

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

1. **INSTALLATION REPORTS**: All Auxiliaries that have not forwarded an Installation Report to the Department Secretary and National Secretary must do so immediately. You will not receive the renewal notice for the Treasurer's Bond or other essential information, without submitting this report.
2. Auxiliaries that have not properly submitted an installation report to National by December 31, 2009 may have their charter cancelled by the National President.
3. Sisters, when we are abiding by our Bylaws, where our duties are defined, our job becomes easier to handle and we become more accomplished in the work we do as members. Whenever in doubt, check the Bylaws first!
4. All Auxiliary Presidents must have comply with **Bylaws Sec. 810**: Presidents on all levels shall, within thirty (30) days after assuming the duties of her office, submit to the Commander of the corresponding unit of the VFW, an itemized report of the financial and membership status of her unit.
5. **Sec. 807 – TERM OF OFFICE**: An Officer elected or appointed and installed into office shall continue to hold office for the period for which elected or during the pleasure of the appointive power; provided she complies with the duties of her office, remains a member in good standing in the Auxiliary, Country Council, District or Department of which she is an Officer for the **2009-2010 year** and has not had her office declared vacant in accordance with the Bylaws. The term of office of a standing chairman committee shall run concurrently with the term of the office of the President appointing her. It is my hope that all previous officers or chairmen, will be mentors for the 2009-2010 officers and that you have turned over all monies, paperwork and information necessary for them to perform their duties.
6. **DISTRICT DELEGATES**: The term of office for which District Delegates are elected shall be one (1) year from date of the election, as described in **Bylaws Section 303**, until the election of the new Delegates.
7. **SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS**: Auxiliaries and Districts are permitted to have only two (2) signatures on the Auxiliary bank account. The National Bylaws, Article VIII, **Sections 810A and 810C**, sets forth that the President shall countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer.
8. A copy of the Treasurer's Report shall be incorporated in the Secretary minutes.
9. Treasurers, remember that National Headquarters no longer sends out dues reminders. You and your Auxiliary will need to do these yourselves, giving our members reminders of the importance of being a member in good standing.
10. A non-member widow of an eligible veteran who has married a man not eligible for the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eligible for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary through her deceased husband. Please refer to **Bylaws Section 114**.

11. **POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY:** is Friday, September 18, 2009. Auxiliaries, please work with your VFW members to educate our communities and have a proper ceremony for those Missing in Action or held as Prisoners of War.
12. **NATIONAL PRESIDENTS HOMECOMING:** National President Jan Tittle will celebrate her Homecoming September 18-20, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC.
13. **FALL COUNCIL MEETING:** The Fall Council Meeting will be on September 26, 2009, at 3rd District Headquarters in Mechanicsville, starting at 9:00 a.m., followed by lunch. The Department Chairmen will present their program starting at 1:00 p.m. **ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED** to attend. If you plan to be there for lunch, contact Department President Kathy Birch at (540) 955-3311.
14. **NATIONAL PRESIDENTS OFFICIAL VISIT TO VIRGINIA :** National President Jan Tittle will make her official visit to the Department of Virginia October 1-3, 2009. Please mark your calendars and attend one of the many planned events. Jan will fly into Washington Dulles Airport and spend time in Winchester and Berryville. A flyer listing the activities is included in this General Orders packet.
15. **2009 STATUE OF LIBERTY CELEBRATION:** will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. I encourage everyone to attend this memorable event. Preliminary plans are being made to join with the Departments of District of Columbia and West Virginia to hire a bus. Additional information will be in the October General Orders.
16. **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE:** Will be held November 6-8, 2009 in Corpus Christi, Texas. The room rate is \$99.00 per night for a single/double bayside room at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel. For reservations, call (361) 887-1600. Mention group name, "Veterans of Foreign Wars"; and meeting name, "Southern Conference".
17. **WINTER COUNCIL MEETING:** Will be held January 18-20, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Fort Magruder in Williamsburg at (800) 227-6963. The group room rate is \$67.00 for a single/double room. Please make your reservations by December 24, 2009 to ensure this low rate.
18. **ATTENTION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN:** Please send a copy of your August and September monthly promotional material to your National Director. Each Chairman was given her Director's name and address at the June Department Chairman School of Instructions.
19. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN:** Beginning with the October General Orders, a list of those Auxiliaries NOT REPORTED will be provided by each Department Chairman in her promotional material. If you report an activity as soon as it is completed, then your Auxiliary number will not be on the listing. Be sure to send your reports to the 2009-2010 Program Chairmen, using the 2009-2010 report forms as they have the current chairmen's' name and address.
20. **DEPARTMENT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION** for the District Presidents and Deputy Chiefs of Staff was very successful. I thank all the District Presidents and the District Deputy Chiefs of Staff who attended this important meeting held July 18 at the VFW Virginia Headquarters in Staunton. Special thanks to our Department Secretary Susie DeShano and Assistant Secretary Debbie Weekley who provided the handbooks and other resource materials for the attendees. PDP Dee Guillory and all the Line Officers did a wonderful job giving additional information to our District's leaders; and our Membership Chairman Robin Milewski provided a fun ending to the day. Our Department has outstanding officers at all levels and I know we will have a successful year because of you, the members, and those officers you have elected as your leaders for 2009-2010.
21. **DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:** District Presidents, if you want any of the 2009-2010 Department Line Officers to assist you at your District's School of Instructions, please call

Department President Kathy Birch, (540) 955-3311 at least two weeks prior to your school.

Sisters, this year will be an exciting one for our organization. ***It's Time for America's Military Heroes*** and we are ***Supporting our Legacy of Freedom***. Every day, we the members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW honor our brave military men and women who serve or have served our country. Thank you.

By Order of

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Birch".

Kathleen Birch
Department President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda DeShano".

Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

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September, 2009

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Deputy Chief of Staff:** for District 5, Marilyn Hinchman, 2140 Laurel Fork Road, Laurel Fork, VA 24352. Phone Number (276) 398- 3590. E-Mail hinchman2@wiredog.com
- **New Meeting Day:** for Jacob J. Pearson Auxiliary 637, 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- **New President:** for Augusta-Staunton Auxiliary 2216, Daisy Huff, 130 Red Oaks Drive, Staunton, VA 24401.
- **New Secretary:** for Augusta-Staunton Auxiliary 2216, Jean Veronesi, 105 Harper Court, Staunton, VA 24401.
- **New Treasurer:** for Colonel Samuel R Millar Auxiliary 1860, Fran Simmons, 76 Eldridge Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630, Phone 540-636-9235.

Calendar Update

- **National Convention:** August 15-20, 2009, Phoenix, AZ.
- **COA Meeting:** September 26, Mechanicsville, VA.
- **National President's Homecoming:** September 17-20, 2009, Myrtle Beach, SC. For further info contact Department Secretary, Susie DeShano.
- **Statue of Liberty Birthday:** October 28, 2009, Liberty Island, NY.
- **Southern Conference:** November 5-8, 2009, Corpus Christi, TX. Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Room rate \$99.00 Call 361-887-1600. For further information contact Department Secretary.
- **Winter Council:** January 15-18, 2010, Williamsburg, VA. Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 800-227-6963. Room Rate \$67.00 Hotel Reservation deadline is December 24, 2009.

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	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 176, Newport News
	Rep:	TBA

8th	Date	10/25/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 2524, Culpeper
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

2nd	Date	8/29/2009
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 392, Virginia Beach
	Rep:	Jr. Vice President Robin Milewski

9th	Date	9/20/2009
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 1184, Pulaski
	Rep:	Past Department President Mary Proffitt

3rd	Date	9/12/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Location	3rd District Headquarters
	Rep:	Chaplain Cathy Graham

10th	Date	9/13/2009
	Lunch	12:00 noon
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location:	Post 8241, McLean
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

4th	Date	8/8/2009
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 7059, Farmville
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

11th	Date	9/13/2009
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.,
	Meeting	12:30 a.m.
	Location	Post 1499, Lexington
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

5th	Date	8/29/2009
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 4637, Martinsville
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

12th	Date	9/12/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 1994, Abingdon
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

6th	Date	8/9/2009
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	VAMC Salem, Bldg. 5
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

13th	Date	10/11/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 8947, Mineral
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

7th	Date	9/13/2009
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 1860, Front Royal
	Rep:	Conductress Laine Beckwith

National President Jan Tittle Visits Virginia

October 1-3, 2009

Thursday, October 1

- 11:55 a.m.: Jan arrives at Dulles International Airport. If you plan to go to the airport, meet us at the Delta Airlines baggage claim
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch at Magnolia's at the Mill Restaurant 198 N. 21st Street, Purcellville, VA
- Hotel: George Washington Hotel in downtown Winchester, VA at 130 E. Piccadilly Street.
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Violino Ristorante Italiano, 181 N. Loudoun Street on the downtown walking mall

Friday, October 2

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be in the George Washington Hotel, followed by a tour of the area's special attractions.
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Lone Oak Restaurant, located in White Post on Route 340 South at Route 50 East.
- 1:00 p.m. Historic Long Branch Tour in Millwood, Virginia. Cost is \$6.00 per person; comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary VFW 9760 Berryville Reception The Ladies Auxiliary of Clarke County Memorial VFW Post 9760, will host a reception/dinner in celebration of Jan's visit. The VFW comrades, friends and community members are also invited to attend this event. Jan's colors are pink and burgundy; if you have an outfit in either color, wear it in honor of our National President. Directions are on reverse side of this flyer.

