

My Dear Sisters...

Thank you sincerely for the most wonderful Homecoming anyone could have asked for. Your attendance (in abundance) truly made me “Queen for the Day” and Commander Hal the “Prince” he has always been known to be!

We both were absolutely thrilled to see the turnout and to see you all enjoying yourselves so much. I know I had fun just watching you have fun!

Thank you for the many gifts and the “love” gifts of cash. I wish I could send each of you a personal note but please know that this note is intended for each and every one of you!

Now that we have had a hardy party, let’s get out there and try to end the year with a BIG BANG! I know we can do it together. I truly appreciate each member, auxiliary, district and especially the Past Department Presidents.

THANK YOU AND MUCH LOVE,

Mary Profitt

## URGENT NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Due to unforeseen circumstances I must make a change in the Ways and Means Chairman. The new Chairman is:

Mary Horne  
1307 Thornhill Road  
Lexington, VA 24450  
Home Phone: (540) 463-5793  
Cell Phone: (540) 570-5793  
Email: hmhorne@aol.com

Mary will work diligently to sort out what must be done to get Ways and Means back on track and get any prepaid shirt orders to you. We hope to have most of them at the COA on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you have prepaid a shirt and have not received it, please call or write to her with the following information: Your name, Size, Aux # , date you ordered it, date your check was cashed.

Urgent -- Any quilt raffle tickets or checks for the quilt raffle which will take place at Winter Council must be sent to Mary Horne immediately.

If you have sold all of your raffle tickets and need more, please let her know immediately – tickets will only be sent to the Auxiliary and District President. **NO ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE MAILED UNTIL SHE HAS PAYMENT FOR THE FIRST TICKETS.**

Sisters – Ways and Means has gotten off to a good start. Let us not let this little bump in the road throw us off our goal. Continue to support the program through your purchases and efforts at selling raffle tickets.

I appreciate your patience and ask that you spread word of this change to members who may not be present at your meeting when this is read. Any future orders or money should be sent to Mary Horne at the above address.

Mary Profitt  
Department President

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

October 2008

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

1. I would like to thank **ALL** members of the Virginia Delegation for your help in Orlando. In the true form of Southern hospitality, the Department of Virginia had a fantastic Hospitality Room. I am sure I speak for Commander Hal Roesch as well as myself when I say **JOB WELL DONE!**
2. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN:** Members of Virginia you can be proud! Thanks to your efforts, the Department was 51.39% in membership at National Convention. We must continue to **recruit, reinstate, and retain** members if we are to achieve 100% in membership by December 31, 2008. Remind your members their dues must be paid no later than December 24, 2008 to allow processing time prior to the December 31<sup>st</sup> due date. Dues must be processed by December 31, 2008 in order for a member to remain in good standing and maintain eligibility for continued cancer insurance and cancer grants. Read the promotional information from the Membership Chairman each month as she always has some good ideas on how to **recruit, reinstate, and retain** members.
3. **PLAN A MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP:** Let National President Dixie Hild's "happy trails" **dreams become rainbows** by planning a recruiting event. The Department Line Officers will be glad to come to your area and help you recruit new members for your District and Auxiliary. There are many qualified potential members who want **to live a life of love while serving others ... they just need to be asked to join** the Department's "Dream Team"!
4. **DUES TRANSMITTALS:** Treasurers are reminded to transmit all dues as soon as they are received, to our Department Treasurer Debbie Martin at 539 West wood Drive Ruckersville, VA 22968. Do not wait until your next meeting to process dues, send them to the Department Treasurer upon receipt.
5. **Treasurers, remember that National Headquarters does not send out dues reminders other than in the VFW Auxiliary Magazine.** The Department will be sending out dues reminders in mid-October 2008. Ask the members of your Auxiliary to help you contact members for retaining and reinstating their membership status for 2009 by the end of September so we can save postage. **Keep up the GREAT work** that you do for our organization. Your services are greatly valued by our organization. **THANK YOU** for the timely submission of membership dues to our Department Treasurer.
6. **ATTENTION PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS -- LAST DUES TRANSMITTAL FOR 2008:** Please make sure that you have **your last transmittal for 2008** to Department Treasurer Debbie Martin, **by December 24, 2008.** This will give our Department Treasurer sufficient time to make sure that National has dues processed by December 31, 2008. We can reach our goal of 100% in membership only through your efforts! Please give our Department Treasurer a chance to enjoy the Christmas holiday, **pay your dues early** so she is not processing dues on Christmas Eve.
7. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES:** The third quarter Auxiliary audit covers the months of July, August and September. The audit shall be conducted during the month of October. A copy of the audit must be mailed to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, by October 30, 2008. **Bylaws Section 814A:** "It shall be the duty of the Trustees, no later than the end of the month following the expiration of each quarterly period, to properly audit the books and records of the Auxiliary Treasurer and Secretary. The Trustees shall submit and read a written report during an Auxiliary meeting. A motion to accept the Audit is required. A copy of the accepted audit shall be included in the Minutes Record book. Any negligence on the part of the Trustees in carrying out the mandates of the section or in attending audits shall make them individually and collectively responsible, with any others, for any discrepancy." **Trustees please take special note of the last sentence of that bylaw.** Any officers or chairmen handling money must have their books audited by the Trustees. Trustees, be must sign and date the books of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairmen **after** completing the Audit.

**8. REMEMBER, ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER IS BONDED:** The bond is a straight dishonesty bond and proof of loss resulting from dishonest acts on the part of the Treasurer is required in settlement of claims. We realize some Auxiliary give funds to the Chaplain, Hospital Chairman and Kitchen Manager. It is very important that they be held accountable for the funds in their possession. Audit all accounts regularly and keep accounts to a minimum to prevent losses.

**9. MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, October 25, 2008 -- is the largest national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors.** I hope that your Auxiliary has planned special projects within the community to celebrate this day of helping others. There are many in our communities who need our help and we can make a difference. Your Community Service Chairman's promotion in this General orders will give your Auxiliary ideas of projects that you can have for this special day. And, remember to report your activities! By helping others, you truly help yourself and **if you live a life of love while serving the needs of others, our dreams become rainbows.**

**10. NATIONAL FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY is on November 22, 2008.** Start making plans today to volunteer in your community and use your Auxiliary members and their families to help with these projects. Your actions in your community, sets an example for others to follow. By **living a life of love while serving others**, you showcase the benefits of families working together in service to the community and encourage those who haven't yet made the commitment to volunteer as a family. Your efforts can make a difference in the lives of others!

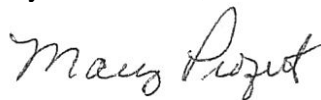
**11. PATRIOT'S PEN/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM:** All Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy Auxiliary Chairmen should have contacted their local high schools and youth groups by now. The November 1, 2008 deadline for these two programs is fast approaching. Please pay close attention to the Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy Chairman's promotion in this General Order and help her to get this important program off to a great start.

**12. PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST** deadline is not until March 31, 2009 but it takes time for these young artists to create their masterpieces. Get the information and entry forms to art teachers in area schools now. **THIS IS AN AUXILIARY PROGRAM** and each Auxiliary is responsible for its success or failure. The Young American Creative Art Contest has been in existence for 29 years but still remains in the background for many Auxiliaries. Let this be the best year ever for this program! Start early, advertise a lot, and encourage entries from all students who are eligible. Don't forget the home-schooled children. See the Youth Activities Chairman's promotion in this and future General Orders for more information.

