

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

1. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** As of December 31, 2008, members must have paid their 2009 dues in order to be in good standing and eligible to hold office on any level, receive Cancer Grants if otherwise eligible or attend meetings. Those members who have not paid their 2009 dues and are at the January meeting, must pay their dues prior to the start of the meeting in order to stay for the meeting.
2. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Your Auxiliary must have achieved 100% membership by December 31, 2008 **and** have reported in each of the National programs in order to qualify for the much coveted Department Banner. Even though the banner deadline for 100% membership is past, it is not too late for you to help your Auxiliary and the Department collect dues, recruit new members, and reinstate old members. Start contacting those members who have just “faded away” and not paid their dues for a while. Let them know that you miss them and want them to come back or reactivate their membership. To be reinstated, they must simply complete the application form, mark it “reinstated”, and pay the current year’s dues. Those going through financial hardship may need a helping hand this year in paying their dues so give them a hand up and pay for them!
3. **DEPARTMENT BANNER REQUIREMENTS:** Now is the time to check and make sure that your Auxiliary has participated and reported in each of the National programs. In each Chairman’s promotion this month, you will find a list of Auxiliaries **not reported**. If you have reported but are still being shown as “not reported”, it is the responsibility of the Auxiliary Chairman or President to contact the Department Chairman. They are here to help you have a successful year and they certainly want to see you get credit for your hard work. Failure to report or to insure reports already sent were received could cause your Auxiliary not to receive the Department Banner.
4. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES:** The Fourth Quarter Audit covers the months of October, November and December and shall be conducted during the month of January. A copy of the audit must to be mailed to the Department Treasurer no later than January 30, 2009.
5. **WAYS AND MEANS:** Raffle tickets (both sold and unsold) and/or money for the Patriotic Quilt must be returned to the Chairman, Mary Horne **prior to January 12, 2009 as the quilt will be given away at Winter Council**. Send unsold tickets and/or checks made payable to LAVFW/Dept of Virginia to Mary Horne, 1307 Thornehill Road, Lexington, VA 24450. .
6. **LEGISLATIVE ALERT:** On Thursday, January 15, 2009, VFW and Auxiliary members will visit the General Assembly in Richmond, VA as a show of strength and to brief our senators and legislators on veteran’s issues. If you wish to participate, plan to meet at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 South Belvedere Street in Richmond at 8:00 a.m. Bus transportation will be provided to Capital Hill. The bus will return to the War Memorial at approximately 1:00 p.m.
7. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Winter Council/Conference will be held January 15-18, 2009 at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg. Every member is invited to attend the Council of Administration Meeting to be held Friday evening. The Chairmen will promote National programs during the Conference business session on Saturday.

8. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Anyone who has cancer pins and has not sold them, please send them to the Cancer Chairmen or turn them in at Winter Council. If you have sold the pins that you were given, please send the money to Debbie Martin, Department Treasurer, as soon as possible.
9. **ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** Many of you have completed all of your Auxiliary inspections and sent in the required reports. However, there a few districts that are lagging behind. Timely inspections were requested so that Auxiliaries in difficulty could be identified and given assistance. It is imperative that you complete as many inspections as possible in preparation to present your District President Report to the Council of Administration at Winter Conference. If extenuating circumstances prevent you or your Chief of Staff from conducting the inspections, please contact me so that other arrangements may be made.

By order of:



Mary Profitt
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

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January, 2009

Special Order # 90

In accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of Lee County Memorial Auxiliary 10298, Pennington Gap, was suspended for a period of sixty (60) days for failure to comply with the National Bylaws by Special Order No.2, dated August 25, 2008. Upon the recommendation of the Department President, the Charter of Lee County Memorial Auxiliary 10298, Pennington Gap, VA is hereby cancelled and the Auxiliary declared defunct due to failure to comply with National Bylaws Article II, Section 210 for not having monthly meetings and for failure to elect officers due to lack of participation and interest of members. The Department President shall forward the Charter to the National Headquarters. The Department President will recover all property of the Auxiliary and turn it over to the Department Treasurer.

By order of:
Dixie Hild
National President

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Secretary:** for Harold Treakle Memorial Auxiliary 993, Jacki Wilson, 4318 County Street, Portsmouth, VA 23707. Phone Number 757-397-0171
- **New Treasurer:** for Augusta-Staunton Auxiliary 2216, Peggy Harris, 1410 N. Coalter Street, Staunton, VA 24401, Phone Number 540-886-1568.
- **Meeting Day and Time Change:** for Northern Neck Auxiliary 7167, Warsaw, VA for the winter months the meetings will be held the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.
- **Meeting Day and Time Change:** for Collins-Hughes Auxiliary 3136, Mount Solon, VA. The meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Calendar updates

- **Winter Council:** January 16-18, 2009, Williamsburg, VA. Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 800-227-6963. Hotel Reservation deadline is December 24, 2008. The room rate is \$69.00. Tickets for the Banquet are \$37.00, there will be no dance following the banquet this year due to lack of participation.
- **State Convention:** June 11-14, 2009, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-2000. Room Rates \$93.00, through May 11, 2009.
- **National Convention:** August 15-20, 2009, Phoenix, AZ.

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	TBA
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	
	Rep:	

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

2nd	Date	2/28/2009
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	13:00
	Location	Post 4914 Franklin
	Rep:	Sr Vice President Kathy Birch

9th	Date	1/25/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	10:30 AM
	Location	Post 4667 - Marion
	Rep:	SR Vice President Kathy Birch

3rd	Date	3/7/2009
	Lunch	follows meeting
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Location	3rd District Hq
	Rep:	Jr Vice President Betty Gimble

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

4th	Date	2/8/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	Post 7819 Crewe
	Rep:	Guard Laine Beckwith

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

5th	Date	2/22/2009
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	To follow
	Location	Post 647 Danville
	Rep:	Chaplain Robin Milewski

12th	Date	TBA
	Regisration	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	
	Rep:	Jr Vice President Betty Gimble

6th	Date	2/8/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	TBA
	Rep:	Chaplain Robin Milewski

13th	Date	2/22/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 1827 Charlottesville
	Rep:	Guard Laine Beckwith

7th	Date	3/8/2009
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 8613 Shenandoah
	Rep:	Chaplain Robin Milewski

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 9TH

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 16-18, 2009

Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 800-227-6963 ~
69.00 Per night

(Group Rate Deadline is December 24th)

PRE REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET
\$37.00 INCLUDES RECEPTION AND DINNER BANQUET

(ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.)

There will be no Dance Saturday night.

Dinner Menu

Your choice of:

Stuffed Flounder

Tender flounder filet wrapped around our famous crabmeat stuffing and asparagus

~or~

Sliced Pork Loin

Chef's choice of Sauce

Both Served with:
House Salad Coffee/Tea/Decaf Side Dishes Warm Rolls and Butter Dessert

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JANUARY 9, 2009 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number or Auxiliary number:

Name: _____ Post _____ Aux _____ Food Choice: (circle) Pork or Flounder
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Please charge my card: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
LADIES AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting
January 16 - January 18, 2009
Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder
Williamsburg, Virginia
1-800-227-6963

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009

3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Line Officers Meeting	Dept. President's Room
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	District Presidents' Meeting w/Program Chairman	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Council Meeting	General Hill's/McClellan's
7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting	General Longstreet's
8:00 PM	8:30 PM	Department Officers & Past Dept. Commanders	General Longstreet's
9:00 PM	1:00 AM	Military Order of the Cootie Dance	General Emory's

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009

8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Registration	Petersburg Hall Foyer
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	General Longstreet's
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Floor Practice	General Hill's/McClellan's
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Blog and Email Presentation/Workshop	General Longstreet's
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	MAP & UNMET NEEDS Workshop	General Longstreet's
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	General Longstreet's
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	General Longstreet's
10:00 AM	NOON	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	Stuart's Redoubt
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Cash Lunch furnished by Hotel	
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg Hall
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Program Chairmen	Dept. President's Room
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	Stuarts Redoubt
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Reception	General Emory's
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Banquet-Guest Speaker – John Smart	Richmond Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Military Women's Advocacy Breakfast	Hotel Restaurant
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Longstreet
9:30 AM	NOON	Ladies Auxiliary Conference, if needed	Richmond Hall
9:30 AM	NOON	VFW Council of Admin. Meeting, if needed	Petersburg Hall

BANQUET TICKETS: \$37.00

Includes Reception and Banquet. THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE.
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

(Tentative schedule subject to change)

Date
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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 1

176	Newport News	35	22	62.86%	35			70	70	20	25	50	75
824	Grafton	19	18	94.74%	35	25		38	38	10		25	50
3219	Phoebus	223	144	64.57%	35	25	10	446	466			38	25
5500	Hampton	15	31	206.67%	35	25	10	30	52	12		10	60
6002	Denbigh	65	42	64.62%	35	15		130	130			25	
7167	Warsaw	74	76	102.70%	35	100		148	155	30	74.59	100	50
Total (8)	District 1	431	333	77.26%	210	190	20	862	911	72	99.59	248	260

District 2

392	Virginia Beach	351	282	80.34%	35			702	701	50	3066	25	
993	Portsmouth	92	66	71.74%	35			184	182	30	500		
3160	Ocean View	307	236	76.87%	35			614	614	50		25	
4411	Franklin	51	41	80.39%	35			102	102			50	50
4809	Norfolk	330	274	83.03%	35			660	660				
8545	Smithfield	22	21	95.45%	35			44				50	
9382	Suffolk	61	44	72.13%	35			122	122	40		25	
Total (6)	District 2	1214	964	79.41%	245			2428	2381	170	3566	175	50

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District 3

1426	Midlothian	31	21	67.74%			62					
2239	Colonial Heights	97	90	92.78%	35		194	196	40			
3125	Ruther Glen	4	4	100.00%			8					
4639	Williamsburg	38	37	97.37%	35		76	76	45		25	
6364	West Richmond	33	24	72.73%	35		66	66				
8046	Norge	42	54	128.57%	35		84	84	30			100
8356	West Point	27	28	103.70%	70		54	54	20	280.08	25	25
9224	Richmond	29	23	79.31%	35		58		20			
9501	Central Garage	41	42	102.44%	35		82	82	20			
9808	Mechanicsville	163	134	82.21%	35		326	326	60			
10387	Petersburg	43	30	69.77%	35		86	86				100
10654	Richmond	32	30	93.75%	35		64	66	30		100	400
10657	Glen Allen	33	25	75.76%	35		66	66	20			
Total (13)	District 3	613	542	88.42%	420		1226	1102	285	280.08	150	625

