

VFW Post 12043 --- Maricopa, Arizona



NEWSLETTER

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Each month we members receive the **MEMBER DISPATCH** from VFW Headquarters. Our January issue thanks you for “making meaningful contributions to our local communities.” Remember to submit your hours on My Personal Community Service monthly.

An article in the Arizona Republic earlier this month reminds us veterans “the values are the common thread that binds us veterans together.” They include: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, personal courage and commitment. (*Veterans’ Voice* – Paula Pedene, guest columnist). With these values in mind – www.vfw.org/community/stillserving.

Our membership includes 146 “Life Members.” If you aren’t at that level, attendance to a monthly local meeting may open the opportunity to raise you up a level. One-member last week rose to “Legacy.” That benefit provides income to the post through the life of a member! We need those unpaid members to help us reach that 100% membership level this year.

Our post’s recent “Voice of Democracy” and “Patriot Pen” essay submissions by high schoolers and middle schoolers, respectively did not make our district 10’s top three winners. Our number of submissions and their penmanship was impressive. Help us to support & educate our youth for the next year. Themes for 2024 should be available soon.

Upcoming events: A shooter’s day **February 10th**, 10a to 2p. Pinal County Sports competition between 4-H youth and Arizona veterans. \$20 per person helps the 4-H. Bring your .22 rifle and pistol, skills in archery and shotgun (equipment and instruction provided).

Archangel Range, 9534 W Schrader Lane, about 15 miles west off of SR 238.

Soda can tab presentation to McDonalds **upcoming** – keep bring them to us. They help family members with free stays at *Ronald McDonald houses*.

CANNED GOODS reminder – For us members – BRING to each meeting (or at your convenience). We are collecting up to 1500 pounds of food for the Food Bank.

----- [**Not all wounds are visible** – Call **988** for Suicide & Crisis Lifeline] -----