**13. AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN:** Get the habit -- report every project that your Auxiliary completes and report in detail. The more often you report, the more details you give in your reports, the better chance you have to win an award at our Department Convention in June. Beginning in this General Orders, Department Chairmen will be listing those Auxiliaries who have not reported. Please send your reports in by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month to make sure your Auxiliary's name is not on that list. Use the Department Chairmen's award guidelines to plan some projects that can be submitted for awards. Just remember that **"Ability is what you're capable of doing...Motivation determines what you do...Attitude determines how well you do it!"** You don't do good works just to earn awards but, if you do the work, **Report, Report, Report!**

Sisters, this General Order is jam packed with ideas for helping your sisters, your community and most of all, your veterans. These suggested activities will allow you to **live a life of love while serving others**. And, by doing so, you will make **our dreams become rainbows** for those you have helped and for yourself. Remember, I love you for who you are and I love you for what you do. I am proud to be your President and share in your efforts to serve our veterans and their families. Thank you for all you do!

By the Order Of,



Mary Profitt  
Department President

Attest:



Linda DeShano  
Department Secretary

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October, 2008

**Special Order # 2**

By recommendation of the Department President and in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of Lee County Memorial Auxiliary 10298, Pennington Gap, is hereby suspended for a period of sixty (60) days, prior to disbanding, for failure to elect officers, lack of interest of the members and for failure to comply with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 210 for lack of monthly meetings.

By order of:  
Dixie Hild  
National President

**Special Order # 3**

By recommendation of the Department President and the action taken by the Auxiliary, the Charter of Blackstone Auxiliary 7897, Blackstone, Virginia is hereby cancelled and the Auxiliary is declared defunct in accordance to Article II, Section 207, of the National Bylaws due to a lack of a quorum and lack of participation and interest. 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:  
Dixie Hild  
National President

**NEW AUXILIARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

Department President Mary Profitt announces the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National has approved the charter applications for:

**Scottsville Auxiliary to VFW Post 8169, District 13**

The Charter was approved by National President Dixie Hild on August 25, 2008, 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.

<b>1st</b>	Date	TBD
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 7167 - Warsaw
	Rep:	TBD

<b>8th</b>	Date	3/8/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 3103 - Fredericksburg
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

<b>2nd</b>	Date	11/15/2008
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	13:00
	Location	Post 3160 - Oceanview
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

<b>9th</b>	Date	TBD
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 4667 - Marion
	Rep:	SR Vice President Kathy Birch

<b>3rd</b>	Date	11/15/2008
	Lunch	follows meeting
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Location	3rd District Hq
	Rep:	Sr Vice President Kathy Birch

<b>10th</b>	Date	2/22/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location:	Post 7916 - Occoquan
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

<b>4th</b>	Date	11/16/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	Post 9954 - Victoria
	Rep:	Conductress Cathy Graham

<b>11th</b>	Date	1/11/2009
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	12:30 PM
	Location	Post 2216 - Staunton
	Rep:	Conductress Cathy Graham

<b>5th</b>	Date	11/15/2008
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	To follow
	Location	American Legion Hall - Stuart
	Rep:	Guard Laine Beckwith

<b>12th</b>	Date	TBD
	Regisration	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	TBD
	Rep:	Jr. Vice President Betty Gimble

<b>6th</b>	Date	11/16/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	TBD
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

<b>13th</b>	Date	10/26/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 8947 - Mineral
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

<b>7th</b>	Date	12/14/2008
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 2123 - Winchester
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

### Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Meeting Day and Time:** for United Henry County Auxiliary 2820, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Correct Phone Number:** for Glen Allen Auxiliary 10657 President, Peggy Strong, 804-449-2347.
- **New Treasurer:** for Clemanceau-McAdoo-Givings Auxiliary 9224, Florence Banks, 2409 Langston Ave, Richmond, VA 23220. Phone number 804-321-7217.
- **Correct Phone Number:** for Springfield Auxiliary 7327, Secretary Floy Lipscomb, 703-866-4919.
- **New Secretary:** for Smithfield Auxiliary 8545, Patricia Bransford, 103 Settlers Landing Road, Suffolk, VA 23435. Phone Number 757-638-1844.
- **New President:** for Augusta-Staunton Auxiliary 2216, Debbie Amos, P.O. Box 428, Verona, VA 24482. Phone Number 540-280-8408.
- **New Secretary:** for Augusta-Staunton Auxiliary 2216, Angela Long, 448 Howardsville Turnpike, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477. Phone Number 540-569-0118.
- **Address Correction:** for District 9 Secretary, Virgie Taylor, 5997 Wilderness Road, Tiny Town Trailer Park, Lot 2, Dublin, VA 24084.
- **Correct Phone Number:** for William T. Allen Memorial Auxiliary 5500 President, Dawn Smith, 757-328-7091.
- **New Secretary:** for Craigs-McCue Auxiliary 3219, Cathy Shephard, 1804 N. Armstead Ave. Hampton, VA 23666. Phone Number 757-268-4633.
- **New Treasurer:** for Craigs-McCue Auxiliary 3219, M. Katherine Kromoff, 126 Beach Road, Hampton, VA 23664. Phone Number 757-850-0257.

### Calendar Update

- **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.

The Chaplain's report will be submitted in the November's  
General Orders

# **Patriotic Instructor**

**October 2008**

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

## *Pledging Allegiance*

Can someone please tell me what is so wrong with this text that we would ban it from public schools?

Public schools are run by the nation, the government, the states, cities and so on... for Americans and those who live here. Is it a silly assumption to make that everyone who lives here does so because they chose the American way of life over some other way? If at any time that fails to be true, move away.

So here is the pledge as my Grandparents knew it from 1892 to 1923:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Here's my parents' version.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Here is mine and most of yours

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

In the end, we ALL pledge allegiance to the Flag. At some point in time it became wise to make sure everyone knew which flag. Not a given even if we all are living in America. It might have been important to make certain that it was the United States and not a single state or group of states or the teamsters or other "nations" existing within our borders, and there are a few.

"The republic for which it stands" is really nothing more than the American dream, the acknowledgement of our government and its rules. Anyone not willing to pledge allegiance to that should really take their kids to another country and pledge that flag.

“One Nation”: Not two or three or some other number.

“Under God”: Ok, this must be the kicker. So now we have a problem with God. Well I don't have that problem but I will accept the fact that not everyone believes or wants their kids to pledge in that way.

If you have never uttered the words Holy, God, Jesus, Allah, Heaven or Hell, then you might have a legitimate argument to “Under God”. If you have spoken these words alone or in any combination when surprised angry, very happy or faced with some type of adversity, then you must accept the fact that, when at the end of your rope, you believe in something other than yourself.

If that is not true, then revert back to the “Republic” and make sure you gather your supporters and work very hard to remove the “Under God” portion. Still you must accept the ideal that we need to pledge and that we will support this nation and honor its Flag. You are not praying to it or recognizing it as a higher power. I submit to you that our flag is more of an honored companion and symbol of life in this land that we love.

“Indivisible”. We can't be torn apart, no matter how much indifference exists between those of us who live here and call ourselves “Americans”

“With Liberty and Justice for all”. We all want that and if we can ever achieve it, we can all kiss the ground that is America because that is why most people came here and certainly the reason that everyone stays.

Forget the fact that most Americans are attacked by other Americans. I would like to say that everyone living in America is an American even though that is not true. What should be true is that you believe in the American way of living – “With Liberty and Justice for all”.