District 4

622	Petersburg	47	43	91.49%	35	25	94	108	72		25	25
637	Hopewell	62	69	111.29%	35		124	124				
2584	Cullen	37	32	86.49%	35		74					
5313	Nottoway	25	39	156.00%	35		50	50	10			
7059	Farmville	67	60	89.55%	35		134	134	30		25	50
7166	South Hill	90	69	76.67%	35	200	180	188	30	200	100	200
7819	Crewe	76	76	100.00%	35		152	152	70		50	
7897	Blackstone	24	3	12.50%			48					
8048	Lawrenceville	27	24	88.89%	35		54	58	20		25	
8163	Clarksville	72	68	94.44%	35	15	144	144	26	20		
8759	Amelia	55	48	87.27%	35		110	110	10		25	
8902	Keysville	12	12	100.00%	35		24	22	10			
9855	Appomattox	29	29	100.00%	35		58	58				50
9954	Victoria	198	201	101.52%	35		396	396	30	465	10	100
Total (16)	District 4	821	773	94.15%	455	240	1642	1544	308	685	260	425

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District 5

647	Danville	103	89	86.41%	35			206	206	30	1,000.00	50	
1115	Hillsville	470	396	84.26%	35	25		940	940				
2820	Bassett	20	12	60.00%				40					
4637	Martinsville	49	40	81.63%	35			98	98	10	336.66	25	
7568	Galax	30	31	103.33%	35			60	60			10	
7726	Grayson	154	155	100.65%	35		15	308	308	30		32.5	
7800	Stuart	27	23	85.19%	35		78	54	54	20			
8243	Halifax	64	50	78.13%	35	100		128	128	30		25	100
8467	Meadows of Dan	53	44	83.02%	35			106	106	20	27		
Total (8)	District 5	970	840	86.60%	280	125	93	1940	1900	140	1,363.66	142.5	100

District 6

1033	Covington	103	88	85.44%	35	25		206	206	30		25	
1264	Roanoke	60	61	101.67%	35			120	126	30		20	
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	42	40	95.24%	35			84		10			
1841	Fincastle	56	41	73.21%	35			112	112	12			
2157	Bedford	56	55	98.21%	35			112	112			25	
4522	Vinton	61	52	85.25%	35			122	122	20			
5311	Christiansburg	46	44	95.65%	35			92	92	20			
7854	Floyd	29	13	44.83%				58					
Total (8)	District 6	453	394	86.98%	245	25		906	770	122		70	

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District 7

621	Luray	109	111	101.83%	35			218	218	40	30		600
1860	Front Royal	149	140	93.96%	35	75	25	298	298	40	106	25	100
2123	Winchester	71	6	8.45%				142					
2447	Edinburg	87	76	87.36%	35	100		174	174	40		25	100
8613	Shenandoah	87	68	78.16%				174		20			
9292	Elkton	32	16	50.00%	35			64	66				
9660	Broadway	78	80	102.56%	35			156	156	50			
9760	Berryville	176	166	94.32%	35			352	352	100		25	70
9872	Mt. Clinton	30	29	96.67%				60	60	20			
Total (8)	District 7	819	692	84.49%	210	175		1638	1324	310	136	50	870

District 8

2524	Culpeper	63	60	95.24%	35			126	126	30			
3103	Fredericksburg	107	100	93.46%	35	100	50	214	214	40	100	25	
7589	Manassas	62	58	93.55%	35			124	124	40	75		
Total (4)	District 8	232	218	93.97%	105	100	50	464	464	110	175	25	

District 9

1184	Pulaski	37	39	105.41%	35			74	76			50	50
4667	Marion	121	131	108.26%	35			242	242	40		100	
6000	Narrows	115	43	37.39%	35			230	230	20	58	30	
7136	Tazewell	51	31	60.78%				102					
7328	Saltville	29	27	93.10%	35			58	58				
7969	Bland	32	17	53.13%	35			64	64	20		15	
9640	Richlands	42	28	66.67%	35			84	84				
9696	Bluefield	140	106	75.71%	35	50	50	280	300	50	50	25	88.5
Total (8)	District 9	567	422	74.43%	245			1134	1054	130	108	220	138.5

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District 10

609	Alexandria	36	24	66.67%	35			72	72		10	25	
1503	Dale City	328	297	90.55%	35			656	656	100			100
3150	Arlington	158	156	98.73%	35			316	316	55		250	
7327	Springfield	130	135	103.85%	35			260	260	140		200	
7916	Woodbridge	105	87	82.86%	35			210	210				
8241	McLean	43	28	65.12%				86					
9274	Falls Church	56	54	96.43%	35			112	112	30	173.95	50	
9478	Sterling	22	26	118.18%	35			44	46	10		25	
Total (9)	District 10	878	807	91.91%	245			1756	1672	335	183.95	550	100

District 11

632	Harrisonburg	216	207	95.83%	35	5,000.00		432	434	40		25	
1499	Lexington	71	66	92.96%	35			142	142	20	44.6	200	
2216	Staunton	136	75	55.15%	35			272	272	60		100	
2424	Waynesboro	41	40	97.56%	35			82	82	20		25	
3136	Mt. Solon	19	19	100.00%	35			38	38	20			
4204	Hot Springs	42	42	100.00%	35			84	84	20			
7814	Staunton	19	21	110.53%	35			38	40	20			
8279	Steeles Tavern	26	26	100.00%	35			52	52	10		10	
8644	Bridgewater	109	98	89.91%	35	215		218	218	30			
9339	Stuarts Draft	53	40	75.47%	35			106	108	40			
9480	Craigsville	23	15	65.22%	35			46	44				
10826	Verona	17	9	52.94%				34					
Total (12)	District 11	772	658	85.23%	385	5,215.00		1544	1514	280	404.6	360	

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District 12

1994	Abingdon	35	34	97.14%	35			70	70				
3782	Haysi	19	22	115.79%	35			38	42	20			
6975	Bristol	71	79	111.27%				142		20			
8652	Coeburn	32	16	50.00%				64					
8979	Clintwood	36	40	111.11%				72					
9600	Pound	55	29	52.73%	35			110	112				
9830	Damascus	30	29	96.67%	35			60	58	26	25		
10298	Pennington Gap	14	1	7.14%				28					
10310	Ewing	18	20	111.11%	35			36	40				
Total (9)	District 12	310	270	87.10%	175			620	322	66	25		

District 13

1827	Charlottesville	73	56	76.71%	35	200		146	146	30		25	
2217	Orange	23	19	82.61%	35			46	44	20			
7638	Gordonsville	42	35	83.33%	35	35		84	88				
8169	Scottsville	0	29	100.00%	35				58				
8436	Yancy Mills	30	29	96.67%	35			60	60	20			
8947	Louisa	59	53	89.83%	35			118	118			25	
10574	Colonial Beach	110	83	75.45%	35			220	220				
Total (7)	District 13	374	304	81.28%	245	235		674	734	70		50	

Member at Large 51 63 123.53%

Dept. Total 8505 7,162 84.21%

Department of Virginia, Chaplain General Orders – January 2009

Robin Milewski, Chaplain

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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

"Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us."

Let's all keep those currently serving and those who have gone on before, in our thoughts. They are the reason for the many freedoms we enjoy, and let us remember the loved ones who served also.

Sympathy Cards

Joyce Harris, 1504 Huntwood Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22406-4008 – death of husband

Pauline Smith, 375 Jefferson Street, Orange, VA 22960 – death of father

Family of Sandra Martin, 1603 Conner Grove Rd SW, Willis, VA 24380 – deceased member

Valerie Johnson, P.O. Box 724, Damascus, VA 24236 – death of mother (Nancy Gentry)

Ralph Tuggle, 848 Black Rock Mt, Independence, VA 24348 – death of wife (Nancy Tuggle)

June Moxley, 281 N. Independence Ave, Independence, VA 24348 – death of husband

Linda Richardson, 2307 Carsonville Road, Elk Creek, VA 24326 – death of father

Marietta Bass, 215 Van Mar Dr, Wytheville, VA 24382 – death of father

Family of Alma Allen, 4 Haley Drive, Hampton, VA 23661 - deceased PDP

Illness/Surgery

Brenda Thomas, Rt 4 Box 464 Ingleside Road, Princeton, WV 24740 – lung cancer

Ivy Sharpe, Blue Ridge Nursing Center, 300 Blue Ridge Street, Martinsville, VA 24112 – dislocated hip

Evelyn Miles, Heritage Hall, 3610 S. Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060 – stroke

Winnefred Harris, 51 Sunbow Lane, Elk Creek, VA 24326 – cancer

Megan Millard, 172 Londonberry Road, Forest, VA 24551 – surgery

Laura Absher, 9241 Swannanoa Trail, Mechanicsville, VA 23116 - surgery

Rene Kassing, 2773 Lake Powell Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 – heart attack

Thinking of You

Nellie Mahone, 127 Leon Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23188 – aging homebound

Elizabeth Farmer, 2639 Lake Powell Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 – stroke, homebound

Lillie Burton, 3782 Brickbat Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188 – aging homebound

Ory Stefaniw, 6 Meadow Circle, Williamsburg, VA 23188 – new member encouragement

*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

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Dept of Virginia, in conjunction with Stein Mart presents an.....
Exclusive Shopping Event!

