



*Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States  
Department of Virginia*

**GENERAL ORDERS No. 1**

**August 2010**

**Must be read by the Auxiliary Secretary at the first meeting after receipt before being filed for reference.**

1. Having been elected Department President and having been installed into office in accordance with the National Bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America at the Department Convention in Richmond, Virginia on June 13, 2010, I hereby assume command.
2. **THEMES for 2010-2011:** Incoming National President Cortina Barnes' theme is *"United by Love For Our Veterans and Country"*. My theme is *"Honor, Respect and Remember Our Veterans"*.
3. **EARLY BIRD PARADE:** The **Early Bird Transmittal Parade** at the June Convention was wonderful, fun and everyone loved my "devil horns". Our membership chairman, Jr. Vice President Cathy Graham, and the District and Auxiliary Presidents, did an outstanding job making it a special event for everyone. Because of the hard work of all the members, the Department is 49% in membership as of July 1st. Give yourselves a big pat on the back.
4. **ATTENTION: DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** In accordance with the National Bylaw **Sec. 810 – President Duties of (all levels)**, within thirty (30) days after assuming the duties of her office, submit to the Commander of the corresponding unit of the VFW, an itemized report of the financial and membership status of her unit. Recently each Auxiliary President received a letter outlining this obligation; please ensure that this is done in accordance with our Bylaws.
5. **Sec. 810 A – AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** The Auxiliary President shall appoint a committee of not less than five (5) members, including the Treasurer, to contact all members, during the year for payment of dues. They shall also contact those who have not paid dues for the preceding years. This Committee shall report all contacts made and turn over any money collected over to the Treasurer as soon as possible, but no later than the first meeting following collection.
6. **OFFICE OF TREASURER:** The **office of Treasurer must be bonded. *All current bonds expire on August 31, 2010.*** The premium for the Treasurers bond is \$15.00 for \$10,000 coverage through National Headquarters. Additional coverage is available at a cost of \$3.50 per additional \$1,000. Bond applications will be sent to those Auxiliaries whose Installation Reports have been received at National Headquarters. In accordance with **National Bylaws, Section 810**, the District/Auxiliary President shall hold the bond.
7. **Sec.103 – ADMISSION AND DUES:** The Auxiliary shall fix an Admission Fee not less than \$5.00 per member. **This entitles each new member to a membership pen and a copy of the current Bylaws and Booklet of Instructions.** Each Auxiliary shall fix the amount of annual dues to charge each member, which shall never be less than the amount required to cover the Department and National Dues. The dues shall be paid annually in advance in accordance with the calendar year. National Records and dues covering membership of the Auxiliary shall be in the hands of the National Treasurer by June 30 of each year. Please make sure that your Auxiliary is following this Bylaw.
8. **PARADES AND FUNCTIONS:** If your **District or Auxiliary** would like to have the **Department President or other line officer** participate in one of your parades or functions; please send a letter to the Department President. As much as we would like to accept all invitations, it is impossible to do so. Requests will be accepted on a **"first come, first serve"** basis. We will respond immediately to you, so plans can be made.
9. **AUDITS:** The Second Quarter Audit that covers the months of April, May and June should already have been completed during the month of July with both the outgoing and incoming Treasurer and Trustees present. A **copy of this Audit was to be mailed to the Department Treasurer by July 30, 2010.** Department Treasurer, Mary Richards, 6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509.