We need to stop attacking each other, be it physically or verbally. We need to live as if this pledge means something. It does. It means that we will all stand together under that flag of these United States and we all will strive to preserve liberty and justice by following the laws of the land.

# Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

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General Orders October

*Meet the needs of others through living a life of love*

Your auxiliary needs to initiate programs for the proper observance of patriotic days. Allow "**our dreams become rainbows**" as we live a life of love while serving the needs of others.

In October, our auxiliaries can plan through the schools to hold patriotic lessons with the elementary students. Donate flags to those classrooms without an American flag so they can pledge the flag proudly. Volunteer to help the kindergarten classes recognize the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. In the first grade, students must be able to identify the American flag and demonstrate respect for the American flag by learning the Pledge of Allegiance; present those students who succeed a certificate. Distribute patriotic puzzles created at [www.apples4theteacher.com/wordfind.html](http://www.apples4theteacher.com/wordfind.html). Give recognition certificates to those students whose families fly the American flag and/or the POW/MIA flag daily. Teach a scout troop the folding of the flag and what it symbolizes. With **Election Day** around the corner, hold a voter registration session at the high schools for those students 18 years of age or older, and encourage all that it is their patriotic duty to exercise the right to vote.

**Statue of Liberty's birthday** - October 28. Visit [www.statueofliberty.com](http://www.statueofliberty.com) for information to share.

**Navy Day** - commonly celebrated on **October 27<sup>th</sup>** as it was the birth date of President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid supporter of the U.S. Navy. The Navy League for the United States created the first *Navy Day* in 1922 although research determined that the birthday of the U.S. Continental Navy was October 13, 1775. Recognize Post members who served in the Navy with a dinner and presentation.

**Veterans Day** - occurs on **November 11**. Many honor our veterans on this day with parades, cookouts, and family gatherings. Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans. Veteran's Day began on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 and became a national holiday 12 years later. Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, Congress made the day an occasion to honor all those who have served America. In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. In 1968 the national commemoration of Veterans Day was changed to the fourth Monday in October. Since November 11, a date of historic significance to many Americans, Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

**Veterans Memorials to visit in Virginia:** National D-Day Memorial, Bedford; Virginia War Memorial, Richmond; Veterans Park, Abingdon; Mecklenburg County Veterans Memorial, Clarksville; Piedmont Area Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Culpeper; Danville-Pittsylvania County Veterans Memorial, Danville; Veterans' Memorial Park, Franklin County; Virginia's Vietnam War Monument, Newport News; Tidewater Veterans Memorial, Virginia Beach; (to name a few)

**Other ways to promote patriotism:** participate in flag raising at school games, set up a booth at local events to hand out information on flag etiquette and pass out flags, teach members of your community and your members the importance of respecting the flag, and instruct on the correct had salute which is the right hand over the heart, arm relaxed (not at a 90° angle).

And remember, we are all responsible for our own publicity...continue to educate others, be good role models and “*Our Dreams will become Rainbows.*”

**Awards:** best Americanism program  
best Patriotic Instructor education program  
best Loyalty Day program.

**REPORT:** the number of members who flew their flag at half-staff on Patriot Day, September 11; promoted Constitution Day, September 17 and POW/MIA recognition Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September, or recognized Gold Star Mother’s Day the last Sunday in September.

Report forms are in President’s Handbook AND online. Ten reports thus far! WAY to GO!  
Remember: reporting began in June ~ so, let’s get those reports in.

Dist. No.	No. of Aux.	Auxiliaries ~ NOT ~ Reported as of Sept. 10									% Rptd
1	7	176	824	3219	6002	7167	8252				14
2	7	4411	8545	9382							57
3	12	1426	2239	4639	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	9808	0
			10387	10654	10657						
4	14	622	637	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	7897	8048	0
			8163	8759	8902	9855	9954				
5	9	1115	2820	4637	7568	7726	7800	8467			22
6	8	1033	1264	1444	1841	2157	4522	5311	7854		0
7	9	621	1860	2123	2447	8613	9292	9660	9760	9872	0
8	3	2524	7589								33
9	8	1184	4667	6000	7136	7328	7969	9640	9696		0
10	8	609	1503	3150	7327	7916	8241	9274	9478		0
11	12	632	1499	2216	2424	3136	4204	7814	8279	8644	8
			9480	10826							
12	9	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	0
13	6	1827	2217	7638	8436	8947	10574				0
<b>Total</b>	112										<b>10.3</b>

With Independence Day behind us, as well as other patriotic days, we should be 100% reported...Ladies, get your reports in...and keep up the great work your Auxiliary in promoting patriotism in your community and REMEMBER to **REPORT ALL THAT YOU DO!**

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

*October 2008*

## **BANNER**

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

Ladies, We are in month four of our year. Hopefully by now, you have got your year planned with activities that will get your Auxiliary well on the way to getting reports to the different chairmen so your Auxiliary will get a Banner this year at convention. Since this is my first year as Banner Chairman, I'd love to give every Auxiliary a banner!

## **REMEMBER**

- 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. This program is set up to include all National Programs and contributions.
- Do those reports as projects are completed. Do it while it's still fresh in your mind. You'll be glad you did! Keep a copy of those reports in a three-ring binder or somewhere that you can find them easily.
- **REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2008 – MARCH 31, 2009 NO EXCEPTIONS!** This time frame is the period of time the Auxiliaries have to participate in programs and report to the Department Chairmen.
- **AWARDS: (To be presented at the June 2009 Department Convention)**
- **BANNER:** 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		5. Snowball Express	
(either one or both)	(either one or both)	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. 34<sup>th</sup> STREET 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

*Kay S. Kibler, Banner Chairman*

Date  
9/11/2008

Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink

**District 1**

176	Newport News	35	17	48.57%			70		20	25		
824	Grafton	19	18	94.74%	35		38	38	10			
3219	Phoebus	223	120	53.81%	35	10	446	466				
5500	Hampton	15	28	186.67%	35		30	52				
6002	Denbigh	65	29	44.62%			130					
7167	Warsaw	74	62	83.78%			148					
Total (8)	District 1	431	274	63.57%			862					

**District 2**

392	Virginia Beach	351	252	71.79%	35		702	701	50	3066		
993	Portsmouth	92	61	66.30%	35		184	182				
3160	Ocean View	307	148	48.21%			614					
4411	Franklin	51	24	47.06%			102					50
4809	Norfolk	330	233	70.61%	35		660	660				
8545	Smithfield	22	5	22.73%			44					
9382	Suffolk	61	27	44.26%			122		40			
Total (6)	District 2	1214	750	61.78%			2428					

**District 3**

1426	Midlothian	31	8	25.81%			62					
2239	Colonial Heights	97	85	87.63%	35		194	196	40			
4639	Williamsburg	38	12	31.58%			76					
6364	West Richmond	33	24	72.73%			66					
8046	Norge	42	12	28.57%			84					
8356	West Point	27	8	29.63%	35		54	54		106.08		
9224	Richmond	29	13	44.83%			58					
9501	Central Garage	41	4	9.76%			82					
9808	Mechanicsville	163	113	69.33%			326					
10387	Petersburg	43	30	69.77%			86					
10654	Richmond	32	28	87.50%	35		64	66				
10657	Glen Allen	33	12	36.36%			66					
Total (13)	District 3	609	349	57.31%			1218	316				

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Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink

