

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

INFORMATION BULLETIN

November 2016



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Roger Gowen, Commander
2016 – 2017
"Veterans Helping Veterans"

Congratulations to Post 6789, Window Rock
First Post to reach 100%

**PLANNING CALENDAR
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

(Subject to Change)

2016

Nov	19	District 4 Meeting, 10am	Post 1796, Black Canyon
	20	District 1 Meeting, 11am	Post 6790, Wellton
Dec	10	District 2 Meeting, 11am	Post 7400, Cottonwood
	11	Christmas Party, 2:00pm	State Vet Home, Phoenix
	17	Christmas Party, 2:00pm	State Vet Home, Tucson

2017

Jan	08	District 7 Meeting, 10am	Post 9977 Sunsites
	14	District 6 Meeting, 11am	Post 8807, Tonto Basin
	15	District 10 Meeting, 10am	Post 1677, Casa Grande
	21	VOD Banquet	Casa Grande, Holiday Inn
	22	C of A, 9am	Casa Grande, Holiday Inn
	28	District 5 Meeting, 10am	American Legion 7, Tucson
	29	District 8 Meeting, 11am	Post 10005, Bullhead City
Feb	04	MOC Grand Homecoming, 4pm	Post 5990, Marana
	05	MOC/MOCA C of A, 10am	Post 5990, Marana
	18	District 4 Meeting, 10am	Post 720, Phoenix
	19	District 1 Meeting, 11am	Post 1763, Yuma
	19	District 3 Meeting, 10am	Post 3715, Phoenix
Mar			
Apr	08	District 2 Convention, 11am	Post 541, Prescott
	09	District 7 Convention, 10am	Post 9972, Sierra Vista
	15	District 6 Convention, 11am	Post 1704, Globe
	22	District 5 Convention, 10am	Post 5990, Marana
	23	District 1 Convention, 11am	Post 2357, Bouse
	30	District 8 Convention, 11am	Post 9401, Lake Havasu City
	30	District 10 Convention, 10am	Post 9399, A.J.
May	06	District 3 Convention, 10am	Post 1433, Glendale
	07	District 4 Convention, 10am	Post 9400, Sunnyslope
June	14-18	State Convention	Fort McDowell

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
2nd COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING, OCTOBER 02, 2016

The Council of Administration was called to order at 0900 hours by Commander Roger Gowen at the Holiday Inn located in Casa Grande, AZ.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted by Commander Hysko.

Chaplain Teagardin recited the opening prayer.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: National Rep, Council Member Mike Ferguson, PDC's in attendance were; PCIC Gunner Kent, Frank Page, Darrel Moore, Ray Thomas, Joe Reagan, Dennis Dole, Tim Borland, Mike Ferguson and Greg Kozakiewicz

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND POSTS: All Council Members were present with the exception of Jr. PDC Bob Hysko and District 10 Commander Veenhuis. Sr. Vice Sommerfield represented District Ten. Thirty (30) Posts were represented at the Council Meeting.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Jr. Vice Wood made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes because all Council Members has a copy. The motion was seconded by District 3 Commander Katzenberger. Motion passed.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT:

Quartermaster Kuczynski gave a report on the finances of the Department. A finance report and Audit was given to all C of A members. Total funds in all accounts are \$1,935,833.52 as of the end of September. A letter was also passed out showing the books of the Quartermaster's books had been audited. Chairman of the Audit Committee Bob Wilson made a motion to accept the Department Audit. Motion was seconded by District 7 Commander Larson. Motion passed.

REPORT of the SERVICE OFFICER: The Service Officer Katzenberger gave a report on personnel in the office.

COMRADE in DISTRESS:

PDC Francis McDonnell is out of the hospital and is at home.

PDC Betty Gripp will have surgery 10/3/16.

District 10 Commander is still recovering.

Rex Petrasko from PCI gave a presentation on a fund raiser they would like to conduct though out the State of Arizona.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS REPORT:

Dist 1: Membership is here number one priority this year. District 1 has filed for Non Profit incorporation papers. All but one Post inspection is complete. District fund raiser will be a Western BBQ on December 10th at Post 769. Next District Meeting will be Nov 20, 2016 at Post 6790 in Wellton.

Dist 2: Northern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery was dedicated and opened at Camp Navaho. Membership Drives are underway at all Posts. Post inspections are complete with the exception of one Post. Next District Meeting will be Oct 15, 2016 at Post 6739 in Camp Verde.

Dist3: Nov 4-6, 2016 the Vietnam traveling Wall will be in El Mirage. Six Posts in the District have been inspected. Next District Meeting will be Oct 29, 2016 at Post 1710 in Phoenix.