10. **DISTRICT, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES:** General Orders are sent to all District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries. The 2010-2011 Department Presidents Handbook is enclosed with the August General Orders if you did not pick them up at the Program Fair. The **Secretary is to give** the Auxiliary Chairman their promotional material from the Handbook and also provide promotional material from the Department Chairmen that are issued in our monthly General Orders during the year.
11. **PROGRAM FAIR:** The Program Fair held on Saturday at the June Convention was a great success and very well attended. The Program Chairman did an outstanding job and thanks to all of you who attended. You now have the report forms for 2010-2011 so please get your reports in to the Department Chairman.
12. **GENERAL ORDERS:** General Orders are available to all members at the cost \$15.00. Checks made payable to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW VA and mailed to Department Treasurer, Mary Richards, 6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509.
13. **NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY VFW CONVENTION:** National Ladies Auxiliary VFW Convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 21-26, 2010. A National Convention Registration Form was enclosed in May's General Orders and a form is enclosed in these General Orders for those of you who may have missed seeing it. Just a reminder that the Housing Bureau will not accept hotel reservations over the phone; you must either use the form or make your reservations through the VFW website. Many of the hotels around the Convention Center are filling up; if you are planning to go to Indianapolis, make your reservations now.
14. **NATIONAL CREDENTIALS:** National Credentials have been mailed to all Auxiliary Presidents provided the Auxiliary Installation Report was received at the Auxiliary National Headquarters. The Credentials must be signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary, with the Auxiliary seal affixed to each. The Auxiliary Secretary is responsible for sending the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Secretary-Treasurer Connie Atkinson, Ladies Auxiliary National Headquarters to insure that duplicate credentials can be issued if forgotten or lost.
15. **NATIONAL PRESIDENTS HOMECOMING:** National President Cortina Barnes' Homecoming will be held in Washington, DC the weekend of September 16-19, 2010. All members are invited to attend this event. The official hotel is the J.W. Marriott Washington, DC; room rate of \$189 per night. Registration and Banquet package is \$140.00 per person with a registration deadline of August 27, 2010.
16. **FALL COUNCIL MEETING:** The Fall Council Meeting will be on October 2, 2010, at Post 7638 Gordonsville, starting at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and the Department Chairmen will present their program starting at 1:00 p.m. **ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED** to attend, if you plan to be there for lunch **please contact** Department President Betty Gimble at (703) 491-9249, so that we can better plan the menu.
17. **DEPARTMENT HOMECOMING :** Mark your calendar! The annual Homecoming event for Commander Jim and President Betty will be held on September 25, 2010 at VFW Post 1503, Dale City. We invite all of you to attend. Additional information is included in this packet.
18. You, the members, have chosen the Department Line Officers. We are here to help you. If you need our assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us. I know that with all of us working together, we will have another successful year for our Auxiliaries, Department and National Organization.

By Order of:



Betty Gimble  
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano  
Department Secretary

## District Meeting Schedule

	Date	8/14/2010			Date	7/11/2010
	Lunch	After meeting			Lunch	After meeting
1st	Meeting	11:00 a.m.		8th	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 6002, Denbigh			Location	Post 2524, Culpeper
	Rep:	President Betty Gimble			Rep:	Conductress Ellen Carleton
	Date	8/7/2010			Date	9/12/2010
	Lunch	12:00 p.m.			Lunch	
2nd	Meeting	Following lunch		9th	Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 392, Virginia Beach			Location	Post 1184, Pulaski
	Rep:	Sr. Vice Robin Milewski			Rep:	President Betty Gimble
	Date	8/7/2010			Date	
	Lunch				Lunch	
3rd	Meeting	10:00 a.m.		10th	Meeting	
	Location	3rd District Headquarters			Location	
	Rep:	Chaplain Laine Beckwith			Rep:	
	Date	8/7/2010			Date	9/19/2010
	Lunch				Lunch	11:00 a.m.
4th	Meeting	1:00 p.m.		11th	Meeting	12:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 7166, South Hill			Location	Post 1499, Lexington
	Rep:	President Betty Gimble			Rep:	Secretary Susie DeShano
	Date	8/28/2010			Date	8/28/2010
	Lunch				Lunch	
5th	Meeting	12:00 p.m.		12th	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 647, Danville			Location	Prime Sirlion Steakhouse, Norton
	Rep:	President Betty Gimble			Rep:	Jr Vice Cathy Graham
	Date	8/1/2010			Date	7/18/2010
	Lunch				Lunch	
6th	Meeting	2:00 p.m.		13th	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Bldg 5 Salem VA Medical Ctr			Location	Post 10574, Colonial Beach
	Rep:	President Betty Gimble			Rep:	President Betty Gimble
	Date					
	Lunch					
7th	Meeting					
	Location					
	Rep:					



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August, 2010

**Special Order # 239**

(Dated May 24, 2010)

Upon recommendation of the Department President, the Charter of Casey-Shortt Auxiliary 9640, Richlands, VA is hereby cancelled and the Auxiliary declared defunct In accordance to Article II, Section 212 of the National Bylaws, failure to have a quorum to conduct meetings and failure to maintain Treasurer's books, due to lack of interest and participation of the members. The Department President shall forward the Charter to the National Headquarters. The Department President will recover all property of the Auxiliary and turn it over to the Department Treasurer.