**District 4**

622	Petersburg	47	18	38.30%			94					
637	Hopewell	62	24	38.71%			124					
2584	Cullen	37	7	18.92%			74					
5313	Nottoway	25	24	96.00%			50					
7059	Farmville	67	52	77.61%			134					
7166	South Hill	90	61	67.78%			180					
7819	Crewe	76	57	75.00%	35		152	152	30			
8048	Lawrenceville	27	4	14.81%			54					
8163	Clarksville	72	45	62.50%			144					
8759	Amelia	55	14	25.45%			110					
8902	Keysville	12		0.00%			24		10			
9855	Appomattox	29	8	27.59%	35		58	58				
9954	Victoria	198	193	97.47%	35		396	396				
Total (16)	District 4	797	507	63.61%			1594					

**District 5**

647	Danville	103	51	49.51%	35		206	206	30		50	
1115	Hillsville	470	132	28.09%			940					
2820	Bassett	20	1	5.00%			40					
4637	Martinsville	49	22	44.90%			98	98		336.66		
7568	Galax	30	2	73.33%			60					
7726	Grayson	154	102	66.23%	35		308	308			32.5	
7800	Stuart	27	7	25.93%	35		54	54	20			
8243	Halifax	64	12	18.75%	35		128	128				
8467	Meadows of Dan	53	39	73.58%			106					
Total (8)	District 5	970	368	37.94%			1940					

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Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink

**District 6**

1033	Covington	103	36	34.95%	35	25		206	206			25
1264	Roanoke	60	31	51.67%				120		30		
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	42	38	90.48%				84				
1841	Fincastle	56	36	64.29%	35			112	112			
2157	Bedford	56	32	57.14%				112				
4522	Vinton	61	12	19.67%				122				
5311	Christiansburg	46	25	54.35%	35			92	92	20		
7854	Floyd	29	13	44.83%				58				
Total (8)	District 6	453	223	49.23%				906				

**District 7**

621	Luray	109	64	58.72%	35			218	218	40	30		300
1860	Front Royal	149	110	73.83%				298					
2123	Winchester	71	6	8.45%				142					
2447	Edinburg	87	44	50.57%				174					
8613	Shenandoah	87	32	36.78%				174		20			
9292	Luray	32	1	3.13%				64					
9660	Broadway	78	44	56.41%	35			156	156				
9760	Berryville	176	67	38.07%	35			352	352	100		25	
9872	Mt. Clinton	30		0.00%				60					
Total (8)	District 7	819	368	44.93%				1638					

**District 8**

2524	Culpeper	63	55	87.30%	35			126	126	30			
3103	Fredericksburg	107	97	90.65%	35		50	214	214				
7589	Manassas	62	51	82.26%	35			124	124	30			
Total (4)	District 8	232	203	87.50%				464					

Date	Annual Membership	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
				Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink

**District 9**

1184	Pulaski	37	23	62.16%	35			74	76			50	50
4667	Marion	121	88	72.73%				242					
6000	Narrows	115	16	13.91%				230	230	20	58		
7136	Tazewell	51	14	27.45%				102					
7328	Saltville	29	15	51.72%				58					
7969	Bland	32	17	53.13%				64					
9640	Richlands	42	14	33.33%				84					
9696	Bluefield	140	50	35.71%				280				25	
Total (8)	District 9	567	237	41.80%				1134					

**District 10**

609	Alexandria	36	17	47.22%	35			72	72				
1503	Dale City	328	243	74.09%				656					
3150	Arlington	158	128	81.01%	35			316	316	55		250	
7327	Springfield	130	122	93.85%				260					
7916	Woodbridge	105	49	46.67%	35			210					
8241	McLean	43	28	65.12%				86					
9274	Falls Church	56	46	82.14%	35			112	112	30	23.95		
9478	Sterling	22	26	118.18%				44					
Total (9)	District 10	878	659	75.06%				1756	500				

**District 11**

632	Harrisonburg	216	196	90.74%	35	5,000.00		432	434	40			
1499	Lexington	71	40	56.34%	35			142	142	20	44.6	200	
2216	Staunton	136	65	47.79%	35			272	272	60			
2424	Waynesboro	41	32	78.05%				82					
3136	Mt. Solon	19	11	57.89%	35			38	38				
4204	Hot Springs	42	4	9.52%				84					
7814	Staunton	19	1	5.26%				38					
8279	Steeles Tavern	26	10	38.46%	35			52	52	10			
8644	Bridgewater	109	74	67.89%	35			218	218				
9339	Stuarts Draft	53	31	58.49%				106					
9480	Craigsville	23	11	47.83%				46					
10826	Verona	17	7	41.18%				34					
Total (12)	District 11	772	482	62.44%				1544					



## TREASURERS CORNER

Please remember to file your 990 by November 15, 2008.

Your Auxiliary needs to have a tax ID number before this can be done.

You also might be asked for the Group Exemption Number. That number is 8060.

The tax ID number needs to be sent to me as soon as possible. I need to add your Auxiliary to the Departments list, so that the Auxiliary will be covered under the Group Exemption Number. If you have not given the department your Auxiliary tax ID number you will not be able to use the 8060 number.

Please do **NOT** make checks payable to Debbie Martin. Checks should be made out to **LAVFW Department of VA.**

Treasurers, please check the report National sends out at the end of each month to make sure that your membership is correct. It is easier to try to fix any discrepancies sooner than later.

If at the end of two months a life member does not have their card, please let me know. If it has been over three months, National will require a check for \$5.00 and a form for a replacement card, even if the member never got the first card.

Keep up the good work and keep those dues coming in.

Loyally

Debbie

## 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

October 2008

Have you been “Living the life of love while serving others”? One way that you can achieve this is by volunteering to go and sit with someone who is fighting this dreaded disease of Cancer to enable their care-giver to take a few hours of relaxation for themselves. Check in your Auxiliary or nearest Hospice to see if you can be of service. All it takes is a little time and a lot of caring.

Maybe there is someone in your neighborhood who needs some assistance because caring for someone who is stricken with this disease (we cannot call it an illness) can be very trying and you could be a ray of sunshine in their day. Arrange to take them lunch or take them out to lunch. A little caring and sharing go a long way in keeping someone’s spirit up and avoiding depression and other health problems in the care givers.

FYI: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. October 17<sup>th</sup> is National Mammography Day. The best way to beat this disease of Cancer is early detection. Get together and have a Community Education Program at your Post Home and invite all who are interested in fighting this disease. There are pamphlets available free of charge from the Cancer Society regarding all types of cancer. Also, involve the men in your life and educate them also on what to look out for as they can also get breast cancer.

Do not forget there are web-sites where you can get a multitude of information. One of those sites is [www.cancerresearch.org](http://www.cancerresearch.org). You can learn of new approaches for cancer therapy and also new ideas and information regarding this disease.

In this General Order I am going to begin listing those Auxiliaries that have not reported as yet. Remember to send in your \$2.00 per member and *REPORT* it to me. When you send in your money for your cancer pins, report that to me also. I am looking forward to hearing from you about all that you are doing to fight and promote this most worthy program. There are a lot of Auxiliaries that have not reported, but I know you have all started on your Cancer Programs for this new year. Please **REPORT** them to me.