Dist 4: Post 7505 will be hosting a Thanksgiving Day Parade in Fountain Hills. Post 3632 has changed their meeting location. New location is American Legion Post 138 located at 107 E Broadway in Tempe. Next District Meeting will be November 19, 2016 in Black Canyon City.

Dist 5: Southern VA Christmas Party will be December 17th at 2:00 pm. Next District Meeting will be Oct 22, 2016 at Post 4903 in Tucson. The January 28th District Meeting has been moved from Post 10015 to American Legion Post 7 due to a fire at Post 10015.

Dist 6: Next District Meeting will be Oct 15, 2016 at Post 8987 in Eagar.

Dist 7: Next District Meeting will be Oct 9th at Post 6271 in Benson.

Dist 8: All Post inspections will be completed by the 3rd week in October. Recruiting efforts are well under way at all Posts. All Posts are planning Veterans Day events. Next District Meeting will be Oct 23rd at Post 9833 in Dolan Springs.

Dist 10: All Posts in District 10 have been inspected. Next District Meeting will be Oct 9th at Post 9399.

Committees

Membership: The membership goal for the State of Arizona this year is to be 100% by the first of June. Membership at present time is 76.98 with Post 9632 leading the way.

Vietnam 50th: Gene Wood reported there are still several Post that haven't signed up to be a Vietnam Commemorative Partner.

Hospital Report: Gene Wood noted there are several Posts that haven't sent in a hospital report this year. The hospital report has to be on the new report form, the chairman won't accept the old forms.

Convention Committee: Jim McCormick reported that the Convention Committee had a meeting with the Scottsdale Plaza and it looks like a go for the 2018 State Convention. The committee will have a meeting with Fort McDowell in January to finalize everything for the 2017 convention.

National Home: Greg Kozakiewicz read a report the Chris Kozakiewicz had prepared.

VOD/PP: Janie Miller reported the VOD/PP Awards Banquet will be at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande on January 21, 2017. Banquet tickets are \$30.00 until December 16th after that they will be \$40.00.

Scouting: No report given.

POW/MIA: No report given. Commander Gowen congratulated Chairman Kemery on the ceremony he conducted the day before.

Public Servant: Chairman Lombardi has entry forms for anyone who needs them. He will also mail them, just contact him.

Homeless Veterans: Bobby Jones reported the Maricopa County Stand Down will be Feb 9-11, 2017 and volunteers are still needed. To volunteer go to [Arizona Stand Down.org](http://ArizonaStandDown.org).

Legacy Life: Chairman Barker told the C of A all of the District Meetings he would be attending and would Legacy Life flyers to pass out.

Legislative National: Chairman Ellars ask everyone to become more actively involved with our legislative.

Chaplains Report: Chaplain Teagardin gave a detailed report on all of activates to date for the Year. He asks all Commanders to start working on Chaplain of the Year forms.

Teacher of the Year: Chairman stated he needed the names of the Teachers Award chairman from each District.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Senior Vice Marshall motioned to have the Department of Arizona donate \$200.00 to the Maricopa High School Jr. ROTC program. The motion was seconded by Junior Vice Wood. The Motion Passed.

Quartermaster Kuczynski made a motion to go ahead and sign the contract with PCI so they can hold a fund raiser within Arizona. The motion was seconded by Sr. Vice Marshall.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Department had an opening in the Convention Committee. An election was held for Four Year Convention Committee

Surgeon Tom Judd nominated PDC Greg Kozakiewicz for Four Year Convention Committee. PDC Kozakiewicz accepted.

Adjutant Thomas cast one unanimous vote for PDC Greg Kozakiewicz for Four Year Convention Committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

PDC Borland held his 50/50 raffle drawing. The winner will receive \$120.00.

Commander Gowen and Junior Vice Wood passed out all remaining All State Commander and Quartermaster Caps They also passed out the All American caps and plaques that were not picked up at the National Convention.

Phil Erickson announced he was a candidate for State Chaplain for 2017-2018.

Ralph Teagardin announced he was a candidate for State Chaplain for 2017-2018.

Jeff Eiler announced he was a candidate for State Surgeon for 2017-2018.

Larry Williams announced he was a candidate for State Surgeon for 2017-2018.

Angelo Lombardi announced he was a candidate for State Surgeon for 2017-2018.

Post 9401 Commander spoke on the Memorial Service for Stan Wilkinson. Military Honors will be at the London Bridge Beach Park in Lake Havasu, City on November 5th starting at 1200 hours. A Celebration of Life will follow at VFW Post 9401.

All Line Officers gave their closing remarks.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted at 1115 hours.

