



VFW POST 40



MAY 2026
NEWSLETTER

PAT TILLMAN MEMORIAL VFW POST 40
Service ★ Community ★ Leadership



Ms. Lynda Espino, District 3 Teacher of the Year, Recognized at the recent District 3 meeting.

FROM THE DESK OF THE JR VICE COMMANDER

Welcome to the first edition of the VFW Post 40 Newsletter.

Our mission is simple—serve veterans, support our community, and lead from the front.

This month reflects who we are: showing up, giving back, and making an impact where it matters most.

We will continue building something strong—together.

Tiffany Bolling
Jr Vice Commander

District 3 Raffle Success

Post 40 sold the most raffle tickets in district 3, earning the Henry Rifle

Quartermaster Bill Owens won the actual raffle and walked away with an M1 7.62 rifle bringing both top prizes home to post 40.



District 3 Highlights

- ✓ Allison Helm installed as D3's first woman commander
 - ✓ Tiffany installed as new District 3 Jr Vice Cmdr
 - ✓ Janice installed as District 3 Adjutant
 - ✓ Post 40 has 121% Membership, ranked #4 in nation (div 6)
- ★ Post 40 tracking towards:
- ALL-STATE POST
 - ALL-AMERICAN POST

POST 40 RAFFLE INITIATIVE

We are currently selling tickets for a raffle that will be drawn on July 1, 2026 where the prize is one of two Grills. Proceeds from the raffle will go to benefit the Girls Flag football team in Buckeye.

**GOAL: EACH MEMBER
SELL 10 TIX EACH**
Your support makes a difference in the lives of our youth.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

- May 6--POST 40 Monthly Meeting @1830
- May 12--National Home Project (toiletry bags) @1500



JUNE 11-14 2026

VFW Department Convention
Loews Ventana Resort, Tuscon, AZ

Upcoming "Day of Service" Events: 8AM

- May 19 -Indian Steel Park & Solid Rock MB Church Clean Up/paint
- May 23 -Litchfield Park Elem. & Goodyear Farms Cemetary clean up
- May 23 -Solid Rock MB Church new lettering installation



1ST Wednesday of every month | 6:30 PM
American Legion Post 61
35 N Dysart Rd, Avondale AZ, 85323



WE SERVE.
WE LEAD.
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



PAT TILLMAN MEMORIAL VFW POST 40
@ VFW POST 40



Post 40 Leadership celebrates with District 3 Teacher of the year, Ms. Lynda Espino & her family

Honoring our fallen



Post 40 in Action



Post 40 members attended a memorial service honoring CW3 Jimmie Sullivan in Marana, AZ.



Post 40 members participated in Pat's Run, honoring the legacy of Pat Tillman and supporting veterans and their families through continued service and presence in the community.



Family Redeployment: Operation Welcome Home!

Luke AFB | April 12, 2026

Post 40 had the honor of supporting the family Redeployment Operation at Luke, AFB. Our mission was simple--welcome home our deployed Airmen and show them they are not forgotten. From flag lines to cheers to teddy bears and smiles, this day was all about family, community, and gratitude.



Thank you all who volunteered and showed up!!



POST 40 CONTINUES TO SERVE, LEAD, AND SHOW UP--EVERY TIME.
We are Veterans. We are Family. We are Post 40.

★ MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH ★

THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS

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TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED
AND STILL SERVING
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May is National Military Appreciation Month—a time to honor and recognize service members, veterans, and their families. Throughout the month, we reflect on the sacrifices made and recommit ourselves to continued service in our communities.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT ★



HONORING WITH PURPOSE

Post 40 was recognized by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce for our role in ensuring proper flag retirement within the community.

Partnering with local organizations, we remain committed to honoring each and every flag with the respect it deserves.



Have a flag ready for retirement? Drop it off at Credit Union West, the Glendale Chamber of Commerce or Karsten's Ace Hardware Store

★ WHY WE SERVE ★

At Post 40, service doesn't end when the uniform comes off. We continue to show up—for veterans, for families, and for our community—because that's who we are.

CURRENT FOCUS



RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Every ticket sold supports local youth and strengthens our mission.



DAY OF SERVICE PARTICIPATION

Show up. Step up. Make a difference in our community.



CONVENTION PREPARATION

Let's represent Post 40 strong at the Department Convention in June.

FOCUSED TODAY. STRONGER TOMORROW.

★ WHAT WE STAND FOR ★

SERVICE. COMMITMENT. COMMUNITY.



At Post 40, we don't just show up—we show up with purpose.



Whether we're honoring our fallen, supporting military families, or serving our community, our mission stays the same:



- ★ LEAD WITH SERVICE.
- ★ GIVE WITH PURPOSE.
- ★ STAND TOGETHER.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT POST 40.

Attend monthly meetings.

Join a Day of Service.

Support our youth initiatives.

Bring a friend to the next event.

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