Those Auxiliaries NOT reported are as follows:

Dist. 1: 176, 824, 3219, 6002, 7167  
Dist. 2: 993, 3160, 4809, 8545, 9382  
Dist. 3: None Reported  
Dist. 4: None Reported  
Dist. 5: 647, 1115, 2820, 4637, 7568, 7726, 7800, 8467  
Dist. 6: 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854  
Dist. 7: 621, 1860, 2123, 2447, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9872  
Dist. 8: 2524, 7589  
Dist. 9: 1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640  
Dist. 10: None Reported  
Dist. 11: 632, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826  
Dist. 12: None reported  
Dist. 13: None reported

I hope that in my next General Orders there will be some 100% reported Districts.

Remember, every day is a new day and with every new day comes hope that a cure will be found and then we will find that DREAMS CAN BECOME RAINBOWS with a cure for Cancer.

Loyally,

*Lee*

# Community Service

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October 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. Hurricane season is coming to an end but now we have the winter months to look forward to with the possibility of snow and ice. We need to be prepared at all times. For more information go to [www.citizenscorps.gov](http://www.citizenscorps.gov) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). In addition there is a website for Virginia: [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov).

**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](http://www.makeadifferenceday.com)

**National Family Volunteer Day – November 22, 2008:** Go to [www.thevolunteerfamily.org](http://www.thevolunteerfamily.org) or [www.pointsoflights.org](http://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](http://www.vfwvaaux.org) or I will be happy to mail you the forms.

The following are activities NOT CONSIDERED Community Service:

- Soliciting for Buddy Poppies
- Hospital Volunteer Hours. This is reported under the Hospital Program.
- Value of items donated for Cancer, PAC etc.
- Support of your own Junior Girls Unit

The following are activities CONSIDERED for Community Service:

- Honoring EMT, police officers, firefighters - Can count dollar value and time
- Donations to other organizations
- Recycling. - Can count only time, no dollar value unless you drive to recycling center
- Americanism – participating in a parade – count time, hours and number of members
- Youth Activities – donations to Jr. Girls, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs. VOD and Patriot’s Pen and Patriotic Art- if driving to schools to deliver information count mileage and time.

**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.

**REPORT.....REPORT.....REPORT.....REPORT.....REPORT.....REPORT**

REMEMBER: Community Service is anything a person does that they DO NOT receive compensation, is done in the name of Auxiliary, with Auxiliary approval and is voted on so that it is a part of the minutes and official Auxiliary business. There is no value on time that can be reported.

You can e-mail the reports or send by mail. Reporting forms are available on the department website.

[www.vfwvaaux.org](http://www.vfwvaaux.org)

Dist No.	No. of Aux	Auxiliaries > NOT < Reported as of									% Rptd
		SEPT 10									
1	7	176	824	5500	6002	7167	8252				14%
2	7	4411	8545								71%
3	12	1426	2239	4639	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	9808	
		10387	10657								8%
4	14	622	637	2584	5313	7166	7897	8048	8163	8759	
		8902	9855	9954							14%
5	9	2820	4637	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467			22%
6	8	1033	1444	1841	2157	5311	7854				25%
7	9	621	1860	2123	2447	8613	9292	9660	9872		11%
8	3	2524	7589								33%
9	8	6000	7136	7328	7969	9640	9696				25%
10	8	609	1503	7327	7916	8241	9478				25%
11	12	632	1499	2216	2424	3136	4204	7814	8279	8644	
		9480									17%
12	9	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	0%
13	6	1827	2217	7638	8436	8947	10574				0%

## **EXTENSION**

**Chairman**

**Ines Kerch**

1918 Storm Drive  
Falls Church, VA 22043  
703-790-8221

**October 2008**

Last month I related to you some outreach activities that the Department was performing. This month, I am reporting to you the new developments concerning these same activities.

(1) The Auxiliary that had been unable to elect new officers has now accomplished the election and installation of officers for 2008-2009.

One new member has been accepted into the Auxiliary as a result of letters sent to the households of new VFW comrades.

We will continue monitoring their progress as the year progresses.

(2) The Auxiliary that was no longer functioning properly due to (a) a President without appreciation of the rights of its members and (b) the resignation of three officers: Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Chaplain. This Auxiliary was placed on Suspension for 60-days.

The Suspension Committee traveled to its meetings in August and in September, traveling great distances to hold workshops/schools of instructions for the members and to monitor their activities.

Letters were sent to members of record informing them of the consequences if the Auxiliary is unable to elect new officers.

Happily, at their meeting in September, this Auxiliary was able to elect new officers; the President and members have been coached in proper procedures, especially in upholding the Bylaws and performing the Ritual at meetings.

This Auxiliary will continue to be monitored during the coming months to ensure adherence and faithful performance by its officers to the Bylaws, Ritual, and Booklet of Instructions.

(3) A Charter Kit has been received for the bachelor Post desiring an Auxiliary and the Auxiliary will be instituted by our Department President Mary Profitt in late September, with 21 members and two that are pending results by an investigation committee – a total of 23. This new Auxiliary will continue to be coached and receive assistance as needed over the next several months.

After it is instituted, the Department President will make a formal announcement to the Department.

Ladies, we look upon these activities as an opportunity to “**Live a Life of Love**” by reaching-out to our Sisters, new members, and a new Auxiliary: to mentor them with lots of encouragement, patience, and tolerance; to share with them our knowledge; to forgive past erroneous practices; and, to encourage in them an appreciation for the requirements of our Ritualistic practices and for the necessity of adherence to our Bylaws.

In doing so, remember again that as new members, we received patience, tolerance and affection from our senior Sisters. As a result, 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 as senior Sisters – the **Dream Team** – of today, let each of us give back this same treatment to the **junior Sisters** in our unit, in our District, in our Department. As we give, so shall we receive and our “**Dreams Become Rainbows.**”

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

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**Department of Virginia Awards for the period between July 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009 and submitted to the Extension Chairman postdated no later than April 10, 2009:**

Dream Team Certificate and \$15 to each member who organizes a new Auxiliary, with the approval of the Department President.

Dream Team Certificate and \$15 to each member for outstanding performance in saving an Auxiliary or securing the transfers of members from a defunct Auxiliary to another within the Department, as submitted in a report via the District Deputy Chief of Staff and may be confirmed by the Department Treasurer.

Dream Team Certificate and \$10 to the District Deputy Chief of Staff for outstanding performance as submitted in an Extension Report, in each of the following groups:

	District Nos.
Group 1:	2, 5, 10
Group 2:	3, 4, 7, 11
Group 3:	1, 6, 9
Group 4:	8, 12, 13

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**Sisters**, I would like to thank everyone who has sent articles and pictures keep up the good work. I receive an envelope in the mail daily I get so excited! You all are doing Great jobs please continue.

**Keep taking pictures** at your Auxiliary, District, & Department meetings. Collect the basic information **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & WHY** and send a report to me.

President Mary's book is growing..... Her **pot of gold** is starting to glimmer.

**Remember** at **June** Convention there will be awards for content of pictures and information received.

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

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

Loyally,  
*Georgette Dausey, Historian*

Department of Virginia  
Hospital and VAVS  
General Orders – October 2008

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Dear Sisters,

Please do not forget to get your banner requirement of \$35.00 for Hospital VAVS to the Department Treasurer (Debbie Martin) and send me a report to let me know.

We are quickly approaching the holiday season. Please remember our hospitalized veterans when planning your events.

## **Dos and Don'ts**

**Don't** Ignore Chest Pains

**Do** call 911

It is with great pleasure that I will be writing my next General Orders.