Next C of A will be January 22, 2017 at the Holiday Inn located in Casa Grande, AZ

Attest

Ray Thomas

Ray Thomas, Adjutant

As of: 11/9/2016

Post	City	Dist	QM Bond	Trustee Audit	Buddy Poppy	AZ Cottage	Vets & Military Support	Inspection Report	State Delegate Dues
40	Avondale	3	X	1 of 4	X	X	X		PAID
285	Surprise	3	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
404	Mohave Valley	8	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
541	Prescott	2	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
549	Tucson	5	X	1 of 4				X	\$184.50
720	Phoenix	4	X		X	X	X	X	PAID
769	Quartzsite	1	X	2 of 4	X			X	\$36.00
836	Bisbee	7	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
1433	Glendale	3	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
1677	Casa Grande	10	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
1704	Globe	6	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
1709	Flagstaff	2	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
1710	Phoenix	3	X		X	X	X		PAID
1760	Mesa	4	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
1763	Yuma	1	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
1796	Black Canyon City	4	X	1 of 4					\$22.50
2066	Nogales	7	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
2135	Peoria	3	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
2190	Chloride	8	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
2357	Bouse	1	X	1 of 4					\$27.00
2364	Pinetop-Lakeside	6	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	\$13.50
2555	Golden Valley	8	X					X	\$22.50
2767	Mammoth	5	X	2 of 4	X	X	X		PAID
3513	Scottsdale	4		2 of 4	X				\$76.50
3516	Kingman	8	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
3578	Ajo	5	X	1 of 4	X	X	X		PAID
3584	Superior	10	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
3632	Tempe	4	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
3708	Salome	1	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
3713	Coolidge	10	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
3715	Phoenix	3	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
4903	Tucson	5	X	1 of 4	X	X		X	PAID
5990	Marana	5	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
6271	Benson	7	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
6306	Golden Shores	8	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
6310	Tolleson	3	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
6739	Camp Verde	2	X	2 of 4	X	X		X	\$31.50
6789	Window Rock	2	X						\$4.50
6790	Wellton	1	X	2 of 4	X	X		X	PAID
7061	Parker	1	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
7400	Cottonwood	2	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID

Post	City	Dist	QM Bond	Trustee Audit	Buddy Poppy	AZ Cottage	Vets & Military Support	Inspection Report	State Delegate Dues
7401	Chandler	10	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
7507	Fountain Hills	4	X	2 of 4	X	X	X		PAID
7968	Apache Junction	10	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
8053	Sun Lakes	10	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
8242	Yuma (Y.P.G.)	1	X	1 of 4				X	\$94.50
8807	Tonto Basin	6	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
8987	Eagar	6	X	1 of 4	X			X	\$27.00
9399	Apache Junction	10	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
9400	Sunnyslope	4	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
9401	Lake Havasu City	8	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
9632	Page	2	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
9829	Payson	6	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
9833	Dolan Springs	8	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
9907	Show Low	6	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
9972	Sierra Vista	7	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
9977	Arizona Sunsites	7	X	2 of 4	X		X	X	PAID
10005	Bullhead City	8	X	1 of 4	X	X		X	\$94.50
10015	Tucson	5	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
10188	Tucson	5	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
10227	Prescott Valley	2	X	1 of 4	X	X		X	PAID
10254	Three Points	5	X	1 of 4					\$13.50
10342	Huachuca City	7	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
10385	Thatcher	7	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
10386	Kingman	8	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
10432	Patagonia	7		1 of 4				X	\$9.00
10695	Sun City West	3	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
10726	Parker Dam	8	X	2 of 4				X	\$22.50
11014	Meadview	8	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
12031	Anthem	4	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
12043	Maricopa	10	X	2 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
12098	Buckeye	3	X	1 of 4			X	X	\$13.50
12128	Williams	2	X	1 of 4	X	X	X	X	PAID
	District 1		X					X	
	District 2		X	2 of 4		X	X	X	
	District 3		X	2 of 4		X	X	X	
	District 4		X	2 of 4		X	X	X	
	District 5		X	2 of 4		X	X	X	
	District 6		X	2 of 4		X	X	X	
	District 7		X	1 of 4				X	
	District 8		X	2 of 4		X	X	X	
	District 10		X	2 of 4		X	X	X	

Trustee Audits are due 45 days after the end of each quarter

Buddy Poppy - X= Ordered & Paid

AZ Cottage - \$60.00 Voluntary Donation

Vets & Military Support - (Formally Military Assistance) - Any Voluntary Donation will be accepted.

State Delegate Dues - These dues are to help defray costs for 2017 Convention Ft McDowell. \$=Money Due

*** Post Inspection report must be completed before April 27, 2017

Any discrepancies or questions give me a call or email. Lets get it straightened out before convention.