Saturday, October 3

- 10:00 a.m. A tour of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, the Glen Burnie House and gardens, and the adjacent Civil War battlefield. The Museum is located in Winchester, Virginia at 901 Amherst Street. Cost: \$10.00 per person/group rate.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch in the Tea Room located in the museum.
- 2:00 p.m. Following lunch, Jan will be driven to the West Virginia/Virginia line on Route 340 North, to be greeted by the members of the West Virginia Ladies Auxiliary and their President, Tish VonWald and transported to Charles Town, West Virginia.
- 6:00 p.m. The Departments of Virginia and West Virginia will host a joint event at the Charles Town



Races and Slots. A reception will be in the Skyline Ballroom located on the third floor; followed by dinner and a special race in Jan's honor. Everyone is invited to attend this fun event. Be ready to eat, gamble, and visit with Jan. Cost: Prepaid dinner reservations only, \$25 per person, checks payable to Ann Rock, W.V. Visit Chairman, 275 Mason Drive, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Questions: Call Ann at (304) 876-3184. Reservations with payment due by Monday, September 27.

The dress for the tours in Winchester and Millwood is business casual with comfortable shoes. The dress for the dinner/reception at Berryville VFW Post 9760 and the Charles Town Race Track Reception is business dress. I hope each of you will attend one or more of these events and meet our National President.

Hotel information:

Winchester: The George Washington, a Wyndham Historic Hotel, at 130 E Piccadilly Street. Reservations: A block of rooms has been reserved at \$99 for double occupancy (normally \$149). Call Kathy Birch, (540) 955-3311 to reserve one of these special-priced rooms.

Charles Town, West Virginia: Inn at Charles Town Race Track - \$149/night, (304) 885-5800; Holiday Inn Express - \$129/night, (888) 897-0084.

Members: If you would like to give Jan a gift, smaller, easy to ship items are advisable. A card and a monetary gift would be nice. Jan is very personable and really loves to visit with the members; when you come to one of the planned events, please be sure to take the time to talk with her. (In lieu of flowers, Jan asks that you please make a donation to the Cancer Aid & Research Fund.)

DIRECTIONS TO EVENTS

Lone Oak Restaurant and Historic Long Branch Tour

From Winchester, Virginia: Take exit 313 to Route 50 East. Travel approximately 10 miles to the intersection of Route 340 North/South. (Sheetz Gas Station will be on your left). Turn right onto 340 South, the Lone Oak Restaurant is one block from Route 50 East. Long Branch is off of Route 50 East. From the Restaurant, travel approximately 6 additional miles to Route 624/Red Gate Road. At the T, turn right and follow signs to Long Branch.

VFW Post 9760, 425 S. Buckmarsh Street, Berryville

From Central or Southeast Virginia, take I-95 North to Fredericksburg; take exit 133 towards Warrenton on Route 17 North to I-66. At Delaplane, take exit for Route 17 North to Route 50. Turn left onto Route 50 West, go over the Blue Ridge Mountains to Route 340 North (light is at McDonalds/Sheetz Gas Station) turn right towards Berryville. Travel approximately 7 miles. The Post is outside of town the left at the top of a hill. (VFW sign at bottom of driveway) There is a lighted VFW sign at the bottom of the lane. **From Southwest or Central Virginia,** take 64 to I-81 to Exit 315 to Berryville, on Route 7 East. Travel 8 miles to Route 7 Business exit, turn onto Route 340 S or S. Buckmarsh Street. Go through Berryville. Travel approximately one mile from the light; the VFW Post is located on right at the top of the hill. (VFW sign at bottom of driveway)

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

From Winchester, Virginia: Travel through downtown Winchester on Piccadilly Street, turning left onto Washington Street. Travel 1 block to Amherst, turning right. (Amherst Street is Route 50 West.) Travel approximately 6 blocks, the Museum will be on the left at 901 Amherst Street.

Charles Town Races & Slots, Charles Town, WV

From Northern Virginia and Berryville: Take Route 7 West to Leesburg, over the Blue Ridge Mountains, to Berryville. Take the exit to Berryville/Charles Town staying to the right at the ramp onto Route 340 North. Proceed to Charles Town, approximately 15 miles. At the exit for Charles Town/Harpers Ferry, take the ramp right. Turn left at the light towards Charles Town. Travel 1 mile; the Race Track entrance will be on your right.

Karen Wagner, National President Visit Chairman
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karenw@cni-usda.org

TREASURERS

September, 2009

From: Mary V. Richards, Dept. Treasurer.
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Home Phone 757-961-5692 Cell 757-651-4813
Email - undbird@cox.net

To: **All Auxiliaries Treasurers:**

Each Auxiliary Treasurer must have a **Bound Treasurer Book**. Our National Supply office has the book that is needed. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK 12 column cash book that is a hardcover bound. Item# 4208 with a cost of \$25.00.

You can find this on Page 5 of your Ladies Auxiliary VFW Supply Catalog.

Each Auxiliary should have only one Bank Account. In that account you should have the following accounts. Your General Fund, Relief Fund, and Dues Fund (these are the ones that you must have). Many Auxiliary have other restricted fund such as Bingo Fund, Kitchen Fund etc.

Example: See Attached:

In looking over our Budget we have notice that we have had so returned check for members. We are charged from our bank for this return check fee. **The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Department of Virginia is going to charge a fee of \$25.00 for each returned check.** Please take notice of this. We don't have any trouble with Auxiliaries check these are personal check from Members.

AUDITS: I AM WRITING THIS AS OF AUGUST 6, 2009. During the transition of Treasure's some- thing have not gotten to the proper place. Audit that I don't have I would like you to send me a copy. Thank you very much for this inconvenience to you. First Quarter 2009 -- January-March 2009

District 3 9224
District 4 7059
District 6 7854
District 7 2123
District 9 7136, 9640

District 11 7814, 10826
District 12 1994, 6975, 8979, 10298
District 13 7638, 8169

Ladies I am not saying you have not done your audit, I am saying I don't have a copy.

Ladies I do have an audit that I received that has no Auxiliary Number, No District Number but has the names of the trustees - Nellie Murray and Ruby E Coalson. If this Auxiliary can get in touch with me I can give them credit.

Second Quarter April – June 2009

District 3	6364, 8046, 9224, 10387
District 4	2584, 5313, 7819, 8759
District 5	7568, 7800,
District 6	7854
District 9	7136, 9640
District 10	1503, 8241
District 11	2216, 4204, 7814, 9339
District 12	1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 10298
District 13	1827, 7638, 8169, 8947, 10574

TREASURERS: NEW MEMBERS:

When you take in a new member you have them fill out 2 applications cards. After they are brought up at your auxiliary meeting and are voted on you make this member a Membership Card. This is the card that you give the member that she shows that she is a member. This form is a (3) part form. The top part goes to the Member. The Middle part is the Auxiliary record of this Membership; **NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BOTTOM.** This part must be fill out by the Auxiliary Treasurer and sent to the Department Treasurer with the second copy of the application card. **In many case's this is not being done.** The Department keeps the application card for their records and the part 3 of the membership card is sent on to National.

If there is anything I can help you with please feel free to call or e-mail me and I will do what I can to help. Thanks for all the good work you do for the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW.

Date	CK #	Description	Check Book		General Fund		Dues Fund		Relief Fund		Cancer Insurance		Restricted Fund	
			Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
		Beginning Balance	\$5,000.00		\$3,500.00		\$0.00		\$1,460.00		\$40.00			
5-Jul		Dues = Mary Jane	\$20.00		\$7.00		\$9.00				\$4.00			
		Dues = Ellen Smith	\$20.00		\$7.00		\$9.00				\$4.00			
		Buddy Poppy Money	\$500.00						\$500.00					
8-Jul	1234	LAVFW Dept - Dues		\$18.00				\$18.00						
	1235	Sue- Member Destress		\$50.00						\$50.00				
	1236	Stamps for Chaplain		\$44.00						\$44.00				
	1237	Stamps for Dues Notice		\$44.00		\$44.00								
15-Jul		Fund Raiser Cancer	\$57.25										\$57.25	Cancer
		Fund Raiser PAC	\$25.50										\$25.50	PAC
		Dues = Joyce West	\$20.00		\$7.00		\$9.00				\$4.00			
		Award from Dpt	\$25.00		\$25.00									
	1238	LAVFW Dept-Cancer		\$57.25										\$57.25
	1239	VFW-PAC		\$25.50										\$25.50
		Dues for Member NH				\$13.00	\$9.00				\$4.00			
		Sues Members 75				\$130.00	\$90.00				\$40.00			
	1240	LAVFW Dept - Dues		\$108.00				\$108.00						
			\$5,667.75	\$346.75	\$3,546.00	\$187.00	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$1,960.00	\$94.00	\$96.00	\$0.00	\$82.75	\$82.75
Difference of Debit Minus Credit			\$5,321.00		\$3,359.00		\$0.00		\$1,866.00		\$96.00		\$0.00	
Beginning Balance comes from the difference of Debit minus Credit from the previous Month.														
DEBITS ---- Money you received .														
CREDITS ----Checks that you write.														
Dues Fund -- If you use this you will know that you have sent to the Dept the \$9.00 that you have collected from the member. It will also let you know														
if you sent someone dues in that has not paid. If you as a Auxiliary have voted on paying dues for Members over 75 years old or some that														
are in nursing homes you need to move the money from you General Fund to your Dues and Cancer Insurance Fund.														
Cancer insurance - All Auxiliaries does not have Cancer Insurance. If you are an Auxiliary that has Cancer Insurance you must keep that money in a														
restricted fund. The amount the the Insurance that you have comes out of the persons annual dues.														
Example: Annual Dues is \$20.00 \$9.00 of that is National/Dept Dues \$4.00 is Cancer Insurance so you have \$13.00 that goes to your General Fund.														
Restricted Fund: This is a fund that you keep the money your Auxiliary has voted on at a meeting to a Special Project. This is money that you will														
be writing a check out of your account to the proper program.														