By order of:

Jan Tittle

National President

**Special Order # 240**

(Dated May 24, 2010)

Upon recommendation of the Department President and by the action taken by the Auxiliary, the Charter of Peaks of Otter Auxiliary 2157, Bedford, VA is hereby cancelled and the Auxiliary declared defunct In accordance to Article II, Section 207 of the National Bylaws by vote of the members, due to lack of members' attendance, interest and participation. The Department President shall forward the Charter to the National Headquarters. The Department President will recover all property of the Auxiliary and turn it over to the Department Treasurer.

By order of:

Jan Tittle

National President

**Calendar Update**

- **National Convention**: August 21-26, 2010, Indianapolis, IN.
- **National President's Homecoming**: September 16-19, 2010 Washington, DC. For further info contact Department Secretary, Susie DeShano.
- **Department Commander and President's Homecoming**: Sept. 25, 2010, Dale City, VA.
- **COA Meeting**: October 2, 2010, Gordonsville, VA.
- **Statue of Liberty Birthday**: October 28, 2010, Liberty Island, NJ.
- **Southern Conference**: November 5-7, 2010, Nashville, TN. For further information contact Department Secretary.
- **Winter Council**: January 14-16, 2011, Williamsburg, VA. Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 800-227-6963. Room Rate \$68.00 Hotel Reservation deadline is Dec. 22, 2010.



STATE OF VIRGINIA  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND  
ITS LADIES AUXILIARY

# HOMECOMING

Jim Martin

State Commander

Betty Gimble

State President



**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

RSVP: [vfw1503qm@comcast.net](mailto:vfw1503qm@comcast.net)

September 25, 2010

4:00 PM - Midnight

VFW Post 1503

14631 Minnieville Road

Dale City, Virginia

**SEE YOU THERE!**

# DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA'S HOMECOMING

Ladies Auxiliary VFW President Betty Gimble  
VFW Commander Jim Martin

**September 25, 2010**  
**General Lewis "B" Chesty Puller Post #1503**  
**14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City, Virginia**  
**4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m..**

Hotel: Comfort Inn, 16931 Old Stage Road, Dumfries, VA 22055  
Telephone Number: 703-445-8070  
Room Rate: \$79.99 single or double  
Cutoff date: August 25, 2010

Any Officer, District, Auxiliary or member are encouraged to make a presentation to Betty as a thank you for serving the Department for the 2010 and 2011. If you are not attending and wish to give a monetary love gift, you may send the gift to the following individuals:

Department Line Officers/Appointed Officers: Cathy Graham, 9691 Lindenbrook Street, Fairfax, VA 22031 (703)319-0845

Past Department Presidents: Pat Baldwin, P.O. Box 69, Rice, VA 23966 (434)392-4630

District Presidents: Linda Bond, 6915 Edgebrook Drive, Springfield, VA 22150 (703) 451-1510