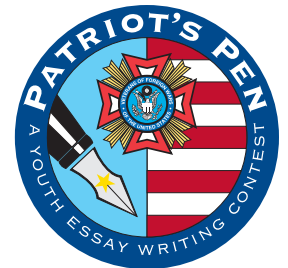
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As of: 11/9/2016

**Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars
and Auxiliary Present:**

**Voice Of Democracy
Patriots Pen
Awards Banquet**

Saturday January 21, 2017



Holiday Inn (Casa Grande)
777 N. Pinal Ave.

Casa Grande, AZ 85222

520-426-3500 Code VFW

\$89.00 + Tax Reservation Deadline - Dec. 21, 2016

Room rate includes FREE Breakfast for up to 2 persons per room.

4:00pm Student/Parents/District Commanders & Presidents Reception (Pictures)

5:00pm No Host Cocktails Main Lobby/Patio

6:00pm Dinner & Awards

Beef & Chicken & Fixins' Buffet \$30.00

Mixed Greens Salad, Served with Ranch & Italian on the side, Fresh Bakery Rolls & Butter, Roasted Chicken, Sliced Roast Beef, Served with garlic rosemary Sauce, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes, Chef's Assorted Dessert Display, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Ice tea

Deadline for Dinner Reservations is Dec. 16, 2016, \$30 after Dec. 16 \$40.00

Make checks Payable to "VFW Dept of AZ"

Mail to:

Jerry & Janie Miller

PO Box 13191

Casa Grande, AZ 85130

If you want to sit with specific people, let us know. Based on information received, we will try to make a rough seating chart, minimizing the need for people to leave property in the room to reserve tables.

vfw_az_d10@yahoo.com

C of A Meeting is Sunday at 9:00am

Arizona VFW & Auxiliary **CONVENTION 2017**

Radisson Fort McDowell Casino/Resort

10438 North Fort McDowell Road Scottsdale, AZ 85264

Wednesday June 14 thru Sunday June 18, 2017

Phone reservations 480-789-5320 You must identify yourself as a member of Arizona VFW in order to receive the group rate.

Room Rates: Deluxe King/Double Queen \$85.00

Deadline for Reservations is May 14, 2017

Rooms at the Casino/Resort go fast, make your reservations now!!!

Commander & Presidents Reception Saturday June 17, 4:00 pm

\$30⁰⁰ea For reservations: (you must make a reservation by May 14, 2017)

Tickets will not be mailed. Pick up your tickets at the VFW registration table at convention

Send Checks to: Veterans of Foreign Wars

6907 E. Thomas Road

Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Payable to: "VFW Dept of AZ"

For more info: Ski Kuczynski 480-941-5258

email - Qmskiaz@gmail.com

Tentative Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14, 2017

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM REGISTRATION

5:00 PM OUTGOING COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

THURSDAY JUNE 15, 2017

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM JOINT OPENING (All State Commanders & QM's Awards)

11:30 AM ADJOURN (LUNCH ON YOUR OWN)

1:30 PM JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY JUNE 16, 2017

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM OPEN BUSINESS SESSION Nomination of 2017-18 Department Officers

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION - ALL Service Officers, Chaplains, QM's, and Inspectors (30 minutes after business session)

5:00 PM PAST COMMANDERS CLUB (place to be announced)

SATURDAY JUNE 17, 2017

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM RESUME BUSINESS SESSION

10:00 AM NOMINATION & ELECTION OF 2017-2018 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

2:00 PM JOINT INSTALLATION OF 2017-2018 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

4:00 PM DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS & PRESIDENTS RECEPTION