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Auxiliary	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital			Special Project	National Military	X = Audit Received by Department Treasurer by the due date				District Dues Due to District Treasurer By 9-30-2009	
	8-13-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT PAID	1-1-09 thru 3-31-09	4-1-09 thru 6-30-09	7-1-09 thru 9-30-09	10-1-09 thru 12-31-09	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID
176	16	34	47.06%	\$ 68.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 11.90	
824	24	20	120.00%	\$ 40.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 7.00	
3219	117	205	57.07%	\$ 410.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 71.75	
5500	33	33	100.00%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00				\$ 100.00	x	x			\$ 11.55	
6002	31	61	50.82%	\$ 122.00				\$ 35.00					x	X			\$ 21.35	
7167	66	81	81.48%	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			x	x			\$ 28.35	
Total - District 1	287	434	66.13%	\$ 868.00	\$ 228.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00						
392	248	323	76.78%	\$ 646.00	\$ 646.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 80.75	\$ 80.75
993	47	90	52.22%	\$ 180.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 22.50	
3160	227	278	81.65%	\$ 556.00	\$ 556.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 69.50	
4411	34	51	66.67%	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 12.75	
4809	246	341	72.14%	\$ 682.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 85.25	
8545	14	30	46.67%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 7.50	
9382	34	58	58.62%	\$ 116.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 14.50	
Total - District 2	850	1171	72.59%	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 1,304.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 245.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -						
1426	0	25	0.00%	\$ 50.00				\$ 35.00									\$ 8.75	
2239	80	91	87.91%	\$ 182.00		\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 31.85	
4639	36	38	94.74%	\$ 76.00	\$ 76.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 13.30	
6364	29	45	64.44%	\$ 90.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 15.75	
8046	93	58	160.34%	\$ 116.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 20.30	
8356	2	28	7.14%	\$ 56.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 9.80	
9224	0	23	0.00%	\$ 46.00				\$ 35.00									\$ 8.05	
9501	3	42	7.14%	\$ 84.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 14.70	
9808	70	157	44.59%	\$ 314.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 54.95	
10387	17	36	47.22%	\$ 72.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 12.60	
10654	24	33	72.73%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 11.55	
10657	14	29	48.28%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.15	
Total - District 3	368	605	60.83%	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 142.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 420.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						

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622	19	47	40.43%	\$ 94.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 4.70	
637	11	74	14.86%	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x				
2584	7	35	20.00%	\$ 70.00				\$ 35.00					x					
5313	24	34	70.59%	\$ 68.00				\$ 35.00					x					
7059	59	62	95.16%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00					x				
7166	64	88	72.73%	\$ 176.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
7819	36	76	47.37%	\$ 152.00				\$ 35.00					x					
7897	0	2	0.00%	\$ 4.00				\$ 35.00										
8048	4	27	14.81%	\$ 54.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
8163	19	72	26.39%	\$ 144.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
8759	12	52	23.08%	\$ 104.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
8902	0	12	0.00%	\$ 24.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
9855	8	30	26.67%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
9954	194	198	97.98%	\$ 396.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
Total - District 4	457	809	56.49%	\$ 1,618.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 490.00	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
647	51	103	49.51%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	x	x			\$ 36.05	
1115	129	456	28.29%	\$ 912.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 159.60	
2820	0	12	0.00%	\$ 24.00				\$ 35.00									\$ 4.20	
4637	9	51	17.65%	\$ 102.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 17.85	
7568	4	30	13.33%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.50	
7726	115	159	72.33%	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 55.65	
7800	3	27	11.11%	\$ 54.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 9.45	
8243	11	60	18.33%	\$ 120.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 21.00	
8467	42	53	79.25%	\$ 106.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 18.55	
Total - District 5	364	951	38.28%	\$ 1,902.00	\$ 524.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315.00	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00						
1033	35	104	33.65%	\$ 208.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 36.40	
1264	57	63	90.48%	\$ 126.00	\$ 135.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 22.05	
1444	28	39	71.79%	\$ 78.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 13.65	
1841	19	56	33.93%	\$ 112.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 19.60	
2157	15	53	28.30%	\$ 106.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 18.55	
4522	13	56	23.21%	\$ 112.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 19.60	
5311	22	46	47.83%	\$ 92.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 16.10	
7854	13	30	43.33%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.50	

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Total - District 6	202	447	45.19%	\$ 894.00	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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621	90	108	83.33%	\$ 216.00	\$ 216.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 300.00	x	x			\$ 54.00	
1860	82	154	53.25%	\$ 308.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 77.00	
2123	21	84	25.00%	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00			x			\$ 42.00	
2447	58	83	69.88%	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 41.50	
8613	8	77	10.39%	\$ 154.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 38.50	
9292	1	33	3.03%	\$ 66.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 16.50	
9660	63	82	76.83%	\$ 164.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 41.00	
9760	49	184	26.63%	\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
9872	0	29	0.00%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 14.50	
Total - District 7	372	834	44.60%	\$ 1,668.00	\$ 918.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 300.00						
2524	23	63	36.51%	\$ 126.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 22.05	
3103	89	111	80.18%	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00			x	x			\$ 38.85	
7589	51	63	80.95%	\$ 126.00		\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 22.05	
Total - District 8	163	237	68.78%	\$ 474.00	\$ 222.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -						
1184	28	40	70.00%	\$ 80.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 14.00	
4667	84	133	63.16%	\$ 266.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 46.55	
6000	69	113	61.06%	\$ 226.00	\$ 250.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 39.55	
7136	20	59	33.90%	\$ 118.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 20.65	
7328	11	30	36.67%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.50	
7969	18	32	56.25%	\$ 64.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 11.20	
9640	18	38	47.37%	\$ 76.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00						x			\$ 13.30	
9696	51	134	38.06%	\$ 268.00	\$ 278.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 46.90	
Total - District 9	299	579	51.64%	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 592.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
609	22	30	73.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 10.50	
1503	277	358	77.37%	\$ 716.00	\$ 716.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 125.30	
3150	124	161	77.02%	\$ 322.00	\$ 322.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 56.35	
7327	108	142	76.06%	\$ 284.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 49.70	
7916	61	102	59.80%	\$ 204.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 35.70	
8241	27	43	62.79%	\$ 86.00				\$ 35.00					x				\$ 15.05	
9274	46	62	74.19%	\$ 124.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 21.70	
9478	26	26	100.00%	\$ 52.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 9.10	
Total - District 10	691	924	74.78%	\$ 1,848.00	\$ 1,098.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						

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632	174	224	77.68%	\$ 448.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 56.00	
1499	43	80	53.75%	\$ 160.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 20.00	
2216	62	142	43.66%	\$ 284.00				\$ 35.00					X				\$ 35.50	
2424	25	40	62.50%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		X	X			\$ 10.00	
3136	7	19	36.84%	\$ 38.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 4.75	
4204	4	42	9.52%	\$ 84.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 10.50	
7814	6	21	28.57%	\$ 42.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 5.25	
8279	5	26	19.23%	\$ 52.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 6.50	
8644	52	103	50.49%	\$ 206.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 25.75	
9339	32	52	61.54%	\$ 104.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 13.00	
9480	11	22	50.00%	\$ 44.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 5.50	
10826	8	14	57.14%	\$ 28.00				\$ 35.00						X			\$ 3.50	
Total - District 11	429	785	54.65%	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 420.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -						
1994	37	36	102.78%	\$ 72.00				\$ 35.00										
3782	24	21	114.29%	\$ 42.00				\$ 35.00					X	X				
6975	11	95	11.58%	\$ 190.00				\$ 35.00										
8652	6	31	19.35%	\$ 62.00				\$ 35.00					X					
8979	4	40	10.00%	\$ 80.00				\$ 35.00										
9600	13	54	24.07%	\$ 108.00				\$ 35.00					X					
9830	6	29	20.69%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00					X	X				
10298	0	2	0.00%	\$ 4.00				\$ 35.00										
10310	0	23	0.00%	\$ 46.00				\$ 35.00					X	X				
Total - District 12	101	331	30.51%	\$ 662.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						

