

A C E L E B R A T I O N I S I N O R D E R !!!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE HOMECOMING
Of
MARY PROFITT & HAL ROESCH**

WHEN: AUGUST 30, 2008

TIMES: 6:00 PM - RECEPTION (OPEN BAR)
7:00 PM - DINNER
8:00 PM - PROGRAM (gifts to be given during program)
9:00 PM - DANCE

WHERE: VFW POST 4809
5728 BARTEE STREET, NORFOLK, VA

Please send your love gifts, making checks **payable to the following:**

PDP's, to **Ines Kerch**, 1918 Storm Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

Line Officers, to **Kathy Birch**, 304 E. Main St, Berryville, VA 22611

Districts and Auxiliaries, to **Debbie Weekley**, 595 Bowman Road, Dayton, VA 22821

Share your memories: Any person who has a special memory of Mary or a funny VFW/Auxiliary related story, please send it to me not later than August 15th so it can be used during the program. We will toast not ROAST our President.

Suggested Hotel: Americas Best Value Inn Norfolk, 235 Military Hwy, Norfolk
Telephone: (757)-461-6600 for reservations and mention "VFW event" to get the special rate of \$54 + tax. Reservations are being taken now so don't delay.

Directions to Post 4809: I-64 to Exit #264 (stay in right lane) - At 1st Light turn right and loop (right) onto Service Road. VFW is behind Arby's and Lone Star Steak House.

Rhonda Leavers, Homecoming Chairman
2085 Silver Lake Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 22611
E-MAIL: Grleaver1@aol.com

Must be read by the Auxiliary Secretary at the first meeting after receipt and then filed for reference.

1. Having been duly 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 15, 2008, I hereby assume command.
2. **THEMES for 2008-2009:** We are now in a new year so let's focus on becoming a vital part of the Department of Virginia "**Dream Team**". Incoming National President Dixie Hold's theme is "**Our dreams become rainbows**". My theme is "**Live a life of love while serving the needs of others**". Through our commitment to the veterans and each other, our "Dream Team" can turn dreams into rainbows by living a life of love and serving the needs of others.
3. **EARLY BIRD PARADE:** The **Early Bird Transmittal** at the June Convention was just beautiful! Our Membership Chairman Betty Gimble and the District and Auxiliaries Presidents, did an outstanding job of rounding up percentages on the "Happy Trail" toward becoming 100%. Chairman Betty Gimble assigned me the title "Boss Lady" but I am simply the "Happy Trails" coordinator. Every member must recruit new members, make current members feel welcome, and continue to work together until our Department reaches 100% in membership. With dedication and enthusiasm, program participation and reporting, and by doing the very best we can to meet the needs of our veterans and their families, we will see "**our dreams become rainbows**"!
4. **ATTENTION: DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** In accordance with the **National Bylaws Sec. 810 – President Duties of (all levels)**, 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 a timely manner in accordance with our Bylaws. **This should be done within 30 days of taking office.**
5. **NATIONAL BYLAWS 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 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, 2008.** 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.
7. **NATIONAL BYLAWS SEC. 103 – ADMISSION AND DUES:** The Auxiliary shall fix an admission Fee of 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, 2008:** Department Treasurer, Deborah Martin, 539 Westwood Road, Ruckersville, Virginia 22968.

10. **DISTRICT, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES:** General Orders are sent to all District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries. The 2008-2009 Presidents Handbook is enclosed with the August General Orders. The **Secretary is to separate the pages of her handbook and 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. **GENERAL ORDERS:** General Orders are available to all members at the annual cost \$15.00. Checks made payable to the Ladies Auxiliary, VFW, VA in care of: Department Treasurer, Deborah Martin, 539 Westwood Road, Ruckersville, Virginia, 22968.
12. **NATIONAL VFW CONVENTION:** National VFW Convention will be in Orlando, Florida, August 16-21 2008. A National Convention Form was enclosed in May's General Orders and again 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 website.
13. **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, Ladies Auxiliary National Headquarters, to insure that duplicate credentials can be issued if forgotten or lost.
14. **DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING:** The **Department Commander and President's Homecoming** will be August 30, 2008, at VFW Post 4809 in Norfolk, VA. Hotel accommodation can be made at America's Best Value Inn Norfolk, 235 Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA. The phone number is (757) 461-6600. Tell them you are with the VFW party **CODE 0808** and you will receive a rate of \$54+tax per night. If you do not mention "VFW party **CODE 0808**", you will be charged the standard rate of \$119+ taxes.
15. **FALL COUNCIL MEETING:** The Fall Council Meeting will be on September 20, 2008, at Shenandoah Valley VFW Post 1499, Lexington, VA starting at 1000 hours. A copy of the agenda is enclosed with this general order. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$5.00. **ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED** to attend. If you plan to be there for lunch **please contact Mary Horne at (540) 463-5793 or hmhorne@aol.com**, so that we can prepare sufficient food.
16. **NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING:** National President Dixie Hild's Homecoming will be held in Omaha, Nebraska the weekend of September 25-28, 2009. All members are invited to attend this special weekend with the National President. For information, please contact the Department Secretary, Susie DeShano.
17. Sisters, you are an integral part of this Department's "**Dream Team**". The officers you have elected, whether it be at Department, District, or Auxiliary level are committed to helping you make dreams become rainbows and have pledged to live a life of love while serving the needs of others. As your Department President, I am here to serve you!

