

August 2024



Post and Auxiliary at the Back-to-School Fair in Benson. We had a great time promoting our scholarship programs and handing out flag pens, workbooks, and flag coloring books.

VFW Post and Auxiliary 6271 Newsletter

233 E 5th St Benson AZ 85602

520-586-2197 Canteen info

*Post Meetings the third
Wednesday at 6pm*

*Auxiliary Meetings the third
Tuesday of every month 6pm at
Paul Kerchum Hall Post 6271*

Post Officers

Commander: Devon McLaws

Sr. Vice: Doug Frost

Jr. Vice: Tom Caywood

Quartermaster: Tom Kesterson

Chaplain: Mike Scott

Auxiliary Officers

President: Mary Lee Bringham

Senior Vice: Tonya Agay

Junior Vice: Heather Farnsworth

Secretary: Trish Kesterson

Treasurer: Frank Griffin

Chaplain: Nancy Griffin

Commander's Message

Hello Comrades!

Thank you to the Auxiliary for another great newsletter.

I wanted to touch on a few things. The last district meeting was in Nogales. It was impressive to see how many state officers attended. Its nice to know how supported we are from department. Many of them traveled long distances just to be there for assistance and to show their support for this organization. We are lucky to have that in our state.

Reminder that the annual golf tournament is approaching fast. It's going to be a full house and lots of fun. We hope to see you there! Also, do not forget about the gun raffle. There is still time to get your hands on some raffle tickets so don't wait.

The Auxiliary has been doing so much I can barely keep up with them. They recently hijacked one of the walls in the hall and turned it into a veteran's wall. It looks amazing to say the least. Auxiliary veterans and members are encouraged to bring a picture of yourself in uniform to hang on the wall. It really does add some flavor to the space.

The Auxiliary is also starting up Monday night football at the post. They will be cooking burgers and of course, there are lots of ice-cold beverages to be had from the canteen. We hope to see you all there on Mondays to hang out and catch up while enjoying some football.

Lastly, come to a meeting. Come for Wednesday tacos. Just come hang out! We miss seeing everyone. Our next meeting is 8/21.

That is all I have Comrades. Hope to see you soon.

Commander Devon McLaws



*Summer Hours for
the Canteen: Sun-
closed*

*Mon-Tues 2pm to
6pm*

*Wed 12pm
to 8pm*

*Thurs 2pm
to 6pm*

*Fri and Sat 2pm to
8pm*

No Happy Hour

*But still the
cheapest \$ drinks
in town, with the
greatest
bartenders!*

HOUSE AND CANTEEN NEWS

It appears we may be getting major support from LOWES HOME CENTER For repair of the roof. Warren Johnson is working with LOWES on that.

Lisa Stansbury is actively researching grant opportunities for the Post.

We are now able to take credit and debit cards in the Canteen. Please be patient with the Canteen Staff while they acclimate to the system.

We have received the license for the full servicer Arizona Lottery machine. It will be installed and in service in a couple of weeks. No longer do you have to go to Safeway etc. Buy your tickets at the Post and 6,5% of the sale goes to the Post.

The Golf Tournament is looking good. We are full up on teams and have some on a waiting list. We have fifty plus sponsors which is the most ever. We can take new sponsors until the 12th. We can still use some raffle prizes.

The Auxiliary will be serving up Cheeseburgers for Monday Night Football starting on September 9th. Bring your buddies in for Burgers, Beer, and Ball. A shout out to Comrade Ed Islas on keeping the photo program going.

If you have a photo, you would like displayed, get in touch with Ed.

The House and Canteen meeting is at 5 PM on the same night as the Post meeting. Come in for a Taco and see what is going on.

Dennis Bringham

Hello Everyone

National convention is over, and it is now time to continue on with nurturing those programs and projects. I used the word nurturing because our National President's theme this year is "From our roots to our branches, extending service to our veterans." Her symbol is a mighty tree, just like a family tree. The roots represent those who have come before us. The trunk is our Veterans, a strong base to grow on and hold us up, and why we work so hard. The branches are the members, and the leaves are the programs.

We are off to a great start and many of you have already chosen some of your favorite programs to work on. This will be a fun and productive year working together nurturing this mighty tree.

A big thank you to our members who have brought in photos of their Veterans for the Auxiliary wall. They are the WHY!

Please remember to keep track of your time and turn in those PAR slips at the next meeting.

Coming soon! Monday Night Football in the Hall. As a fundraiser we will be selling cheeseburgers on Mondays for football season. If you want to be part of the fun, please sign up to volunteer at the next meeting.


See you soon!

Mary Lee Bringham



*Sewing Circle meets
the first Wednesday of
the month at 10am in
the VFW Hall. This is
open to the public.*





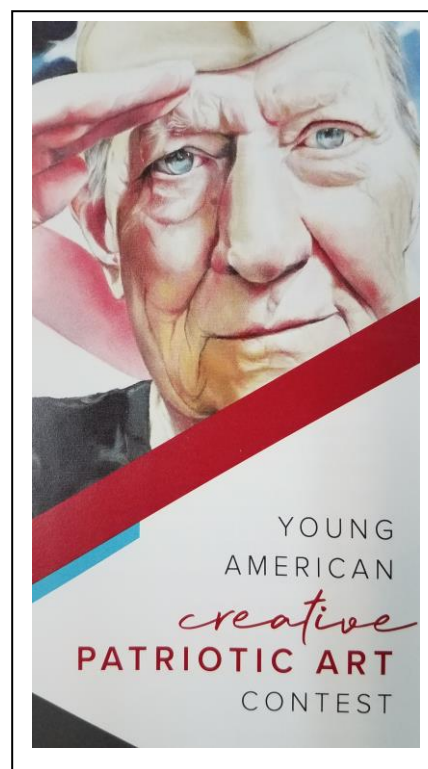
**Flutes For Vets
Flute Circle**

**Mondays
5:00 - 6:30 PM
Benson VFW**

- Learn the calming nature of the Native American Style Flute
- Classes are free to all who want to participate
- Twelve hours of instruction to graduate
- Veterans awarded a wooden flute upon graduation
- Family members awarded their practice flute upon graduation
- Playing has been shown to help the symptoms of PTSD

*Attention Students!
Applications for this
year's Scholarships are
available at the VFW
and your school
counselor's office.*

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Events

Every Sunday is No Fear Painting in the Hall 1pm to 3pm. Members \$25 learn to paint with acrylics.

8/07 Sewing circle 10am PK Hall

8/17 Raleigh Jay Dance PK Hall 6pm to 9pm.

8/20 Auxiliary Meeting 6pm

8/21 House and Club Meeting 5pm

8/21 Post Meeting 6pm

8/24 Golf Tournament

9/06 Fish Dinner \$

9/09 Monday Night Football in the Hall

9/09 Cheeseburger and Chips \$

9/11 Patriots Day

9/13 Meatloaf Dinner \$

9/14 Raleigh Jay Dance PK Hall 6pm to 9pm.