SUNDAY JUNE 18, 2017

9:00 AM INCOMING COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

**District Meetings
2016 - 2017**

Dist	Date & Time	Post & Location	Day	C	Sr	Jr	JA	Sur
1								
a	Sept 11, 11am	Post 769, Quartzsite	Sun					
b	Nov 20, 11am	Post 6790, Wellton	Sun	x		x	x	
c	Feb 19, 11am	Post 1763, Yuma	Sun					
d	Apr 23, 11am	Post 2357, Bouse	Sun	x		x	x	x
2								
a	July 9, 11am	Post 1709, Flagstaff	Sat					
b	Oct 15, 11am	Post 6739, Camp Verde	Sat					
c	Dec 10, 11am	Post 7400, Cottonwood	Sat	x			x	x
d	Apr 8, 11am	Post 541, Prescott	Sat			x		
3								
a	July 10, 10am	Post 1433, Glendale	Sun					
b	Oct 29, 10am	Post 1433, Glendale	Sat					
c	Feb 19, 10am	Post 3715, Phoenix	Sun	x			x	x
d	May 6, 10am	Post 1433, Glendale	Sat	x				
4								
a	Aug 20, 10am	Post 1760, Mesa	Sat					
b	Nov 19, 10am	Post 1796, Black Canyon	Sat		x			x
c	Feb 18, 10am	Post 720, Phoenix	Sat	x		x	x	x
d	May 7, 10am	Post 9400, Sunnyslope	Sun			x		
5								
a	July 30, 10am	Post 549, Tucson	Sat					
b	Oct 22, 10am	Post 4903, Tucson	Sat					
c	Jan 28, 10am	Americal Legion Post 7, Tucson	Sat	x				
d	Apr 22, 10am	Post 5990, Marana	Sat			x	x	x
6								
a	July 16, 11am	Post 9907, Show Low	Sat					
b	Oct 15, 11am	Post 8987, Eagar	Sat					
c	Jan 14, 11am	Post 8807, Tonto Basin	Sat	x	x		x	x
d	Apr 15, 11am	Post 1704, Globe	Sat			x	x	x
7								
a	July 10, 10am	Post 10385 Thatcher	Sun					
b	Oct 9, 10am	Post 6271 Benson	Sun					
c	Jan 8, 10am	Post 9977, Sunsites	Sun		x			x
d	Apr 9, 10am	Post 9972, Sierra Vista	Sun	x		x		
8								
a	July 24, 11am	Post 6306, Golden Shores	Sun					
b	Oct 23, 11am	Post 9833, Dolan Springs	Sun	x		x		x
c	Jan 29, 11am	Post 10005, Bullhead City	Sun		x		x	
d	Apr 30, 11am	Post 9401 Lake Havasu City	Sun	x		x	x	x
10								
a	June 26, 10am	Post 9399, Apache Junction	Sun					
b	Oct 9, 10am	Post 3584, Superior	Sun					
c	Jan 15, 10am	Post 1677, Casa Grande	Sun		x	x	x	x
d	Apr 30, 10am	Post 9399, Apache Junction	Sun		x		x	
Dist	Date & Time	Post & Location	Day	C	Sr	Jr	JA	Sur

11/09/16

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior	Prior	City	N/R LM	Need
8053	10	139	1	0	35	175	235	74.46%	SUN LAKES	1	60
8242	1	445	1	0	67	513	614	83.55%	YUMA (Y.P.G.)	0	101
8807	6	65	0	0	10	75	118	63.55%	TONTO BASIN	0	43
8987	6	107	1	0	4	112	150	74.66%	EAGAR	0	38
9399	10	572	21	13	160	766	1137	67.37%	APACHE JUNCTION	1	371
9400	4	660	12	2	39	713	794	89.79%	SUNNYSLOPE	5	81
9401	8	573	8	2	106	689	825	83.51%	LAKE HAVASU CITY	1	136
9632	2	59	0	1	4	64	67	95.52%	PAGE	1	3
9829	6	79	0	0	8	87	109	79.81%	PAYSON	0	22
9833	8	121	4	0	8	133	157	84.71%	DOLAN SPRINGS	0	24
9907	6	312	5	0	34	351	490	71.63%	SHOW LOW	3	139
9972	7	1772	19	3	78	1872	2079	90.04%	SIERRA VISTA	6	207
9977	7	70	0	0	9	79	94	84.04%	ARIZONA SUNSITES	0	15
10005	8	518	9	0	42	569	627	90.74%	BULLHEAD CITY	2	58
10015	5	66	0	0	6	72	78	92.30%	TUCSON	0	6
10188	5	342	0	0	23	365	475	76.84%	TUCSON	0	110
10227	2	226	9	0	29	264	305	86.55%	PRESCOTT VALLEY	2	41
10254	5	86	2	0	9	97	119	81.51%	THREE POINTS	2	22
10342	7	132	3	0	7	142	212	66.98%	HUACHUCA CITY	0	70
10385	7	69	0	0	16	85	116	73.27%	THATCHER	0	31
10386	8	159	1	0	58	218	238	91.59%	KINGMAN	1	20
10432	7	29	0	0	2	31	38	81.57%	PATAGONIA	0	7
10695	3	130	3	1	16	150	179	83.79%	SUN CITY WEST	0	29
10726	8	112	1	0	19	132	147	89.79%	PARKER DAM	0	15
11014	8	67	1	0	23	91	108	84.25%	MEADVIEW	1	17
12031	4	45	2	0	11	58	72	80.55%	ANTHEM	0	14
12043	10	83	6	0	31	120	148	81.08%	MARICOPA	0	28
12098	3	63	0	0	8	71	87	81.60%	BUCKEYE	0	16
12128	2	23	0	0	6	29	44	65.90%	WILLIAMS	0	15
15003	99	1933	60	16	249	2258	2960	76.28%	SCOTTSDALE	15	702
State	100	17677	372	86	2237	20372	25294	80.54%	STATE	65	4922
Dist	8	2071	33	3	317	2424	2791	86.85%	DIST 8	5	367
Dist	7	2411	25	8	156	2600	3051	85.21%	DIST 7	6	451
Dist	2	1218	32	4	160	1414	1673	84.51%	DIST 2	4	259
Dist	4	2111	45	10	196	2362	2815	83.90%	DIST 4	12	453
Dist	5	2099	26	3	184	2312	2762	83.70%	DIST 5	6	450
Dist	1	1393	31	3	169	1596	1924	82.95%	DIST 1	4	328
State	100	17677	372	86	2237	20372	25294	80.54%	STATE	65	4922
Dist	3	1543	20	3	163	1729	2219	77.91%	DIST 3	2	490
Dist	99	1933	60	16	249	2258	2960	76.28%	MAL	15	702
Dist	6	686	8	1	89	784	1040	75.38%	DIST 6	3	256
Dist	10	2212	92	35	554	2893	4059	71.27%	DIST 10	8	1166

