

Must be read by the Auxiliary Secretary at the first meeting 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 18, 2006, I hereby assume Command.
2. 2006-2007 We are now in a new year so let's focus on who is our cherished hero. Incoming National President Linda K. Meader's theme is

In the Spirit of America –
**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS OF AMERICA'S
CHERISHED HEROES**

My theme is Above and Beyond the Power of Faith. Just remember our Veterans went above and beyond and we have to keep the faith.

3. The Early Bird Transmittal at the June Convention was just beautiful, our membership chairman, Ines Kerch, did an outstanding job which made it a special event for all of us. Sisters, remember the chain that you all were holding. Let's continue to hold on to that chain until our Department reaches 100% in membership, program participation reporting and carry out our mission for our veterans and their families. I like to thank Deborah and each of you for working with me to have the Early Bird March on Friday.
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 Resident 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, 2006. 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. 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, 2006. Department Treasurer, Deborah Martin, 539 Westwood Road, Ruckersville, VA 22968.
8. **DISTRICT, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES:** General Orders are sent to all District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries. The 2006-2007 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.
9. Note: General Orders are available to all members at the cost \$15.00. Checks made payable to the Ladies Auxiliary, VFW, VA in care of: Department Treasurer, Deborah Martin, 539 Westwood Road, Ruckersville, VA 22968.
10. **NATIONAL VFW CONVENTION:** National VFW Convention will be in Reno Nevada, August 26-31, 2006. A National Convention Form was enclosed in May's General Orders and a form is enclosed in the 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 website.
11. 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.
12. There will be a council meeting which the date will be announced later.
13. 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. We will have a great year if we just work together, support each other as well as in the spirit of America. Go Above and Beyond the Power of Faith.

Rebecca Mason



Department President

Attest:



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Quarterly Audits

(For your convenience an Audit Form is included in this month's packet)

REMEMBER: Send your Audit Reports to: **Debbie Martin** Department Treasurer

Roster Changes and Updates

- E-Mail Correction: Department Historian, **Gloria Klinefelter**, glokline@cox.net

Message from Celia Davis

E-mail Received Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Linda,

Please express my thanks for the Department of Virginia for their hospitality shown to me and my husband during our visit to your Department Convention.

I would like to thank the Department of Virginia for the wonderful time I had. Everyone made me feel welcome and part of the family. A special thanks to my aide Lee Miller for taking good care of me and taking me and my husband to dinner. We really enjoyed your company as well as the others that joined us that evening. Virginia has a great group of VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members. Thank everyone for the gifts that were given to me. I will cherish the memories and friendships forever.

A special thanks to Mary Ellen for picking us up at the airport and Mary for allowing us to spend time at her home. I could not have asked for anything more.

Celia Davis
National Secretary-Treasurer
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District Meetings
August and September 2006

District	Date	Time	Meeting Location	Representative
1	August 20, 2006	11:00 a.m. Meeting	Post 7167 Warsaw	Rebecca Mason Department President
2	August 12, 2006	12:00 Lunch 1:00 Meeting	Post 392 Virginia Beach	Rebecca Mason Department President
3	September 16, 2006	2:00 p.m. Meeting	3 rd District Headquarters	Kathy Birch Department Chaplain
4	August 13, 2006	2:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 8163 Clarksville	Jean Hoiness Department Guard
5	August 12, 2006	12:00 Meeting Lunch to follow	Post 8243 Halifax	Ellen Stogsdill Dept. Sr. Vice President
6	August 27, 2006	2:00 p.m. Meeting	Salem VA Medical Center Building 76, 2 nd Floor	Mary Profitt Dept. Jr. Vice President
7	September 10, 2006	11:00 a.m. Meeting	Post 9660 Broadway	Mary Profitt Dept. Jr. Vice President
8	September 17, 2006	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 2524 Culpeper	Rebecca Mason Department President
9	September 10, 2006	10:30 a.m. Registration	Post 1184 Pulaski	Ellen Stogsdill Dept. Sr. Vice President
10	September 10, 2006	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 7327 Springfield	Rebecca Mason Department President
11	September 10, 2006	11:30 a.m. Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 8644 Bridgewater	Kathy Birch Department Chaplain
12	September 9, 2006	10:00 a.m. Registration 11:00 a.m. Meeting followed by Lunch	Post 8979 Clintwood	Rebecca Mason Department President
13	September 17, 2006	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 1827 Charlottesville	Betty Gimble Department Conductress

TENTATIVE AGENDA

(CONVENTION ENDING ONE DAY EARLY)

**VFW 107th National Convention
Reno, Nevada
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
August 26-31, 2006**

*All meetings are held in the convention center unless otherwise noted.
Meeting rooms will be posted closer to conference dates*

Saturday, August 26, 2006

7a- Natl. Veterans Service Committee - **Hilton**
9a – PAC Board - **Hilton**
10:30a-12:30p – Budget & Finance Committee - **Hilton**
11a – NVS Resolution Sub committee preliminary meeting
VFW Health Fair
VFW/Registration/Exhibits
National Council of Administration Meeting
5p-6p – Catholic Mass - **Hilton**

Sunday, August 27, 2006

VFW Health Fair
VFW Registration/Exhibits
8:30a - Annual Memorial Service

Eastern Conference Caucus
Southern Conference Caucus
Big Ten Conference Caucus
Western Conference Caucus

Committee Meetings

2p Finance and Internal Organization
2p General Resolutions
2p Natl. By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual
2p Natl. Veterans Service Resolutions
2p Natl. Security and Foreign Affairs
4p POW/MIA Sub committee

Monday, August 28, 2006

6:45a Natl. Outstanding Community Service Post Reception
VFW Health Fair

VFW Registration/Exhibits
Joint Opening Session (*session will resume after a lunch break*)
Field Competition
General Reception - **Hilton**
National Convention Banquet - **Hilton**

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

7a Member Dues Processing
7a Financial Planning Seminar
7a Grant Workshop

VFW Health Fair
VFW Registration/Exhibits
8a - VFW Business Session
Field Competition

VFW Workshops

1p Membership/Uplink/MAP joint workshop
1p Chaplain Workshop
1p Programs Workshop
1:30p Communications/Public Affairs
2p VFW Post Insurance Program Protecting Your Post
2p Women Veterans Forum
2p VFW/VA Health Care and Benefits Forum

Patriotic Rally

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

6:30a – All American Commander Breakfast
7a Grant Workshop
7:30a Citizenship Education
VFW Health Fair
VFW Registration/Exhibits - **Closing at 12noon**
8a -Business Session /Nomination of officers

VFW Workshops

1p Natl. Legislative and Action Corps
1p VFW Natl. Home
1p Dept. VFW AQ and Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurers
Orientation meeting
2p PAC
3p Financial Planning Seminar

7p-9:30p All Conference Reception – Rancho San Rafael
Regional Park

Thursday, August 31, 2006

- 8a** Business Session: Election and Installation of National Officers
- 12:30p** National Council of Administration Meeting
(Immediately following business session)
- 3p-5p** Commander-in-Chief's and National President's Reception

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