With love,  
Robin Milewski

LEGISLATIVE AND VFW POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Our Dream Become Rainbows

(As we) Live a life of love while service the needs of others

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Sisters,

November 4<sup>th</sup> elections are fast approaching. What an exciting presidential campaign it has been so far! We have a chance to be part of American history by our participation. We remember the election of 1960, not from history books, as much as our parents lived it. How we will be able to enrich the knowledge of these times to the next generations because we lived it.

If you haven't set up an auxiliary phone tree, now is a good time to do so. We must Get Out The Vote and to do that we must get people registered to vote. That means asking them. Then informing them to where and how to register. It is easy. Then it is also good to info them of the importance of voting. That is what a democracy is based on. Dictatorship is what we have fought against and still do. Voting is a right and a privilege given to us by this great country. It is something that others wish for and we have it freely.

It is also a good time to volunteer to work the polls or for a candidate.

The **deadline to register to vote** is Monday, October 6, 2008 by 5 p.m. If someone is unsure of their status, a call to the local voter registration office before Oct. 6 is all it would take. A person may register to vote at many places, voter registration office and at the DMV, at Department of Social Services and other local and state social service agencies. A person can even register by mail with an application available at the libraries or mailed to them from a call to voter registration office requesting an application. Applications may be printed on the computer from [www.sbe.state.va.us/VotRegServ?forms?voterregistrationforms](http://www.sbe.state.va.us/VotRegServ?forms?voterregistrationforms)

A person does not have to state allegiance to political party in VA, but must give under oath full legal name, current home address, Social Security number, and the address where they last registered to vote, if any.

A person will be asked to provide proof of identity when voting. They need to take ID with them. If they have no ID with them, they will be asked to sign a statement.

Check to see if the elderly or handicapped are registered to vote. This does not need to stop them from voting in this great nation. Ramps, voter assistance, and other provisions are available. Transportation may be their real handicap, or maybe someone who cares whether their vote is cast or not or that their voice is heard.

People who are sick, disable, or just working on Election Day may cast an absentee ballot. This is the same ballot as others and will be counted in with the ballots casts on Election Day. Ask students, people who may be going on vacation, pregnant, caretakers of confined persons, people facing trial, etc. to vote by absentee ballot. They should be considered in this wonderful process.

Absentee ballots may be gotten at voter registration office or printed from the website above. This **must** be done before Saturday before the election. Instructions will come with the absentee ballot as to how to

proceed. The ballot **must** be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. Absentee voting will begin on or about September 18, 2008 in local voter registration offices for those who will not be able to vote November 4<sup>th</sup>. If someone is unsure whether they will be able to vote in person, may want to consider voting by absentee ballot rather than take a chance of missing out.

**Deadline** to registrar to receive a mailed or faxed Absentee Ballot is Tuesday, October 28, 2008 by 5 p.m.

**Deadline** for voting an Absentee Ballot in person is Saturday, November 1, 2008 by 5 p.m.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on Election Day.

President and Vice President are elected for 4 years with election this year, 2008  
US Senators are elected for 6 years, 2 seats on staggered terms with election this year. .  
US House of Representatives delegates are elected for 2 years with election this year also.  
In VA, governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General are elected for 4 years with election next year, 2009. VA State Senators are elected for 4 years with election in 2011.  
VA House of Delegates are elected for 2 years with election in 2009.

Get excited about our Democratic process of voting and remember the veterans who have insured our right to vote.

Send me your progress and let me know if I may help in some way. I have heard from

District 1 Auxiliary #5500 with 3 wonderful reports already!

District 2 Auxiliary #4809, #392

District 6 Auxiliary #1264, #2447, #9660, #7167, #9760 ( Wow!)

District 10 Auxiliary # 609

District 12 Auxiliary #8979

Auxiliaries #2447, #609, # 1264, and Jr. Girls Unit #4809 have sent in a donation to VFW-PAC.

I am sure I will be hearing from your auxiliary very soon.

Also, #9274 reported in.

## **MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

**October 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  
Email: [nanagimble@comcast.net](mailto:nanagimble@comcast.net) 703-491-9249**

**“Live a life of love while serving the needs of others” and  
“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”**

Our membership is 54.10% and climbing. I would like to thank the Auxiliary Treasurers for all of their hard work because they do so much hard work to make their Auxiliaries 100% and in turn make the Department of Virginia 100%. We have 3 Auxiliaries that are over 100% at this time – Congratulations to Auxiliary 5500, William T. Allen Memorial, Hampton, in District 1, Auxiliary 9478, Sterling, in District 10 and Auxiliary 3782, Onsby Rose, Haysi, in District 12. There are 6 more Auxiliaries that are over 90%.

I hope by this time you have decided on a promotion for National Recruiting Month in November. There are several brochures available from the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Supply Department that will be very helpful in recruiting. I have enclosed a copy of the order form that is available on the National website.

Questions have come up on how to prove someone's eligibility in a DD214 is not available or in some cases incorrect. We have a lady that filled out the application and gave me a copy of her Dad's DD214. In reviewing the form, it did not list his foreign service and did not show any ribbons that would make her eligible. She called her Dad and got a copy of his travel orders and our VFW Service Officer looked at them and said that this proved that he had been in Vietnam. He took the information and is getting the DD214 corrected. We will present her application for membership at our next meeting. You can also use a pay slip or a letter from a fellow soldier who served with the veteran. The VFW has the final authority on what can be used as proof of eligibility.

To obtain a DD214, you can go to this website <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/> and follow the path to get the 180 form downloaded and completed. You must either be the veteran or in the case that the veteran is deceased, the next of kin can submit this form.

**“Grab your boots, your briefcase and let's hit the trail!”**

**President's Special Project  
National Kidney Foundation**

Here is a list of the Kidney Walk Schedule in Virginia September 28, Charlottesville Downtown Mall, October 4, Portsmouth City Park, October 18, Mill Mountain Park & Zoo Roanoke, A, October 18, City Center at Newport News, if anyone is interested in doing these walks you can register on line at [www.Kidney.org/kidney](http://www.Kidney.org/kidney) walk.

You can also donate vehicles to the Kidney Foundation by going on line at [www.donateacar.com](http://www.donateacar.com) this will give you all the information you would need to donate a vehicle. Since 1992, America's Official Car Donation Center has been the largest and most trusted choice for car donations for non-profit charities. Also if you donate your unwanted vehicle you could maximize your tax deductions they provide all the necessary paper work to claim this tax deduction. In the year 2000, 733,000 taxpayers reduced their taxes by \$654 million by donating cars.

These are the Local Offices near to us for more information on the National Kidney Foundation

NFK of the Virginal, Inc,

2601 Willard Rd. Ste 103, Richmond, Virginia Toll Free 888-543-6398, E-mail [welcome@kidneyva.org](mailto:welcome@kidneyva.org)

NFK of Maryland, Inc.

1107 Kenilworth Dr Ste 202, Baltimore, MD. Toll free 800-671-5369, E-Mail [rmcguire@kidneymd.org](mailto:rmcguire@kidneymd.org)

NFK of the National Capitol Area, Inc.

5335 Wisconsin Ave NW Ste 300, Washington, DC, Zip 20015-2078 E-Mail [info@kidneywdc.org](mailto:info@kidneywdc.org)

I want to say thank you to the following auxiliaries and Districts who have already donated to Mary's Special Project t 647, 1033, 1264, 2157, 2447,9760,9696, 7916, District #5 and also the Junior Girls Unit from 4809.

