

September 2008

General Orders No. 2

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

1. **INSTALLATION REPORTS:** All Auxiliaries that have not forwarded an Installation Report to the Department Secretary and National Secretary must do so immediately. You *will not receive* the renewal notice for the Treasurer's Bond, Program Book, or other essential information *without submitting this report.*
2. Auxiliaries that have not properly submitted an installation report to National by December 31, 2008 **may have their charter cancelled by the National President.**
3. Sisters, when we are conducting business in accordance with our *Bylaws* which clearly defines our duties, our job becomes easier to handle and we become more efficient in the work we accomplish. Following the Bylaws and Ritual makes the workings of the Auxiliary easier to understand and promotes more member participation in meetings. Whenever in doubt, check the **Bylaws first!**
4. **BYLAWS SEC 810:** I trust that all Auxiliary Presidents have complied with this section of the Bylaws: Presidents on all levels shall, 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.
5. **BYLAWS SEC 807 – TERM OF OFFICE::** An Officer elected or appointed and installed into office shall continue to hold office for the period which elected or during the pleasure of the appointed power; provided she complies with the duties of her office, remains a member in good standing in the Auxiliary, Country Council, District or Department of which she is an officer for the **2008-2009 year** and has not had her office declared vacant in accordance with the Bylaws. The term of office of a standing chairman committee shall run concurrently with the term of the office of President appointing her. It is my hope that all previous officers or chairmen at any level will serve as mentors for the 2008-2009 officers and that you have turned over all monies, paperwork, and information necessary for them to perform their duties.
6. **DISTRICT DELEGATES:** The term of office for which District Delegates are elected shall be one year from date of election, as described in **Bylaws Section 303**, until the election of the new delegates.
7. **SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS:** Auxiliaries and Districts are permitted to have only two (2) signatures on the Auxiliary bank account. The National Bylaws, Article VIII, **Sections 810A and 810C,** sets forth that the President shall countersign all checks. Only under extreme circumstances can a pro-tem Treasurer be appointed and the appointment must have prior approval from National.
8. **TREASURER REPORTS:** A copy of the Treasurer's Report shall be incorporated in the Secretary minutes.
9. Treasurers, remember that National Headquarters no longer sends out dues reminders. You will need to do this yourself. Our members need periodic reminders of the importance of being a member in good standing. Keep up the GREAT work that you do.
10. A non-member widow of an eligible veteran who has married a man not eligible for the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eligible for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary through her deceased husband. Please refer to **Bylaws, Section 114.**

11. **POW/MIA DAY** is Friday, September 19, 2008. Auxiliaries please work with your VFW Post to educate our communities and have a proper ceremony for those missing in action or held prisoners of war.
12. **2008 STATUE OF LIBERTY CELEBRATION** will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. You are invited to take part in this one-day trip to New York. Current plans are to share a bus with our Auxiliary sisters and comrades from Washington, DC at a very reasonable cost of approximately \$55 per person. This includes your bus trip (with snacks and drinks provided) and your ferry ticket to Ellis Island. Anyone wishing to attend the celebration please contact the Department President at (540) 463-6798 or profittmc@embarqmail.com to make arrangements. We must reserve our seats no later than mid-September. **This invitation is open to any member of the Auxiliary or VFW and their families.**
13. **FISHER HOUSE DEDICATION:** On July 10, 2008, the 39th Fisher House was dedicated at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, VA. The facility features 21 guest suites for families who want to be with their loved ones during recuperation at the VA hospital.
14. **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE:** Will be held October 31 – November 2, 2008 at Oklahoma City, OK at the Biltmore Hotel. Room Rates are \$79.00 for a Single/Double/King. A registration form is attached. Phone 843-449-8880. Quote room rates are good through October 16, 2008.
15. **WINTER COUNCIL MEETING:** Will be held January 16-18, 2009 at the Crown Plaza Fort Margruder in Williamsburg, VA. Call (757) 220-2250 to make your reservations.
16. **ATTENTION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN:** By now, you should have sent your National Chairman a letter of introduction, your President's Book input, and your first GO promotion. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Peggy Grimes, Program Chairman Advisor, at (757) 393-0253 or your Department President at (540) 463-6798.
17. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN:** Beginning with the October General Orders, each Department Chairman will list those Auxiliaries **NOT REPORTED**. If activities are received by the Chairman by the 5th of each month, your Auxiliary number will not be on the "not reported" listing. Be sure to send your reports to the **2008-2009** Program Chairman. Please use the **2008-2009** report forms as they have the correct name and address of the chairmen on it.
18. **DEPARTMENT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND DEPUTY CHIEFS OF STAFF:** Webster's Dictionary defines appreciation as a "rise in value". Sisters, I did not think that my love for you or the value I placed on each of you could ever increase but I was wrong. After seeing first-hand the support you as individual members and as a Department gave me on July 19th at our Department School of Instruction, I found a special place in my heart that had not yet been touched. Your rapt attention and courtesy in asking questions was much appreciated by myself and the Chairmen. Thank you, Sisters and friends, for all that you do for the veterans and for the Department. Comrades of Post Home 1499, thank you for allowing us to use your facilities and a special thank you to Auxiliary 1499 members Mary Horne, Ava Connor, and Doris Womeldorf for serving a delicious lunch.

Sisters, as we go forward with our year take a moment to reflect on the many sacrifices that our service men and women, and their families have made. Conduct yourself with pride and honor those sacrifices by living a life of love while serving the needs of others. **Doing so will make all of our dreams become rainbows!**

By Order of



Mary Profitt
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

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September, 2008

Special Order # 284

By recommendation of the Department President and in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of Casey-Shortt Auxiliary 9640, Richlands, is hereby suspended for a period of sixty (60) days for violation of the laws and usages of the organization and for failure to comply with the National Bylaws.

By order of:
Virginia Carman
National President

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Secretary:** for Comer Jones Auxiliary 621, Sandra Baker, 718 Senseny Road, Berryville, VA 22611.
- **Correct E-mail address:** for District 10 President, Mary Smart, mlsmart51@comcast.net
- **Correct Phone Number:** for District 2 President, Rhonda Leaver, 757-580-5628.
- **New Treasurer:** for Bluefield Auxiliary 9696, Rhonda Dixon, Box 341, Boissevain, VA 24606.
- **Officers:** for William I Cooper Memorial Auxiliary 10574, President Cathy Harrison, 278 Chrystal Road, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, 804-224-8146. Secretary Scarlet Ivory, Colonial Beach, VA. Treasurer Carlyle Brown, 1793 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, 804-224-7098.
- **New Secretary:** for Poff-Cunningham Auxiliary 6000, Carman Whittaker, 109 Sink Hole Lane, Pearisburg, VA 24134.
- **Phone Number Correction:** for Arthur Williams Memorial Auxiliary 10654 President, 804-321-5778.

