'll have it with me the next time we meet, please remind me by asking for it. I'm looking forward to passing out as much of this information on to you as I can as I travel

through out the state to Posts and Districts meetings. One last thing as Jr-Vice I'm here to help you in anyway I can so, please feel free to call or email me any time.

As National Military Services chairman, I would like to remind you, the National Office is asking for donations from all of us this year. From each Post, District (this is new \$50.00) and Department these donations will be part of your mission to earn a white hat for you & your Post. They're asking for a fundraiser to be held or you can donate through your relief fund but one or the other has to be done. Please send ALL donations through our State Quartermaster - making the check out to Department with notation in bottom left corner for NMS. Thanks for your help on getting this mission completed. If you have any questions, again, please feel free to call or email me.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and may the year be filled with happiness, joy and good health. Earning your support as your Sr-Vice Commander 2011-2012.

*Honored to be serving you,  
Mike Ferguson  
Jr-Vice Commander 2010-2011*

State Jr. Vice Commander Mike Ferguson and State Sr. Vice Commander Tim Borland brainstorming for another great year for the Department of Arizona VFW. Last year the Department met its 100% membership goal for 43 consecutive years, a record unmatched by any other VFW Department across the country and abroad.



## Veterans in Office

At the start of the 111th Congress of 2009-2010, only 25% of U.S. senators and 21.6% of U.S. representatives had served at least some period in military uniform (active duty, Guard, or Reserve). That percentage has been declining steadily since it peaked at 74% for the House (1969-70) and 78% for the Senate (1977-78). The decline will continue when the newly minted 112th Congress takes office next year. In the new Senate, there will be 25 vets, including four military retirees - the same figures as the 111th Congress. Senators Mark Kirk (R-IL), Scott Brown (R-MA), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) are currently serving National Guard or Reserve members. In the House, a whopping 98 seats turned over. Among incoming freshmen, 22 are veterans, including four military retirees. Rep Steve Stivers (R-OH) and Reps-elect Tim Griffin (R-AR), Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), Steven Palazzo (R-MS), and Joe Heck (R-NV) are currently serving in the National Guard or Reserve. The new House will have a total of 87 veterans (20% of voting members), including 10 military retirees -- down from 94 vets at the start of the 111th Congress.

## State Judge Advocate

*Tony Mangine, 6790 Wellton*



As the Vice Chairman of the Homecoming Committee, I want to let everyone know that a flyer will be published shortly outlining all of the information necessary for reservations, hotels and activities for the Commander's Homecoming celebration on Saturday, March 19, 2011. The festivities

scheduled for Post 8242, Yuma will allow everyone the opportunity to enjoy meeting active duty Marines, Army and National Guard members and their families. We will have live entertainment and a great buffet for all to enjoy. The tickets will be very reasonably priced and will be available at the next Council of Administration in January. Make your plans now to attend. *Tony Mangine, State Judge Advocate*

## State Surgeon

*Greg Kozakiewicz, 9907 Show Low*



Well here it is the end of November and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you "Happy Holidays". The time has sure flown by. I had a wonderful time at "Operation Kids", Chuck Bong and Mike Ferguson did a fine job. It was my first time at this event, but I am sure it will not be my last, the kids and staff were amazing. I spent several days in District 2 going around to most of the Posts in the Prescott and Cottonwood area, even got caught in a hail storm. If you haven't been to the new Prescott Valley Post home yet, you are missing one of the nicest views in the area, not to mention the friendliness of the members.

My plans for November fell apart due to a viral infection, but did get to have the pleasure of

being with Commander Dole and Adjutant Thomas at the dedication of the Veterans Service Center at Glendale Community College. Through the efforts of our State Commander and by way of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation, 2 computers were donated to the Center so that families could be in contact with there loved ones overseas. This was the first Veterans Service Center established on the campus of a college in the Maricopa Community College System and will hopefully become the model for others to come. If you are in the area stop by the Veterans Service Center and meet the staff, most of which are young veterans volunteering to help fellow veterans, boy does the last part sound familiar. Well that's it for now and I sincerely hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Gregory Kozakiewicz, Department Surgeon*

## State Inspector *Frank Page 7968 Apache Junction*



Comrades, with half the year gone already, we should be well on our way to a smooth operation. Well that's not exactly true. A couple Posts are struggling with trying to maintain good leadership. I don't have the answers but I do believe that too often we forget the words at the beginning of our Ritual, when the Commander says "Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations." If we're going to continue as the largest combat veterans organization in the country,

we must improve our co-operation. Remember, the only real loser when we have Internal strife, is the Veterans of Foreign Wars. O.K. enough preaching and bellyaching, now for some good news. Over half of the Posts and Districts have been inspected, and by the time this newspaper gets out we should be almost finished. With the exception of a few minor problems Arizona appears to be in pretty good shape. So lets put our backs into it just a little bit harder and help our Department Commander to have a memorable year. *Yours in Comradeship, Frank V. Page, State Inspector*

## District 3 News

*Bobby Jones 8015 Phoenix*



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285 Wickenburg  
720 Phoenix  
1433 Glendale

1710 Phoenix  
2135 Peoria  
3715 Phoenix  
6310 Tolleson

8015 Phoenix  
10695 Sun City

Greeting Comrades, Sisters and Friends of Arizona VFW District 3, I come to you with a warm and sincere wish that your holidays are going well! As of the date of this writing District 3 is doing well in working all of its required programs. Our VOD Banquet will be held at Post 720 on 11 December 2010. All posts have been active in their respective communities as well as at the VA Phoenix Nursing home, playing Bingo with our fellow veterans living there. Our upcoming events include Post 6310 having a post appreciation dinner on 12 Feb 2011 at Post 720, District