VFW Memorial Squad at the National Cemetery Needs Help

We are looking for male and female members to pay final honors to our fallen comrades. Our comrades have earned and deserve to have Honors preformed. This is truly a labor of love for our fellow Veterans.

The Squad operates Monday through Friday between the hours of 0800 to 1400 during the months of February, May, August and November.

The Squad provides the same Military Honors as preformed at Arlington National Cemetery.

Each member wears a VFW provided uniform with military pride. Volunteers are provided lunch at a local café as well as a stipend to assist with travel expenses.

- a. Must be able to serve an eight (8) hour day.
- b. Must have no major health issues
- c. Military Bearing Required
- d. Commitment Required

If you would like to volunteer to serve our comrades, contact Squad Captain, Pete Rosales for an interview appointment **623-247-3352** or Department Headquarters at **480-941-5258**.

Veterans and Military Support
 May 2016 - April 2017

POST	DIST	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A
1704	6	X			X	X							
2364	6	X	X	X	X	X							
8807	6	X	X	X		X							
8987	6	X	X										
9829	6	X	X	X	X	X							
9907	6	X	X	X	X	X							
836	7	X	X	X	X	X							
2066	7	X	X	X	X	X							
6271	7	X	X	X	X	X							
9972	7	X	X	X	X	X							
9977	7	X	X	X	X	X							
10342	7	X	X	X		X							
10385	7	X	X	X	X	X							
10432	7												
404	8	X	X	X	X	X							
2190	8	X	X			X							
2555	8	X	X	X	X								
3516	8	X	X			X							
6306	8	X	X	X	X	X							
9401	8	X	X	X	X	X							
9833	8	X	X		X	X							
10005	8	X	X	X	X	X							
10386	8	X	X	X	X	X							
10726	8	X	X	X		X							
11014	8				X	X							
1677	10	X	X	X	X	X							
3584	10	X	X			X							
3713	10	X	X	X	X	X							
7401	10	X	X			X							
7968	10	X	X	X	X	X							
8053	10	X	X	X	X	X							
9399	10	X	X	X	X	X	X						
12043	10	X	X	X	X	X							

M.O.C. Grand Commander Bruce Spencer and
M.O.C.A. Grand President Pamela Spencer
Homecoming

VFW Post 5990 proudly hosts this Crummy Homecoming Event
Marana, AZ 15850 W El Tiro Rd.
Surprises will happen!!!

SATURDAY FEB, 4th 2017

This year because of travel and for everyone's convenience we will do The Grand Hospital visit to the SAVA Hospital in Tucson Bldg. 60 @ 10:30 am. On February 4th to eliminate having to travel two weekends back to back to Tucson.

There will be a No Host Barat VFW Post 5990 3-close on February 4, 2017 and the Homecoming Roast (Dinner) will start at 6pm. Catering for the dinner will be by **Las Margaritas Restaurant** of Tucson.

The Menu is: 2 Mini Chimichangas, 2 Taquitos, 1 Mini Beef Tamale, Chilaquiles (Enchilada Casserole) and Calabacitas, (Mixed Vegetables) Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Guacamole and Sour Cream, Hot and Mild Salsa, Chips. Desert will be cake. Price per ticket is \$15.00

SUNDAY Feb. 5th

Breakfast on your own.

Post will open at 9am

Grand Joint meeting at 10am The Grand MOC/MOCA C of A will follow joint closing.