A Fun Evening with:
Live Music
Door Prizes
Decorating Tips
Informal Modeling
Fashion Consultations
Delightful Refreshments
20% Off One Item Coupon

All proceeds to benefit families of Virginia National Guard members and Virginia National Guard Commonwealth ChallenNGe Program

This event will be held on Sunday Evening, February 8, 2009
4740 Commonwealth Parkway
Chesterfield County
Ticket price is \$20

I will be distributing tickets to Auxiliaries in Districts 3 and 4 to be sold for this fund raiser. Additional events of this nature will be held in future months in other areas of our State. Feel free to contact me for additional tickets. Irene Peters 804-328-2464

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

Beverly B. Abbott
130 Brookview Rd
Danville, VA 24540-3408

Phone: (434) 792-4497
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General Orders December

*In the New Year, "Meet the needs of others through living a life of love"
And "Our dreams become rainbows"*

I wish each of you a prosperous new year as you initiate programs for the proper observance of patriotic days and assure the flag is properly respected. Work through the schools, home school associations, nursing homes, scout troops, other civic organizations. Allow **"our dreams become rainbows"** as we **"live a life of love while serving the needs of others."**

Federal Legal Holidays in January:

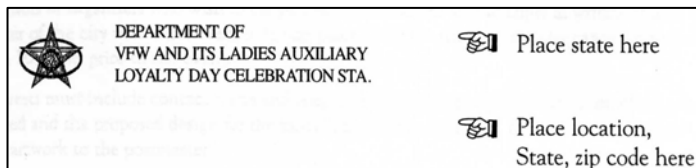
- **January 1, 2009:** New Year's Day
- **January 19, 2009:** Martin Luther King Day
- **January 20, 2009:** Inauguration Day

February 1 is National Freedom Day which was established in 1948 to remind us that America stands for, and is a symbol of freedom for all people. The roots of this special day come directly from the end of slavery and the signing of the 13th amendment outlawing slavery. Also In February, the 12th is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, 16th is President's Day, and the 22nd is George Washington's Birthday.

Instruct your members on **"Parade Rest"**: move your left foot slightly to the side, bring arms to the small of the back, clasp the left thumb in the right hand, and slightly bow head.

I hope you are working with your Post to increase visibility of the **VFW Loyalty Day Program** as well as **June 14th Flag Day**. (1) Conduct a **Flag Retirement Ceremony**. Start the project on **Loyalty Day**, May 1, and conclude on Flag Day, June 14 with your Flag Retirement Ceremony. (2) Hold a rededication of a local memorial or stage a community program at a park or auditorium. Remember our men and women currently serving on active duty and in the National Guard and Reserve. Present citations to all participants. On page 2 is a sample letter to the editor regarding this event. Also enclosed are 3 samples of flag retirement ceremonies.

Your Post and Auxiliary can request a pictorial cancellation for **Loyalty Day** through the United States Post Office. You must apply in writing at least 10 weeks prior to the event to the postmaster of the city where the event is to take place (by March 1, 2009 for Loyalty Day). National has a layout sample prepared for a **2009 Loyalty Day** cancellation stamp as shown here:



Note: 9 point Goudy bold font was used to create layout

Suggested Letter to the Editor
 Retype on VFW letterhead

Letter to the Editor
 Your Name
 Address
 Telephone number

Respecting Old Glory

In the past years there has been a resurgence of patriotic pride. The U.S. flag can be seen flying everywhere to indicate a symbol of unity, to remember the men and women serving in our military and to remember those who have died for our country. Many individuals asking questions about proper flag etiquette have contacted the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and we appreciate their questions.

To assist in displaying our nation's symbol, I would like to share a few guidelines: • *A flag displayed on a car should be fastened to the right side bumper, antenna or to the window.* • *If displaying a flag on a wall, the blue field should be in the upper left corner and it should never touch the ground.* • *When displaying an all-weather flag outdoors, 24 hours a day, there should be a light near it at night so it is not in complete darkness.* • *Above all, when the flag becomes worn, please replace it.* For additional flag etiquette information, visit the VFW web site at www.vfw.org or contact your local Post Commander.

VFW Post _____ will be conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, June 14th, _____ at the Post home located at _____
time address

Please drop off your torn or faded U.S. flag at this location starting on Loyalty Day, Friday, May 1st to Sunday, June 14th.

Remember Old Glory has been flying for more than 232 years and will be flying for many, many years in the future. Thank you for showing your patriotic pride.

God Bless America!

Your name
 Title
 Veterans of Foreign Wars
 Town, State

Remember...continue to educate others, be good role models and "*Our Dreams will become Rainbows.*"

Awards: best Americanism program, Patriotic Instructor education, and Loyalty Day program.

REPORT!

Report forms are online and in the President's Handbook. Over half way to 100% - WAY to GO!

Remember: reporting began in June ~ so, let's get those reports in.

Districts 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 13 are on the way to 100%! **District 12, where are you?**

Ladies, get your reports in...and keep up the great work of your Auxiliary by promoting patriotism in your community and REMEMBER to **REPORT ALL THAT YOU DO!**

YOU are your best publicist!

Report Veteran's Day Activities, participation in *Wreaths Across America*, Citizenship Education Teacher Award, and other patriotic activities your

Post and Auxiliary have completed.

Dist. No.	No. of Aux.	Auxiliaries ~ NOT ~ Reported as of Dec. 10								% Rptd
1	7	6002	8252							71
2	7	4411	8545	9382						57
3	12	1426	2239	4639	6364	8356	9808	10387		42
4	14	637	5313	7059	7166	7897	8048	8759	8902	43
5	9	2820	7800							78
6	8	1444	1841	2157	7854					50
7	9	2123	8613	9292	9760					56
8	3	2524	7589							33
9	8	7136	7328	7969						63
10	8	609	7916	8241						63

11	12	2216	2424	4204	7814	9480	10826				50
12	9	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	0
13	6	2217	8436								67
Total	112									52	

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

Patriotic Instructor

January, 2009

Gail M. Payne
Department Patriotic Instructor
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Tomb of the Unknowns

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds, for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb.

After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

Any person to apply for guard duty at the Tomb must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30."

Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, (the most decorated soldier of WWII) of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.

The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God Bless and keep them.

I hope the Holidays were safe and happy for everyone.

BANNER

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

To: Department Chairman, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Chairmen and Members
January 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

The beginning of a new year, resolutions being made, Christmas decorations being put away, the hussle and bustle of this holiday season has come to an end. Now What?! It's time to regroup and decide what the next few months will bring! Start the discussion of what your Auxiliary will be doing to make these next 12 weeks really count. You have until March 31st to complete your Banner requirements. Ok...maybe you didn't get your 100% in Membership, but you can still receive a Citation for completing the other programs. Don't quit now! Light a fire under your ladies and get moving! There is so much you can still do and our Veterans are counting on us to support them.

My mail carrier has not delivered any correspondence to me from the Auxiliaries in the last few weeks. I know the holidays have taken priority but now that January is here, it's time to get back to reporting! Besides, it's cold outside! Get yourself a cup of hot tea (I'm not a coffee drinker) and spend some time working on those reports. These next 12 weeks are going to be here before you know it!

HAVE YOU... reported on District Dues and/or Attendance at a District Meeting or Department/Conference Meeting. Your District Dues should have been paid by September 30, 2008. I'm guessing some of you have attended these but just haven't reported to me.

AUDITS for the month of December are due now as well.

MEMBERSHIP deadline is over. Auxiliaries that did not meet the Membership requirement are now working towards a Citation. **The Banner deadline is March 31, 2009.**

Ladies, I know you can do this! Events we plan don't have to be huge. Do things that are manageable for your Auxiliary. Do events that you could include your Post members. This helps both of you! Reporting isn't difficult either, it just takes time to sit down and actually write up the reports. See paragraph 2! Here's a thought...get your chairman together one day and do the reports together. Any way you do it is fine. I'll be looking for Department Chairman to get reports to me very soon.

See you at Winter Council!

Kay

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. THE 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 TREAUSRER 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
June 2008

Kay S. Kibler, Banner Chairman

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

January 2009

“HAPPY NEW YEAR”

This General Order is going to try to give you a little insight into pancreatic cancer. I will only be able to touch on the high spots as this is a very complicated disease, but I hope it will be helpful to you.

Pancreatic Cancer begins in the tissues of the pancreas. The pancreas is a large organ that lies behind the lower part of the stomach. There are several different types of pancreatic cancer. Signs and symptoms of pancreatic cancer do not appear until the disease is in the advanced stages. There are no standard tests currently for detecting pancreatic cancer. Some of the signs may include: Upper abdominal pain that radiates to the back, jaundice, loss of appetite, weight loss and depression.

Some of the factors that may increase your risk for this cancer include: Smoking, being overweight, family history of pancreatitis, family history of pancreatic cancer. If you have an unexpected weight loss, abdominal pain, jaundice or any of the other signs listed above, consult your doctor. He will check for other conditions as well as pancreatic cancer.

People in the age range of the 70's and 80's are more likely to develop this disease. Also, this disease occurs more frequently in blacks than in whites.

These facts are not meant to alarm you, but to make you aware that there are so many different kinds of CANCER and we need to find a cure for them.

Remember to be promoting the “Dime a Day” program at your meetings and this can be presented at the June Convention.

If you haven't already done so, please send in your \$2.00 per member and REPORT it to me. Also, if you have not sent in the money for your cancer pins, please do that now and report that to me.

The following Auxiliaries **NOT** reported are:

Dist. 1	824, 6002
Dist. 2	100% Congratulations!!!!
Dist. 3	1426, 2239, 4639, 6364, 9224, 10387
Dist. 4	637, 2584, 8902

Dist. 5 1115, 2820
Dist. 6 1444, 1841, 2157, 5311, 7854
Dist. 7 621, 2123, 8613, 9292
Dist. 8 100% Congratulations!!!!
Dist. 9 4667, 7136, 9640
Dist. 10 7916, 8241
Dist. 11 632, 4204, 9480
Dist. 12 1994, 3882, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298 REPORT, REPORT, REPORT
Dist. 13 1827, 2217

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now that a new year is beginning we must strive to “Give the gift of love and find the cure for this dreaded disease and then we will find the “Pot of Gold” at the end of the Rainbow”.

Loyally,

Lee

Community Service

Carol Vangi
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Norfolk, VA 23503

Phone: 757-621-5519
E-Mail: cvangicomserv@yahoo.com
January, 2009

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

Disaster Preparedness: Organize a safety seminar with the aid of local police or fire departments to cover weather preparedness and home safety. For those members of the Post, Auxiliary or neighbor who may need assistance provide contact information so they know there is someone they can call on in times of need. For more information go to www.citizenscorps.gov , www.ready.gov . or www.ReadyVirginia.gov .