Meeting on 26 Feb 2011 at Post 8015, training at 0900 AM, meeting at 1000 AM and Post 1710 will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary during the week of 20-26 March 2011. The District will be hosting its Buddy Poppy Ball and second Annual Buddy Poppy Ball Queen Contest on 05 March 2011 at Post 720 (POC: CMDR John "Skip" Sims) and all is welcome to come out and attend. Every Post in district 3 always has events going on so please contact the local post. Finally, I would like to welcome the newest post in the state and district 3, VFW Post Buckeye 12098 and all its comrades to the spirit of "VFW Family Pride" in Arizona.

## District 4 News

*George Baker 9400 Sunnyslope*



1760 Mesa  
1796 Black Canyon  
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3591 N. Scottsdale  
3632 Tempe  
7507 Fountain Hills

9400 Sunnyslope  
12006 Mesa  
12031 Anthem

Greetings Comrades & Sisters, I want to thank all posts for their dedication in the district this last six months and I hope all will have happy holidays. There still is a lot of work ahead of us, helping the veterans and recruitment. Lets all make a new years resolution to make district 4 and the state of Arizona 100% . Get active in your post and make it possible. We have a lot of dedi-

cated members in our district. What I have seen in all the posts that I have visited, members are working hard to achieve this goal. Selling poppies and visiting vets at the V.A and nursing homes, helping women vets and the National Home is the work that we pledged to do in the VFW. Again I want to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
*District 4 Commander,  
George Baker*

## State Service Officer

*Terry Dalton 3513 Scottsdale*



The V.A. has determined that they will only work Ischemic Heart Disease Claims until mid January, 2011. On October 1st, they were deluged with over 160,000 claims for the new Agent Orange presumptive disease. A decision was made by Eric Shinsecki, the VA's Director, to place all other claims "on the shelves" and work ONLY these Heart Disease claims. The apparent reasoning being that heart disease is fatal, and the VietNam Veterans have waited long enough to have this issue adjudicated as quickly as possible.

There will be no claim status updates available from the VA....we will have nothing new to tell the Veteran that contacts our office seeking

an update. The last time a claim other than IHD was worked was September. Please inform your Veterans of this VA Policy.

The VFW Service Office will continue to take new claims and file appeals for any older claims, thereby assuring the Veterans that their time frames and their date of claim will be protected. But those claims and appeals will NOT be worked until mid January....at the earliest.

This is a nationwide policy. The Phoenix VA has been designated a "Regional Center" for these IHD claims, and as such is receiving claims from 8-10 other States.... increasing the workload in this VA Office and further delaying the regular claim process. This policy will remain in effect until further notice.  
*Thank you, Terry Dalton VFW/DSO*

## District 7 News

*Lindsey Botkin 10342 Huachuca City*



426 Douglas  
836 Bisbee  
2066 Nogales  
6271 Benson

6850 Willcox  
8667 Rio Rico  
9972 Sierra Vista  
9977 Pearce

10342 Huachuca City  
10385 Thatcher  
10432 Patagonia

Comrades; This year has gone pretty good so far but we really need to get to work on our reports, and Quarterly Audits as these are the most important to get in. There are a couple of post that have not turned in anything so a lot of attention has been paid to them, but it seems that I cannot express the importance enough. If by chance you have not read the Manual of Procedure, page 70 Section 218 you will find that it is the duty of the commander to assure that all reports are correctly prepared and promptly forwarded, and if you read down to section L. under Commanders duties. The last sentence should cause you to insure these duties are performed as prescribed .

I have enjoyed traveling the district to visit the different post; you always make me feel welcome. We have a couple of problems within the district but nothing that cannot be worked out. When I am not visiting the post in our district I am traveling the state visiting different districts and post.

By the time this letter gets out, all programs should have been completed, submitted and judged by the post and district and have been forwarded to State for the final judging.

During this year as Citizenship/Education Chairman for the Dept. I have retained a lot of good information and hopefully will be able to pass it on to the next chairman for Dept.

With this said I will close but not before saying may you and yours have safe and enjoyable holidays and remember leave no Veteran behind, and for those who are deployed and fighting to continue to see that our Country is safe as the ones before them have done. Please keep them in your prayers.  
*Yours In Comradeship, Lindsey Botkin, District 7 Commander*

## District 8 News

*Frank Emery 9401 Lake Havasu*



404 Mohave Valley  
2190 Chloride  
2555 Golden Valley  
3516 Kingman

6306 Golden Shores  
9401 Lake Havasu  
9833 Dolan Springs  
10005 Bullhead City

10386 Kingman  
10726 Parker Dam  
11014 Meadview

It has been very busy since the Fall Conference, with Veterans Day being the prime focus. I was able to be on "Speak Out" on KNTR Radio (which is on the air throughout Mohave County and in eastern California) to promote Veterans Day and all the activities that were planned for it. The parades in Bullhead City, Kingman and Lake Havasu City went well with lots of people in attendance. Veterans Day was followed up with a "brick laying" ceremony (for the Freedom Walkway) which featured a group of Wounded Warriors. Post 9401 treated these young veterans to a steak dinner the Post.