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1827	31	77	40.26%	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x				\$ 26.95	
2217	10	19	52.63%	\$ 38.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 6.65	
7638	39	45	86.67%	\$ 90.00	\$ 92.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00									\$ 15.75	
8169	31	35	88.57%	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00			\$ 35.00									\$ 12.25	
8436	0	29	0.00%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.15	
8947	23	60	38.33%	\$ 120.00				\$ 35.00					x				\$ 21.00	
10574	23	110	20.91%	\$ 220.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 38.50	
Total - District 13	157	375	41.87%	\$ 750.00	\$ 316.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						

Members at large	74	81	91.36%
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	8-6-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT PAID
Total - VIRGINIA	4,814	8,563	56.22%	\$ 16,964.00	\$ 5,831.00	\$ 436.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 600.00

District Percentages				
Place	District	8-13-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage
1st	10	691	924	74.78%
2nd	2	850	1171	72.59%
3rd	8	163	237	68.78%
4th	1	287	434	66.13%
5th	3	368	605	60.83%
6th	4	457	809	56.49%
7th	11	429	784	54.72%
8th	9	299	579	51.64%
9th	6	202	447	45.19%
10th	7	372	834	44.60%
11th	13	157	375	41.87%
12th	5	364	951	38.28%
13th	12	101	331	30.51%

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Members At Large	74	81	91.36%
Department' s Total	4814	8,563	56.22%

Chaplain's Report ***September 2009***

Cathy Graham
9691 Lindenbrook St,
Fairfax, VA 22031

e-mail: grahamcrouchc@msn.com

The following cards were mailed from June 23, 2009 through August 8, 2009:

SYMPATHY CARDS

Linda Meador (PNP) 19 Canterbury Rd, Concord, NH 03301 - Loss of
Mother Gloria Colby
Family of Madeline T. Fogarty #2524 309 Jenkins Ave, Culpeper, VA 22701
Norine Bodkins #2524 16554 Mt Run Lane, Culpeper, VA 22701 - Loss of Son
Sylvia Painter #3150 16274 Vasquez Canyon RD #92, Canyon Country, CA 91351 -
Loss of Husband Ron Painter
Virginia LePage #3150 Culpeper Gardens #539, 4435 N. Pershing Dr, Arlington, VA
22203 - Loss of Husband Jack LePage
Sandy Germany (PNP) 13230 Alabama St, Elberth, AL 36530 – Loss of Grandson
Cyndi Patterson #392 917 Hanson Dr., Newport News, Va 23602 – Loss of Father
Linda Steinway #1503 6090 Ozack Ct, Woodbridge, VA 22193 – Loss of
Mother Jerry Knighton
Kathy Ramage # 4411 1161 Nanesmond Pkwy Lot #87 Suffolk, VA 23434 – Loss of
Mother Rosa Cook
Denise Redden (Pres AL) 617 Lee Rd 283, Salem, AL 36874 – Death of Sister
Michael Sessoms #176 188 Beechmont Dr, Newport News, VA 23608 – Death of
Mother Delores Sessoms
Family of Nancy Smith #7726 95 Poole Place, Independence, VA 24348
Ceora Carrico #7726 369 Valley View Dr., Vine Grove, KY – Death of Husband
Ethel Kegley #7726 1263 Cardinal Rd., Galax, VA 24333– Death of Husband
Thelma Hall # 9954 1616 5th St. Victoria, VA 23974 – Death of Son Johnny Hall
Everette Cox #1115 72 River Hill Rd., Hillsville, VA 24333 – Death of Wife
Alene Ayers #1115 121 Wildcat Rd., Hillsville, VA 24343 – Death of Mother
Imogene Henley #1115 394 Timberline Dr., Galax, VA 24333 – Death of Husband
Fern Hill #1115 2437 Forest Oak Rd., Woodlawn, VA 24381 – Death of Husband
Louise Harmon #1115 PO Box 786, Hillsville, VA 24343 – Death of Sister
Lorna Beaulieu #5500 828 Berkshire Tre., Hampton, VA 23666 – Death of Companion
Larry Matera (PDC)

GET WELL CARDS

Carolyn Bradshaw # 7589 11913 Bluebird Ln, Catharpin, VA 20143 – Broken Vertebrae
and Wrist
Larry Matera (PDC) #5500 828 Berkshire Tre., Hampton, VA 23666 - Hospitalized

THINKING OF YOU

Tina Brown #392 1150 Broadlawn Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 – Surgery
Ora Ward #7726 443 Brookwood Dr., Bristol, TN 37620 – Unable to stay home alone

For those who would like to be added to the e-mail Chaplain alert list, please send me an e-mail at the above address. All notifications should be sent to the above address.

The Navy Hymn

Eternal Father strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Americanism 2009 - 2010
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA.

September 2009 General Orders

To: Department President; PDP's; District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents and all Americanism Chairmen.

From: Laura Dianne Absher
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Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116
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The Auxiliary President's Handbook and Reference Guide contained the information of the Americanism as well as copy of the Report Form for 2009 – 2010. Please make sure that the information is given to your Americanism Chairmen so that they can make plans for upcoming campaigns.

Calendar of Events for September:

Patriot Day: Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11. Patriot Day is held in memory of nearly 3000 people who died during terrorist attacks in New York, Washington DC and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in the United States. Flags may be flown at half-staff from sunrise until sunset. Appropriate ceremonies and activities may include a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. EDT, candlelight vigils and or remembrance services.

Constitution Day: - Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on September 17. This event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787. It also recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become US citizens. On this day US citizens remember the blessings of liberty and are recognized for holding the responsibilities of citizenship. Contact your local schools and ask for them to allow the Preamble to the Constitution to be read by a student during the morning announcements. This would be an ideal day for the social studies classes to focus on the Constitution for their lesson.

POW/MIA Day: 3rd Friday of September (09/18/09) – is an opportunity to commemorate publicly the contributions of living veterans. POW/MIA Recognition Day honors the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is one of the six days specified by law, **including Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day**, on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices and military installations. Take a moment to remember our missing soldiers and those held as prisoners of war. Write your senators and congressmen to urge increased efforts towards bringing every service man and woman home. Recognize those businesses or individuals that fly the POW/MIA flag daily.

I am looking forward to receiving your reports, as of 8/10/09 the following Auxiliaries have reported:

District 3 – 6364

District 5 -7726

District 6 – 1033 (first reported); 1264

District 11 – 9339

The report form to be used for this year will be found on the following page. Please make as many copies as you need and send them to me no later than the 10th of the month in order to show reported.

The rewards to be given at Winter Conference and at the convention will be listed in the October General Orders.

Themes

“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”.

- National President Jan Tittle

“Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom”.

- Department President Kathy Birch

Sisters, working together I know we will have a great year!

Laura Dianne

Americanism

Report Form 2009-2010

Date: __/__/__ Auxiliary # _____ District _____
President or Chairman _____
Phone # ____-____-_____

1. Did your Auxiliary conduct any special Patriotic Programs at schools? _____
Details: _____
2. Did your Auxiliary conduct any projects that American Flags were presented? _____
Number of American Flags presented (at least 2 in. x 3 in. or larger): _____
Details: _____
3. Did your Auxiliary participate in a POW/MIA program? _____
Number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2 in. or 3 in. or larger): _____
Details: _____
4. Did your Auxiliary sponsor an Americanism contest (essays, posters, scrapbooks, coloring projects, etc.)
preschool through grade 5? _____
Details: _____
5. Did your Auxiliary present certificates to businesses or citizens in recognition of displaying the U.S. or
POW/MIA flags? _____
Details: _____
6. Did your Auxiliary ___ or VFW ___ participate in a Loyalty Day program? (Check both if it was a combined
program).
Details: _____
7. Did your Auxiliary participate in the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award? ___
Details: _____
8. Did your Auxiliary participate in any other Americanism activity (i.e. flag retirement program; Veterans in the
Classroom programs; Pledge of Allegiance programs with youth; "Get out and Vote" program; Patriotic
Literature Distributed)? _____
Details: _____

Describe any other Patriotic Program you held or participated in.

Fill out any of the above that apply. Use the back of the page, if necessary give complete details. Reports must be received no later than the 9th of the month or you will not be reported until the following month.

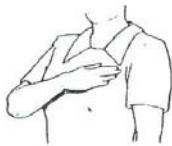
Send reports to: Laura Dianne Absher, Chairman
9241 Swannanoa Trail
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116
Phone: 804-746-1793
E-mail: Lcabsher@verizon.net



Understanding Auxiliary Traditions

WELCOME! We know when you first join our Auxiliary it can be overwhelming. We want you to have this guide to help you learn about our ritual and what the things we do mean. Please ask us if you have any questions. Thank you for becoming a part of our cause: **to aid and assist America's hero's, OUR VETERANS with the "tradition of caring".**

SALUTE



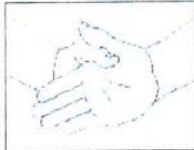
- ★ During our Ritualistic meeting, the President will say "Salute" when the flags enter and leave the room as well as when we say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem. Salute the Flag by placing the palm of the right hand flat over the heart.
- ★ During Auxiliary meetings, the heart salute shall be used at all times where salute is used.
- ★ When the Flag is displayed, and the National Anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the Flag and salute.
- ★ When the Flag **IS NOT** displayed and the National Anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the music and salute.