Calendar Update

- **COA Meeting:** September 20, Lexington, VA.
- **National President's Homecoming:** September 25-28, 2008. Omaha Nebraska. For further info contact Department Secretary, Susie DeShano.
- **Southern Conference:** October 30-November 2, Oklahoma City, OK. Biltmore Hotel, Room rate \$79.00 Deadline for reservation-October 16. Call 800-522-6220. For further information contact Department Secretary Susie DeShano.
- **Winter Council:** January 16-19, 2009, Williamsburg, VA. Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 757-220-2250. Room Rate \$69.00 Hotel Reservation deadline is December 24, 2008.

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	9/13/2008
	Lunch	To follow meeting
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 3219 - Phoebus
	Rep:	Robin Milewski, Dept Chaplain

8th	Date	9/14/2008
	Lunch	To follow meeting
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 2524 - Culpepper
	Rep:	Cathy Graham, Dept Conductress

2nd	Date	8/23/2008
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	13:00
	Location	Post 392 - Virginia Beach
	Rep:	Lee Miller, PDP

9th	Date	9/7/2008
	Lunch	To follow meeting
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 6000 - Narrows
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President

3rd	Date	8/9/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Location	District Headquarters
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President

10th	Date	9/21/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location:	American Legion - Springfield
	Rep:	Kathy Birch, Sr Vice President

4th	Date	8/10/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	Post 8902 - Keysville
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President

11th	Date	9/14/2008
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	12:30 PM
	Location	Post 8644 - Bridgewater
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President

5th	Date	8/23/2008
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	To follow
	Location	Post 8243 - Halifax
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President

12th	Date	9/13/2008
	Regisration	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 3782 - Haysi
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Dept President

6th	Date	8/17/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	VAMC Bldg 76-2 - Salem
	Rep:	Glendon Webb, PDP

13th	Date	8/17/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 7638 - Gordonsville
	Rep:	Joyce Suffell, PDP

7th	Date	9/14/2008
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Front Royal
	Rep:	Betty Gimble, Jr Vice President

Department of Virginia

Chaplain

General Orders – September 2008

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*Now is a good time to take a look at your
life's map, find a better route, and move forward
in the direction of the good things in your future.
-Unknown*

It is my duty, as your Department Chaplain, to send "Get Well Cards" to **hospitalized Past Department Presidents, Past Department Commanders, Department Officers, District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents**. Please send me your email address if you would like to be included in the Chaplain Alerts. **Please include all pertinent information, as a Chaplain's Alert will only be sent out once (except updates such as information pertaining to funeral arrangements)**. This is to alleviate duplications and miscommunications.

Duties of the Auxiliary Presidents

Auxiliary Presidents are to notify the Department Chaplain in the case of **serious illness** or **death** of a member in her Auxiliary who is a Past Department President, District President or Department Chairman.

The **Auxiliary Chaplains** are to send cards to Auxiliary members and their families.

It is the duty of the Auxiliary Chaplain to send a report each month (by the 10th) to the Department Chaplain. See the enclosed report form.

Sisters, many unfortunate events have taken place already this year:

Deaths

PPN Glenn Grossman (Passed 7/14/08) **Family of PNP Glenn Grossman**
c/o Carla Kirkland
9316 S. Utica Avenue
Evergreen Park, IL 608-2430

Wallace Baldwin (Passed 7/21/08) **Pat Baldwin**
(brother-in-law of Pat Baldwin) **P.O. Box 69**
Rice, VA 23966-069

Neola Harpine (Passed) **Carroll Harpine (Husband to Neola)**
12535 Wampler Road
Broadway, VA 22815

Charles Perryman (Passed 7/2/08) **Laura Brown** **Maude Taylor**

**(brother to Laura Brown &
Maude Taylor)**

**20482 Batna Road
Culpepper, VA 22701**

**9356 Taylor Lane
Culpepper, VA 22701**

Bill Carleton (Passed 7/26/08)

**Ellen Carleton (Wife)
13440 Pinwheel Court
Dale City, VA 22193**

*It is hard to understand why people are taken away from us,
But find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life.
- Unknown*

President's Special Project
National Kidney Foundation

Mary Smart
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Dear Sisters

It sometimes amazes me on what you don't realize until you start looking into things and finding out so much you didn't know about a disease. Kidney Disease can affect anyone children, adult/teens anyone of any age. Kidney disease in children and teens is most often due to congenital birth defects or genetic diseases. Here are some things we can do to keep your kidney healthy drink plenty of water 8 glasses of water a day, eat healthy and exercise and watch your blood pressure.

There are over 26,000,000 adults in the United States who have chronic kidney disease. The severe kidney patients require dialysis to keep their body in balance. Before dialysis was available, total kidney failure meant death. When they have dialysis it removes the waste, salt and extra water to help them to prevent build up in the body and help to control their blood pressure, so you see why it is important to have healthy kidneys.

If anyone is interested in obtaining information about a Special Project fundraiser Walk-A-Thon on September 27, 2008 go to www.vfwvaaux.org. Ladies I would like to reach a goal of \$5,000 for President Mary's Special Project so I need your help to obtain this goal. I will be giving each Auxiliary who participates, a certificate of appreciation. I am also giving a special award out to the Auxiliary who has the most outstanding fund raiser for the President's Special Project at the State Convention in June. I hope all the Auxiliaries can donate and help change a person's life in fighting this disease, if we can just help one child, one adult/teen with this disease what a feeling knowing we helped.

Please send all your donations to Debbie Martin, Department Treasurer and then send me a report. Thank you to Auxiliary #9760 who has already sent in your report and donation to our Department Treasurer.

Loyally Yours
Mary Smart

Patriotic Instructor

September 2008

**Gail M. Payne, Patriotic Instructor, 2008-2009
3709 Palace Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 757-438-4689**

Our American Flag - Symbol of Hope, Icon of Freedom

There have been many idealistic symbols and portrayals of Nations throughout the world's history. None has correctly signified the meaning of Freedom, Liberty and hope as our American Flag.

We all remember well from enthusiastic teachers and Veterans of old. Born in Philadelphia, the stars and stripes represented a new nation devoted to Liberty and built on the foundation of opportunity. The blue represented our loyalty and faith. The white the purity and nobility of a nation committed for equality. The red proclaims our courage and the sacrifice of our American Spirit.

Today our Flag continues to proclaim unique American Ideals. We encourage the pursuit of individual and group achievement, and we always bring help to those who cannot help themselves. Our flag displaying the hope of Liberty; breathes new life for immigrants and fuels the fire of Freedoms ideals.

As with the founding fathers who believed, we voice the hope of our hearts and our faith "In God we trust". We acknowledge the preservation of faith for all cultures and guided under the care of a God who values each life, each nation and every tongue.

Our Flag is more than a symbol of proven ideals and our grandest dreams. She has endured as the world's symbol for Liberty and a sign of rugged individual determination. We wouldn't have it any other way.

She is clutched by those who dream and loathed by those who fear the truth. Our flag has been with those on distant shores, those fighting for freedom and those who cannot speak for themselves. And we remember that peace and freedom are embraced tightly, when seen through the eyes of those afflicted and to those who have gained Independence.