A flag retirement was held on Nov. 20th with over 3,000 flags that were collected throughout the community being properly honored. I was able to attend "Welcome Homes" for 4 active duty soldiers, what a great bunch of young men and women we have serving our country.

Our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen judging was done and we will have our District Dinner and Awards on Dec. 11th at 3:00 PM at Post 9401, Lake Havasu City. Our next District meeting will be Jan. 30th at 11:00 AM at Post 6306, Golden Shores. Hope everyone had enjoyable and safe holidays; all the best for the New Year.

*Frank Emery, District 8 Commander*

P.S. A reminder that the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen awards banquet is to be held at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande on Jan. 15th. Get your reservations in as soon as possible so we know how many to prepare for. You can get your tickets from me (Frank Emery), Suzie Gleason or John Beeler.

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## District 10 News

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District Commander.

Well, comrades and sisters, we have six months under our belts and I must congratulate each post in District 10 for being 100% in reports. Your understanding of the importance of prompt reporting, and your attention to detail are second to none in Arizona. We are also approximately 98% complete with our program donations for the year, another outstanding achievement. You all have provided great entries in the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests and numerous teacher and gold medal awards entries. It's hard to imagine that any district in the country can compare. I'm very proud to be the

Unfortunately, we are falling short in the area of recruitment. We're well behind of last years pace at this time and the only 100% post we have is Maricopa. A very big thank you for a job well done to Gene Wood and his line officers. For the rest of us, a lot of work yet to do. Let's show the state we can do it all, and get out there and recruit.

In closing, I would like to remind all post commanders that we survive and become successful because of our relationships with our ladies auxiliaries. Please, continue to nurture these relationships and make them stronger. *Ken Marshall, District 10 Commander*

### Tim Borland, Continued from page 2

along with a retroactive check totaling thousands and thousands of dollars. He is now 100% disabled and finally can rest assured that this country has recognized his service, dedication and sacrifice; now he too is service connected and being taken care of as he should have from the start.

Up to 200,000 Vietnam Veterans are potentially eligible to receive VA disability compensation for medical conditions recently associated with Agent Orange. The expansion of coverage now involves B-Cell (or hairy-cell) leukemia, Parkinson's disease and Ischemic Heart Disease. Yes this is old news to some of us, but there are still veterans out there who don't know this or have just given up on their claims. Many of them our living on our streets and we need to reach out and help them; after all, would we be free if they didn't serve? I guarantee that even the homeless veterans on our streets have in some way protected our country and kept us free.

VA has offered Veterans exposed to Agent Orange special access to health care since 1978 and priority medical care since 1981, but not every Vietnam Veteran is accepted or recognized so it's our job as Veterans of Foreign Wars to help our comrades and to continue to encourage them not to give up. Have them seek help through the VFW and get the assistance they

so honorably deserve through our Service Officers to where the subject matter experts can make their file work. VA has been providing disability compensation to Veterans with medical problems related to Agent Orange since 1985 but because claims do get turned down; a lot our heroes from Vietnam have just given up. We need to spread the word that Veterans who served in Vietnam during the war and who have a "presumed" illness do not have to prove an association between their illnesses and their military service regardless of branch. The "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits; so keep appealing your claim and never take no for an answer.

In closing, I hope this article helps many more Vietnam Veterans find their way through the VA system and get the well deserved and needed assistance that they earned because of their service to their country protecting America. I really enjoy working for this great State as your Sr. vice Commander and look forward to the rest of the year serving you! We still have another 6 months to go; so let us work hard to make this State once again 100% in membership and 44 consecutive years in a row with growth. Thank you for what you do. *Sincerely, Tim Borland, State Sr. Vice Commander*

## Life Membership Contest



New Life Members have not reached the anticipated numbers for year 2010 - 2011. However, due to present economic conditions, the District and Post members are finding it more difficult to recruit Life Members.

As of 30 November 2010 the membership has recruited 86 new Life Members. District 7 is leading all District with 15 new Life Members. The leading Post is #9972 with a total of 11 new Life Members.

Now that the required pro-

grams for the most part have been completed, more time can be spent on recruiting. VFW National has implemented a 12 month installment plan for Life Membership. This can be done online at: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or by contacting any of your Post Officers.

A Life Membership benefits the members of your Post and your District. They make great gifts for graduation, anniversaries, special awards for volunteers, and most of all, a show of appreciation for our brave service men and women who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. *Life Membership Chairman, Don E. Taylor*

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## Membership

Lindsey Botkin 10342 Huachuca City



We have started out at a run this year on membership. As I write this the State is at 85.10%, but we can not slow down. As the State Commander stated we are behind in members as of the this time last year We still have numerous members who have not renewed for this year and even last, we as a team need to find out why. We need to make contact with these comrades in one form or another to see what their reason was and if they see that we care about them they might renew on the spot.

I know that I at first write them a letter and then follow up with a phone call or go to their home to talk to them in person.

Our recruiting booths need to have the literature on the VFW because you will be asked what do they get if they join and you will have the information to answer their questions, a Service Office, Chaplain as well as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary is always good to have at your side and they to can input what their jobs involve. You need to let them know that the VFW is Family orientated and the programs that we offer to our youth, teachers, police, firefighters and EMT's. I always let them know that our post has three differ-

ent adopted units on Ft. Huachuca and each year we hold a special function for them and how much the units have enjoyed themselves. Most of the time our functions are held for the dependents ( spouses and children ) because their loved ones are deployed.