If you like Szechwan and Cucumbers here is a simple recipe from the Kidney Kitchen

4 teaspoon diced onions

1 teaspoon Moran Sweet Cooking Seasoning

1 teaspoon Szechwan Oriental Salt Free Seasoning

1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar

4 cups cucumbers, peeled, seeded, and sliced into ½ inch slices

1 green onion

Mix the first 5 ingredients together to make the dressing. Pour over sliced cucumbers and refrigerate for at-least two hours or over night. Slice green onions and sprinkle on top before serving.

**Send all donations to Debbie Martin, Department Treasurer. Thank You**

Mary Smart

13749 Mahoney Drive

Woodbridge, Val 22193

October 2008

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

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**“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”**

**“Live a Life of Love while Meeting the Needs of Others”**

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### Bottom Line Up Front

October 2008 brings the changing leaves and cooler temperatures. It is also a time when Posts and auxiliaries gear up for Veterans Day and the winter holidays. Remember that the reason the Ladies Auxiliary was formed was to help and assist our Veterans and their families. The areas of this program are the targets of this reason.

**REMEMBER: To meet banner requirements, auxiliaries must participate in at least 5 of the 10 areas of the Program.** Auxiliaries that have reported are listed on the last page of this promotion.

**Auxiliaries should consider/vote on activities donations for events that are coming up:**

- **Veterans Day activities and Poppy Drives;**
- **Wreaths Across America (December 13 – DEADLINE - December 1);**
- **Snowball Express (December 16-20 – DEADLINE December 9, 2008). See section for special Valentine’s gifts that benefit Snowball Express.**

Each district has a Veterans and Family Support Chairman who can assist you in accomplishing your goals in the various areas. Your district chairmen are:

#### 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

Don't forget to **publicize what you have done or are planning to do** for our Veterans and their families. Print flyers, and publish in the local newspaper!

### Veterans & Family Support

If your auxiliary does not want to be specific in sending monies to MAP, Operation Uplink, UNMET Needs or Adopt-A-Unit, donations can be made to:

VFW National Military Services  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
406 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111.

Checks made out to VFW National military Services allows the VFW Foundation to utilize the funds where needed and to transfer monies to the various funds. If auxiliaries utilize this method, they will receive credit for 2 of the areas for banner requirements.

#### • Assistance to veterans and their families.

Several auxiliaries have donated time, clothing, furniture, and monies to needed veterans and their families in their local area. If you do not know of a local family that could use your assistance with these items, check with your local DAV Salvation Army, or Social Services. These offices can put you in touch with families who could use donations of many different types. There are many ways you can help them.

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

### Military Assistance Program (MAP)

The MAP program is a great way to let our Military know that we support them and that we are there for them and their families.

MAP has forged partnerships with various service providers, including [www.vetjobs.com](http://www.vetjobs.com), aimed at providing the transitioning service member with relocation and employment assistance.

Is your Post and/or Auxiliary planning a Welcome Home function for a unit that will be coming home for the Holidays? If so, now is the time to request funds to help with the event. Work with your Post Quartermaster and/or Post Service Officer to fill out the forms. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the Department Chairman or your District POC.

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### UNMET Needs Program

Did your auxiliary and Post participate in the 9-11 Freedom Walk? Did you provide any type of support to your community for the walk? If so, please report your activities. If you had the event published or broadcast, be sure to provide a copy of the article or a summary of the broadcast with your report.

UNMET Needs helps our military and their families in various basic financial areas. Your donations to UNMET Needs will help the VFW to help these families to continue. Some of the areas that UNMET Needs help in are:

- Infant formula
- Eyeglasses
- Prescriptions
- Groceries
- Toiletries
- Diapers
- Vehicle repair/maintenance
- Home repair
- Transportation expenses
- Appliance repair
- Mortgage Assistance
- Rent

If you know of a military family that could use assistance in one of these areas or others, please contact you District POC, the Department Chairman or your Post Quartermaster for the forms.

### Operation Uplink

Our military men and women really appreciate the Operation Uplink Cards and Internet Café. Thanks to the many donations, our active duty military can contact their loved ones at home and take advantage of hearing the precious words that mean so much. Keep those donations coming – our soldiers need this line of communication.

### 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.

### Buddy Poppy



Veterans Day is a holiday observed annually in the United States in honor of all those, living and dead, who served with the U.S. Armed Forces. Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who have died in wartime, Veterans Day honors all those who have served, in times of peace as well as in war.

Many towns and cities hold ceremonies for Veterans Day. Contact your local newspaper to see if

other veteran organizations are planning any events. Team up with them and have a special program to honor those who have served and are serving.

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.

### VFW National Home for Children



I have received several reports of the donation for the Health and Happiness fund for the National Home. Remember that this is a banner requirement. Write your checks and send me a report.

The National Home's Off-Campus Program has experienced professional case managers who assist many people nationwide. Wide ranges of national resources are utilized to assist in immediate and long-term problem solving for families who may never relocate to the National Home.

The Off-Campus Services Program also provides case management services to alumni, families awaiting admittance to our campus-based programs and to families and youth in transition after graduation from National Home campus-based programs. Call 1-800-851-0238 for more information.

School has started and the children are excited about the new school year. Help the campus out. Don't forget about the Campbell's Labels. The National Home depends on these labels to help them with various purchases. You just need to send in the UPC label for most of the products. Look on our Department Website for the complete instructions or the National Home website. If you need more information, contact the Department Chairman or District Chairman.

To find out more about the VFW National Home, visit [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org) or contact your District Chairman.

### Fisher House

A Fisher House is "*a home away from home*" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available.

Fisher Houses are given to the U. S. Government as gifts. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes.

Donations are needed for the upkeep and maintenance of each house and to supplement the stays of the families that come there.

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### Wreaths Across America

"December 13, 2008 is not really very far away. Orders for the wreaths for placement on the graves of our veterans must be made by **December 1, 2008**.

Members who would like to have wreath to be placed on a Veteran's grave that is NOT buried in a Veterans Cemetery can still order a wreath to be delivered to a home. Family can then place the wreath on the grave themselves. Use the form from the website ([www.wreathscrossamerica.com](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.com)) to order your wreath and indicate the address you want it sent to.

**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 just \$15.00.**

Now is a good time to start collecting the names of the individuals who will be helping out with the wreaths on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact your local cemetery location leader and coordinate the list with them. Some cemeteries appreciate refreshments for the participants. Perhaps your auxiliary (along with another organization) can provide drinks, snacks, and memorabilia for the event. What a wonderful way to support this program.

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### VFW Service Officer Education

Have you scheduled an education session with your Post or District Service Officer? If not, talk to your Service officer and plan the topics and areas that you would like to see covered. See if you can have a session in conjunction with a District Meeting.

Your Post Service Officer is an invaluable tool to the families of our veterans. The Service officer can 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.



Remember that December 16-20, 2008 is when the planes will be rolling. The children and families that will participate are signing up fast. If you know of any children who have lost a military loved one since 9/11/02, they are eligible to participate. Contact your District Chairman for the information and details.

**NOTICE:** Order now for **Valentine's Day 2009** and benefit Snowball Express in 2008! Yes, for each bouquet of twelve 18" Long Stemmed Roses for \$30.00, Floral Express will donate \$10.00 to Snowball Express. Bouquets must be ordered in multiples of 8. The orders for this special promotion must be made by Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to qualify for the donation to Snowball Express. Bouquets will arrive at your location by Friday February 13, 2009 via FedEx. The order form indicates a business, but you local VFW Post can serve as the delivery location. Your District V&FS Chairman, or Department Chairman has a copy of the form or you can download the order form at [http://www.snowballexpress.org/downloads/lavfw\\_order\\_form.pdf](http://www.snowballexpress.org/downloads/lavfw_order_form.pdf).