ATTENTION

- ★ Attention in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States means hands at side, head up with eyes looking straight ahead.



PARADE REST



- ★ The left foot is moved slightly to the side while bringing the arms to the small of the back. Clasp the left thumb in the right hand. The head is bowed slightly during the prayer.

RAPS OF THE GAVEL

One rap of gavel—Attention
Two raps of gavel—Arise
Three raps of gavel—Be Seated



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Gail

BANNER

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

Ladies, this is my first of many General Orders that you will receive from me this year. I actually wrote this the day after coming back from the Convention.

I have been thinking about the awards ceremony on Thursday evening and the awards as they were given out at other times throughout the weekend. Awards are what we work for all year. This is the time we are recognized for what we have accomplished. I remember the first time being at Convention as the upcoming President for my Auxiliary. What a rush it is to hear your Auxiliary being announced as a winner of an award!!! And if your Auxiliary made the effort to work really hard throughout the year, you might even have your Auxiliary announced again! This gets addicting! It was five years ago when I went to my first convention. Most of what was happening, I didn't understand. So I just absorbed it, hoping at some point in time I would begin to "see the big picture". Well, eventually I did!

This is what can happen when you report the activities your auxiliary does! But you have to give the details of what you're doing to the chairmen. Be specific when you report. Give as many details as you can. Our chairmen only know what you tell them. Send pictures if they'll let you! I believe our chairmen really enjoy reading what you're doing.

SO TELL IT ALL! TOOT YOUR OWN HORN!

There are a few **changes** to the Banner Program this year. By now you should have or will soon be having your District School of Instruction. It was proposed and accepted at Convention that the Auxiliary President, Treasurer or Secretary must attend the Dist. School of Instruction. This is now a Banner requirement. The District Secretary will report this to me.

Concerning audits, it is written more clearly as to when the audits need to be to the Department Treasurer, Mary Richards. The audits must be to her by the last day of the following month after the audit.

The **BANNER PROGRAM** is strictly a Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary program with certain requirements to be completed by the Auxiliaries in a specified amount of time. A program set up to include all National Programs and contributions. These requirements were presented at the June 2009 Department Convention and accepted by the Delegates. But there are some changes. So please take notice. Changes in the Banner Program are on the Banner Requirements page on the back of this sheet.

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2009 – MARCH 31, 2010

This time frame is the period of time the Auxiliaries have to participate in programs and report to the Department Chairmen. Get those reports to the chairmen by March 31, 2010.

AWARDS: (To be presented at the June 2010 Department Convention)

BANNER: A Pennant for **2009-2010** year will be given to each Auxiliary completing **ALL BANNER REQUIREMENTS**, in the allowed time.

CITATION: for the **2009-2010** year will be given to all Auxiliaries who complete **ALL** Banner Requirements, **except Membership**.

CANCER AID AND RESEARCH
2009-2010
“Supporting Our Legacy Of Freedom”

Date: September 2009

To: District & Auxiliary Presidents and Cancer Aid
Chairmen.

Cc: Vivian Bernotas, National Director

Sherry Jiles, Southern States Director

From: Billie Jean Mull, Chairman Department of Virginia

I am so excited to see our ladies getting down to business when it comes to fighting this disease called cancer. I have already received several reports from across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Most of them are reporting that they have sent their \$2.00/ per member cancer donations and that is great! Now let's get busy fundraising and getting the word out about our Postdoctoral Research Fellowship.

National Director, Vivian Bernotas says, WE ARE going to raise \$3.5 million this year. Southern Sates Director, Sherry Jiles thinks Southern Conference should lead this endeavor and I agree. Both ladies have excellent fund raising ideals.

Sherry suggests each Auxiliary make and sells colored bows to raise cancer awareness in their Post homes. The colors for the bows should be as follows: Purple--general & pancreatic cancer, pink--breast cancer, Orange--leukemia, yellow--liver cancer, teal-- uterine, cervical or ovarian cancer, gold---children's cancers, blue--stomach, colon, or prostate cancer and green--kidney or lymphoma cancer. She also suggested we wear the pink cancer bracelets showing that the Southern Conference has banded together for Cancer Aid and Research. I will have these bracelets for sale at COA & Department meetings.

Sisters, when you apply for a cancer grant and you have filled out the form and you have the doctor fill out their part, PLEASE !!! Do Not Send The Form To Me. This will only delay your grant. All I can do is put it another envelope and forward it to National. The address is on the front of the form. Only send the paperwork they ask for.

September is "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" and many of the men that we celebrate during the year of "It's Time for America's Military Heroes" will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please take the time to reach out to our Military Heroes and educate them in the signs and symptoms of prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is one of the most treatable and curable cancers known to man. There is no reason for any man to suffer and die from this disease if diagnosed and treated properly.

Most cases of prostate cancer occur in men over 50 and more than 70% are in men over age 65. Prostate cancer can usually be found in its early stages by having a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and a digital rectal exam (DRE). These are usually done on a yearly exam. Prostate cancer left undiagnosed and untreated will usually spread to the bone, causing numerous fractures of the spine, hips and legs.

If you need information please contact your family doctor or the American Cancer Society.

REMEMBER : Cancer is a word not a sentence

DEPARTMENT AWARDS & CITATIONS

1. Citation and check to Auxiliary with the Best Promotion of the Post-doctoral Cancer Research Fellowship to a cancer institution
2. Citation and Award to the Auxiliary for the best promotion of the Cancer Grant Program
3. Citation and Award for the Auxiliary for over-all cancer reporting

Ladies, if I can help you in any way, please feel free to call me and I will assist you in getting the info or help you need. I believe we can reach our goal of \$3.5 million and we can make cancer a disease of the past.



***“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”
“Supporting our Legacy of Freedom”***

Communities across the state are bustling this time of year. Schools are open and students are settling in. Police, fire, and safety personnel are working hard to keep us safe and secure. Local organizations are planning and preparing for a variety of fall events and activities.

As all of this activity is going on, volunteers are very busy helping in a wide variety of ways to help and improve their community. The VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary do their part for our veterans and the community by volunteering. Sisters, as you volunteer, remind those around you of the privileges they enjoy because of the sacrifices of our veterans. Sit in on and participate in planning meetings with the Post. Be prepared to offer suggested activities and events.



An event that shouts Community Service is Make a Difference Day on Saturday October 24, 2009! With this being a weekend, there are so many activities that you can plan. In fact, make it a week-long celebration of making a difference. Have a final celebration and event on Saturday. Some suggested activities:

- Carnival
- Adopt-A-Spot cleanup
- Food Bank Drive
- Cookout
- Hold a bike safety class
- Helping at a Nursery school or Senior Center
- Banquet honoring local heroes
- Clothing Drive for the needy
- Start a sewing circle

Certificates will be presented at the Winter Council of Administration to each auxiliary who participates in Make A Difference Day and reported on it by December 15, 2009. Remember that an award will be given at the June 2010 Department Convention for Award to the auxiliary with the most unique event and celebration of Make a Difference Day.



Veterans History Project: District Presidents have a field kit to explain the requirements for this wonderful project. In conjunction with the Library of Congress, your help is needed to create a Living History of America’s War Veterans. Ask for a copy of the forms, become familiar with the requirements, and work together to submit the story of veterans in your community. What a wonderful tribute to each veteran and a great gift to our nation.



Wreaths Across America: December 12, 2009 is the day when wreaths will be placed on graves at each national veterans cemetery across the country. Virginia has 22 such cemeteries. Wreaths are purchased from the Wreaths Across America Headquarters in Harrington, Maine at \$15.00 each. For those that participated last year, you know that many more wreaths were needed at each site. Auxiliaries are encouraged to place orders for wreaths early. Cemetery locations and Point of Contact for each are:

CITY	CEMETERY	LOCATION ID	LOCATION LEADER
Alexandria	Alexandria National Cemetery	VAANCA	Patrick Gallagher, 703-360-4543
Amelia	VA Veterans Cemetery at Amelia	VAVCAM	Bernie Lawson, 804-382-6390
Arlington	Arlington National Cemetery	ARLINGTON	Wayne Hanson, Wreaths Across America HQ at 207-483-2039, driftabit@aol.com
Culpeper	Culpeper National Cemetery	VACNCC	Keith Chase, 703-893-1823
Danville	Danville National Cemetery	VADNCD	Ben Nobles, 434-579-1313
Hampton	Hampton National Cemetery	VAHNCV	Anyone who answers, 757-723-7104
	Hampton VA National Cemetery – VAMC	VAHVAH	Anyone who answers, 757-723-7104
Hopewell	City Point National Cemetery	VACPNH	Jean Mull, 804-733-1131