When recruiting the recruiter must remember that the 24 month life installment plan is no longer available, so if you have the old applications put a line through the 24 month plan. National has the new applications out and they can be obtained free of charge. Lets put Arizona on top and beat New Mexico in reaching 100% in membership. We all need to buckle down and work as a team and make this year the 44th year of reaching 100% in Membership and keep our State on a roll, lets make our Commander proud.

I know I am the new kid on the block as this is my first year as being Membership Chairman for the State and I have probably forgotten to mention something. There is no reason why every post in the state can not reach 100% in membership if we work at it. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK and we appreciate what you do. We have only a few months left to reach the States goal of being at 100%. *Yours in comradeship, Lindsey Botkin, State Membership Chairman*



# "OPERATION KIDS" LUKE AIR FORCE BASE



ANOTHER OUTSTANDING JOB!!

Yes, our VFW members did one outstanding job for operation kids this year at Luke Air Force base. Not only did our cash donations go way over our expectations but our membership turnout superceded all imagined goals..! It just goes to prove once again why our state is one of the best if not the best in the country.

When we set a target and get working together, there's nothing we can't achieve. I would like to take this time through my Commander to thank everyone, every Post and every Ladies Auxiliary who helped with this year's Operation Kids. As a state project. I was a little concern at the beginning this year but in time you came through. There were over 240 kids of deployed

parents, which had one terrific day, a day they won't forget for a very long time, because of you. This is the main reason we can call this joint VFW/AUXILIARY mission a huge success. Again, thank you for everything you did -- it was appreciated more then you'll ever know --- Mission Accomplished.. Great Job..!!  
Co-Chairs Mike Ferguson & Chuck Bong



Operation Kids 10/23/2010 \$10,915.00

Jr. Vice Commander Mike Ferguson presenting a \$10,915 check to Colonel McCutcheon and Command Chief Master Sergeant Wicks for Operation Kids at Luke Air Force Base. Also pictured, PDC Frank Page and Chuck Bong.



## VFW State Memorial Squad

The VFW State Memorial Squad; Pete Rosales (Captain), George Baker, Paul Sausedo, Art Perez (Bugler), Bill Facemire, George Cushing, Frank Leon, Bob Hysko, C. Keyssay, and J. Therrien. The squad musters in at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona located at 23029 North Cave Creek Road in Phoenix for a month of volunteer duty four times a year to ensure that all Veterans have the dignified burial that they deserve.





# VFW Ladies Auxiliary President's Homecoming in Beautiful Casa Grande



## Memorial Squad Honors

The Memorial Service for Past 8053 Commander RB Jones turned into a never-before seen occasion: 9 Past District 10 Commanders made up the Honor Guard at the service. Presiding, as always, District 10 Post 8053 Chaplain Ed Mouchette.



Front Ed Mouchette, Charlie Robins, Don Taylor, Frank Page, and Mike Harper. Back Row: Jerry Miller, Janie Miller, George Elley, Roger Gowen, and Ken Marshall.

## POW/MIA ... Its the Law

VFW Post 6310 Honor Guard participated in a POW/MIA flag raising ceremony at the City of Goodyear, Arizona on 28 July 2010, since it is now a state law to fly the POW flag at all municipal buildings in Arizona.

Commander Arvizu gave them a talk on the new law and a history of the POW/MIA flag. In all, the post had 15 volunteers for this ceremony including our own post photographer who took these pictures.



VFW Post 6310 Honor & Color Guard with Post Commander Ralph F. Arvizu and District 3 Commander Bobby Jones.

## District 7 Memorial

District 7 Memorial dedicated on November 11th, 2010 at the SAVMC in Sierra Vista. The memorial lists all of the Posts and the Ladies Auxiliary in the District.



## Post 9400 Veterans Day Parade

Post 9400's float entry was awarded the highest award of the parade. The Ben Jefferson Pride award. The award is a specialty award and is in honor of one of the parade's founders. Post 9400 and all it's members would like to Thank Dennis Hall for his leadership and tireless efforts to continue to recognize and honor fellow veterans during this annual event. His efforts bring great credit upon himself, Post 9400, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



## John E. Hamilton, Junior Vice C-in-C Here for VOD



John Hamilton, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will be the National Representative during our Voice of Democracy Banquet & Awards Ceremony in Casa Grande on January 15, 2010.

John E. Hamilton was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August, 2010, at the VFW's 111th National Convention, held in Indianapolis, Ind.

Hamilton served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1968-1970 including a tour in Vietnam. His decorations include the Purple Heart and two Gold stars, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation gallantry Cross Color, Republic of Vietnam Unit Citation Civil Actions Color (First Class) and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Hamilton joined the VFW in 1974 at Post 7909 in Jacksonville, Fla. where he maintains his life membership. He has served the VFW in many leadership positions including the National Council of Administration from 1989-1991, and as State Commander from 1987-1988.

Hamilton graduated with honors from Georgia Military Institute in 1967. He worked as a professional wrestler throughout the United States and the world for 15 years as Johnny Montana, (also known as "Dr. Death") along with other names and identities.