What began from our hearts and simple sewn pieces of cloth, has become so much more. She is worn proudly on sleeves, and with American Ideals emblazoned upon our hearts. The flag

is stamped, sewn, painted, given, and felt across the miles. She is flown for all to see, all who hope and all who dream.

We pledge to its allegiance when young, we subscribe to its hope when old. And in between our uniquely American lives, we live through our dreams and proclaim her hope. It is through her strength, that her ties bind a nation and our hearts. They are the ties that have kept us together yesterday, today and forever.

The flag will forever proclaim what is engrained in our hearts-freedom, hope, liberty and opportunity for all. And may each of us esteem freedom, hold fast the mantle of Liberty and engage in the Honorable endeavor.

Shawn Black
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Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

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General Orders September

live a life of love while meeting the needs of others

To demonstrate patriotism and Americanism in September our auxiliaries must initiate programs for the proper observance of patriotic days. Patriotic observances in September include Patriot Day (11th), Constitution Day (18th), and POW/MIA Recognition Day (third Friday, 19th).

Patriot Day Sept 11 Those whom we lost September 11, 2001, will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts and in the history of our nation. By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001, (Public Law 107-89), Congress authorized the president to designate **September 11** of each year as "Patriot Day" to perpetuate the memory of those who perished in the attack on America and to pursue peace and justice in the world and security at home. Appropriate ceremonies and activities include a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. EDT, remembrance services and candlelight vigils. **Flags should be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day from sunrise to sundown**, not just until noon as is done on Memorial Day.

Constitution Day Sept 18 Constitution Day celebrates the date in which our state was ratified and entered into the Union when our forefathers' *"dreams became rainbows."* When Constitution Day falls on a weekend or on another holiday, schools and other institutions unofficially observe the holiday on an adjacent weekday. **Contact your local schools and ask that they allow a student to read the Preamble to the Constitution during their morning announcements, or for the social studies classes to focus their lesson on the Constitution on this day.**

POW/MIA Recognition Day third Friday in Sept - Sept 19 POW/MIA Recognition Day honors the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is one of the six days specified by law, **including Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day**, on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices and military installations. When displayed from a single flag pole, the POW/MIA flag should fly directly below, and be no larger than, the United States flag. If on separate poles, the U.S. flag should always be placed to the right of other flags. The POW/ MIA flag is generally flown immediately below or adjacent to the United States flag as second in order of precedence. **This is a time to recognize those businesses or individuals that fly the POW/MIA flag daily.**

Awards will be announced in the general orders in October. I can't wait to hear of the great work your Auxiliary will do to promote patriotism in your community!

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

BANNER

**Kay S. Kibler, Chairman 9652 Phillips Store Rd Broadway, VA 22815
540-896-5335 or 540-820-2331 (cell)**

Ladies, I am excited about being your Banner Chairman this year! I believe this is going to be an awesome year for the Department of Virginia. I hope each and Auxiliary will follow through with the dreams they have for supporting the veterans at home and abroad. This is our opportunity to *dream big!* Working together will help us meet the needs of others. Let this be your year to achieve your dreams!!!!

REPORT!!!! REPORT!!!! REPORT!!!!

Be sure to send in your reports as you complete a project. It's much easier to get a report done as you finish a project, than to wait and do it later. You'll forget the details of what you've done. I would also suggest you keep copies of all the reports you send in by putting them in a three-ring binder.

The **BANNER PROGRAM** is strictly a Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary program with certain requirements to be completed by the Auxiliaries in a specified amount of time. A program set up to include all National Programs and contributions. These requirements were presented at the June 2008 Department Convention and accepted by the Delegates. But there are some **MAJOR CHANGES THIS YEAR!!** So please take notice. Changes in the Banner Program are on the Banner Requirements page on the back of this sheet.

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2008 – MARCH 31, 2009

This time frame is the period of time the Auxiliaries have to participate in programs and report to the Department Chairmen. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

AWARDS: (To be presented at the June 2009 Department Convention)

BANNER: Blue Pennant for **2008-2009** year will be given to each Auxiliary completing **ALL BANNER REQUIREMENTS,** in the allowed time.

CITATION: for the **2008-2009** year will be given to all Auxiliaries who complete **ALL** Banner Requirements, **except Membership.**

REQUIREMENTS 2008-09
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW – DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2008 - MARCH 31, 2009

MEMBERSHIP: 100% dues paid no later than Dec. 31, 2008

All requirements based on June 30, 2008 membership. All dues are sent to Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Rd., Ruckersville, Va. 22968. **CHECK PAYABLE TO: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia.** (postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2008)

AUXILIARY AUDITS: Auxiliary Quarterly Audits Reports must be conducted for the calendar quarters ending in **MARCH 2008, JUNE 2008, SEPTEMBER 2008, DECEMBER 2008, (National By-laws Sec.814A)** This report must be sent to Department Treasurer: (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) The Department Treasurer will verify audit report to Banner Chairman after each Audit.

DISTRICT DUES: Auxiliaries MUST pay District Dues (National By-laws Sec. 506) by September 30, of current Auxiliary year, DISTRICT TREASURER WILL VERIFY PAYMENT TO BANNER CHAIRMAN.

ATTENDANCE: An Auxiliary member must be present at either a District Meeting or Department Council/Conference, during the reporting period. **DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT SECRETARY WILL VERIFY ATTENDANCE TO BANNER CHAIRMAN – AFTER EACH MEETING.**

District Conventions/Election of Officers **DOES NOT count.

PARTICIPATION: Each Auxiliary must participate in the National Programs shown below and **MUST REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2009. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Americanism	Youth Activities (any)	Veterans & Family Support	
Cancer Aid & Research	Patriotic Art	1. Unmet Needs	7. Operation Uplink
Community Service	Jr. Girls	2. MAP	8. Adopt a Unit
Hospital/VAVS	(report in at least2)	3. Buddy Poppy	9. Fisher House
Legislative/VFW-PAC	VOD/Patriots Pen	4. VFW National Home	10. Wreaths Across America
(either one or both)	(either one or both)	5. Snowball Express	
		6. Continuing Education Scholarship	

(must complete at least 5 of the 10 listed)

DONATIONS:

1. CANCER FUND: \$2.00 per member. Based on June 30, 2008 membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia marked for **Cancer Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer no later than **MARCH 31, 2009. DEPARTMENT TREASURER WILL REPORT THESE DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

2. STATE HOSPITAL FUND: \$35.00. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia, marked **Hospital Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer, no later that **MARCH 31, 2009. DEPARTMENT TREASURER WILL REPORT THESE DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

3. HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND: \$0.25 per member, based on June 30, 2008 membership. New Auxiliaries based on institutional membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, marked **Health & Happiness Fund.** Send to: **NATIONAL TREASURER, 406 W. 34th STREET 10th Floor, KANSAS City, MO. 64111.** Postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2009. NATIONAL TREASURER WILL VERIFY REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

4. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: (for your information if you choose) No funds can be derived from VFW Post or Auxiliary membership dues or treasuries. Funds are obtained from individual contributions and/or fund raisers held by Post or Auxiliaries. Make checks payable to VFW-PAC, and mailed to 200 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002 and report to Department Legislative/VFW-PAC Chairman postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2009. DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILL VERIFY TO BANNER CHAIRMAN.**

approved: DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Kay S. Kibler: Banner Chairman

June 14, 2008

CANCER AID and RESEARCH

TO: All District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and Members

FROM: Lee Miller, Dept. C.A.R. Chairman
3907 Yorktown Drive
Hopewell, VA 23860

September 2008

This year the National President's theme is "OUR DREAMS BECOME RAINBOWS" and our Department President's theme is "LIVING THE LIFE OF LOVE WHILE SERVING OTHERS."