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### 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.**

**Deadline for submitting an application to the Department is February 1, 2009.**

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Loyally,  
**Lorraine (Laine) Beckwith**  
**Veterans and Family Support Chairman, Department of Virginia**  
**41 Kings Point Drive, Hampton, VA 23669**  
**(757) 722-0235, e-mail: [Dabeck41@cox.net](mailto:Dabeck41@cox.net)**

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 Department of Virginia  
 October 2008

2008-2009

Reports as of 9/5/08

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3	1426	9224 2239 4639 6364 8046 8356							
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5	647	7726 1115 4637 7568				8243			
6	1444	2157 1841 4522 7854			1033			1264	
7	621	8613 1860 2123 9872	2447				9760		
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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"***

Great themes, don't you think? Isn't this what we, the Ladies Auxiliary, are all about? Not only our youth benefit from what our veterans have done, but each and every one of us benefit from their service and sacrifice to keep us free and able to have the luxuries that we do. And yes we should honor them each and every day.

Our youth are the leaders of tomorrow, so let's get out there and show them why these two programs are so important to us.

If you have not already visited your schools or home-schooled students, be sure to smile when you do visit. You are a salesperson for these two programs, so be proud of what you are promoting. You are giving our youth to express themselves about our veterans and the chance of being a winner in these contests. Let our youth find that pot of gold at the end of that rainbow, so that "Our Dreams Become Rainbows" too.

It's time for you to start lining up your judges for these programs. Work with your VFW in making the selection. Your judges should not be members of your VFW or Ladies Auxiliary or persons that have connections to the students. Choose leaders in your community, members of your local school system or the media.

And yes, let's not forget to get a news release in your newspaper, radio or television stations about these programs, such as: deadline for student entry is November 1<sup>st</sup>; judges that have been chosen from your community; and winners of the contest.

Mark your calendars: Students must have their entries to the Post or Auxiliary by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Starting with next month's General Orders, I will be listing Auxiliaries that I have not received a report from. If you do not want to see your Auxiliary listed, please make sure that I have your report by the 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to hear from each Auxiliary and the more reports I received, the better. Remember, even if you have sent in one report early and it doesn't cover all you did, then send another one.

The awards that I will be presenting at the State Convention in June 2009 are:

- \$30 to the Auxiliary with the best overall entry in both the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen
- \$20 to the Auxiliary with the best promotion and/or participation in the Voice of Democracy Program
- \$15 to the Auxiliary with the best recognition of our Voice of Democracy Program

\$20 to the Auxiliary with the best promotion and/or participation in the Patriot's Pen  
\$15 to the Auxiliary with the best recognition of our Patriot's Pen Program

With this General Orders Promotional Material you will find a report form. However, if you need additional report forms, please go to the Department website at [www.vfwvaux.org](http://www.vfwvaux.org) and look under forms.

## Voice of Democracy Report Form

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2008-2009

District No. \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did your Auxiliary assist the Post: \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain how: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of schools contacted by your Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Number of schools that participated in the program: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Number of home-schooled students contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Number of others contacted: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of students that participated: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Amount of money spent on awards given by your Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Amount of money spent on other items by your Auxiliary for this program  
(promotional events, flyers, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Describe other ways your Auxiliary promoted this program (newspaper article;  
radio announcement, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: Auxiliary President/Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Send reports to:

**Debbie Weekley, Chairman**  
**VOD/Patriot's Pen Program**  
**595 Bowman Road**  
**Dayton, VA 22821**  
**Phone: 540-879-2066**  
Email: [weekslock@comcast.net](mailto:weekslock@comcast.net)

# Patriot's Pen Report Form

2008-2009

District No. \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did your Auxilliary assist the Post: \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain how: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of schools contacted by your Auxilliary: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of schools that participated in the program: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of home-schooled students contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of others contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of students that participated: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Amount of money spent on awards given by your Auxilliary: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Amount of money spent on other items by your Auxilliary for this program  
(promotional events, flyers, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Describe other ways your Auxilliary promoted this program (newspaper article;  
radio announcement, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Submitted by: Auxiliary President/Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Fran Simmons, Chairman**  
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Front Royal, VA. 22630

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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**

Have you contacted the schools, Boy and Girl Scouts, youth groups and any other organization that involves youth with our Patriotic Art brochure? Please make every effort to do so as quickly as possible. Artists need time to complete their projects. This year, take the time to explain the program. Often we hand the students a brochure and tell them about the scholarships but neglect the details. As a result, we may receive artwork depicting the flag. The work is very good but something seems to be missing. How do our youth really feel about our Nation's flag? Do they view it with pride, compassion, joy or indifference? Wouldn't it be interesting to find out?

Young volunteers donate time and effort in our nursing homes, hospitals, senior citizen centers, community projects and many other projects. Seek out these young volunteers and recognize them through the Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year program. Ask School Principals, Guidance Counselors, Scout Leaders, other organization leaders or your Pastor to recommend a young person. Don't forget our home-schooled students and Junior Girls. Students between the ages of 12-15 are encouraged to enter. The entry deadline is February 1, 2009. More details and entry forms are available on the Ladies Auxiliary website.

October is the month of ghosts and goblins. A party may be on your list. This is a perfect time to provide lite-a-tike strips for bicycles and costumes as well as strips for backpacks. If older siblings accompany the younger children, remember to have your brochures ready to hand out.

Other projects may be to adopt a classroom and provide supplies. Pencils, tissues, paper, crayons, rulers and other items are always needed. Many organizations in our communities have already held drives for school supplies but the year has just begun. Supplies are quickly depleted. Ask the teachers. I'm sure they could supply you with a much needed list of items. You could also supply Flag Questions and Answers or Etiquette material.

I know that you will be successful with all your projects. I would like to read and see (pictures or newspaper articles) of these events. With your help and assistance I know that we will have a wonderful year. I'm looking forward to your reports.

**REMEMBER - REPORT REPORT REPORT REPORT REPORT**

Auxiliaries Not Reported as of Sept. 8, 2008:

District 1: 176, 824, 3219, 5500, 6002, 7167
District 2: 392, 4411, 8545, 9382
District 3: 1426, 2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10654, 10657
District 4: 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 7897, 8048, 8163, 8759, 8902, 9855, 9954
District 5: 647, 1115, 2820, 4637, 7568, 7726, 7800, 8243, 8467
District 6: 1033, 1264, 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
District 7: 621, 1860, 2123, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9760, 9872
District 8: 2524, 3103, 7589

District 9: 1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640, 9696
District 10: 609, 1503, 3150, 7327, 7916, 8241, 9478
District 11: 632, 1499, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826
District 12: 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310
District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10574



- Easy Care 60/40 cotton/poly blend
- Stain Release
- Wrinkle Resistant
- Curl Free Collar
- 6.7 Ounces
- V-neck
- Red in color
- Same style as the Cancer fundraiser shirts 2216 did.
- Logo will be done on Left Chest.

These are in a Ladies Cut and run true to size.

Size	Quantity	Cost	Total
Small		\$25.00	
Medium		\$25.00	
Large		\$25.00	
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