Hamilton is a member of the Military Order of the Cootie, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, and Marine Corps League. He resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

*"There Is No Limit To What A Man Can Do Or Where He Can Go If He Doesn't Mind Who Gets The Credit."*

### 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.*

#### January 2011

- 9 - District 7 Meeting @ Post 2066 Nogales
- 9 - District 10 Meeting @ Post 3713 Coolidge 10am
- 15 - VOD Banquet @ Casa Grande Holiday Inn
- 16 - C of A Meeting @ Casa Grande Holiday Inn
- 22 - District 10 Steak Fry @ Post 9399 Apache Jct. 6pm
- 27-29 National President Visit to Phoenix Area
- 30 - District 8 Meeting @ Post 6306 Golden Shores

#### February 2011

- 5 - District 10 Buddy Poppy Ball @ Post 7401 Chandler
- 5 - District 5 Meeting @ Post 4903 Tucson 10am
- 6 - District 4 Meeting @ Post 1796 Black Canyon City 10am
- 13 - District 1 Meeting @ Post 8242 Yuma 11am
- 19 - District 6 Meeting @ Post 8807 Tonto Nation 10:00
- 26 - District 3 Meeting @ Post 8015 Phoenix 10am

#### March 2011

- 5-9 VOD/Legislative in Washington DC
- 12 - Gamble Against Cancer @ Post 9399 Apache Jct.
- 13 - District 4 PC & PP Brunch @Post 3513 Scottsdale
- 19 - State Commanders Homecoming in Yuma
- 26 - District 3 Buddy Poppy Ball @Post 1433 Glendale

#### April 2011

- 9 - District 2 Meeting @ Post 541 Prescott 10am
- 9 - District 10 Steak Fry @ Post 7968 Apache Jct. 6pm
- 10 - District 7 Convention @Post 6271 Benson 10am
- 17 - District 10 Convention @Post 1677 Casa Grande 10am

# Voice Of Democracy & Patriots Pen Scholarship Program Banquet



Saturday January 15, 2011

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

Room for 2 people without breakfast \$75.00 + 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:

John Beeler  
2578 Pinon Dr.  
Lakeside, AZ 85929  
928-368-6166  
fiddlefoot12@yahoo.com

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2813 Palo Verde Blvd. N.  
Lake Havasu, AZ 86404  
928-855-5374  
f-emery@hotmail.com

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928-855-0627  
suzieg@frontiernet.net

**C of A Meeting is Sunday at 9:00am**

**All Members are Invited to Attend**



Voice of Democracy (VOD) is an annual nationwide scholarship program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). It is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. The program annually provides more than \$2.3 million in scholarships. The first-place winner, who competes with all the first-place VFW Department (state) winners, receives a \$30,000 scholarship that is paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school.

Besides competing for the top scholarship prize, as well as other national scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$16,000, each Department's first-place winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in March, sponsored by Target.

## Patriot's Pen

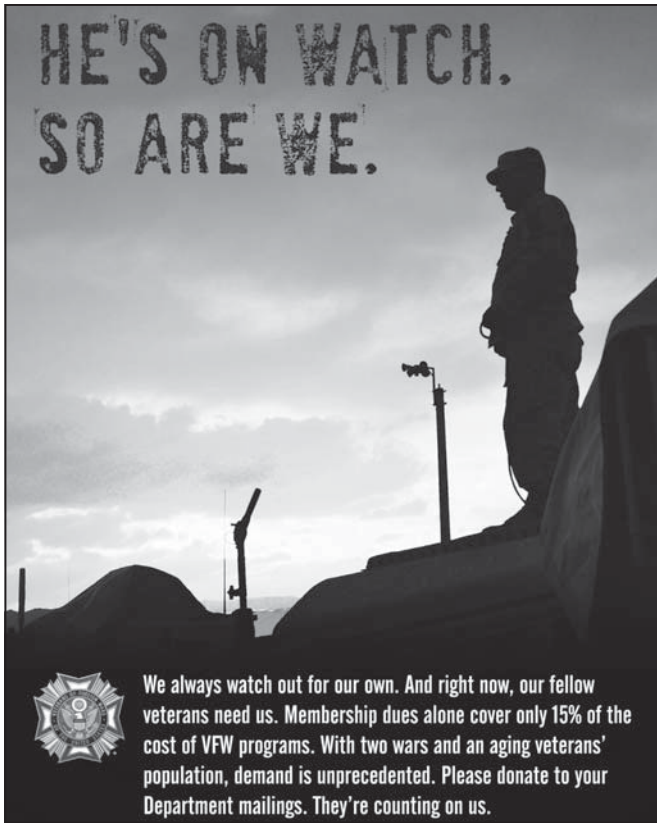
Patriot's Pen, a youth-essay writing contest is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6,7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the contest.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

## State Convention June 8-11, 2011

### Fort McDowell Casino/Resort

**Make reservations soon, Hotel will fill early (480) 789-5300 code VFW**



**Need Help With a VA Claim?**  
**Terry Dalton** VFW Service Officer  
 3333 N Central Ave, Ste 1049  
 Phoenix, AZ 85304  
 Phone: 602 627-3316 FAX: 602 627-3320

## Veterans Travel Service... Another "FREE" VFW Member Benefit



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 Headquarters, and their personal service is something to be appreciated these days!  
*Veterans Travel Service (VTS)*

## Thank You PIR & NASCAR

VFW Post 9400 would like to thank Phoenix International Raceway President Mr. Bryan Sperber and NASCAR for their generosity and support of our military services. Mr. Sperber and NASCAR donated several hundred tickets for the Kobalt 500 that was held on Veterans



Day. The tickets were donated to our adopted military unit the Arizona Army National Guard 855th MP Company and their family members. The unit returned from Iraq recently. The 855th was recognized for their service during pre race and post race veterans recognition events.