Each of us has been or will be touched by this dreaded disease called CANCER! When we join together to fight this dreaded disease we will be living the life of love while serving others as we find a cure at the end of the rainbow.

All Auxiliaries are urged to send in their \$2.00 per member (or more) as soon as possible so we can continue to assist others who are fighting the fight against this disease. This is a major source of income for the Cancer Aid and Research Program.

In order for a member to receive a Cancer Grant they must be a member of the Auxiliary for one full year. You are able to receive two grants in a lifetime, but there has to be one year in between the grants. Please remember to give the grant application to the member as soon as they are diagnosed with this disease because this disease has no time limit.

The National Director is promoting "A Dime A Day " for cancer. Ask each member to put away a dime a day and turn it in at your meeting. At the end of the year your Auxiliary can make a good donation at the Department Convention.

AWARDS TO BE GIVEN AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IN 2009

1. Citation and check to the Auxiliary with the best cancer promotion.
2. Citation and check to the Auxiliary with the greatest percentage over \$2.00 per member.
3. Citation for the Auxiliary with the best over-all cancer reporting.

I am looking forward to working with all of you this year. If I can help you in any way, please call. Remember we are never alone, as we all have a Guardian Angel with us at all times.

Loyally,

Lee

**CANCER AID AND RESEARCH
REPORT FORM 2008-2009**

Lee Miller, Dept. C.A.R. Chairman
3907 Yorktown Drive
Hopewell, VA 23860
(804) 458-8143

Auxiliary: _____ District: _____

1. Number of members contributing \$2.00 per member in your Auxiliary.

_____ Amount: _____

2. Did your Auxiliary contribute more than \$2.00 per member?

Yes: _____ No: _____ Amount: _____

3. Have you had a fund raiser for Cancer? Yes: _____ No: _____
If yes, how did you promote it?

Amount raised: _____

4. Have you turned in all money for Cancer Pins? Amount: _____

5. Have you submitted any Cancer Grants? Yes: _____ No: _____

6. Have you held a cancer education program in your Auxiliary and invited the community to attend?
Yes: _____ No: _____

7. Have you passed out any literature regarding Cancer to your members or at other meetings?
Yes: _____ No: _____

8. Did your Auxiliary submit an applicant for a Fellowship award?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Auxiliary Cancer Chairman

Auxiliary President

Community Service

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September General Orders

Our Dreams Become Rainbows Live a Life of Love While Serving The Needs Of Others Educate – Communicate - Participate

Our National President's theme and our Department President's theme for 2008/2009 really say what Community Service is all about. Volunteering in the community will help your dreams become rainbows as well as those you are helping. Serving and volunteering in the community shows that the Ladies Auxiliary members care about the needs of others because we live a life of love. By virtue of the name of this great organization, the public knows that we work with Veterans and their family. I would bet that a large portion of the public does not know what other great work we do in our community.

Disaster Preparedness: Citizen Corps is part of the Department of Homeland Security which is a community based initiative to involve all citizens in homeland security. It promotes community and family preparedness through public education and outreach; encouraging the public to get training in first aid and emergency skills, volunteer and support local emergency responders, disaster relief and community safety. For more information go to www.citizenscorps.gov or www.ready.gov.

America Supports You: A program started by the Department of Defense, which recognizes citizen's support to members of our armed forces and communicates that support to these men and women at home and abroad. For more information visit their web site www.americasupportsyou.mil.

Veterans Oral History Project: Established on October 27, 2000 by Pubic Law 106-380, the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress developed a program that collects and preserves audio and video taped oral histories of war veterans. As a result of this law, the Veterans Oral History Project was started. More information is available in the *VFW Programs Guide* or contact Veterans Oral History Project, 1-888-371-5848.

Make a Difference Day – October 25, 2008: This would be a great project to do along with your Post. Select a Senior Citizen that may need assistance around their home; raking leaves, cleaning gutters, painting or minor home repair. Donate computers to a school, library or senior center. Neighborhood Beautification; if your area has neighborhood civic groups this would be a great project to coordinate with the civic group. More information and ideas go to www.makeadifferenceday.com

National Family Volunteer Day – November 22, 2008: Go to www.thevolunteerfamily.org or www.pointsoflights.org for more information.

Outstanding Community Volunteer: Start looking for a Sister to nominate. Remember the volunteer must be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for at least five years, cannot be nominated for the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in the same year as nominated for this award and former national winners are not eligible to compete again. The nomination forms are available at our department website, www.vfwvaaux.org or I will be happy to mail you the forms.

Awards Information: At the Winter Council meeting in January, 2009, I will present each Auxiliary with a certificate who submits a publicity item promoting your Community Service Event. Entries must be received by December 1, 2008. A drawing will be held from the entries for a \$25.00 award.

Make sure that you present any ideas at your Auxiliary meeting and have it approved by vote which ensures it is recorded in the Auxiliary Minutes.

REPORT.....REPORT.....REPORT.....REPORT.....REPORT.....REPORT

Be sure to include your District and Auxiliary Number. Also contact information just in case I have a question. More information and ideas will be included in up coming General Orders Programs. You can e-mail the reports or send by mail. Reporting forms are available on the department website.

EXTENSION

Chairman

Ines Kerch

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September 2008

In the President's Handbook for 2008-09, I suggested that you think of **Extension** as an opportunity to "extend our family" by enlisting eligible members to join our "sisterhood."
What does that mean exactly?

As you do within your family, without experiencing conscious effort, each of us can "Live a Life of Love" through our relationship with **new members**, by mentoring them with lots of encouragement, patience, tolerance, and sometimes forgiveness... just as we do daily within our families; just as we experienced and received from Sisters before us.

You and I didn't learn and retain the knowledge that we have today, in the short space of a day, when we attended our first meeting. Recollect how mystified we may have been at the requirements of our Ritual; how with impatience we may have thought of it as time-consuming and unnecessary. However with time and continued exposure to our Ritual, we gained an appreciation of how and why we do things,

We came to appreciate the opportunities to display respect and to express the love and affection we developed for the worthy Sisters in our unit, our District, our Department, especially when they passed. As once we received the patience, tolerance and affection from our Sisters, we grew steadily in knowledge and spirit, developing loyalty to our Sisters and to the Organization, our ties growing ever stronger over the years.

