

Must be read by the Auxiliary Secretary at the first meeting following 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 19, 2005, I hereby assume Command.
2. 2005-2006 National President Sandy Germany's theme is, "From Sea to Shining Sea, Freedom is Not Free". My theme, as Department President is "Support Equals Success". As we support each other throughout the year to achieve our goals, it will become apparent that freedom has not been free for our nation and its veterans that have defended it. Our continued support of veteran's rights and benefits, if successful, will be heard from sea to shining sea.
3. Department Membership Chairman, Cathy Kerns, flew around the state with "Hummer 1" and "Miss Daisy" collecting Early Bird Transmittals at the June convention. What a wonderful sight to see thirteen District Presidents with their daisy hats on, adding petals to the Department membership daisy. I want to thank each District and Auxiliary who participated in the transmittal parade. Supporting each other, we can achieve our 100% in membership, program participation, and reporting.
4. **ATTENTION: DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** In accordance with the National Bylaws, 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. The office of Treasurer must be bonded. All current bonds expire on August 31, 2005. The premium for the Treasurers bond is \$10.00 for \$10,000 coverage through National Headquarters. Additional coverage is available at a cost of \$3.50 per additional \$1,000. The bond premium has been increased this year due to significant cost increases. This is the first increase in over thirty years and is still an excellent deal. 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.
6. 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.
7. **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, 2005. Department Treasurer, Mary Smart, 13749 Mahoney Drive Woodbridge, VA 22193.
8. **DISTRICT, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES:** General Orders are sent to all District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries. The 2005-2006 Presidents Handbook is enclosed with the August General Orders. 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.

Note: General Orders are available to all members at a cost of \$15.00. Checks made payable to the Ladies Auxiliary, VFW, VA in care of: Department Treasurer, Mary Smart, 13749 Mahoney Drive Woodbridge, VA 22193.

9. **NATIONAL VFW CONVENTION:** Will be in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 20-25, 2005. The Virginia delegation will be in the Radisson Salt Lake City Downtown Hotel. A National Convention Form was enclosed in May's General Orders and a form is enclosed in this General Order 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 web site.
10. Note: 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, Ladies Auxiliary National Headquarters to insure that duplicate credentials can be issued if forgotten or lost.
11. **FALL COUNCIL/CONFERENCE MEETING:** Will be September 23-25, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Virginia. Room rates are \$63.00 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 434-528-2500.
12. You, our members have chosen the Department Line Officers of your choice. We are here to help you. If you need our assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us. Let us all have a great year as "Support Equals Success". Shall we never forget that "From Sea to Shining Sea, Freedom is Not Free".

By order of:

Deborah J. Martin
Department President

Attest:

Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

District Meetings
August and September 2005

District	Date	Time	Meeting Location	Representative
1	TBD	11:00 a.m. Meeting	Post 2296 Tasley	Department Representative
2	August 6, 2005	12:00 Lunch 1:00 Meeting	Post 392 Virginia Beach	Deborah Martin Department President
3	September 10, 2005	2:00 p.m. Meeting	3 rd District Headquarters	Deborah Martin Department President
4	August 7, 2005	2:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 8163 Clarksville	Deborah Martin Department President
5	August 14, 2005	12:00 Meeting Lunch to follow	Post 4637 Martinsville	Deborah Martin Department President
6	August 14, 2005	2:00 p.m. Meeting	Salem VA Medical Center Building 76, 2 nd Floor	Rebecca Mason Department Sr. Vice
7	September 18, 2005	11:30 a.m. Meeting	Post 9760 Berryville	Ellen Stogsdill Department Jr Vice
8	September 18, 2005	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 2524 Culpeper	Deborah Martin Department President
9	September 11, 2005	10:30 a.m. Registration	Post 1184 Pulaski	Deborah Martin Department President
10	September 16, 2005	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 7327 Springfield	Rebecca Mason Department Sr. Vice
11	September 11, 2005	11:30 a.m. Meeting	Post 2216 Augusta-Staunton	Kathy Birch Department Conductress
12	September 17, 2005	10:00 a.m. Registration 11:00 a.m. Meeting followed by Lunch	Post 9830 Damascus	Deborah Martin Department President
13	September 11, 2005	12:00 Noon Registration 1:00 p.m. Meeting Lunch to follow	Post 7638 Gordonsville	Rebecca Mason Department Sr Vice