## VA Health Care Myths

*For a more detailed explanation and benefit calculators go to: <http://www1.va.gov/health/> or call your nearest VA Hospital*

### Myth Number One - I wasn't injured in the service, so I'm not eligible for VA health care. FALSE

One of the most common myths revolves around eligibility for health care at VA. Many think that you have to first establish a disability rating before you can start to make appointments, see doctors and receive medication. That is not the case. If you served in the military, even during peace time, and were honorably discharged, you likely qualify for VA care. Even if you don't meet those requirements, special circumstances might apply, like Vietnam service, exposure to Agent Orange and household income. The best way to find out if you qualify is to submit an application for health benefits. You can fill one out online or at a VA Medical Center. If you are an Iraq or Afghanistan Veteran, there are special combat Veteran benefits from VA, like temporary access to dental care and guaranteed access to Priority 6 for five years (unless you are eligible for a higher priority group).

### Myth Number Two - I can only receive care for service connected injuries. FALSE

You can receive VA hospital and outpatient care for any ailment, service connected or not

if you are enrolled in the VA healthcare system, but you may have to pay a copayment. For example, if a Veteran is service-connected for a bad knee, any VA hospital and outpatient care and medication for the knee is free of charge. However, if the same Vet goes into surgery to remove an appendix and it's not service connected, he may be subject to a co-pay depending on the amount of his disability rating and other factors. Familiarize yourself with co-pay guidelines and rates. A small number of Veterans, such as those with bad conduct discharges that VA has determined were issued under conditions other than honorable and who are not subject to certain statutory bars to benefits, can only be treated for their service connected disabilities and nothing else. If one of those Vets is service connected for their left foot, they can only use VA health care for their left foot and nothing else.

### Myth Number Three - I make too much money to qualify for VA health care. IT DEPENDS

If you do not have a service connected disability, you may want to use VA's financial calculator to see if you qualify for free VA care, medication and travel benefits. If your income is too

high (over a maximum income level set every year), you may have to pick up the tab for traveling and receive your care and medication by paying a co-pay. Recently, the rules have been changed for Priority 8 Veterans to permit more of them to enroll for VA health care.

### Myth Number Four - I can't use VA health care if I have private health insurance. FALSE

From VA's Health Eligibility Center Director Tony Guagliardo: We strongly encourage Veterans to receive all your health care through VA. However, if you choose to receive treatment from private doctors, VA will work with them to meet your health care needs and coordinate effective treatment. We call this Co-managed Care or Dual Care - which means that your VA and private doctors will work together to provide safe, appropriate, and ethical medical care.

### Myth Number Five - If I'm 100 percent disabled, that means I'm permanently disabled. FALSE

You could have a 100 percent disability rating as a temporary status while you undergo surgery, and have it reduced to its previous rating after you heal. 100 percent doesn't necessarily stay with you.

**WANDA STUART  
GAMBLE AGAINST  
CANCER**

*Casino Night*

**SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2011**

**4:00PM -MIDNIGHT**

MORE INFO CONTACT:  
LYNN CARTER 480-288-7114  
GAMBLEAGAINSTCANCER@Q.COM

VFW Post 9399  
133 N. SAGUARO DR.  
APACHE JUNCTION, AZ 85117

**Liquor in the Front and Poker in the Rear**




## Department Commander Dennis Dole Announces The Event Of The Year



Come and enjoy the company of active duty Army, Marines, and National Guard members and their families on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from Noon - ????? for food, music, fun, and family events. The festivities begin at noon with the posting of the colors and a motorcycle display by the VFW Motorcycle Riders. Music will begin at 2 PM and food will be served from 3 - 6 PM. All the fun will take place at VFW Post 8242, US Highway 95 in Yuma. Please make room on your calendar for this once a year event that promises to be great. Tickets are just \$15.00 per person and can be purchased by calling **Ron Gage (928-580-2458)** or **Tony Mangine (928-785-4273)**.

The following hotels/motels are offering discounts for March 18th & 19th.  
**Comfort Inn Fortuna Road** (928-305-9000) \$69.90, 4 miles from Post 8242 at Exit 12, on Interstate 8. (includes complete breakfast).  
**Microtel Inn Fortuna Road** (928-345-1777) \$59.95, 4 miles from Post 8242 at Exit 12, on Interstate 8. (Continental Breakfast)  
**Holiday Inn Express** (928-317-1400) \$89.00, 12 miles from Post 8242 at Exit 3, on Interstate 8.  
**Microtel Inn** (928-785-3777) Wellton, \$59.95, 20 miles from Post 8242 at Exit 30, on Interstate 8.

*Wellton Post 6790 will be serving Sunday morning Breakfast (Biscuits & Gravy) for \$3.00 on Sunday March 20 from 8am till Noon. Wellton Post is located close to Exit 30.*

## Warning To All Veterans

*The following message was passed along to us by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on the VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way. <http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

The General Counsel requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, to please pass information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty  
Staff Attorney  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of General Counsel 022G2

## Hand Sanitizers, Are They Worth It ???

Americans are spending vast amounts of money these days on hand sanitizers, but are they getting ripped off? Doctors say that NO hand sanitizer is more effective than simply walking over to the sink and washing your hands with soap. If you do need to use sanitizer, then you need to know that sanitizers with less than 60% alcohol are essentially useless.