Leesburg	Union Cemetery	VAUNCL	Maj. Jeffrey can Etten, 703-808-1200
	Balls Bluff National Cemetery	VABBNL	Robert Dawson, 703-499-6169 Robert.dawson@invan.com
Lynchburg	Old City Cemetery Museums & Arboretum	VAOCCL	Rachel Shenigo, 434-384-7041
Mechanicsville	Cold Harbor National Cemetery	VACHNM	Anyone who answers, 804-795-1064
Powell Valley	Powell Valley Veterans Memorial Gardens	VAPVVM	Mrs. Joyce Palmer, 276-565-3512
Richmond	Richmond National Cemetery	VARNCR	Rocky Angone, 804-796-6626 rjangone@yahoo.com
	Fort Harrison National Cemetery	VAFHNR	Kevin Cheeseman, 804-236-0939 804-402-0656
	Glendale National Cemetery	VAGNCR	Anyone who answers, 757-723-7104
Salem	Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium	VASMBS	Vicki Sword, 540-375-3004 vsword@salemva.gov
Sandston	Seven Pine National Cemetery	VASPNS	Joan Martin, 804-795-2801
Staunton	Staunton National Cemetery	VASNCS	Lt. Greg Sykes, 540-241-4779
Suffolk	Albert Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery	VAHMS	Lt. Col. Dean Gould, 757-484-5760
Triangle	Quantico National Cemetery	VAQNTC	2Lt Maria Leon Guerrero, 540-785-3939 lgradets@yahoo.com
Winchester	Winchester National Cemetery	VAWNCW	Capt. C.J. Muncy, 540-551-9968
Yorktown	Yorktown National Cemetery	VAYNCY	Thomas Grund, Jr. 757-493-1725

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: in conjunction with PartyLite Candles, auxiliaries can raise money for WAA and their own auxiliary. District Presidents have order forms and a brochure for each auxiliary with the three choices of candles and scents to choose from. Auxiliaries are asked to place at least one order before November 15, 2009.

REMEMBER: All community service projects must be approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the minutes prior to doing any project. No individual participation can be counted as community service. Every auxiliary should work with the Post in reporting hour and dollars spent on each project. Auxiliaries are encouraged to present to the auxiliary meeting any and all projects.

In order to assist you with this year's program, the following resources are available:
 District President/District Program Chairman www.vfw.org
www.vfwdepartmentresources.org www.volunteermatch.org
www.usaweekend.com/diffday Veterans History Project: 1-888-371-5848
www.loc.gov/vets Local Media: newspapers, television, radio

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *"I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see."*
John Burroughs

Loyally,

Lorraine (Laine) Beckwith
 Community Service Chairman, Department of Virginia
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 Hampton, VA 23669
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THIS IS AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN!

Our Department President Kathy is incarcerated and can't be paroled until the Department reaches 100% in membership. I'm putting out an APB for any motivated member who wants to help organize a new Ladies Auxiliary. That's right...any member can do it. You don't have to be a District President or Deputy Chief of Staff, although they will be more than willing to help you make it happen.

Each of us knows there are Bachelor Posts our District. Introduce yourself to the Commander of that Post at your next District Meeting and start talking up the Ladies Auxiliary. Talk to the other members of that Post. Let them know what an asset an Auxiliary is to the Post and the community. If you find a Comrade who is receptive to the idea let the District President, Deputy Chief of Staff or me know. We'll help in any way we can to help you achieve each step in the organization and institution of a Ladies Auxiliary.

The first step, after finding that a Post is interested is two-thirds (2/3) of the Post members present at a stated meeting must vote in favor of having an Auxiliary. After all, a Post and Auxiliary work together as a team to support veterans and the community, so it stands to reason that a majority of the Post members must want an Auxiliary.

I will have contacted each Bachelor Post via "snail mail" by the end of the month. I am hoping to follow up by visiting as many Districts as my work schedule allows.

While we're working on new Auxiliaries let's not forget that each of us must help recruit new members as well as reinstate members who have dropped off our rosters and retain the members we already have. Do you always carry an application with you?

We must be active in **SUPPORTING OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM** by taking **TIME FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY HEROES**. Growing the Ladies Auxiliary ensures that the organization will remain strong, loud and proud.

Pat Baldwin PO Box 69 Rice VA 23966-0069 434-392-4630 (H) 434-607-1155 (C)

DEAR LADIES,
WE ARE SLOWLY GETTING OFF THE GROUND. YES! I KNOW ITS ONLY SEPT.
THERE ARE ACTIVITIES ABOUND COMING UP.
SO REMEMBER THE IMPORTANT WORDS THAT I WILL BE STRESSING
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? AND
WHY? ALL IMPORTANT WHEN TAKING PICTURES AND SENDING A
REPORT.

WHEN IT WAS "TIME" FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE WERE YOU THERE TO
TAKE PICTURES? WERE YOU "SUPPORTING OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM" IN
SOME WAY? I WILL SOON KNOW.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO FULL PARTICIPATION.

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR PICTURES, JUDGING ON THE CONTENT AND
INFORMATION RECEIVED.

FIRST PLACE-CITATION AND CHECK FOR \$35.00

SECOND PLACE- CITATION AND CHECK FOR \$30.00

THIRD PLACE- CITATION AND CHECK FOR \$20.00

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CITATION AND CHECK FOR \$15.00 AWARDED TO
THE JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT THAT PARTICIPATES.

THE "TIME" IS NOW!

LOYALTY,
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Submission for September, 2009

"It's time for America's Military Heroes" and "Supporting our Legacy of Freedom". This is our National President's and Department President's theme respectfully. These themes truly describe the need to support our heroes who are confined to a hospital, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Honoring and supporting.

There are so many ways to brighten their day. It's as simple as a visit, a smile on your face and a big "Thank you".

Besides the VA Medical Centers in our state, visits to veterans in civilian hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities can be reported.

One program that is very beneficial to our heroes is the **Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project.**

This project is a therapeutic writing program designed to acknowledge veteran's experiences and build self esteem through creative expression and possible publication in the Veteran's Voices which is published in March, July and October. Ask your VA Medical Center or contact HVWP Headquarters, 5920 Nall, Room 101, Mission, KS 66202 or visit www.veteransvoices.org for more information.

For our younger members there is the **James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship.** The applicants must be under age 20 that have completed at least 100 hours of scheduled volunteer service and be nominated by the medical center director. This could be a great project for our Junior Girls. Ask your local VA Medical Center for details.

As in past years we will be selecting **The Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year.** The nominee may be any Auxiliary member who serves as a Ladies Auxiliary VFW volunteer at any medical facility, not just the VA Medical centers. The entry forms will be on the Department of Virginia website or I can mail you one.

I will be providing more information about these programs and other ideas and suggestions in the upcoming General Orders.

Don't forget to send your Auxiliary check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to the Department of Virginia earmarked Hospital VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service). These funds are used to offset the expenses of our VAVS representatives.

LEGISLATIVE – PAC

Irene Peters, Chairman
Department of Virginia
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September 2009

Thank you, Sisters, for all that you do on behalf of our active military, National Guard, and reserve members. However, NOW is not the time to relax. With Congress in recess, you will find them in their district offices and/or traveling in their home states. It is a great time to schedule a meeting and discuss VFW priority goals and key legislation!

The VFW is continuing to push for passage of Advanced Appropriations (House passed – Senate is pending) as well as the Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act and many provisions found in the fiscal year 2010 Defense Authorization Bill.

VFW is working closely with House leadership to ensure national health care reform legislation does not change the way veterans, military retirees and their families receive their health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs or the military's TRICARE program. Key VFW-supported amendments adopted by the House include:

- Exclude TRICARE from all reform movements;
- Exclude VA health care from all reform movement, and maintain the VA secretary's current authority to operate the organization as he deems appropriate.
- Give veterans using VA health care the option of purchasing additional insurance under the new national health care plan. This would expand, not restrict, health care coverage available to them and their families;

It has been a busy session of hearings and votes - VFW has had many successes. Below are some key bills that have cleared.

The Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 (Advanced Appropriations) which authorizes funding for VA medical accounts two-years in advance passed the House and Senate (the Senate cleared the bill yesterday before recessing for the rest of the month).

Other VFW-supported bills that have passed the House include:

HR 466- *The Wounded Veterans' Job Security Act* prohibits discrimination and acts of reprisal against persons who receive treatment for illnesses, injuries, and disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service.

HR 1037 authorizes VA to conduct a five-year pilot project to expand on existing work-study activities and allows student veterans to participate in work-study positions in academic departments.

HR 1088 *The Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009* provides a one-year period for training (instead of the current three) for new DVOPs and LVOPs through the National Veterans Employment and Training Institute.

HR 1089 enforces employment rights of veterans and members of the armed services employed by the Federal Government Services Institute.

HR 1170 provides grants up to \$200,000 for development of technologies to improve adaptive housing for disabled veterans.

HR 1171 reauthorizes the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program through 2014, and also includes special grants to programs and facilities that provide for homeless female veterans and homeless veterans with children.

HR 1172 directs VA to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors.

HR 1211 - *The Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act* expands and improves health care services available to women veterans, including studies in barriers to care, mental health services for PTSD, MST and extended health care to newborns of female veterans immediately following birth.

HR 1293 increases the amount veterans receive for improvements and structural alterations for home health services.

HR 1377 expands veteran eligibility for VA reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished by non-VA facilities.