National Convention

Salt Lake City, Utah

TENTATIVE Agenda as of 6-8-05

Agenda will be updated as arrangements are finalized.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2005:

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration (Credentials & Advance)	Exhibit Hall B/C Salt Palace Convention Ctr
10 a.m.	Council of Administration Meeting Membership cards or badges will be checked	Grand Ballroom, Downtown Marriott
1 - 2 p.m.	Workshop: Top Ten Photo Tips by Photographer Phil Licata	Salt Palace Convention Ctr
2 p.m.	Ritual Rehearsal	Salt Palace Convention Ctr
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Photo Shoot--Nat'l. Senior Vice-President Sandy Germany & Department Senior Vice- Presidents	Downtown Marriott
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Conference Meetings Big Ten States Eastern States Southern States Western States	Salt Palace Convention Ctr

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005:

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration (Credentials & Advance)	Exhibit Hall B/C Salt Palace Convention Ctr
8 a.m.	Pages Meeting Assistant Guards Meeting	Downtown Marriott Downtown Marriott
10:30 a.m.	Joint Memorial Service with VFW	LDS Conference Center
12:30 p.m.	45 Plus Luncheon	Room 151 G Salt Palace Convention Ctr
1:00 p.m.	Workshops Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy Rehabilitation	Downtown Marriott
3:00 p.m.	Auxiliary Opening Awards Ceremony Presentation of National President Presentation of 45-Year Plus Presentation of Aides-de-Camp Presentation of Past National Presidents	Exhibit Hall A Salt Palace Convention Ctr

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2005:

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration (Credentials & Advance)	Exhibit Hall B/C Salt Palace Convention Ctr
8 a.m.	Joint Opening Session with VFW	Exhibit Hall E/D Salt Palace Convention Ctr
Noon	National President's Luncheon (by invitation only)	Grand Ballroom Downtown Marriott

2:30 p.m.	Auxiliary Business Session (Dues cards or badges will be checked at the doors)	Exhibit Hall A Salt Palace Convention Ctr
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6:00 p.m.	General Reception	Salt Palace Convention Ctr
7:00 p.m.	National Convention Banquet	Salt Palace Convention Ctr

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2005:

6:45 a.m.	Flag & Banner Rehearsal	Salt Palace Convention Ctr
7:30 a.m.	Presentation of Department Presidents with Flags and Banners	Exhibit Hall A Salt Palace Convention Ctr
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration	Exhibit Hall B/C Salt Palace Convention Ctr
8:00 a.m.	Auxiliary Business Session	Salt Palace Convention Ctr
2:00 p.m.	Workshops Cancer Aid & Research Natl Conference Chairmen Meeting	Downtown Marriott Downtown Marriott
4:30 p.m.	Patriotic Rally	Salt Palace Convention Ctr

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2005:

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration	Exhibit Hall B/C Salt Palace Convention Ctr
8:00 a.m.	Auxiliary Business Session	Exhibit Hall A Salt Palace Convention Ctr
11:55 a.m.	Memorial Service	Salt Palace Convention Ctr
12:45 p.m.	Nomination of Officers	Salt Palace Convention Ctr
1:30 p.m.	Workshops Hospital Junior Girls Units Membership/Extension Charitable Giving	Downtown Marriott

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2005:

8:30 a.m.	Welcome Home by the Dept. of Ohio Elections	Exhibit Hall A Salt Palace Convention Ctr
10:15 a.m.	Installation	
3:00 p.m.	Commander-in-Chief & National President's Reception	Salt Palace Convention Ctr

Dear Sisters:

I pledge to you as Department Treasurer that I will fulfill this office to the best of my ability. If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to call me any time. My phone number is 703-580-1169 if I'm not in, please leave me a message, and I will get back to you.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2005-2006 treasurers. I hope we can work together as a team and help each other out during the year. We all make mistakes and don't let that bother you, this is a voluntary organization and we need to remember that.

We have one purpose and that is to care for our veterans and their families. Our veterans have fought hard and are still fighting hard to give us this privilege to belong to the greatest organization ever. Ladies we need to recruit new, reinstated, and younger members to keep our organization strong and to make the Department of Virginia, Ladies Auxiliary grow.

Ladies just a reminder to each and everyone of you the National Dues have gone up to \$3.50 and the Department dues are \$5.50, just keep this in mind when you send me your dues. I will help you in anyway I can, I'm only a phone call away.

Good luck and may God Bless

**Loyally
Mary Smart
Department Treasurer**