



June/July 2024

Happy Post New Year!

Congratulations to our new leadership!

Commander and President for the 2024/2025 Year.

Commander Devon McLaws

President Mary Lee Bringham

Looking forward to new and exciting projects for this next year. Helping Veterans and the community.



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!

As the new Commander, I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself. My name is Devon McLaws. I was raised here in Benson and graduated from Benson High School, class of '97. Go Bobcats! I Joined the U.S. Navy out of high school and served 4 years aboard the USS Peleliu amphibious assault ship. I met my beautiful wife Sherri while stationed in San Diego. She also served in the U.S. Navy. We have been married for 21 years. We have 2 children. Our son Kaleb is a First-Class Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, currently stationed in Japan. Our Daughter Sarah, graduates from U of A in December with her bachelor's in nursing. After serving in the Navy, I became a police officer in Gilbert Az. Upon retiring, my wife and I relocated to Benson for a better way of life.

I joined the VFW in 2021, knowing very little about the organization. I quickly learned there was a great opportunity to serve our nation's veterans and their families through the organization. I have watched, listened, and learned from many amazing VFW mentors, and was honored when nominated to serve as Post Commander.

My message to the VFW Post and Axillary of 6271 is this. I love the VFW. There is no organization that does more for veterans and their families than the VFW. This Post and Auxiliary is full of amazing, selfless servants. I am proud to work alongside all of you. I will do everything in my power to help us all succeed this year. To be present. To continue to carry on the traditions we all hold dear, while continuing to grow as an organization. I am honored to serve as this Post's Commander and look forward to serving you.

Thank you all,
Devon C. McLaws
Commander, VFW Post 6271

Gun raffle tickets for \$10 are available in the canteen. Drawing on Veterans Day 1pm at the VFW Benson.

*Golf Tournament August 2024
Entry forms available at the VFW
Canteen in Benon.*

*Contact Dennis Bringham
360-908-3627*

*America the Beautiful
Raffle tickets available
at the VFW \$5 each
drawing on the 4th of
July.*



Auxiliary Message

Congratulations! to our new Post and Auxiliary Officers.

I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to represent you as your President for this next year. We have a fantastic team that loves the VFW and are ready to work for everything this great organization represents. We all have a Veteran that is our WHY.

Why we joined and why we continue to serve.

Hope to see many of you at our events, at the Post and in our community.

Mary Lee Bringham

Auxiliary President 6271

Do you have a why?

*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!*



Pk Hall at the VFW is a wonderful place for your event! Air-conditioned bliss!

Rental is free for members. All others call for price list and availability.

Tacos every Wednesday at the canteen \$2.50 each, soft or hardshell. YUM!

Homestyle Burritos are available on the bar menu \$5.

The canteen has your nonalcoholic beverages available to you... O'Doul's, coffees, tea, and sodas.



*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS BORN IN THE SUMMER SEASON.
SUN AND WATER CHILDREN!*

Convention Report

This years Department of Arizona VFW Convention at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort.

This was a major event that was well attended by 6271 Officers and members of the Post and Auxiliary.



Congratulations to the Auxiliary for receiving the Outstanding Auxiliary award and several program and membership awards.

The 6271 auxiliary team did a fantastic job this year.

You rock!

Convention time is a time of learning, networking, and planning for the future.

The Post and Auxiliary have some mighty goals for this year's programs.

Congratulations! To our own Dennis Bringham and Tom Kesterson for achieving some impressive District 7 awards.

Everyone always has a great time attending events and fun activities at convention.

Please plan on attending these events in the future and learn how you can better serve your Post and community.

Thank you, Department of Arizona for a great Convention!

Events

- 6/8** Raleigh Jay Dance PK Hall 6pm to 9pm.
- 6/14** Flag Day, recruiting table in front of Ace Hardware 8am to 1pm. Post and Auxiliary.
- 6/18** Auxiliary Meeting 6pm
- 6/19** House and Club Meeting 5pm
- 6/19** Post Meeting 6pm
- 7/4** Happy Birthday America! 4th of July
Parade 9am and Auxiliary raffle 2pm
- 7/13** Raleigh Jay Dance PK Hall 6pm to 9pm.
- 7/14** District Meeting Nogales 10am
- 7/16** Auxiliary Meeting 6pm
- 7/17** House and Club Meeting 5pm
- 7/17** Post Meeting 6pm