Safety: You can find great home safety tips at www.homesafetycouncil.org . Remember to dress for the winter season. Wear loose-fitting, light-weight, warm clothing in several layers. Layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent and hooded. Wear a hat. Half your body heat loss can be from the head. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold. Mittens snug at the wrist are better than gloves. Try to stay dry. Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car or walking in deep snow. The strain from the cold and the hard labor may cause a heart attack. Sweating could lead to a chill and hypothermia.

Veterans Oral History Project: The Veterans History Project (VHP) collects and preserves the remembrances of American war veterans from World War I, World War II, the Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War (1990-1995), Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts from 2001-present. U. S. citizen civilians who actively supported the war effort such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc. are also included in the VHP/ The collection of first-hand accounts are archived in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. For more information go to www.loc.gov/vets.html or call 888-371-5848.

Outstanding Community Volunteer: THE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING. I WILL NEED YOUR NOMINATION FORMS BY FEBRUARY 14, 2009. 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.

REMEMBER: Community Service is anything a person does that benefits the community; they DO NOT receive compensation, are done in the name of Auxiliary, with Auxiliary approval and are 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. It is most helpful to use the reporting form and complete the summary on the reporting form. Don't forget to count mileage in the cost of the project. \$.14 per mile for each member that participates in the project. You can e-mail the reports or send by mail. Reporting forms are available on the department website. www.vfwvaaux.org Don't forget one project maybe counted for more than one banner category. Keep those reports coming.

Department percentage – 55% Reported

Dist No.	No. of Aux	Auxiliaries > NOT < Reported as of NO DEC 10										% Rptd
1	6	176	824									67%
2	7											100%
3	12	1426	2239	6364	8046	9224	9808	10387				42%
4	13	637	5313	8048	8759	8902	9855					53%
5	9	2820	7800									78%
6	8	1444	2157	7854								63%
7	9	621	2123	8613	9292							56%
8	3	2524										67%
9	8	7136	9696									75%
10	8	7916	8241									75%
11	12	632	2216	2424	4204	7814	8644	9480				42%
12	8	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310		0%
13	6	1827	7683	8436	10574							33%

EXTENSION

Chairman

Ines Kerch

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

November 2008

Note: My November Promotion was received too late to be included in the Nov. mailing. Since I want you to have this information, it is being furnished to you together with the January Promotion.

It was brought to our attention by National Headquarters that a few Auxiliary Presidents had not renewed the Bond on the office of Auxiliary Treasurer. The Bond expired in August.

This is a required duty per our Bylaws, Section 810, Paragraph 2. If a renewal form is not received from National, a simple letter requesting the Bond and submitting a fee of \$10 will normally take care of this important matter, in a timely manner.

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It appears more common than was thought; members do not know what their rights and privileges are as a member. The attachment may enlighten you.

It is important that members know what they are so that you can exercise and defend them, appropriately. Sadly, we find occasionally there are some Presidents who deny members knowledge of their rights and privileges, for their own purposes. Understandably this is a practice that does not benefit our Auxiliary.

These same Presidents do not ensure that new members are provided with their Auxiliary Pin nor the *Bylaws and Booklet of Instruction*, which new members are entitled to receive.

Knowledgeable members make strong Auxiliaries that are democratic in nature, because they confidently raise questions, support thoughtful discussions, and move the Auxiliary forward.

Next month, I will address the duties of the Auxiliary President, as they relate to conducting proper meetings. Stay tuned!

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The troubled Auxiliary mentioned previously is on the road to a good recovery. New officers have been elected and installed. They know we are only a phone call away for assistance from us, and the Deputy Chief of Staff is near at hand. With the observable good will sparked between one another, they are sure to have a successful year. We wish them the very best!

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Another troubled Auxiliary recently received resignations from seven officers. Here's yet another Auxiliary that was let-down by their President.

The Department President, Extension Chairman, and the local District President visited their meeting. Thankfully, no great harm was done, because the meeting was very well-attended and those present willingly accepted election and installation into their respective offices.

Fortunately, the ill effects suffered were of short duration because good will exists between the members. Their loyalty to the Auxiliary helped them to reach beyond and surpass the momentary affliction. Members like these make us PROUD!

Rest assured, the Department will provide continuing support for as long as a need exists.

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Ladies, please join us in a hearty welcome to our new Ladies Auxiliary to VFW 8167 located in Scottsville, District 13! By the way, Scottsville is the Charlottesville area. They have 26 members and, of course, still growing.

Twelve Ladies jumped right in and assisted their VFW comrades in a local event called Old Farm Day. They are so sparked up with enthusiasm, they attracted several volunteers and a few young children helped, as well as District President 13 Shema Peppers. The Auxiliary made a little money from their own fundraiser and the Comrades gave them a substantial love gift for their Treasury in appreciation for their help. Now, that's what I call TEAMWORK. Way to go!!

At their second meeting, held in October, they voted to do several projects, some providing direct support and/or assistance to their Comrades over the next couple of months, and also made some contributions toward our Banner Program.

As you know, new auxiliaries are always given an opportunity over several months to learn the ropes, etc., before the Department expects actual projects to be adopted and completed. Scottsville is well ahead of the game, with a great beginning! Well done, Ladies!

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These Ladies have been given the opportunity to “**Live a Life of Love**” by reaching-out to their Comrades and to their Communities and they are making the most of it. They have become part of our Dream **Team**. By June Convention 2009, I am sure these Auxiliaries will be among those who made our Department’s “**Dreams Become Rainbows**.”

Uh, excuse me... We have 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

RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

A Member in good standing has the following rights, unless the constitution/bylaws of the (any) organization contain different rules:

- To attend meetings.
- To make motions.
- To second another's motion.
- To amend a pending motion.
- To enter into discussion (debate) when discussion is permitted.
- To make inquiries, ask questions, request parliamentary information.
- To nominate, or be nominated. (Constitution or bylaws may contain requirements for specific positions).
- To hold office.
- To serve on committees.
- To have meetings conducted properly and orderly.
- To vote; cannot be forced to vote.
 - can vote for oneself.
 - should abstain on questions of direct personal or financial interest not in common with other members.

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Further, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW extends these additional benefits and privileges:

If a new Member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW has subscribed (by her signature) to the printed Obligation on the reverse side of the application card, she shall be considered a member in good standing as soon as elected and thereafter be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member. She shall not be required to take the ceremonial oral obligation. Bylaws, Section 107.

A new member is entitled to an Auxiliary Member Pin and a current copy of the *Bylaws and Booklet of Instruction*. Bylaws, Section(s) 103 and 107.

No member may be deprived of her rights and privileges as a member, except for non-payment of dues, unless she has been sentenced in accordance with Sec. XI of the National Bylaws.

No Officer may be relieved of her office, except for non-payment of dues, expiration of her term of office, or the office has been declared vacant in accordance with Sections 809 of the National Bylaws. Bylaws, Section 116

A member ceases to be 'in good standing' on January 1 immediately following the year for which her dues have been paid. Example: Member has a Membership Card for dues year/calendar year 2008. On January 1, 2009 she ceases to be a member in good standing until her dues for 2009 have been paid. Bylaws, Section 110.

Any member shall have the right to appeal through the proper channels from the actions of the Auxiliary or Auxiliary President, ... District or District President, to the Department President, Department Council of Administration, or Department Convention. Bylaws Section 117.

A member of an Auxiliary visiting another Auxiliary or attending a ... District or Department meeting shall produce her current paid-up dues card. The visiting member, not an official representative, who is not a member of said Auxiliary, District, or Department, shall not enter into the business of said bodies. Bylaws Section 118.

EXTENSION

**Chairman
Ines Kerch**

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January 2009

*HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL !
I WISH YOU THE VERY BEST IN 2009 !*

2008 passed by with blinding speed. 'Kinda' makes one wonder if every day was fully appreciated.

Aren't you glad that Christmas falls at the end of the year? Christmas is a day delivering a message of hope and of love ... a Hope that carries us into a 2009 brimming with 'possibilities' and enabling us to **Live a life of love while serving the needs of others.**

With all that you were able to do for others, even while serving the needs of your families, I feel certain that you have many fine accomplishments that need to be reported to the Department Chairmen.

As for our Extension efforts, District Presidents Linda Abshire (3), Shema Peppers (13), Rose Oak (7) and Deputy Chiefs of Staff Edith Ball (9), Linda Ryman (7) and Special Assistants Mary Richards and Mary Horne, have been monitoring and encouraging our auxiliaries, new and old, in continuing to persevere in spite of occasional *bumps in the road*. We are imperfect beings and sometimes work performed by members of our Auxiliaries is a bit imperfect, too. Once the imperfections are recognized and instructions given, they merely have to correct the situation. Simple.

We have been indirect contact with two bachelor posts who had expressed interest in the formation of an Auxiliary. At this time, both have opted not to act at this time. We will continue to contact other Bachelor Posts within the Department, as time permits. WE WILL PERSEVERE!

Let's resolve to more fully appreciate our Auxiliary Sisters, Post Comrades, our Veterans, and our National Programs every day in 2009! In the process, our efforts will lift us toward our **Dreams... and Become Rainbows**, our end goal.

Someone asked how to go about getting a motion passed on the floor...wanting detailed steps on how to bring it up before the floor, then how to get it approved by the membership. This month I am attaching a suggested procedure for your consideration. Hope this will be helpful !

Finally, here's New Year's Resolution # 2:

Introduce a motion at your next meeting for each member to contact one member not present at a meeting recently! Get contact information from the Treasurer. Remember: ALL MEMBERS ARE VALUABLE. It's much easier to keep (Retain) members, than to find (Recruit) new ones !! Also, have some **Talking Points** to mention, e.g.:

- A social event that will occur in the near future that she might find enjoyable or interesting, (for example, Legislative Day 'On the Hill' in Richmond in January)
- A project that is underway where she might help. Have available time and dates of next project meeting.
- Your Auxiliary meeting date, time, and place. Offer a ride, or plan to meet one another ahead of time. Be her 'sister'!