## 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 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.


Age	One Time Payment	12 Month Option
30 and Younger	\$425	\$40.39
31-40	\$410	\$39.02
41-50	\$375	\$35.84
51-60	\$335	\$32.20
61-70	\$290	\$28.11
71-80	\$225	\$22.20
81 and over	\$170	\$17.20



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.

\*\*\*Remember if you move, please contact your Post or National Headquarters at 1-800-963-3180 and update your address.

## HEART AND VALOR

Presenting the new 2011 VFW Calendar,  
**arriving soon in your mailbox!**



**Welcome in the new year and support your Department programs!**

Watch the mail for your 2011 VFW Calendar. The dramatic, eye-catching photography makes it the 2011 calendar you will want to proudly display in your home or office this year!

# State Chaplain

Janie Miller, 1677 Casa Grande



By the time members read this, the holidays are over, programs have been completed, and the new members of Congress are seated. So, it should be a time of relaxation on the VFW end and – hopefully – a time for healing on the political one.

That should give us a chance to rethink what the VFW is about ... except for all-important membership we have little else to think about until the end of the year. What are we about???

I heard about a member griping that a particular Post didn't have a canteen to get cheap drinks: how awful since it reinforces the idea of outsiders that we are just a bunch of old guys hugging the bar. If that incident would have become public, it would have been bad PR indeed.

However, I was much more disturbed on the day I witnessed members arguing on whether family members should be supported or not in a particular endeavor – mainly because the children lived out of state. The physical distance of the potential recipients to the post was brought up and the fear that a precedent would be set if said endeavor was supported. The question was even brought up to what level of relationship children should be supported.

When we consider support I believe we have to seriously consider the following for the long haul: should we stop at children or at great grand children? At spouses or at grandparents? Should family members be supported only if they live within the state and make the state line the proverbial line in the sand? That thought then would question and jeopardize the support of the

National Home for Children, definitely out of state for Arizona residents.

I think (bad for a Cootie!) that we should go back to the words of the Charter that we repeat at the beginning of each meeting (hoping we can sit down again soon) discussing what the purpose of this organization is (and noting that the word “charitable” had been inserted (and ignored at most posts) in the 2010 edition) and also the opening sentences voiced by Post Commanders at each meeting mentioning “petty jealousies and trivial personalities” and “unselfish comradeship”.

With that said: while it definitely was not what I considered a good evening, I want to thank those members who gave me fruit for thoughts. *Janie Miller, State Chaplain*

## TAPS



*May These Heroes Rest in Peace*

### 40 Avondale

- Edgar Atkins
- Clarence Cooley
- 285 Surprise**
- John Wright
- 404 Mohave Valley**
- Robert Day
- Lawrence Simon
- 541 Prescott**
- Virgil Bennett
- Duane Campbell
- David De Schane
- Gordon Farrell
- Elbert Fessenden
- Andrew Rasmussen
- Jack Skaggs
- Herbert Stricker
- 549 Tucson**
- Paul Carroll
- Terry Challenger
- Richard Fancy
- Darwin Foster
- James Miller
- John Murry
- Louis Preston
- Wilbur Wells
- Irving Zielbauer
- 720 Phoenix**
- Ernest Gilliam
- Robert Harris
- V Immel

- Michael Matich
- Edmund Osorio
- 720 Stanley Stoerber
- 1433 Glendale**
- Arthur Cook
- Kenneth Kingsley
- James Quinn
- Oliver Van Horn
- Joseph Williams
- 1441 Miami**
- Lilo Chavez
- Pete De Anda
- Paul Flores
- Elias Garcia
- Frank Jimenez
- Leo Navarro
- 1677 Casa Grande**
- Jack Splawn
- John Stanek
- 1704 Globe**
- E Erb
- Arthur Nemmers
- 1709 Flagstaff**
- Melvin Halliday
- Sam Montoya
- 1760 Mesa**
- David Bergstrom
- Robert Hensley
- Ted Mosbaugh
- Donald Wood
- 1763 Yuma**
- Harold Becker
- Howard Peterson
- 2190 Chloride**
- Maurice Espointour
- 2364 Pinetop-Lakeside**
- Kenneth Roush
- 3516 Kingman**
- Constantine Ambrose
- Lloyd Van Wormer
- 3578 Ajo**

- Thomas Dye
- Oscar Pullum
- 3632 Tempe**
- Earl Currier
- Arthur Schmitt
- Britton Smith
- Raymond Wyatt
- 3713 Coolidge**
- Rudolph Ayala
- Leo Long
- 3715 Phoenix**
- James Lee
- 4903 Tucson**
- Donald Gerszewski
- William Hoffer
- James Zielen
- 5990 Marana**
- Tyrone Mack
- Raymond Rhodes
- 6271 Benson**
- Christopher Flandera
- Harold Herlich
- Elias Hernandez
- Eugene Speckman
- 6306 Golden Shores**
- David Brault
- James Dreyer
- 6310 Tolleson**
- Nixon Lowe
- 6739 Camp Verde**
- Lawrence Allain
- James Bork
- Stephen Chesley
- Ralph Knowles
- William Powell
- Vernon Vaughn
- Arthur Wimmer
- 6790 Wellton**
- Harry Ball
- Dale Fitzhugh
- Melvin Krieger