NOTE:

Because of the Gem Show in Tucson room rates are very high this time of year as we know from past experience with the Grand Hospital Visit every year. I have contacted the hotels in the area and the rates are as follows. **Super 8 is the cheapest at one bed \$125.99 per night and 2 bed at \$137.45 per night (tax included) 8351 N Cracker Barrel Rd. 85743 Phn. Jennifer at (520) 572-0300.** The next cheapest is **Days Inn at \$215.47 (tax included) 8370 N Cracker Barrel Rd. 85743 Phn. (520) 744-6677** The other hotel/motels are **\$260.00+tax And up.** The aforementioned hotels are 17.5 miles from the VFW Post 5990. There is one other choice - Newly Renovated Motel 6 (**MY CHOICE**) price is two people at \$88.65 per night & one person at \$82.46 per night. 4630 W Ina Rd. 85741 Phn. Marilee at (520) 744-9300. Motel 6 is three (3) miles farther and there is going to be construction at the intersection of I-10 & Ina Rd, so depending on the detour it will be farther (The detour is a only couple miles more). This is our best choice. **Please remember it is very important that you make your reservations as soon as possible (within the next month would be advisable - the same for RV sites) they will sell out very quick because of the Gem Show. (Within the next couple months they say)**

For those with campers etc. A-Bar-A RV Park and Campground

9015 West Tangerine Farms Rd, Marana, AZ 85653 85 RV Sites, All year and they are \$24.74 per night there are discounts available. abararv@yahoo.com · (520) 682-4332

This is an event you do not want to miss because you will have a very great time!!!! You are saving the travel to Tucson for two events and can actually relax and have the good time you all deserve.

2016-2017 Buddy Poppy Display Contest

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR DISTRICT AND STATE DISPLAY CONTESTS

TO BE FILLED OUT BY ENTRANT

POST # _____

AUXILIARY # _____

NAME OF BUILDER OR BUILDERS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF POPPIES USED IN DISPLAY: _____

THIS DISPLAY IS ENTERED IN THE FOLLOW CATEGORY: Circle Category and Division

STORE OR WINDOW DISPLAY

Category #1	Division A	Division B	Division C	Store or Window
Poppies used:	100 to 750	751 to 1500	1501 and up	

MEMORIAL OR INSPIRATIONAL DISPLAY

Category #2	Division A	Division B	Division C	Memorial or Inspirational
Poppies Used:	100 to 750	751 to 1500	1501 and up	

ARTISTIC OR DECORATIVE DISPLAY

Category #3	Division A	Division B	Division C	Artistic or Decorative
Poppies Used:	100 to 750	751 to 1500	1501 and up	

CATEGORY #1: Please have this certification form completed before entering contest.

I certify that this Poppy Display was on exhibit in my place of business for a period of not less than three (3) days.

Name of Store or Business: _____

City: _____

(To be filled in by Poppy Display Chairman)

District # _____ Display # _____

Location of Display Contest: _____

Your Display was graded: ORIGINALITY _____ POINTS

NEATNESS _____ POINTS

COMPOSITION _____ POINTS

POPPY STORY _____ POINTS

TOTAL SCORE _____ POINTS Your Display Finished: _____ Place

Attest: Buddy Poppy Display Chairman: _____

2016-2017 Buddy Poppy Display Contest

Roger Gowen - Dept. Commander
Jim Johnson – Committee Chairperson

POPPY DISPLAY GENERAL RULES

1. The rules governing the poppy displays for the 2015-2016 year will be in accordance with the National Poppy Display Contest, (attached). All entrants will comply with these rules. Your entry will be judged by them. All Districts are requested to follow these rules as closely as possible when holding your display judging.

RULES

CATEGORY 1 - Public promotion of poppy sales: (Window, booth, parade or poster displays, sales promotion, etc.

- A. Display must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message urging the buying and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy.
- B. At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in their original form and color, with labels attached.

CATEGORY 2 -Memorial or inspirational displays: (wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes.)

- A. Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy Program.
- B. At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in their original form and color, with labels attached.

CATEGORY 3 – Artistic or decorative use of poppies: (Post home display, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

- A. Display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.
- B. Complete freedom shall be permitted in the use of poppies, poppy parts or poppy labels, and in the use of dyes or paints in achieving the desired artistic effect.
- C. At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in their original form and color, with labels attached.

2. The scoring of the displays will be in accordance with the National Rules. Originality – 25 points; Composition – 25 points; Neatness – 25 points; Poppy Story – 25 points; for a total of 100 points maximum. The Originality, Composition, and Neatness are self-explanatory, with the Poppy Story as outlined in the Buddy Poppy Story.
3. There will be a First, Second and Third Place award in each Division Category. Category 1 displays must have been on display in a public place for a minimum of 3 days.
4. A report of District Judging must be sent to the Department Buddy Poppy Chairperson prior to the Department Convention. Any display not accepted at District level, or not entered in District judging will be ineligible for State Judging.
5. All displays entered and accepted at District level will be accepted for Department judging during the Department convention.
6. Forms for judging and reporting results will be distributed to all District Commander through Department HQ.
7. Poppies to be used in display contests are to be ordered from VFW Dept. HQ.
8. There will be four (4) judges. Each judge will grade all categories and disciplines within the category. The decision of the judges and that of the Department Buddy Poppy Display Chairperson will be final. During the judging, the entire area will be closed to all except the judges so as to insure impartial judging.