We have work to do!

God's Wings

A little something to put things in perspective.. An article in National Geographic several years ago provided an interesting picture of God's wings.

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park , forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, so those under the cover of her wings would live.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge." (Psalm 91:4)

Being loved this much should make a difference in your life. Remember the One who loves you, and then be different because of it.

I am sending this to those I especially want God to bless and I picked you. Please pass this on to people you want to be blessed

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

To realize the value of a friend...lose one

Share this with friends for whom you wish peace, love and prosperity.

(1) The Flag Keepers' Flag Retirement Ceremony

CEREMONY LEADER (Include a chaplain/prayer per your tradition)

"We are gathered here to destroy these flags that have been deemed no longer serviceable. It is proclaimed that each of these flags has served well.

These flags have inspired those who desired the taste of freedom and have represented hope to those oppressed by tyranny and terror. These flags have welcomed any and all in the name of liberty.

The American flag flies free to the wind. The American flag flies above residential porches, camp sites, small businesses, corporate offices, hospitals, schools, military and naval bases, government buildings and nonprofit organizations. The American flag is the most displayed and recognized banner in the world.

These flags serve as constant reminders to all of us that we live in a country where our freedom has been deeply purchased by blood, sweat, tears and ultimate sacrifice. We must not forsake what those in the service to this flag, and their families, have forfeited.

We have here this day an empty Place of Honor for those who cannot attend due to devastating injury, infirmity, and death. Please direct your attention to the Place of Honor as I read today's names of ___ (fill in the number) of those patriots. In your mind's eye see these people and think about them."

To all who shall see these presents, greeting. Know ye that these flags have served well and honorably. Their stars and stripes have been loosed to the winds of freedom and have basked in the light of liberty."

CALL ATTENTION/ALL RISE (Those that Can) "Please join me to recite the Pledge of Allegiance": (PAUSE)

"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".

STAND AT EASE

Read: "The U.S. Flag Code states", (PAUSE) "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning".

(OPTIONAL)

Dedicate this ceremony to an individual American who loved the Flag (Read previously obtained info about the honoree)

CALL ATTENTION/ALL RISE

Staff member inserts one properly folded flag into the incinerator/fire *(beforehand, place folded flag in large zip lock bag and soak with rubbing alcohol so that it will ignite easily and produce a pronounced blue flame)*

"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer."

Sing or recite the first stanza of *God Bless America*

"God bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home.

STAND AT EASE

STAFF MEMBER OR CEREMONY LEADER "Ladies and gentlemen, this concludes the ceremony. God bless America."

When guests have departed, staff members and volunteers burn the remaining flags

(2)

Leader: "We have presented these Flags of our Country which have been inspected and judged unserviceable. They have reached their present state in a proper service of tribute, memory, and love.

"A Flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that our service men and women have worked for and lived for, and died for – a free nation of men and women true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy.

"Let these faded Flags of our Country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites and their places taken by bright new Flags of the same size and kind, and let no soldier, sailor, or airman dead be unhonored and unmarked. Sergeant-at-Arms, assemble the Color Guard, escort the detail bearing the Flags and destroy these Flags by burning.

"The Chaplain will offer prayer."

Chaplain: "Almighty God, Captain of all hosts and Guardian over all, bless and consecrate this present hour.
We thank you for our Country and its Flag, and for the liberty for which it stands.
To a clean and purging flame we commit these Flags, worn out in worthy service.
As they yield their substance to the fire, may your Holy Light spread over us and bring our hearts renewed devotion to God and Country. Amen."

(3)

Leader / Narrator: "When the United States flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate the flag, but this does not mean that one should simply drop the entire flag (intact) into a fire. Though I disagree with burning a flag for a political statement and truly feel it is a dishonorable act, I also feel that freedom of speech must be protected. However, today we are not burning a flag we are retiring a symbol of America's honor, courage, and strength. Therefore we request that all remain silent during this ceremony."

Leader / Narrator: "A flag ceases to be a flag when it is cut into pieces. In addition, it is easier to completely incinerate the flag if it is cut up with scissors or shears in a methodical manner. The corners of the flag should be stretched out over a table top and someone should cut the flag strip by strip and then star by star."

Note: *Some organizations do not like the stars separated because the blue star field represents the union of the fifty states and one should never let the union be broken. Others feel that each state is equal to the others and therefore should have the dignity of the state's name being read.*

Leader / Narrator: "The flag(s) we retire tonight has served us well, but due to its condition it is no longer suitable for display. A fresh new flag now flies in its place, to carry on the honor and dignity of "Old Glory" which flew many years ago."

Leader / Narrator: "Will the audience please stand."

Leader / Narrator: "Tonight we will retire this great symbol of freedom throughout the world. Please remain silent until directed otherwise. ABSOLUTE DIGNITY MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CEREMONY!"

Leader / Narrator: "Seven red stripes and six white strips; together represent the original 13 colonies that gained us liberty. The red stripes remind us of the lifeblood of brave men and women who were ready to die for this, their country."

Leader / Narrator #1: "The white stripes remind us of purity and cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed. The blue is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens."

Leader / Narrator #2: "The stars represent the fifty sovereign states of our union. The American Creed states, "it is my duty to my country to love it, to respect its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies."

Leader / Narrator #3: "The U.S. flag should be treated with respect when it's flying, and should be treated with respect when it's being retired."

Leader / Narrator #4: "Therefore, we retire flags with dignity and respect when they become worn, torn, faded or badly soiled. A flag ceases to be a flag when it is cut into pieces. We separate the 13 strips that represent the original 13 colonies, and the 50 stars to pay homage to the 50 states that together make up this great nation."

Leader / Narrator: "Color Guard, present the colors to be retired...Salute...if you are out of uniform place your hand over your heart."

Leader / Color Guard: Respectfully separate each strip one at a time. When all of the strips have been separated, hold the stars separately. Color Guard should respectfully place each strip in the fire and ensure that it is placed in such a manner that the strip will be fully incinerated and the Color Guard does not get burned. When all of the strips have been placed in the fire, place the stars in the fire in a horizontal position in such a manner that the stars will be fully incinerated and the Color Guard does not get burned.

Leader / Narrator: "We are drawn here together in the sight of God to pay our "last respects" to this symbol of our great nation, "America", the land of the free and home of the brave. Please join with me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance."

Leader / Narrator: "Two...Color Guard Dismissed"

**SUGGESTED PROCEDURE TO PROPOSE A MOTION
TO MEMBERSHIP
TO APPROVE AN AUXILIARY PROJECT OR FUNCTION**

1. DECIDE ON THE KIND OF PROJECT OR FUNCTION YOU WANT

Be prepared to Chair the Committee and/or to convince another member to Chair or co-Chair, prior to bringing up the idea on the Floor.

- A. To fulfill a National Program
 - B. A Fund-Raiser to benefit (Auxiliary Treasury, or an entity, or another charitable organization)

 - C. Fun activity for members (e.g., all members invited to attend an annual Christmas luncheon or dinner at Restaurant (name) to be paid for by the Auxiliary (Treasury monies) not to exceed \$(____) per person, excluding taxes and tip.
 - D. Seasonal
 - E. Other
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2. DISCUSS THE FUNCTION WITH OTHER MEMBERS INFORMALLY PRIOR TO THE MEETING

“Test the waters” to determine if there is sufficient interest among the members. Ask *yourself and them*:

- A. Is everyone expressing enthusiasm for the idea?
- B. Have members agreed to help in carrying out the project or function?
- C. Can you count on their support at the meeting?
- D. When does everyone think it should/could be held?

3. CHECK THE POST CALENDAR FOR CONFLICTS

- A. For available, *alternative* dates. Have at least two dates to suggest; three is better.
- B. What is the best, most logical, date(s) that are likely to be embraced by the members, considering their collective employment requirements, spousal concerns, child care requirements and any other known commitments.
- C. Coordinate with the VFW Comrade (male or female) who is in charge of the VFW Post Facilities Calendar to ensure availability of dates (meetings may have intervened and dates may no longer available by time of Auxiliary meeting). Request a Pencil-in of possible dates

4. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

Prepare to respond to questions you may be asked under Discussion by the Floor (members present at the meeting)

- A. Have the members re-affirmed their enthusiasm to you
- B. Select a member willing to second the motion
- C. List members already committed to assist in carrying out the project
- D. What will it require:

1. Space and location Where

2. Physical equipment (no. of chairs, no. of tables)

3. Number of members/guests expected # Guests

4. Decorations (table covers, wall decorations, etc) Approx. Cost

- 5. Food Menu Selection – cater or potluck Approx. Cost
- 6. Beverages: Cash Bar, or
No. ___ of drink tickets to be allowed each person, per ‘reservation’ Approx Cost
- 7. Music: DJ or band
- 8. What will each of the above require
 - a. Number of volunteers to help set-up and break-down
(RESTORE ORDER: store everything, dispose of trash)
 - b. Will each of the above items require a separate group (Committee) to arrange
 - c. How much will the food cost _____
 - d. How much “profit” can the Auxiliary expect to make _____
 - e. Number of attendees needed to “break-even” _____

5. PROPOSE THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND HAVE SOMEONE LINED UP TO ‘SECOND’

“ I MOVE THAT the Auxiliary sponsor (project/function) to benefit, (or for purpose of): raising funds for (e.g., Cancer Aid and Research, (or providing funds to _____) on mm/dd/yy at time and that a fee of \$ _____ be charged per person to cover the costs of (decorations, food, beverages, music, _____, etc.)

Profit, if any, will go into (General Fund, or special fund of _____). Second by _____.

6. POST MORTEM -- After function/project, be prepared to:

- A. Report on Floor how the function was carried out
- B. Problems encountered, if any, and how to handle in the future
- C. Purpose(s) accomplished, loss or profit made and, lastly,

**6. THANK INDIVIDUALS OF PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THE PROJECT A SUCCESS!
Remember: Everyone loves to hear their name associated with a success and no contribution is too small.**

Name: _____ notable contribution

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Happy New Year Sisters,

Thanks Again, to all the Auxiliaries sending reports and pictures. I have received wonderful articles with so many great pictures.