By order of



Mary Profitt
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

Linda (Susie) DeShano
403 Lee Jackson Highway
Staunton, VA 24401
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Secretary62@gmail.com

August, 2008

Special Order # 13

Upon recommendation of the Department President, the Charter of Loudoun County Auxiliary 1177, Leesburg, VA is hereby cancelled and the Auxiliary declared defunct In accordance to Article II, Section 207 of the National Bylaws due to lack of participation and age 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:
Virginia Carman
National President

Special Order # 247

Upon recommendation of the Department President and by the action taken by the Auxiliary, the Charter of Frances J. Mellar, Jr. Auxiliary 8252, Gloucester, VA is hereby cancelled and the Auxiliary declared defunct In accordance to Article II, Section 207 of the National Bylaws due to lack of participation and age 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:
Virginia Carman
National President

IMPORTANT

Department President's Homecoming

When calling for the special VFW rate at the Americas Best Value Inn Norfolk, you must mention **Code 0808.**

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Meeting Days:** for General Lewis B "Chesty" Puller Auxiliary 1503, the month of July and January on the third Wednesday of the month.

NEW AUXILIARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

Past Department President Ellen Stogsdill announces the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National has approved the charter applications for:

Bassett Auxiliary to VFW Post 2820, District 5
Smithfield Auxiliary to VFW Post 8545, District 2

The Charters were approved by National President Virginia Carmen on April 20, 2008 and May 20, 2008 respectively, permission was granted to institute the new Auxiliaries.

District Meetings Assignments

District Presidents:
 If the the date, time or place of your District meeting
 changes, please make sure **YOU** Contact your
 Department Representative and the Department Secretary
 of these changes.

1st	Date	TBD	8th	Date	9/14/2008
	Lunch			Lunch	to follow meeting
	Meeting			Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location			Location	Post 2524 - Culpepper
	Rep:			Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President
2nd	Date	9/13/2008	9th	Date	9/7/2008
	Lunch	Noon		Lunch	
	Meeting	13:00		Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 392 - Virginia Beach		Location	Post 6000 - Narrows
	Rep:	Laine Beckwith		Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President
3rd	Date	8/9/2008	10th	Date	TBD
	Lunch			Lunch	
	Meeting	10:00 AM		Meeting	
	Location	District Headquarters		Location:	
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President		Rep:	
4th	Date	8/10/2009	11th	Date	9/14/2008
	Lunch			Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	2:00 PM		Meeting	12:30 PM
	Location	Post 8902 - Keysville		Location	Post 8644 - Bridgewater
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President		Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President
5th	Date	8/23/2008	12th	Date	9/13/2008
	Lunch	Noon		Regisration	
	Meeting	To follow		Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 8243 - Halifax		Location	Post 3782 - Haysi
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President		Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President
6th	Date	TBD	13th	Date	8/17/2008
	Lunch			Lunch	
	Meeting			Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	VAMC - Salem		Location	Post 7638 - Gordonsville
	Rep:			Rep:	TBD
7th	Date	TBD			
	Lunch				
	Meeting				
	Location				
	Rep:				



2008 STATUE OF LIBERTY



WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008

WHERE TO STAY: *Hilton Newark Airport*

1170 Spring Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201-2114

ROOM RATE: \$125 Plus 17% Taxes and four (4) guest per room. Cots are available on first come basis at a daily rate of \$15.00. Reservation must be made with the Hilton by Thursday, October 2, 2008 to guarantee room rate.

RESERVATIONS: Contact the Hilton at **1-800-445-8667** and ask for the **Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US** room blocks or enter the group convention code **LAX** at **www.Hilton.com** website as follow;

1. Click on *Reservations*
2. Enter *Elizabeth* for the City
3. Enter *New Jersey* for the State
4. Enter your arrival and departure dates
5. Click *Search*
6. Click *View Rates* under Hilton Newark Airport option
7. Scroll Down and *Under the Special Accounts (Optional)* enter *LAX* (all caps) as the Group/Convention Code:

TRANSPORTATION: The National Organization will make arrangements for transportation to/from the Hilton and the Statue of Liberty for those staying at the Hilton. Below, please indicate your Ferry ticket(s) purchase and enclose your check or provide your credit card information and return to the National Organization, 406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111 attention of Statue of Liberty by **September 1, 2008.** (Please Note: Confirmation for Ferry tickets purchased on this form will be mailed to the individual listed below. You may copy the form as necessary if you would like to purchase tickets and have them mailed elsewhere.)

-----**Return the lower portion by September 1, 2008**-----

_____ # of Ferry Ticket(s) x \$12.00 each (Ages 13 and over) = _____

_____ # of Ferry Ticket(s) x \$10.00 each (Seniors 62 and over) = _____

_____ # of Ferry Ticket(s) x \$ 5.00 each (Children 4-12) = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____ and my check or charge my

[] Visa [] MasterCard [] Discover (account number) _____,

expiration date _____ and 3 digit code on back of card. _____

PRINT Name and address where confirmation will be mailed:

Day time phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Signature

Date

Ladies Auxiliary Members,

There are all kinds of thank-you's !

All very sincere, for the help or
For the gifts, or for just being near.

There are all kinds of thank-you's,
for all kinds of things...

But none could mean more,
than the thank-you this brings.

**Thank You Very Much for all that each of
you did during the 2007-2008 year.**

Best regards,

Ellen Stogsdill
07-08 Department President