9. Previous Department winners are ineligible.
10. Official entry form for District and State is attached.

ALL DISTRICT CONTESTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN APRIL

The Districts should award prizes to their winner at their discretion. Each District entry will be allowed to enter in the Department Contest, in each of the 3 categories, however they must remain in the same category and divisions entered in the District judging. Any person or group of persons (except professional display builders), may enter a display. The display must be entered by a Post or Auxiliary.

All entries at the National Display Contest must be approved and sponsored by the Department Headquarters. No other entries will be accepted by officials of the National Contest. Department display contest winners will be announced at the Department Convention. Special forms will be given to those eligible for entry in National Competition. Do not take any entry to National without the proper forms as it will not be accepted.

Jim Johnson
Dept. of Arizona Buddy Poppy Chairperson

Veterans Nursing Home Christmas Party Tucson

We will be having the VFW Department State Veterans Nursing Home Christmas Party on the SAVA Hospital Grounds.

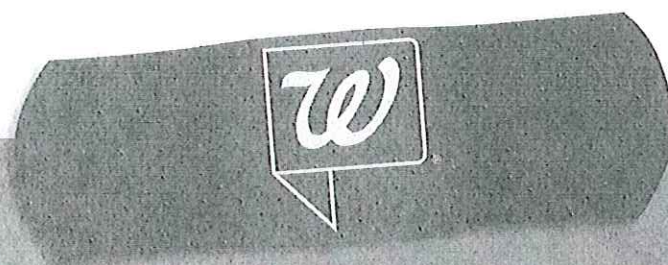
I spoke with the administrator and have the Christmas Party set for Saturday December 17, 2016 @ 2pm. The party will be about 1 ½ - 2 hours long. Please pass this info in the Dept. Nov. or Dec. Bulletin for those wishing to attend.

Thank You, Bruce Spencer, Department State Vets Nursing Home Chairperson

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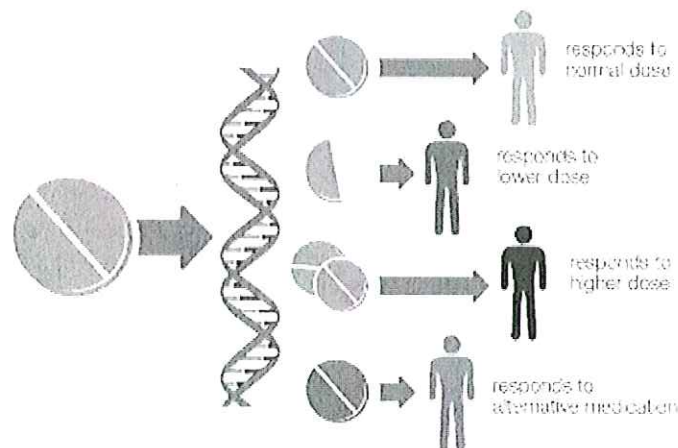
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A new genetic test is now available to veterans through the VA Health System to help eliminate medication errors and side effects. The test is called the YouScriptPGx test. The test is available at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient through the VA System. The test helps doctors select the best medications for the patient using the person's unique genetic information.

No two people process all medications the same. Some people process some medications at a normal rate, while others may process the same medication much faster or much slower than normal. Some might not be able to metabolize the medication at all. A person may be at risk for more side effects with some medications depending on if they don't process it normally. These side effects can mean visits to emergency rooms and hospitalizations if severe enough.



The YouScript test is performed in the VA clinic with a physician. It is a simple test that collects genetic tissue using a swab inside the patient's mouth. The doctor is sent a report listing if the medications prescribed are the right medications for the patient based on their unique genetics. If not, other more appropriate medications are recommended to the doctor. This information can help doctors select the right drug at the right dose for a given patient.

Some of the key benefits of having a YouScript PGx test performed are:

- Reduced risk of side effects from medications
- Reduced switching of medications causing adverse events
- Avoid using drugs that don't work for you

The YouScript PGx test is now available to veterans in Arizona at several VA clinics statewide. If you are on multiple medications and have had side effects in the past, or are being placed on new medications by your doctor, ask your VA physician if a YouScript PGx test is right for you. Testing kits are available (listed under the FSS Contract # V797D-50565, Item # DRT-634, DRT-631 and DRT-630). If your physician has questions about this genetic testing, feel free to contact Raquel Beer at 480-688-2759 or at raquel@ags-health.com for local testing support and education. Or call Advanced Genomic Solutions at 480-779-6188 for more information on the testing today.