And so today, it's our turn to give back some of what we received to the **new Sisters** we need so badly in our unit, to help us become stronger, as **we** age and grow infirm.

Since assuming office, we have (1) assisted an old Auxiliary of the Department, one established many years ago; (2) we recommended the suspension of an Auxiliary's Charter whose President was not performing her duties, and (3) we responded to a VFW who wanted an Auxiliary. Quite a mix of efforts.

These are related to you, albeit withholding identification, because there may be Auxiliaries who can identify with the very same problems described above. We hope they will seek assistance from the Department in resolving their issues, before they get to the "edge."

In (1), the secretary-treasurer grew infirm and there was no one able to assume her duties. We all recognize the importance of these positions. Each office represents the acceptance of substantial duties. Now there was no one to take her place. With considerable effort it was possible to find someone within the ranks willing to carry on, if only for the short term. In the meantime, letters inviting the ladies of newly joined comrades have been sent with the hope that we may find among them someone who possesses the interest, enthusiasm, essential energy, and basic skills to perform these jobs capably.

In (2) an Auxiliary was not functioning any longer due to a President not upholding the Bylaws nor fulfilling her duties at meetings, not recognizing and protecting the rights and privileges of the members or of officers, tolerating incompetent work from the Treasurer, and permitting bad Audits.

In (3), a Commander from a bachelor post desired to have an Auxiliary for more than two years, finally found an eligible daughter of a comrade who was willing to become the point-of-contact and perform outreach activities to potential members with our guidance and assistance. Happily, the results of our initial meeting produced a Charter Application, even now in process, and more than enough applications to form a unit. Of course, much follow-up work will be required.

Our intent is to investigate other problems that have been brought to our attention and to pursue other leads.

With regard to the last month's activities: We await the results with patience and hope to provide you good news next month.

With regard to other leads: We extend our thanks and appreciation to Department Quartermaster Kim DeShano for providing a list of Bachelor Posts and the Dept. VFW Roster. These will enable more outreach activities, perhaps leading to new Auxiliaries!

Sisters: With a Department President leading the way and working in partnership with many Sisters for the good of our organization, it's already an exciting year!

Uh, excuse me... We've got work to do!

Best wishes for a *great* Labor Day weekend!

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“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”

Sisters we are approaching fall and I have only received pictures from two Districts. I know you are all busy please send me a report soon.

Remember to take **PICTURES** at your Auxiliary, District, & Department meetings. Collect the basic information **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & WHY** and send a report to me. With upcoming meetings, functions, picnics, holidays and other services that make History of our *wonderful organization*.

DON'T FORGET!!!!

THERE WILL BE AWARDS JUDGING ON THE CONTENT OF THE PICTURES AND INFORMATION RECEIVED:

FIRST PLACE-CITATION AND CHECK FOR \$30.00
SECOND PLACE-CITATION AND CHECK FOR \$25.00
THIRD PLACE-CITATION AND CHECK FOR \$20.00

ALSO A CITATION AND CHECK FOR \$15.00 TO THE JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT THAT PARTICIPATES!!!!

These pictures will be the **pot of treasure** at the end of President Mary's Rainbow.

Thanks District 10 you are doing a fantastic job.... loved the pictures

Start *clicking* and *sending* while you....

“Live a life of love while serving the needs of others”

Loyally,
Georgette Dausey, Historian

**HISTORIAN REPORT FORM
2008-2009**

DISTRICT NUMBER _____ AUXILIARY _____

DATE OF REPORT _____

HISTORIAN (OR AUX. MEM) _____

Phone number (Inc. area code) _____

Total number of pictures enclosed _____

Pictures numbered on back to coincide with brief report.

**Example: DISTRICT MEETING, NAMES OF PEOPLE IN PICTURE (LEFT TO RIGHT),
PICTURE#1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARY WITH 2ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT
RHONDA LEAVER ON HER OFFICIAL VISIT.**

PICTURE #1 NAMES _____

DESCRIPTION OF PICTURE _____

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Department of Virginia
Hospital & VAVS
General Orders – September 2008

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Dear Sisters,

Commitment, dedication and caring by our volunteers, is the true example of the Department of Virginia's President Mary Profitt's theme "Live a life of love while serving the needs of others".

Volunteer Hospital work is celebrating 80 years of continuing outstanding service! It is volunteers that welcome home our military service personnel that seek treatment in VA Medical Centers. We must continue to be dedicated to serving these military men and women showing them that their sacrifices are not forgotten.

AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEERS:

A charm will go to each member recruiting one or more volunteers between July 1, 2008, and May 31, 2009.

Beginning with 150 hours, a pin or pin/bar will go to each Auxiliary member when she reaches hours as stated in the *VAVS & Hospital Volunteer Guide*.

A pin will go to each sponsored non-member volunteer including youth volunteer who serves a minimum of 100 hours under Auxiliary sponsorship at any hospital.

The VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC) recognizes an Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year. Please submit your nomination to me (Department Chairman) by January 1st, 2009. Nominations must be typed and not exceed 300 words. I will judge them and the Department winner will then be submitted to National. Remember, we have many sisters that volunteer every day and each is deserving of recognition. I must have entries in order to forward a deserving individual to National.

REPORTING:

Please use the report forms provided in the President's Handbook.

This is a reminder, there will be a drawing at the Winter Council in Williamsburg for \$25, for the auxiliaries that have turned in the banner requirement of \$35 to the Department Treasurer (Debbie Martin), earmarked for the Hospital & VAVS Program and turned in at least one completed report. At the State Convention, all Auxiliaries that have turned in their banner requirement and completed at least one project/event will receive a certificate. Auxiliaries that have gone above and beyond will be recognized and will participate in a drawing for \$50.

Our National President, Dixie Hilde's theme "Our dreams become rainbows" can not be incorporated in a better way than by supporting our Hospital & VAVS program. The smiling face of a volunteer shows our veteran's that their dreams are not just possible, but they are within their reach.

A kind word and a smile can make all the difference in the world to a veteran. Start early and report often!

Thank you,
Robin Milewski
Hospital & VAVS Committee Chairman

It is amazing that love can transform your life forever.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

September 2008

**To: District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Treasures, Membership Chairmen
and Auxiliary members.**

**CC: Colette Bishop, National Membership Director
Susan Simmons, Southern Conference Chairman**

**From: Betty Gimble, Department Membership Chairman
12604 Harbor Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192
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**“Live a life of love while serving the needs of others” and
“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”**

Our membership year started with just over 37% during our Early Parade promotion at the June Convention. As we prepare to go to the National Convention, our membership is close to 50%. This is a very good start but we have a long way to go.

Presidents, you should have appointed your Membership Chairman and committee and set a date for your meeting. Now is the time to get your dues renewal notices in the mail. You can prepare your own letter or buy the dues notices from National Headquarters. A substantial number of continuous members' dues are collected by dues reminder. Have you thought about including the life membership fee schedule with your notices? This is a very good way to increase your life membership.