Please keep them coming you are keeping me very busy and the postal service too!

President Mary's books will be overflowing and how proud she will be when she sees how hard you all have worked.

Look forward to seeing you all at **Winter Council** I will have my camera there.

Don't forget at June Convention there will be awards for content of pictures and information received.

Keep up the good work and always remember....

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

Loyally,
Georgette Dausey, Historian

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General Orders - January 2009

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Dear Sisters,

Welcome to 2009! With the New Year upon us, I would like to remind you that you could still send donations for the VA hospitals. Please send any monies to our Department Treasurer earmarked for their specific cause. The holidays may be over but the need for support is not – make a difference volunteer (and often)!

Please remember that the *Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project* continues throughout the year. This is a therapeutic writing program designed to acknowledge veterans' experiences and build self-esteem through creative expression and gives the opportunity of publication in *Veterans' Voices*. I encourage you to contact your area VA Medical Center or HVWP Headquarters, 5920 Nall, Room 105, Mission, Kansas 66202-3456 or visit www.veteransvoices.org. *Veterans' Voices* is published in March, July and October. **YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM BY PURCHASING A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE VETERAN'S VOICES.**

We still have a few Auxiliaries that have not sent in their \$35.00. I need to stress the importance that **all** of our Auxiliaries send **at least** (you may send more) the required \$35.00 for the Hospital Program to the State Treasurer, Debbie Martin, as soon as possible. This money is needed to keep our VFW Ladies Auxiliary Hospital Program running. To provide aid and comfort to our hospitalized veterans is a core reason that we exist, and this token is to ensure that our VAVS Representatives are able to perform the duties to our veterans that we have at times taken for granted. We need to keep this Program's heart beating, **our heart beating**, for the good of **our veterans**.

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

A kind word and a smile can make all the difference in the world to a veteran. Make a difference!

Thank you,
Robin Milewski
Hospital & VAVS Committee Chairman

It is amazing that love can transform your life forever.

REPORTING:

This is a reminder, there will be a drawing this month 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.

Status: (not reported as of 10 Dec 08)

Dist 1: 100% Reported
Dist 2: 100% Reported
Dist 3: 1426, 10387 (10 of 12 for 83%)
Dist 4: 2584, 8902 (11 of 13 for 85%)

Dist 5: 2820 (8 of 9 for 89%)
Dist 6: 4522, 7854 (6 of 8 for 75%)
Dist 7: 2123, 8613, 9872 (7 of 9 for 78%)
Dist 8: 100% Reported
Dist 9: 7136, 9640 (6 of 8 for 75%)
Dist 10: 8241 (7 of 8 for 88%)
Dist 11: 100% Reported
Dist 12: 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 10298 (3 of 9 for 33%)
Dist 13: 1827, 8167, 10574 (3 of 7 for 43%)

Legislative and VFW Political Action Committee
2008-2009
Our Dreams Become Rainbows
(As we) Live a Life of Love While Serving the Needs of Others

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Greetings Sisters,

We have put the 2008 election in the history books. We had the eyes of the world upon us and they witnessed democracy in action.

History will record that the 2008 election had a record number of voters, 64.1% of eligible voters or 136.6 million Americans. This is thanks to you and your hard work in **GOTV** efforts that paid off. This surpassed the 1960 elections which saw 63.8% of eligible voters.

I have updated information on the newly elected representatives coming to you via your District President at the Winter Conference in January. It is imperative that you contact these representatives before they go back in session after the 1st of the year and make sure they know the 09 VFW Legislative and Priority Goals which will be in your packets of information. Don't forget to share ideas with me.

Sisters, how did you feel hearing the news media talk about the importance of Virginia to the 08 Election outcome? Did your chin lift when the names of John Warner, Tim Kaine, and Jim Webb, three Virginians, were suggested as possible Democrat Vice Presidential candidates? And the newly elected first female Governor of North Carolina, Beverly (Moore) Perdue is a Virginia native having been born, raised and educated in Buchanan County before going off to college.

The Independent Budget, which the VFW co-authors, released the FY 2010 Critical Issues Report. This report contains policy changes and recommendations to allow the VA to better care for all veterans. There are seven critical issues. The entire report is available on the IB website, click on 2010 issues at the bottom of the page. <http://es3.pva.org/indepentbudget/index.htm>

Remember to stay informed by reading your VFW Ladies Auxiliary magazine, the VFW magazine, VFW *Checkpoint* newsletter, VFW Washington Weekly and utilize the websites: www.vfwdc.org, www.house.gov, www.senate.gov, and www.virginia.gov. Share what you learn with others including me.

I cannot thank you all enough for the wonderful reports sent to me. I feel like I am hearing from

kindred spirits. I truly appreciate the work that goes into each and every report. I have appreciated the phone calls and the written notes from you. I have had to chuckle at the inventive ways you all get your contributions to PAC. Truthfully, you all have worked my donkey (nothing political meant) off with multiple reports, each better than the one before if that's possible.

I wish you and yours the best. Remember the Reason for the Season. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

These are the reports I have received and recorded. Many have sent multiple reports.

District 1: 176, 824, 3219, 5500, 7167 **for 71%. Not reporting 6002 and 8252 Only 2 to go!!**

District 2: 392, 993, 4411, 4809, 8545, 9382 **for 86%. Not reporting 3160 Only one more!!!**

District 3: 8046, 8356, 9224, 9501, 9808, 10654, 10657 **for 58% Not reporting 1426, 2239, 4639, 6364, 10387**

District 4: 622, 7166, 7819, 8048, 8163, 9855, 9954 **for 50% Not reporting 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7897, 8759, 8902**

District 5: 1115, 4637, 7568 **for 33%Not reporting 647, 2820, 7726, 7800, 8243, 8467**

District 6: 1033, 1264, 2157, 4522 **for 50% Not reporting 1444, 1841, 5311, 7854 Only 4 more!!!**

District 7: 1860, 2447, 9660, 9760 **for 44% Not reporting 621, 2123, 8613, 9292, 9872**

District 8: 2524, 3103, 7589 **100% reported Congrats!!!!**

District 9: 1184, 6000, 7328, 7969, 9640, 9696 **for 75% Not reporting 4667, 7136 Only 2 to go!!!**

District 10: 609, 1503, 3150, 7327, 9274 **for 63% Not reporting 7916, 8241, 94878 Only 3 left!!!**

District 11: 632, 1499, 2424, 8279 **for 33%Not reporting 2216, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826**

District 12: 1994, 8979, 3782 **for 38% Not reporting 6875, 8652, 9600, 9830, 10310**

District 13: 8947, 10574 **for 29% Not reporting 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436 Only 4 more!!!**

My records show that over \$1200.00 has been donated to VFW-PAC so far. No Scrooges here!!!
Some auxiliaries report donations down to the penny. Some big business should be given lessons in management from the VFW Ladies.

Deborah J. Branham

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

January 2009

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

Thank you for all of your hard work in November. We are ahead of this time last year but we are still a little short of the 85% so that President Mary can have her night on the town at the Mid-Year Conference. Please get your dues into Debbie by **December 27th** so that she will have time to get them to National Headquarters on the 31st. Remember that you can use your relief fund to assist those who cannot afford to pay their dues for 2009. Please have your Treasurer contact the members who have not paid and find out if you can help.

According to our banner requirements, Auxiliaries must be 100% in membership by December 31st in order to receive their banner. There is a banner report enclosed so please check your Auxiliary to see where you stand. If your number is different from Debbie's, please contact her immediately so that we can have a chance to review before the 31st. We would like to have all 116 Auxiliaries at 100%. Right now there is only 30 Auxiliaries showing 100% or greater.

I only heard from 4 of the Auxiliaries on what they are doing to help recruit, retain and reinstate members. These Auxiliaries have set up booths at craft fairs, gun shows, dinners at the Post and festival days. They have posters with pictures and information about the Auxiliary. They talk to prospective members and hand out pamphlets.

At the Winter Conference in Williamsburg, I will be giving a \$15.00 check to each District that is 100% but at this time, we do not have any Districts that are 100%. I know that you can do this. The standings as of December 11th are as follows:

1. District 4 with 94.15% - Way to go District President Yvonne and ladies
2. District 8 with 93.97% - You are not far behind
3. District 10 with 91.91% - My district – I will be making phone calls
4. District 3 with 88.42%
5. District 12 with 87.10%
6. District 6 with 86.98%
7. District 5 with 86.60%
8. District 11 with 85.23%
9. District 7 with 84.49%
10. District 13 with 81.28%
11. District 2 with 79.41%
12. District 1 with 77.26%
13. District 9 with 74.43%

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know. I am here to help. My cell phone number is 703-851-5819 and that is probably the best way to reach me.

I wish each of you a very safe and Happy New Years.

PRESIDENT MARYS –SPECIAL PROJECT
NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION

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Dear Sister:

As I was reading the monthly National Kidney Foundation newsletter a man was told that his doctor found protein in his urine, he did nothing about it for two years, come to find out this man had to have a kidney transplant, so you see why its so important to make sure you have a regular check up you never know what your doctor could find to save a life.

I know this is a busy time of the year but we need your donations for Mary's Special Project. These donations will help so many people with operations, dialysis and the all the research, you may never know when you or someone you know may need the help and support.

I have heard from about 45 Auxiliaries and am hoping I will hear from the rest of you, thank you for all your donations. Please send your donations to Debbie Martin, Department Treasurer and not to me. If you have made a donation to Mary's Special Project, please send me a report.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. God Bless You All.

Loyally
Mary Smart

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

Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus!

Ladies, Thank you for your generous support of the Snowball Express. The families and the children appreciated all the gifts, the warm send off and return. But most off all, they appreciated the fact that the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars took this program under their wing and made it all possible.

Also, thanks to all of you who contributed and helped with the Wreaths Across America program. I know that it was a very rewarding experience for all who participated.

- **The time is approaching for applying for the Scholarship! Please see the last two pages of this promotion**
- **There is a special Buddy Poppy Program in March. Please see the Buddy Poppy Section**
- **Start planning now to design and create your buddy poppy hats and displays for the Department Convention in June**

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! I have been getting some very nice articles that show that our auxiliaries are doing some great things in their communities for our veterans. Keep it up Ladies!