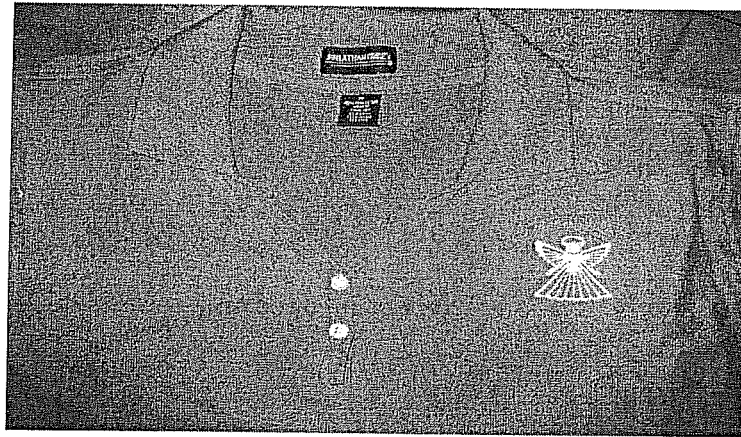
Deputy Chiefs Of Staff: Mary Smart, 13749 Mahoney Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22193  
(703) 580-1169

Auxiliary Members: Shema Peppers, 8611 Seays Road, Spotsylvania, VA. 22553  
(540)895-9139

Program Chairman: Ellen Carleton: 13440 Pinwheel Court, Dale City, VA. 22193  
(703) 878-1019

The Homecoming Committee invites every member to attend this event.

Mary Smart, Homecoming Committee Chairman  
Members Ellen Carleton, Sarah Dugas, Linda Steinway and Patricia Jurgensen



Department of Virginia  
Ways & Means Program  
2010-2011 Ladies Auxiliary Shirts

These are in a Ladies Cut and run true to size. They are hot pink in color and are 100% cotton. The angel is in white with the lettering in teal.

Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ Xlarge \_\_\_\_\_

The cost on the above sizes will be \$23.00 each plus \$5.00 S&H

The cost on the sizes below will be \$25.00 each plus \$5.00 S&H

XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

LAVFW Dept of VA

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR

Payment to:

Mary Horne

Ways & Means Chairman

1307 Thornhill Road

Lexington, VA 24450

540-463-5793

Send shirt(s) to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Hospital & VAVS

August 2010



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## Notice of Banner Requirement Change

At our recent Department Convention, the banner requirement for the donation to the VA Hospital Fund was changed to \$40.00. This is an increase from the previous \$35.00

Please make sure that your auxiliary is aware of this change and makes the proper donation. I do not want any auxiliary to miss their banner because they were not aware of this change.

### Department deadlines

James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship	Nov 1
VAVS Reps Annual Joint Review	Nov

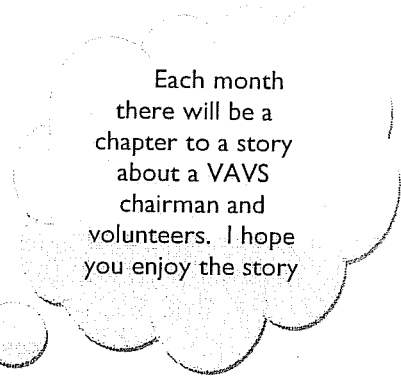
### James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund is for the youth. Each VA medical center may nominate one VAVS student volunteer for this award. To be eligible, the student must have completed **100 volunteer hours** during the calendar year **prior to September 1**. They must be in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or above and not yet 19 years old

Local VA Voluntary Service offices at the VA hospitals have the form. The deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mail completed form to:

John P. Brown,  
President, James H. Parke Board  
6751 Tanglewood Drive  
Boardman, OH 44512-4926



Each month there will be a chapter to a story about a VAVS chairman and volunteers. I hope you enjoy the story

### A Story of A Hospital VA/VS Volunteer – Chapter 1 - August

Martha is a Ladies Auxiliary Member who likes to volunteer her time at the nursing homes, hospitals and medical centers in her area. She recently moved to the area, transferred her auxiliary membership, and had volunteered at local medical facilities for the last 3-4 months. This assistance that she provides gives the patients, the staff, her auxiliary and herself great satisfaction. At her auxiliary meeting in May Martha was asked to be the Hospital VAVS chairperson for her

auxiliary for the upcoming year and she gladly accepted.

During this coming year Martha plans to volunteer at these facilities as much as she can. Now that the new auxiliary year has begun, Martha is planning her volunteer activities around her other commitments. In the information that the Auxiliary President gave Martha there were forms for hospital pins for hours of service. She planned on working towards the first pin of 150 hours.



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