- George Parker
- 7061 Parker**
- Jon Derrickson
- 7399 Catalina**
- Alton Evans
- Roger Gilbert
- 7400 Cottonwood**
- William Gallamore
- Robert Sisco
- 7401 Chandler**
- Lee Rodgers
- Jerry Weagant
- 7968 Apache Jct.**
- Varian Fakes
- Stan Gollieher
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- 8053 Sun Lakes**
- Marion Haugen
- 8242 Yuma**
- Albert Larose
- Gene Yarrow
- 8987 Eagar**
- Martin Boyle
- Jerome Carroll
- George Proctor
- 9399 Apache Jct.**
- Robert Bernham
- Frank Bowen
- Dalton Dunham
- Donald Johnson
- Kenneth Maine
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- Donald Munc
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- 9400 Phoenix**
- Allan Anger
- James Busheff
- Floyd Cox
- Charles Heun
- Orren Merrill
- Charles Pester

- Albert Stancato
- Saul Yellin
- 9401 Lake Havasu**
- Robert Bernard
- Troy Bryant
- Harold Hancock
- Richard Hunt
- Ford Richardson
- Neil Slack
- Calvin Tinsley
- 9632 Page**
- Francis Bagnato
- 9829 Payson**
- Franklin Jaques
- Paul Townsend
- 9833 Dolan Springs**
- Robert Cornell
- Jack Craig
- Albert Fantozzi
- Fred Tuttle
- Ronald White
- 9907 Show Low**
- Michael Horine
- Jule Miller
- Robert Williams
- 9972 Sierra Vista**
- Edward Arevalo
- Harold Bartley
- Billy Carlisle
- David Hastings
- Kenneth Mc Fadden
- David Weidemann
- Homer Williams
- 9977 Sunsites**
- Carl Fisher
- Maurice Maakestad
- 1005 Bullhead City**
- Vernon Nelson
- Emanuel Voss
- 10188 Tucson**
- Alan Edwards

- Joseph Fiordalis
- Robert White
- 10342 Huachuca City**
- Robert Cochran
- 10385 Thatcher**
- Marion Barrera
- 10386 Kingman**
- James Davis
- Joseph Hamilton
- 10432 Patignonia**
- Charles Mc Neely
- John Palmer
- 10695 Sun City West**
- Francis Anderson
- Ernest Bukovitz
- Clayton Panter
- Arthur Rezabek
- Paul Shipla
- Alfred Termeer
- 11014 Meadview**
- George Hobbs
- Gaylord Siebrecht
- 12006 Mesa**
- Norbert Bruemmer
- Joseph Davidhegier
- David Higgins
- Alvin Mc Collum
- Ray Whitby
- Members at Large**
- Richard Calascibett
- Kenneth Carlson
- William Dudley
- Maurice Hinerman
- Sydelle Lipman
- Edward Mc Clard
- Charles Murray
- Ramon Ramirez
- William Sanderson
- Robert Stevens
- Thomas Wade
- Louis Wilhelm

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## Veterans Center Opens At GCC

Command Chief Master Sergeant Rory L. Wicks, the highest ranking enlisted man at Luke Air Force Base, was the keynote speaker at Glendale Community College's dedication of the new Veteran Services Center. The Department of AZ VFW along with VFW National donated 2 brand new computer systems for the Veterans Center.

The new Veteran Center

is designed to serve as a gathering place for veterans as well as a site where they can receive specialized advising. The center will also feature computers where families and veterans can e-mail and Skype with those serving overseas. Glendale CC, meanwhile, has converted one of its buildings to a veterans center for its 1,000 military veterans who are enrolling in classes.



[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

You asked for it and now it is here. Log on to <http://www.vfw.org> and take care of all of your VFW needs. Listed below are a few of the services that you as a member can take advantage of at home whenever you desire. Go to [vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), click "LOGIN" and follow instructions.

- Now you have access to:
- \*Renew Your Membership
  - \*Manage Payment Profile
  - \*Convert to Life Membership
  - \*Online Membership System Website
  - \*Quick access to Post, Department and Service Officer Contact Info
  - \*Patriotic Holiday Speeches
  - \*Resolutions, By-Laws & MOP
  - \*Amendments
  - \*Department Resources
  - \*Program Deadlines
  - \*Chairman Guides
  - \*Request a Duplicate Card
  - \*Member Benefits
- and more.....

## Navajo Code Talker Passes Away



Sgt. Allen Dale June, one of the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers, passed away September 8, 2010 in the Prescott V A Hospital. Sgt. June served in the U.S. Marines from 1941 – 1945. Sgt. June received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2001. Sgt. June was born November 28, 1921 and was 88 years old at his passing. More than 400 gathered at the Page Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake center to pay their respect.

Sgt. June's body was escorted from Flagstaff to Page and then from Page to the family burial plot 8 miles South of Kaibeto, AZ, by 25 to 30 members of the Navajo-Hopi Honor Riders motorcycle group. Members from the Ira Hayes American Legion Post from Sacaton, the Tuba City American Legion Post and Page VFW Post

9632 were honorary pall bearers. Kelsey Begaye, a former Navajo Tribal Chairman, gave the opening prayer at the services. Former Navajo Tribal Chairman, Peter McDonald was a speaker, as well as a representative from Senator Kyl's office, and other representatives from the Navajo Tribe. The U. S. Marine Corps Honor Guard, out of Phoenix, conducted the Military Services at the graveside. Sgt. June is survived by his wife Virginia and a large posterity.

As one of the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers, Sgt. June and the others made up the unbreakable code from the Navajo language and were responsible for teaching all the other Navajo's the code. With Sgt. June's passing, only one of the original 29 Code Talkers is still alive.

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