Veterans & Family Support

Just remember, 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 34th 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.**
Valentine's Day is fast approaching. Make the day and time of year special for our veterans and their families. Plan a special event and don't forget to send a report.

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

Did you know that MAP has forged partnerships with various service providers, including www.vetjobs.com, aimed at providing the transitioning service member with relocation and employment assistance. Keep this in mind so you can help returning veteran.

UNMET Needs Program

Check on the families that have a member who is deployed overseas. Check to see if they need any financial help with repairs or bills. If so, go through your Post quartermaster and help them to submit the paperwork to get financial assistance through the VFW. Go to www.vfw.org and click on Programs and then the

Operation Uplink

Ladies your have been making some wonderful contributions to Operation Uplink. I know that our troops appreciate the cards and the opportunity to communicate through the Internet Cafes. I have heard from several ladies of how the calling cards have allowed them to talk to their husband, son, daughter, or granddaughter on a regular basis. They have told me that hearing their voice is so comforting and warm.

Keep those donations coming! The troops appreciate it and so do their loved ones back home.

Adopt-A-Unit Program

Wow! I am really impressed by the activities, packages and donations that our Post and Ladies Auxiliaries are doing for the units that they have adopted.

I am also proud of the auxiliaries that have taken to send packages and cards to their own local service men and women who are serving in the military.

GOOD WORK LADIES! Keep up the good work and keep on reporting!

Buddy Poppy

**ALL AMERICAN STAR-
SPANGLED BONUS**



The Buddy Poppy Program is offering an addition opportunity to distribute poppies on **March 3, 2009**. This date is significant as it marks the anniversary of VFW's victory in sealing the Star Spangled Banner as the national Anthem on March 3, 1931.

So, Auxiliary chairman, coordinate this event with your Post Buddy Poppy Chairman and make March 3 a Star-Spangled Day!

When you wear the Buddy Poppy, **WEAR IT PROUDLY!** That's the motto on each and every one of our Buddy Poppies. We are proud of our veterans and proud of what they have given us for our freedom. **Make the Buddy Poppy your daily corsage.**

VFW National Home for Children



Remember to send in your labels to the National Home. Keep in mind that just the UPC labels are required NOT the entire label from the can.

To find out more about the VFW National Home and the Campbell's product labels and much more, visit www.vfwnationalhome.org or contact your District Chairman.

Fisher House

Ladies, please consider donating to the Fisher House Foundation. The Houses are a great home away from home for the family of a veteran who is having a serious operation or in for extended treatments at one of the VA Medical Centers.

Donations are needed for the upkeep and maintenance of each house and to supplement the stays of the families that come there. Thank you for what you have given so far and please continue to donate. The address for donations is:

Fisher House Foundation, Inc.
1404 Rockville Pike, Suite 600
Rockville, MD 20852

(Specify the Portsmouth, McGuire, or Walter Reed House)

Wreaths Across America

The cemeteries with the wreaths are so breathtaking to see. I witnessed tears in many of the volunteers' eyes as they performed the solemn and honoring act of placing the wreaths on the graves.

Please don't think that this is over. We have to start now to prepare for next year. You can still make donations to Wreaths Across America. All donations will be used for the wreaths for next year. Start now to have fundraisers to purchase even more wreaths than we had this year.

VFW Service Officer Education

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. Find out what you can do to help him/her with obtaining the benefits and the VA Healthcare System.



The children and their families had such a wonderful time during their trip to Disneyland. They saw the support and warmth of the Ladies Auxiliary members who contributed to help make this worthwhile trip possible and affordable for them.

Scholarship Program

Haven't you or your spouse ever thought how great it would be realtor or a teacher's assistant. Perhaps you would like to complete your degree or certificate in a particular specialty. 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. **The application for the scholarship is on the last two pages of this promotion.**

CHANGE: Please send all submissions for the scholarship directly to National Headquarters as indicated on the application. Deadline for submitting an application is February 15, 2009. Just report that you have submitted.

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

Veterans & Family Support News
 Department of Virginia
 January 2009

2008-2009

Reports as of 12/5/08

DIST	0 OF 5	1 OF 5	2 OF 5	3 OF 5	4 OF 5	5 OF 5	6+		
1	CONGRATULATIONS!						176	6002 7167	824 3219 5500
2		9382	8545		993 3160	392		4411 4809	
3	1426 9808 10387	2239 8356		6364 9224		8046 10657 9501		10654	
4	637 2584	622 5313 7059 8902 8759	7166		8163 9954	7819 9855		9855	
5	2820	647 7800		8467	1115 4637			7568 7726 8243	
6	7854	1444 1841 2157 4522		5311	1033	1264			
7	2123 9292	8613	621			2447		1860 9660 9760 9872	
8			2524		3103	7589			
9	7136 9640		7328					1184 4667 6000 7969 9696	
10	8241	9478	609	9274		3150		1503 7327 7916	
11		4204 7814 8279 9480 10826	9339	632 2424	3136 8644			1499 2216	
12	3782 9600 6975 9830 8652 10298 8979	1994 10310							
13		7638	1827 2217 8436		8947	10874			
%	18%	22%	9%	6%	10%	13%	22%		

OK FOLKS – LET’S GET THOSE REPORTS IN!!

REMEMBER – YOU MUST REPORT IN 5 OF THE 10 AREAS TO BE FULLY REPORTED IN VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT!

DON'T FORGET THAT THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
 IS 25 CENTS PER MEMBER
 BASED ON YOUR JUNE 30, 2008 MEMBER COUNT
 A FEW OF YOU HAVE NOT DONE THIS.

APPLICATION for LADIES AUXILIARY VFW CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW is pleased to present scholarships to assist members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at technical school. The spouse, daughter, and son of a member is also eligible to apply. One scholarship will be presented each year to a selected candidate in each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. **Applicant must be 18 years of age. Qualifying member must have belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for one year prior to application.**

Please fill out this application in full and mail it to:

Judy Millick, Administrator of Programs, Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 W.
34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111
by **February 15, 2009.**

Applicant's Name	Relationship to Member (Member, Spouse, Daughter, Son)		
Auxiliary Membership #	Auxiliary Name & Number	Auxiliary City & State	
Date Member Joined Auxiliary	Auxiliary Eligibility	War or Conflict	
Applicant's Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
_() _____ Telephone		# Today's Date	

This scholarship shall be used in the 2009-2010 academic year to further my education, and will be in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or vocational school of my choice.

Signature of Applicant

What college, university, or vocational school do you plan to attend?

What course or major are you pursuing? _____

Have you already been accepted? _____

Financial Need:

Adjusted Gross Income from the family's Federal Income Tax return for the previous year.

Please describe your financial reasons for applying for this scholarship: _____

Have you been awarded Financial Aid from any other sources? _____

Please specify _____

Please describe your involvement in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW (this applies to any applicant. If you are a daughter and belonged to the Junior Girls, please list your involvement. If you are a son or spouse, please describe any assistance to the Auxiliary and/or involvement in the VFW or Sons of the VFW): _____

Please describe your involvement in your church or community: _____

Write a brief essay of 300 words or less describing your commitment to the future, and how this scholarship will help you attain your educational goals. You may attach an additional sheet.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN PROGRAM

Debbie Weekley
 VOD/Patriot's Pen Chairman
 595 Bowman Road
 Dayton, VA 22821

Phone: (540) 879-2066
 E-mail: weekslock@comcast.net

Even though this year's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs are now over at the Post and District levels, your Auxiliary may still not be complete because you have not reported everything to me.

I have received 58 reports from Auxiliaries for Voice of Democracy and 48 reports for Patriot's Pen. Some of you have reported more than once. This is really great, but I am still waiting on the rest of the Auxiliaries in the Department to report.

Please remember the awards that I will be presenting on Thursday night at the State Convention in June.

- \$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

You are not eligible for these awards if you do not report to me. I know you have done the work, but sometimes we forget to report. Many of you will be having award ceremonies later in the year, but don't forget to send me a report on that activity. If you have a newspaper article recognizing your judges as well as your Post winners, please send me a copy of that article. And PLEASE GET YOUR REPORTS TO ME.

The Department judging for the Voice of Democracy is scheduled on January 3rd and the Patriot's Pen is January 7th. The District who places first in both of these will be notified so that the District/Post can make plans for the Department winners to attend the Winter Council Meeting on January 17th in Williamsburg.

Auxiliaries **NOT** reported:

District								
1	176	824	3219	6002				
2	3160	4411						
3	1426	2239	6364	8356	9224	10387	10654	
4	622	637	7059	7819				
5	647	2820						
6	1444	1841	4522	5311	7854			
7	621	2123	2447	8613	9292			
8	3103	7589						
9	7136							
10	609	1503	3150	8241				
11	632	2216	2424	3136	4204	7814	9480	10826
12	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298
13	1827	2217	7638	8436				

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES/JUNIOR GIRLS
YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART
JANUARY 2009**

Fran Simmons, Chairman
76 Eldridge Drive
Front Royal, VA. 22630

E-mail: simmonss@shentel.net
Phone: (540) 636-9235

**“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

I hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday. It's so nice to visit with family and friends.

Now, it's back to work. Many Auxiliaries have not reported. I'm sure that you have fulfilled some of the requirements by now. Did you give money to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Salvation Army, or send soup labels to National Home? Perhaps you had a party or adopted a family for Christmas. How many children were in the family? We often do many things that benefit children but neglect to report the project. Please take a moment and send me your report today.

Auxiliaries Not Reported as of Dec. 9, 2008:

District 1: 6002
District 2: 4411, 8545, 9382
District 3: 1426, 2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9808, 10387
District 4: 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 8048, 8759, 8902, 9855, 9954
District 5: 647, 1115, 2820, 7726, 7800, 8243, 8467
District 6: 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
District 7: 621, 2123, 8613, 9292, 9660
District 8: 2524, 3103, 7589
District 9: 1184, 4667, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640, 9696
District 10: 3150, 7916, 8241, 9478
District 11: 632, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826
District 12: 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310
District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 10574

CONTEST RULES

Art must be on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil may be used. Digital art may be used but must be on paper or canvas...No discs will be accepted. When submitting computer/digital art, be aware that all images need to be original: ie., do not scan in or otherwise use photographs or art created by others; all images incorporated must be the artist's own and not lifted from publications or outside sources.