National is promoting November as “National Recruiting Month”. Plan a campaign to recruit new or reinstated members in November. Set up a recruiting booth in a shopping mall, fairs, trade shows, military base and other public places where people gather. Another method is a door-to-door campaign or a telephone campaign. Personal contact is the best way of convincing ladies they should belong to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

When selecting the members to man the booths or make the personal contact make sure that they should have a thorough knowledge of the Ladies Auxiliary and its various programs. Be prepared to answer questions about the benefits of belonging to the Ladies Auxiliary and the membership requirements. Have a good appearance and a good attitude. Do not get discouraged if they do not want to sign up right away. Take their name and number and contact them again later.

Start planning your campaign now because a successful membership campaign must be carefully planned and effectively carried out. If you need assistance, you can use the

tools in the National Program book and there are brochures that you can get from the National Supply Department. I am also available to help you in any way that I can. There will be a special award for the Auxiliary whose has the most successful campaign. This will be based on the number of new or reinstated members received during November. The Department Treasurer Debbie Martin will verify the numbers.

The National Ladies Auxiliary will present \$75.00 to any Auxiliary that obtains 100% in membership. The dues **must** be to National Headquarters by a certain date to qualify. The requirements are as follows:

Auxiliaries with **10-75 members by September 30, 2008.**

Auxiliaries with **76-150 members by October 31, 2008.**

Auxiliaries with **151-250 members by November 30, 2008.**

Auxiliaries with **251 or more members by December 31, 2008.**

There will also be District Awards.

1. **Boot** pin to District President and Membership Chairman whose District attains 85% and received at National Headquarters by December 31, 2008.
2. **\$100 to the District and a “Our Dreams Become Rainbows” Plate** to the District President and Membership Chairman of each District obtaining 100% in Membership and received at National Headquarters by April 30, 2009.
3. **\$200** to the District for obtaining 110% in Membership received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2009.

Ladies, by working together we can achieve 100% in membership for the Department of Virginia by December 31, 2008. In the October promotion, I will list the Department Membership Awards.

HEAD’UM UP AND MOVE’UM OUT!

For: Department President, PDPs, Line Officers, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, V&FS Chairmen, Members, National Program Director and Southern Conference Program Chairman

**“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”
 “Live a Life of Love while Meeting the Needs of Others”**

Bottom Line Up Front

Well, the year is underway and there are so many things that the auxiliary can begin to work on and plan to help our veterans and their families.

To meet banner requirements, auxiliaries must participate in at least 5 of the 10 areas of the Program. Each month, the auxiliaries reporting will be listed at the end of the promotion in the general orders beginning in October 2008.

Auxiliaries should consider/vote on activities donations for events that are coming up: Memorial 9/11 Poppies (see the section under Buddy Poppy; Wreaths Across America (December 13 – DEADLINE - December 1); Snowball Express (December 16-02 – DEADLINE December 9, 2008)

To help you to understand and contribute or promote some of these areas, each District has a Veterans and Family Support Chairman who can assist you in planning. If you have questions about the programs in this year's Veterans and Family Support program, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Veterans and Family Support Chairman in your District.

District V&FS Chairman (POCs) are:

DISTRICT	Name	Phone No
1	Lorna Beaulieu	757-838-4588
2	Margaret Leaver	757-572-6024
3	Laura Absher	804-746-1793
4	Rose Puente	804-504-5398
5	Marcia Simones	276-728-2400
6	Betty Anderson	540-890-2282
7	Kathy Birch	540-955-3311
8	Pam Braithwaite	703-568-2589
9	Marie Adkins	276-322-1531
10	Mary Smart	703-580-1169
11	Bonnie Snook	540-828-7339
12	Deborah Branham	276-865-9355
13	Nancy Hughes	804-457-2613

As with all of our programs, let the local community know what you have planned, or has happened to help our veterans and their families. Publicize what your auxiliary is doing and **GET THE WORD OUT!**

Mailing addresses for all donations are on the last page of this promotion. Please make sure that the check is earmarked correctly and

that you report on the donation using the report form.

Veterans & Family Support

The main emphasis of the Veterans and Family Support Program is to assist our veterans and their families **outside the hospital**, to ensure a suitable standard of living, whether it is through financial support, moral support, or by simple acts of kindness.

- **Assistance to veterans and their families.** Do you have a family in your neighborhood or town whose loved one is stationed overseas or deployed to the War on Terrorism? Have you/can you assist them with rent, childcare, food, clothing, or utilities? If so, how are your members assisting them? Have you donated clothing or food? There are many ways you can help them.

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

Military Assistance Program (MAP) is the outstretched hand between the VFW and active duty, Guard, and Reserve military units. MAP offers grants to VFW Posts who participate in military unit functions, such as sponsoring "Farewell and Welcome Home Activities," "Family Readiness Group" events, or other sponsorship ideas. Your District POC has forms to help you to obtain financial assistance for a Farewell or Welcome Home event. You can also get MAP monies to help with sending care packages to the troops. Contact your District POC or the Department Chairman for additional information.

Of course donations are always welcomed for help with this special and worthwhile project. Auxiliaries can donate to MAP by sending in a donation. Remember to report on it.

UNMET Needs Program

UNMET Needs Program is mostly funded by individual donations from individuals, post, and auxiliaries. 100% of donations received go directly to our military families in need. Through UNMET needs, a military family can obtain financial assistance for basic necessities and items. Auxiliaries may know of a family in their area or district that could use support. Forms are available from you District POC, the Department Chairman, or your post service officer.

Funds from donations are available to the five branches of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard), as well as members of the Reserves

and National Guard. Funds awarded by the program are offered in the form of grants--not loans--so recipients don't need to repay them.

UNMET Needs Program is connected to **AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU** and the **9-11 Freedom Walks**. If your auxiliary participated in, contributed to, or supported a Freedom Walk, remember to report on it. Remember that you can also distribute the 9-11 Memorial Poppies during this event. Check with your local newspaper for the time/place of the Freedom Walk.

Operation Uplink

Operation Uplink has been providing phone cards for our troop for the past several years. This year the funds are also helping to open Internet cafes in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. These cafes provide more time for a soldier to connect with family and loved ones. All donations to Operation Uplink go to help an active duty soldier to connect through telephone or internet. These precious moments to talk to and connect with his/her loved ones are priceless. If individuals in your auxiliary donate to Operation Uplink, you can report on these donations also. **See the last page on where to send your donation.**

Adopt-A-Unit Program

Adopt-A-Unit Program Keep in mind that local National Guard and Reserve units are eligible for the Adopt-A-Unit program. **Your District POC has the forms for adopting a local unit.** For the families of the unit that you adopt, invite them to Post/Auxiliary functions or host a special dinner or lunch for them. This will make them feel special and know that you are supporting them.

Assistance to Homeless veterans and their families. Don't forget about the veterans and their families in your own community. Do you have members that take them to the doctor, to buy groceries, or to get their medications? Keep track of these hours and trips, and then report on them. Let me know of the generosity and helpfulness of the sisters to our comrades and their families

Buddy Poppy



September 11th is the day of remembrance for the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. Post and auxiliaries who have purchased the **Memorial Buddy Poppy** for this day are reminded that **NO FUNDS OR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE COLLECTED**

FOR THIS POPPY DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

For any Poppy activity, please report on it. The sisters in the Department do wonderful things and I want to let National know of these wonders.