HR 3155 authorizes training, support and medical care to family and non-family caregivers of veterans. It would also create a stipend to cover housing and expenses incurred by primary caregivers to certain veterans.

HR 3219 combines provisions from eight other bills, to include establishing a Director of Physician Assistant position within VA; eliminating the deduction in accelerated death payments to terminally-ill veterans and service members under SGLI and VGLI; allows certain veterans to increase the amount of life insurance they carry under VGLI; prohibits catastrophically-disabled veterans from having to pay copayments or other fees for critical medical services; and permanently authorizes hospital care, medical services and nursing home care for Vietnam and Persian Gulf War veterans exposed to herbicides

VISIT, PHONE, OR EMAIL your Representatives and Senators! Keep up the good work and REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!

REMEMBER, if you have a fundraiser for PAC you must make it known that all proceeds will be for support of the VFW PAC. All donations from non-members of the LAVFW must be recorded along with the name of the donor. And REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!!

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS: Phone each of your Auxiliaries. Urge them to get their reports in EARLY. Be the first District to be 100% reported!!!

*Legislative &
Political Action Committee*

REPORTING FORM

Auxiliary # _____

District: _____

Auxiliary Name: _____

Auxiliary President
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Auxiliary Chairman
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

1. How did your Auxiliary promote the VFW Legislative & Security Priority Goals?

2. How did your Auxiliary educate members on the legislative process? _____

3. Number of contacts made personally/written on any National Legislative Action Alerts

4. Number of contacts made by members personally/written to legislators on veterans' issues:

a. **Personal Contact _____	d. Letters _____
b. Phone Calls _____	e. E-mails _____
c. Faxes _____	

**May include town/city or country council meetings, state legislative or national congressional sessions, and legislative/congressional field visits.

5. Describe how your Auxiliary promoted VFW-PAC

6. How did your Auxiliary publicize the Legislative/PAC program to your community?

Mail Report to: **Irene Peters, 202 Forest Ave., Henrico, VA 23223**

MEMBERSHIP

SEPTEMBER 2009

To: District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Treasurers, and Membership Chairmen and Auxiliary Members

CC: Susan Eveland, National Membership Director
Helen Bell, Southern Conference Chairman

From: Robin Milewski, Department Membership Chairman
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"It's Time for America's Military Heroes"

"Believe ... and you will receive; doubt ... and you do without"

"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom"

As the Chairman for the Department of Virginia Parole Board, I am expecting a mass release at the Winter Council of Administration Meeting in January. Please note that there will be no time off for GOOD BEHAVIOR. Release will only come after a completed sentence of 100% Membership. Keep reviewing your monthly General Orders, as there will be an opportunity to obtain a much-coveted "BUS PASS".

Membership Deadlines:

Member:

- National Aide-de-Camp: Received at Nat'l Hq, May 31st, 2010. Drawing for 15 awards of \$100.
- Most New or Reinstated Members (40 or more): Received at Nat'l Hq by May 31st, 2010. \$500 toward trip to Nat'l Convention; if not attending \$250 will be awarded.

Auxiliary:

- 100% Membership: Received at National Headquarters by August 31st, 2010 - two drawings of \$250.

- 100% Membership - Auxiliaries 10-75 members: Received at Nat'l Hq by September 30th, 2009 - \$75 award.
- 100% Membership - Auxiliaries 76-150 members: Received at Nat'l Hq by October 31st, 2009 - \$75 award.
- 100% Membership - Auxiliaries 151-250 members: Received at Nat'l Hq by November 30th, 2009 - \$75 award.
- 100% Membership - Auxiliaries 251 or more members: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31st, 2009 - \$75 award.
- 100% Membership - Special Award Auxiliary Presidents: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31st, 2009 - Special Pin from the Nat'l President.
- 100% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by June 30th, 2010 - Bonus drawing for ten \$100 awards.
- Increase New Life Memberships by 10%: Of the June 30th, 2009 membership, between July 1st, 2009 and April 30th, 2010. Received at Nat'l Hq by May 30th, 2010. Auxiliaries of 300 or more only required to increase by 30 members. \$50 to each Auxiliary.

District:

- 90% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31, 2009 - "America's Pride" Pin from the National President for the District President and Membership Chairman.
- 100% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by April 30th, 2010 - \$100 to the District and an "It's Time For America's Heroes" Plate for the District President and the Membership Chairman.
- 105% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by May 31st, 2010 - \$200 award.

As of August 17th, 2009

The Department of Virginia is at 53.72% in Membership.

District 10 is in 1st place with 74.57% in Membership.

District 2 is in 2nd place with 71.05% in Membership.

District 8 is in 3rd place with 68.78% in Membership.

Congratulations to:

Dist 1 Aux 824 with 120%

Dist 12 Aux 3782 with 114.29%

Dist 12 Aux 1994 with 102.78%

Dist 10 Aux 9478 with 100%

Dist 1 Aux 5500 with 100%

President's Special Project
Fisher House

Ashley Crider
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Greetings Fellow Sisters:

Break time is over! It's now time to get back to reporting. Now that a new auxiliary year has kicked in, *it's time* to do more of the great work that this great organization does. President Kathy has chosen the Fisher Houses of VA as her special project for the ensuing year. Fisher House is a fantastic organization that has a vital part in the recovery of our wounded and sick military heroes. Many families financially cannot afford to be by a soldier's side when they are receiving treatment at VA medical facilities. That is where Fisher House steps in. They offer assistance by providing the comforts of home to the families of our military heroes being treated at all major military centers across the country as well as one center in Germany.

In 2010 Fisher House will be celebrating 20 years of serving our heroes families, just as our heroes have served us. This year is the perfect year to make true National President Jan Tittle's theme, "It's Time for America's Military Heroes". I would like to see us surpass the amazing efforts made for the president's special project last year to make her theme come to life within our department. Donations to Fisher House can be made through monetary donations or supplies that the individual homes can use. Think of items that are in your own home and all the necessities you would take with you on an extended stay to visit your own family in a hospital. There are lots of fundraisers that have already been planned by other organizations throughout the Northern Virginia area. There are walks, car shows, golf tournaments and marathons all in the works that anyone could go participate in to show your support to this organization. For more information on these events and for more information about Fisher House, you can visit their website at www.fisherhouse.org. I am looking forward to a great year and can't wait to see all your amazing efforts and reports.

Blessings,
Ashley Crider

Veteran & Family Support

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It's Time for America's Heroes

is the perfect complement to the Veteran's & Family Support Program. Focusing on the need of veterans, active military, VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members and their families set the parameters for a program designed to care, communicate and support these individuals. This program has been written to work in conjunction with core programs of the VFW and has four key areas: **National Military Services, VFW National Home for Children, Buddy Poppy and our Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship**, which benefits and define our Veteran's & Family Support Program. ***"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom."***

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES

There are three main efforts of the National Military Services department: Military Assistance Program (MAP), Operation Uplink and Unmet Needs. Each program provides its own focus of support for military service members and their families.

All donations must be sent to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, earmarked for the National Military Services. The funds used by the VFW where they are needed most.

Copies of the donations (checks) and a report on how the programs were promoted go to the Department Chairman. Money is not collected by the Department Treasurer

The Military Assistance Program (MAP) provides support for the Post, District and Department interaction with the local military community bridging the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary to active duty, guard and Reserve military units. Map offers grants to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries who participate in military unit functions such as sponsoring farewell and welcome home activities, Adopt-A- Unit and Family Readiness Group events. Another aspect of MAP is the Memorial Commendation for a service member killed in action. This commendation intended to be presented by a VFW representative, is an example of the continued support this organization provides.

Operation Uplink connects active-duty troops

and hospitalized veterans with their families and friends. The connections include both international and domestic phone cards and Free Call days, one scheduled for every month of the year, where troops can call home- at no charge- from internet cafes throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. All card requests, which must include the unit designation, head count and a point of contact, are submitted through Department Chairmen.

Through Unmet Needs the VFW provides grants up to \$2,500 to eligible service members and their families facing a hardship due to deployment or military service. This grant is available to the five branches of service, as well as members of the Reserves and National Guard. With funding from corporate sponsors and individual donations, the VFW Foundation administers and promotes the Unmet Needs program. Eligibility criteria and expenses eligible for consideration of payment are listed on the VFW Web site along with a new application to accelerate processing. National Military Service programs can be downloaded at www.vfwdepartmentresources.org.

Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship

A primary objective of this Ladies Auxiliary is support to the members and their families. Education is one of these goals. The continuing Education Scholarship is available to members, their spouse or children who have reached 18 years of age to pursue a college degree or technical trade. One scholarship of \$1,000 will be given to a candidate from each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary for one year prior to application is required to qualify. The newly revised one- page application is available to download at www.ladiesauxvfw.org and **must be received at National Headquarters by February 15,2010. Prior winners are not eligible.**

VFW National Home For Children

The VFW National Home for Children, located on 629 acres in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is the most unique community in the nation. Established in 1925, the National Home is a multi-faceted facility created to care for the developmental, social and spiritual needs of the children and families of the VFW and active military personnel. A neighborhood of custom homes, service buildings and recreational land, the National Home stands as a tribute to the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members who have

supported and continue to support the home today through contributions.