Do not frame! Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames. Other entries must be matted on white. Do not use color mats. In matting, use heavy paper to reinforce back. Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.

Be sure to complete entry form and attach to back of entry. Note that you must be sponsored by a Ladies Auxiliary or a foreign-based Auxiliary or Post.

Package art so that it can be mailed without being damaged.

If you use the American Flag in your entry — it must conform to the Federal Flag Code as far as color, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code. (You can get a copy of the code from your Ladies Auxiliary VFW or local library.)

Entry must have been done during the current School Year — note that you must have your teacher's signature. Each student may submit only one entry.

Each entry will be judged on the originality of concept, presentation, and patriotism expressed; the content of how it relates to patriotism and clarity of ideas; the design technique; total impact of work; and uniqueness.

SPECIAL NOTE

National Winners of the 2005-2006 contest may not compete in future Ladies Auxiliary VFW Patriotic Art Contests.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Students must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring Ladies Auxiliary. Home-schooled students are eligible; foreign exchange students are not.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10,000	First Place
\$5,000	Second Place
\$2,500	Third Place

FIRST PRIZE includes a plaque and airfare plus two nights' lodging to attend the Ladies Auxiliary National Convention. The first-place art will be featured on the cover of the *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine* and on the Auxiliary Web site.

Second and third-place winning entries in the National Contest will be featured in the magazine and on the Auxiliary Web site.

The three winning entries will be held until September, so they can be displayed at the Auxiliary National Convention. They will be returned directly to the students.

DEADLINE

Student Deadline

March 31. Participants must submit entries to the Ladies Auxiliary Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy Chairman by this date. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary will be sent to the Department Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy Chairman for judging.

District Judging

(Optional) If held, the District winners must meet the Department deadline for judging.

Department Judging

Ladies Auxiliary or District entries must be received by the Department Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy Chairman by April 15!

National Deadline

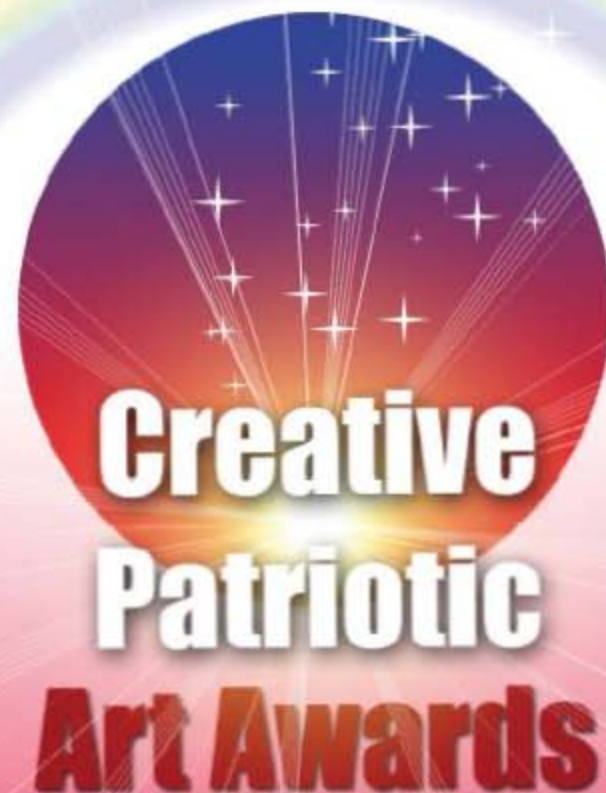
Department entries in the National Contest must be received at Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 by **May 5! Only the First-Place Department Winner is eligible for the National Competition.** (This means a total of 51 are eligible, one from every state and the District of Columbia.)

JUDGES

Those selected to judge the contest on all levels, will be teachers, professionals, and persons knowledgeable in art. Comments of local and state judges will be attached to painting and forwarded with art.

JP 1/1/06

Young American



Creative Patriotic Art Awards



Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of
Foreign Wars of the United States

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is proud to sponsor the YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART AWARDS. Developed in 1978, these awards encourage high school students to use their artistic talents to express their patriotism while becoming eligible for funds to further their education.

CONTEST RULES

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarships

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary VFW
(Must be attached to back of entry)

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Social Security # _____ School _____ Grade _____

E-mail Address _____ Date Art Completed _____

Teacher's Signature verifying that the entry was done by you: _____

Teacher's Address _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____

I hereby grant permission for my artwork to be published in the *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine* and on the Auxiliary Web site if I win one of the top three National awards.

(Student's Signature)

State the source of your idea for entry: magazine, TV, newspaper, etc. (Reference can be used, however, the entry should not be identical to the art used for reference. To comply with copyright laws, all artwork must be original to the entrant. Artwork may be inspired by other artist's/photographer's work, but not to the degree that the new piece of artwork is easily recognized as being derivative of the other artist's work. If another artist's/photographer's work is used as a source of inspiration or reference, a copy of the work must be provided along with the name and date of publication in which it was found. Any artwork that is recognized as being in violation of these rules will be disqualified.)

Media Used in Entry _____

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PATRIOTISM EXPRESSED IN ART:

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary VFW # _____ City _____ State _____

Date Judged _____ Signed by Ladies Auxiliary Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature _____

DISTRICT JUDGING (Optional)

Date Judged _____ Signed by District Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature _____

DEPARTMENT JUDGING

Date Judged _____ Signed by Department Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature _____

Department first-place art must be received at the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111, for National Judging by May 5 or it will be disqualified.

YOUTH SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS
Citation Request Form

A National citation and personal letter from the National President will be awarded to the student or group named below for his or her efforts in support of our troops serving overseas, or who helped their families left behind. (Award will be mailed directly to the student or group.)

Student or Group's Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Describe activities that supported our troops and/or helped their families (between July 1, 2008 and March 15, 2009): _____

Total Hours Spent on Project: _____ Number of Letters Sent: _____
Number of Care Packages Sent: _____ Value of Care Packages: _____

Submitted by _____
Ladies Auxiliary Name & Number City State

Signed by Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman _____

Auxiliary Chairman will mail to Department Youth Activities Chairman

Date Received by Department Youth Activities Chairman: _____

Signed by Department Youth Activities Chairman: _____

Date _____

Department Youth Activities Chairman must send to address below so form is received by April 10, 2009.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Attn: Administrator of Programs
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

"WHY I AM A VOLUNTEER"

(Response from applicant must not exceed 150
handwritten words or applicant will be disqualified)

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is proud to present a \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond, a plaque, and airfare plus two nights' lodging to attend the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Convention to a student, ages 12 to 15, who has provided outstanding volunteer service to his or her community from January 1 to December 31 of the year prior to the contest deadlines.



National Headquarters
Ladies Auxiliary VFW
406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111
816-561-8655

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen.
Applicant must be sponsored by a Ladies Auxiliary.
Both Junior Girls and Senior Girls may apply for this award and Junior Girls Scholarship but cannot enter in both contests in the same year.
Applicant must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring Ladies Auxiliary.
Previous national winners cannot participate again.

CRITERIA

Judges will consider the number of volunteer activities in which the applicant has been involved. Activities could include volunteering at hospitals and nursing homes, aiding senior citizens, assisting in Buddy Poppy campaigns, providing services to veterans, involvement in scouting, church, or school programs, and other activities which serve the community. In addition, the quality of service will also be considered, such as an individual who has accomplished one truly outstanding achievement.

JUDGING

The Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman will recruit a panel of judges to select one person to be entered in the Department contest.

The Department Youth Activities Chairman will recruit a panel of judges to select the department winner who will be forwarded to National Headquarters.

Judges on all levels should be community leaders or individuals who work with young people, such as teachers, church officials, scout leaders, YWCA staff, etc.

HOW TO APPLY

Send Entry Form and three letters of recommendation from the organization for which you volunteer to the Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman. Letter should be on letterhead stationery and should include the following:

- How well you perform the work
- How your volunteer work affects others
- How many hours you spend on each project
- The number of groups for which you volunteer

The "Why I Am A Volunteer" section must be completed by you and must not include more than 150 words explaining how your volunteer efforts go above and beyond normal activities.

NO SCRAPBOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

DEADLINES

Student Deadline -- February 1.
Participants must submit entries to the Ladies Auxiliary by this date.

Department Deadline -- February 15.
Each Auxiliary entry must be received by the Department Youth Activities Chairman by this date.

National Deadline -- February 28.
Department entries must be received at Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters by this date.

NOTE: Volunteer activities must have taken place prior to the year of the contest deadlines. For example, if you are submitting an application by February 1, 2009, then your volunteer activities must have taken place before December 31, 2008. This

ENTRY FORM

(This form must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation)

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
(Area Code) Number

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

Person to be listed as co-owner of U.S. Savings Bond

DESCRIBE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES between January 1 and December 31 of the year prior to the contest deadline.

LIST ANY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES prior to January 1: _____

SPONSORED BY _____
Ladies Auxiliary Name & Number, City, State

DATE JUDGED _____

SIGNED BY AUX. YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES SIGNATURE _____

FORWARD AUXILIARY ENTRY TO DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT JUDGING

DATE JUDGED _____

SIGNED BY DEPT. YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES SIGNATURE _____

For National Judging the Department winner must be received by February 28 at Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

YOUTH CITATION
Campbell's Labels for Education

Citation to each youth who collects 100 UPC Codes from Campbell's products for the Campbell's Labels for Education program to be donated to the VFW National Home for Children. Must meet criteria. Each member is entitled to receive only one citation.

Citations will be mailed to the Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman.

Name of Youth Activities Chairman

Address (City, State Zip Code)

Names of Youth who collect at least 100 UPC Codes from Campbell's Labels for Education.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Citation Requests Must Be Received by May 15th, 2009

**Mail Copies to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters
Attn: Administrator of Programs
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111**