One of the assembly points for Buddy Poppies is the VA Hospital in Hampton, VA. Assembled by hospitalized veterans, a portion of the proceeds of the sale of Buddy Poppies helps support of veterans and the VFW National Home for children.

VFW National Home for Children



Remember that your Health and Happiness requirement is a **banner requirement**. Once you have sent your donation, remember to report on it. Report on the amount and the check number used.

The Campbell's UPC codes and lids are still being collected to help the National Home. Be sure to package them according to the requirements and report on how many you have sent. Your District Chairman and your auxiliary president have the directions for packaging and what is being collected.

To find out more about the VFW National Home, visit www.vfwnationalhome.org or contact your District Chairman.

Fisher House

The 39th Fisher House was dedicated July 10, 2008 at the Hunter Holmes **McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Va.** This is the 2nd fisher House in Virginia. The 16,800-square-foot house will feature 21 guest suites for families who want to be with their loved ones recuperating in the VA hospital, which is about 100 yards away.

The Richmond house is the 10th Fisher House to be built at a VA medical center; the other 29 have been built near medical facilities on military installations.

All of the Fisher Houses are now handicapped-accessible. The Fisher House Foundation builds the houses with funds donated by the public, and then turns them over to VA or the military service for operation. Designed to be a "home away from home" for families at a stressful time, the houses provide shared areas for laundry, kitchen and dining, and a cozy living room with toys for children.

Wreaths Across America

"Remember – honor – and teach" is the mission of this wonderful project. **On December 13, 2008** hundred of wreaths will be laid in cemeteries on the graves of our veterans throughout the U.S. The deadline for contributing to this year's event is **December 1, 2008**. Several of our auxiliaries across

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the state participate and contribute to this great tribute to our fallen soldiers. Virginia has 22 locations plus Arlington National Cemetery across our state where the wreaths will be laid. The locations and Points of Contact (location leaders) for each are:

City	Cemetery Name
Alexandria	Alexandria National Cemetery Patrick Gallagher, 703-360-4543
Amelia	VA Veterans Cemetery at Amelia Lt. Mike McManus, 804-897-5747
Arlington	Arlington National Cemetery Wayne Hanson, Call Wreaths Across America HQ at 207-483-2039
Culpeper	Culpeper National Cemetery David & Elaine Price, 703-768-0682
Danville	Danville National Cemetery Tony Turner, 434-728-1968
Hampton	Hampton National Cemetery Anyone who answers, 757-723-7104 Hampton VA National Cemetery – VAMC Anyone who answers, 757-723-7104
Hopewell	City Point National Cemetery Jean Mull, 804-733-1131
Leesburg	Union Cemetery Maj. Jeffrey can Etten, 703-808-1200 Balls Bluff National Cemetery Robert Dawson, 703-499-6169
Lynchburg	Old City Cemetery Museums & Arboretum Rachel Shenigo, 434-384-7041
Mechanicsville	Cold Harbor National Cemetery Anyone who answers, 804-795-1064
Powell Valley	Powell Valley Veterans Memorial Gardens Mrs. Joyce Palmer, 276-565-3512
Richmond	Richmond National Cemetery Sam Tinsley, 804-733-0808 Fort Harrison National Cemetery 2Lt Kate Baird, 804-273-9877 Glendale National Cemetery Anyone who answers, 757-723-7104
Salem	Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium Vicki Sword, 540-375-3004
Sandston	Seven Pine National Cemetery Bruce Biggs, 804-932-9384
Staunton	Staunton National Cemetery Lt. Greg Sykes, 540-241-4779
Suffolk	Albert Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery Lt. Col. Dean Gould, 757-484-5760
Triangle	Quantico National Cemetery Capt. Clifton Pleasant, 540-538-7999
Winchester	Winchester National Cemetery Capt. C.J. Muncy, 540-551-9968
Yorktown	Yorktown National Cemetery Jean Mull, 804-733-1131

Would you like to see hundreds of wreaths laid to honor veterans in your state or community? Here is

one way to get you started. Please accept this as a personal invitation to YOU, FAMILY, FRIENDS, or YOUR GROUP Or ORGANIZATION. Express your patriotism and gratitude by getting involved at the participating location near you.

Step 1: Find the participating location in your state or region. See the listing above.

Step 2: Contact the Location Leader where you intend to participate. It is important to make contact with the Location Leader at your intended site. They are coordinating the schedule of events and will be able to give you specific information about meeting times and the plan of events. In some cases, start and ceremony times have been amended to reflect the needs of certain locations. Also, if you are planning to attend and volunteer with your group or family, the Location Leaders would love to hear from you and possibly engage you in the planning process.

Step 3: Help secure wreath sponsorships from local businesses and the local community. If your location is doing a wreath-laying for a section of the cemetery on conjunction with the ceremony, check with the Location Leader about efforts to bring sponsored wreaths to honor more veterans.

Step 4: Get involved with the Statehouse wreath-laying ceremony in your Capital. To raise public awareness and kick-off a week of events, many states are hosting a Wreaths Across America wreath-laying ceremony at the statehouse. Worcester Wreath Company is donating a wreath with flags representing all branches of the armed forces. A volunteer coordinator is planning events and participation.

Step 5: Sponsor a wreath and spread the word. If you would like to get involved, you can help by sponsoring a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave, or bringing this information to other individuals and businesses. **Each wreath sponsorship is \$15.00.**

Your sponsorship can be designated for a specific participating location, or go to a veteran's grave at anyone of our participating locations. At this time they are not able to accommodate requests for wreaths to be laid at a specific grave - although they can provide a wreath directly to you. If you want to place a wreath on a veteran's grave that is **NOT** buried in a veterans' cemetery, then a wreath can be delivered to your house for you to place on the grave yourself.

VFW Service Officer Education

Your Post Service Officer is an invaluable tool to the families of our veterans. The Service officer and provide assistance with eligibility and helping with the VA system for benefits. They have a wealth of

knowledge. Set up an "Education luncheon" for your auxiliary and the Post Service officer. Perhaps, you can have him/her speak at one of your meetings. Find out what you can do to help him/her with obtaining the benefits and the VA Healthcare System.



Donations are needed to sponsor the children and the families for this wonderful project. December 16-20, 2008 is when the planes will be rolling

Snowball Express honors and pays tribute to the children of those military fallen heroes who have died while honorably serving since 9/11. Family members from all across America and the world will gather in Southern California for an unforgettable holiday party.

Kids and widows discover they are not alone. And they will know they are not forgotten.

It takes donations of many organizations to bring this event to fruition. **Auxiliaries that make a \$100 donation by December 31, 2008 will receive a certificate of appreciation at Winter Conference.** Check with your District Chairman for additional information.