The VFW National Home receives no government funding, so contributions are critical to maintain the programs and campus. The Ladies Auxiliary promotes funding through the Health & Happiness / Christmas Cheer Fund with a **donation of 10 cent per member based on Auxiliary June 30 membership quota**. Other methods of giving include the Campbell's Labels for Education Program, the new Online Giving Option, Tribute Giving and Life Membership. For information on all funding options available for individual donors, refer to the National Home's Web site, www.vfwnationalhome.org, or call their toll-free number, (800)424-8360. Our commitment to the mission of the National Home remains to provide opportunities for growth and development for children, youth and families of members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, while serving as a living memorial to all veterans.

Buddy Poppy

The Buddy Poppy, an integral part of the VFW community since 1922, is the official memorial flower representing the blood shed by American service members and reiterates that their sacrifices will not be forgotten. Today, as in the past, men and women veterans in VA hospitals, domiciliary and state veterans homes assemble poppies and are paid by the VFW. The proceeds from a Buddy Poppy distribution are placed in **the Ladies Auxiliary Relief Fund** and used solely for veteran's welfare or the well-being of their needy dependents or the orphans of veterans. A listing of accepted expenditures from this Relief Fund can be found in the Ladies Auxiliary Booklet of Instruction.

A successful Buddy Poppy Campaign requires planning and enthusiasm. Choose your campaign dates, publicize the event and select your volunteers wisely. Their enthusiasm and smiles create a friendly atmosphere which projects a good image; winning combinations. The *It's About Service- How to have a Successful Program Year 2009-10 Program Guide* has tips for a successful campaign and contest details.

You can download at www.vfw.org.

New in 2009, the Buddy Poppy Program offered an additional opportunity to distribute poppies. Along with Memorial Day and Veterans Day, March 3 was deemed the All American Star Spangled Bonus Day. This Buddy Poppy date marks the anniversary of VFW's victory in sealing "The Star Spangled Banner" as the

national anthem. The additional of an official day for a Buddy Poppy Campaign reinforces the two-fold importance of the Buddy Poppy that has not changed since its inception: our continued commitment to **"veterans helping veterans"** and the VFW's motto of **"Honor the Dead by helping the living."**

Ladies I would like to see every Auxiliary be 100% in participation.

Banner requirements

You must complete 3 out of 4 ,

- 1. VFW National Military Service (MAP, Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs)**
- 2. VFW National Homes for Children**
- 3. Continuing Education Scholarship**
- 4. Buddy Poppy**

Remember Report, report.

Reporting Period: July 1, 2009- March 31, 2010

I must have my reports by the 1st of every month, so I can have my report in by the 10th of each month.

Ladies let's have a fun year and help the veterans and their families in time of need. Or just be there for them, when they just need a friend or someone to talk to. Also **"remember we have Veterans among us."**

Please keep all troops away in safe hands and keep them in your prayer, that they come home safe.

**Revised
Veteran & Family Support
Monthly report
2009-2010**

(Must be received by Department Chairman by the 1st of every month)

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1. How Many Members participated in Veterans & Family Support activities? _____
National Military Service programs activities? _____
(Farewell/ Welcome Home, Adopt-a- unit, Family Readiness Group activities)
Aid to veterans (meals, transportation): _____
Cards/ notes to veterans: _____
Personal visits to veterans in nursing homes: _____
2. Hosted/ co-hosted with VFW Post a fundraising project for a National Military Service Program? _____
Briefly describe an exceptional idea:

3. How did you publicize the National Military Service Program? _____

4. How did you publicize the Continuing Education Scholarship?

5. Describe ways Buddy Poppies were used: _____

- How many members participated in your Buddy Poppy Program? _____
6. VFW National Home for Children? Donations: _____
10cent per member as of June30th: _____

If needed please use another sheet of paper.

Auxiliary Chairman	
Name of Chairman: _____	District: _____
E-mail: _____	Auxiliary: _____
Address: _____	Number of Members _____
City, ZIP _____	Participating in Project _____
Phone: _____	

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN PROGRAM

September 2009

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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY—**“DOES AMERICA STILL HAVE HEROES”**

PATRIOT'S PEN—**“WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO HONOR OUR MILITARY HEROES”**

The deadline for both these programs is fast approaching. The student must have their entries to their local VFW or Ladies Auxiliary by November 1, 2009.

Schools are open and it's time to contact your local school system as well as your home-schooled students. By supporting our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program we are **“SUPPORTING OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM.”**

When you contact the schools let the principles and teachers know of the awards your Post and Auxiliary are offering. Let them know that the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program helps prepare the student for life by enabling them to meet their peers from all walks of life and it also helps to build their confidence. Our youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow. Today they need our support. Each of us knows a child who is our neighbor, in our church, in the Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. Talk to them and get the word out. Let our youth know that **“IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY HEROES.”**

“Believe...and you will receive; doubt...and you do without”. **“I believe.”** I believe that by working together as a team we can make this the best year ever for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program. Steadily, year after year our student participation has been dropping. Last year alone, we were down 9,000 students from the previous year. There were a total of 37,837 entries. That was less than 1% of students enrolled in public schools across our nation. Be prepared with as much information as possible to gain support for this program. I believe this is a goal that is attainable.

Post and Auxiliaries work closely together.

Chairman know your program. Familiarize yourself with the deadlines. You can obtain full program information on the VFW website at www.vfw.org. The website can also be used to order supplies.

**“IT’S TIME FOR AMERICA’S MILITARY HEROES” BECAUSE WE ARE “SUPPORTING
OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM”**

Ways & Means

September 2009

The purpose of the Ways & Means Program is to raise funds for the Department of Virginia's budget. Monies raised will be used to promote our programs and give monetary awards to our Auxiliaries at the June 2010 Awards Ceremony.



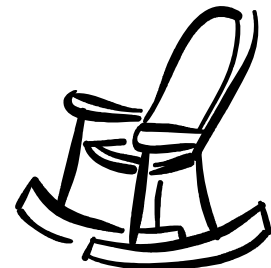
Department Shirts

Long-sleeved button-down blue denim shirts in sizes Small through 2X. Logo on front right side. \$25.00

Raffles & 50/50

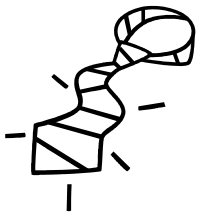
Magestic Eagle lighted figurine: Chances \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Winning ticket will be drawn in January 2010 at the Winter COA/Conference.

White Rocking Chair with cushions (compares to chairs at Cracker Barrel): Chances \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Winning ticket will be drawn in June 2010 at the Department Convention in Richmond.



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Fall & Winter 50/50: Chances \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Winning ticket to be drawn in Williamsburg.



Available at the Ways & Means Table

RADA Knives
Ladies Auxiliary Bears
Scarves
Ties
Miscellaneous Items



National Ladies Auxiliary VFW Labels/Notepads Program

Every time you send money in support of the National Label program, the Department receives a percentage of the amount collected. Please support the program - any donation amount you send in will help the organization.

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“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”, it is only because of them we are **“Supporting our Legacy of Freedom”**. These are our National and Department Presidents Themes for the year. They go hand in hand with each other just like our auxiliaries and our youth should be working together. **GET THEM INVOLVED!**

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| 1) Snowball Express | 4) Junior Girls Units |
| 2) Jr. ROTC Program/ Sea Cadets | 5) Any other Youth Activities |
| 3) Young American Patriotic Art | |

(MUST COMPLETE 2 out of 5)

I would like to share with you from our National Youth Activities Director Colette Bishop. I have been asked why we do not have a Jr. Girls Unit director and why we took the Youth Volunteer of the year out of the program and I thought I would go over some statistics with you. As of 5/31/09 we have 141 Units with (2) pending institutions in the country. Ladies, that is a very small number of units. That number is down from 6/30/08 when we had 157 Units. We had 8 unit members apply for the Jr. Unit Scholarship for 2008-2009, we had 6 for 2007-2008 and we did increase that number by two. We have consistently had only 30 entries for the Youth volunteer of the Year. That is slightly over half of the entries we should have had.

Snowball Express: Trip will be taking place December 17th 2009 to Universal Studios Hollywood. All donations must be mailed directly to the Snowball Express:

Snowball Express
6505 W. Park Blvd. Suite 306
PMB
Plano, TX 75093

Jr. ROTC Program/Sea Cadets: Contact local recruiters or schools and work with them.

Find information on these JROTC organizations:

US Army - www.usarmyjrotc.com US Navy - <https://www.njrotc.navy.mil/>

US Air Force - www.airforcerotccc.com US Marines - <http://www.mcjrotc.org>

Young American Patriotic Art: Contact local schools and home schooled students. Forms can be obtained at www.ladiesauxvfw.org . More to follow.

Junior Girls Unit: Remember if a girl would have Auxiliary eligibility she would be eligible to join the Junior Girls Unit. Why not start a unit in your auxiliary? More to come.

Any other Youth Activity: School is back in session. There are lots of sports, clubs and other community activities to get involved in.

Hope everyone had a good summer and let’s have a great year.

Shema Peppers
Youth Activities Chairman