Scholarship Program

The National Ladies Auxiliary VFW will be offering four Continuing Education Scholarships in each Membership Conference. Members, their spouses and their children are eligible for one of four \$1,000 scholarships. **Applications can be obtained from your District Chairman.**

Donations for all the areas of V&FS are listed below. Please make sure you indicate on the memo line to which area you are donating.

V&FS area	Payee and address	Memo Line
Health and Happiness (VFW National Home for Children)	Ladies Auxiliary VFW National HQ C/O National Secretary-Treasurer 406 W. 34 th Street, 10 th floor Kansas City, MO 64111	Health/Happiness
Operation Uplink	Ladies Auxiliary VFW National HQ C/O National Secretary-Treasurer 406 W. 34 th Street, 10 th floor Kansas City, MO 64111	Operation Uplink
MAP	Through your Post Make checks out to the post and report on the donation	Military Assistance program
Snowball Express	Ladies Auxiliary VFW National HQ C/O National Secretary-Treasurer 406 W. 34 th Street, 10 th floor Kansas City, MO 64111	Snowball Express
UNMET Needs	VFW Foundation 406 W. 34 th Street, Suite 514 Kansas City, MO 64111	UNMET Needs
Wreaths Across America	Wreaths Across America PO Box 256 Harrington, ME 04643	Specify Cemetery name for donation
Fisher House	Fisher House™ Foundation, Inc. 1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 600 Rockville, MD 20852	Specify either the Portsmouth or McGuire House
VFW National Home for Children (labels, life memberships, other funds)	VFW National Home for Children 3573 S. Waverly Road Eaton Rapids, MI 48827	Specify a particular fund or house

Loyally,
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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN PROGRAM

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2008-2009 Voice of Democracy Theme:
"Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefits Today's Youth by..."

2008-2009 Patriot's Pen Theme:
"Why American's Veterans Should Be Honored"

These are two great themes that reflect the purpose of our organization, not only do they represent serving our veterans but also the ideals from our young people for which our veterans fought. It gives our young people the opportunity to express how they feel about our veterans and how they can continue to honor our veterans in the years to come.

Yes, it is that time of the year again. School has begun and you should have already made your first contact with your local schools as well as home-schooled students, boy and girl scouts. It's not too late if you haven't.

Let the principals and teachers know the awards that your Post and Auxiliary are offering. "Our Dreams Become Rainbows" can be a student's pot of goal at the end of that rainbow with the awards they can win.

Order and distribute brochures on these programs, make signs, put articles in your local newspapers and even a spot on the radio.

Information is provided in the President's Handbook and Reference Guide Book if you need information. A reports form is also included.

The deadline for both of these programs is fast approaching. Students must have their entries to the Post or Auxiliary by November 1st.

Start planning now with your VFW for selecting judges, if you have not already done so.

Just a reminder--if your Auxiliary is working towards a Banner for 2008-2009, you must participate in one of these programs.

I will include the awards that I will be giving out at the 2009 State Convention in the next General Orders along with Auxiliaries that I have not received reports from. Please be sure if you do the work, that you make a report.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/JUNIOR GIRLS
YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART
SEPTEMBER 2008

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**“OUR DREAMS BECOME RAINBOWS”
“LIVE A LIVE OF LOVE WHILE SERVING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS”**

To: DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS, DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Today's youth are our leaders of the future. Our challenge is to invest in them today. With a little imagination, we can teach them valuable lessons. Special events are the perfect time to hand out Pledge of Allegiance book mark or try a contest coloring the flag. Don't forget to include the Boy and Girl Scouts, Church Youth Group and our Junior Girls. We can also support sports activities, lend assistance to 4-H clubs, or the DARE program.

Many times, we read in our newspapers about a group of youth in our communities who have mowed lawns, weeded flower beds, painted or cleaned houses to help the elderly or less fortunate. A perfect way to recognize these youth is through our **OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**. Any student between the ages of 12 and 15 may enter and possibly win a \$5,000 U. S. savings bond.

Our youth should be encouraged to participate in all activities involving our troops. A **YOUTH SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS** citation and a letter from our National President will be sent to any youth who support our troops or their families.

This year any youth who collects 100 UPC codes for Campbell's Labels for Education to be donated to the VFW National Home for Children will also receive a citation. This is an easy project for any youth.

Our **JUNIOR GIRLS** should be encouraged to participate as often and as frequently as possible in all our programs. Hospital pins are available to any girls who completes 50 – 500 volunteers hours in the VA hospitals, community hospitals, nursing homes or a combination of the three. Junior Girls may also apply for a Special Award in the form of scholarships. Scholarships are awarded for first and second place in the amounts of \$10,000 and \$5,000. Would you be interested in starting a unit in your community? What a wonderful way to mentor young ladies and teach them about our organization. If you are interested, please let me know.

By the time you receive this General Orders, school will have started. Now is the time to contact your area schools about our PATROTIC ART program. Public schools, due to other contests or time frames, may not be as receptive to this program. Instead, you may want to try private, parochial or military schools. Don't forget all the other clubs and organizations in your communities. Students in grade 9 – 12 who attend school or are homeschooled in the same state as the sponsoring auxiliary may compete. The deadline for this contest is March 31, 2009. You may think that that gives you plenty of time to make contact. Exactly the opposite is true. GOOD ART WORK TAKES TIME! Students are very busy this time of the year. The earlier you make contact the better.

If you need additional information or brochures on any of our programs, contact our National Headquarters at www.ladiesauxvfw.org or call/e-mail me.

I'm looking forward to receiving your reports. Please send them to me as quickly as possible.

GOOD LUCK!

Fran

Beautiful Patriotic Quilt Raffle

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Tickets are \$2.00 Each or 3 for \$5.00

Raffle will be held at the Winter Council Meeting
(need not be present to win)

All District Presidents have been given tickets- Please see them for your chance!

If you would like to purchase tickets or are willing to sell them please call me anytime 540-447-4509.

Susan Gonzales
Ways & Means Chairman
108 Henkel Rd
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Thanks in advance for your support!



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 - Stain Release
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 - Logo will be done on Left Chest.
- These are in a Ladies Cut and run true to size. We don't want to leave the Comrades out! Men's 3-button polo available with logo & I support the above it. Indicate size below Small thru 4X available)*

Size	Quantity	Cost	Total
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Medium		\$25.00	
Large		\$25.00	
X-Large		\$25.00	
XXL		\$27.00	
XXXL		\$27.00	
4XL		\$27.00	
5XL		\$27.00	
Shipping		\$5.00 per 2 shirts	

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to:
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C/O Susan Gonzales
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Please add \$5.00 shipping per every 2 shirts ordered. (1 shirt only is also \$5.00) Shirts will be mailed to you. Shirts are ordered as the orders are received and require at least a 2 week turnaround. Orders are submitted on the 1st and 15th (cut off date) of every month (if received by these dates it will be approx. 2 weeks from the cut off date that you will receive your shirts)

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Dept of VA VFW Ladies Auxiliary

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for your support!

