

**Must be read by the Auxiliary Secretary in detail at the first meeting after receipt before being filed for reference.**

1. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** Members who have not paid their dues for 2008, by December 31, 2007, are no longer members in good standing and therefore are not eligible to hold office on any level, receive Cancer Grants or attend meetings. Any member, who have not paid their 2008 dues and are at the January meeting, may pay their dues at that time and stay for the meeting.
2. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Sisters, the Department of Virginia needs your help to reach our Membership goal of 100 %. I'm again asking each Auxiliary to set aside one day a month for a Membership Drive. A few hours of your time per month, could help your Auxiliary to get several new members. We can't forget to contact those members who didn't pay their dues last year. A personal call to any member who hasn't paid their dues might make the difference. Let's make each and everyone of our members feel welcome.
3. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Congratulations to each Auxiliary making **100%** of your membership paid by December 29, 2007.
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, 2008. (Bylaws Section 814A)
5. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** If your Auxiliary Treasurer is not bonded, you are in conflict with the National Bylaws. If you did not receive a bond application, please send a check for \$10.00 to National Headquarters, Connie Atkinson, Secretary-Treasurer, Ladies Auxiliary VFW, 406 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. Be sure that the Auxiliary number is on the check and that you and your Treasurer have both signed the check.
6. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Winter Council/Conference Meeting will be held January 18-20, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg. Every member is invited to attend both the Council of Administration Meeting and the Conference. The Chairmen will be promoting our programs on Saturday.

7. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Anyone that has cancer pins and has not sold them please send them to the Cancer Chairmen and if you have sold the pins that you were given please send the money to Debbie Martin, Department Treasurer, as soon as possible. We may need to order more.
8. **DEPARTMENT BANNER REQUIREMENTS:** It is January 2008 – now is a good time to review the **Auxiliary Banner requirements**. Besides reaching the membership goals, you must be reported in all National Programs to be eligible for the Department Banner. Now is the time to check and make sure that your Auxiliary has participated and reported in each program. Each Department Program Chairman offers suggestions and ideas for projects in their program promotion. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Department Chairman. They are here to help you have a successful year. In each Chairman's promotion this month, you will find a list of Auxiliaries **not reported**, if your Auxiliary is on the list please send a report right away. Failure to report could cause your Auxiliary not to receive the Department Banner.
9. **AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN:** If you have not sent in a report to the Department Chairman, please send in a report right away. Report every project that your Auxiliary completes and send a detailed report. I know that each one of the chairmen would like to have a report every week from each Auxiliary. The more detailed report your Auxiliary submits, will help the respective Chairman determine their winners at the June Convention. All reports must be submitted to the Chairmen before March 31, 2008.

Sisters lets continue to support our troops and their families. We must let them know just how important they are to us. As a "Tradition of Caring" many sacrifices have been made by your young men and women to keep us free.

**May your experiences rise up to meet your expectations.  
May your troubles be left far behind you.  
May anticipation smile sweetly upon your dreams,  
And kindness flow freely through your days...  
...and all throughout the coming year, may your life be filled with little  
celebrations of happiness in 2008**

By order of:



Ellen Stogsdill  
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano  
Department Secretary

Linda (Susie) DeShano  
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December, 2007

### **Special Order # 41**

Upon a direct order from the Commander-In-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Charter of Goochland County Post 8617 was cancelled and the Post declared defunct. It is the decision of the National President to declare the Charter of Goochland County Auxiliary 8617, Goochland, VA cancelled and the Auxiliary, defunct. The Department President shall forward the Charter to the National Headquarters. The Department President will recover all property of the Auxiliary and turn it over to the Department Treasurer.

By order of:  
Virginia Carman  
National President

### **Roster Changes and Updates**

- **New Secretary:** for Bluefield Auxiliary 9696, Katherine Morrison, P.O. Box 344, North Tazewell, VA 24630.
- **New Treasurer:** for Massanutten Auxiliary 2447, Linda Ryman, 2376 Stoney Creek Road, Edinburg, VA 22824. 540-8886.
- **New Treasurer:** for Amelia County Auxiliary 8759, Candy Cary, 5124 Pontons Circle, Amelia, VA 23002. 804-561-4388.
- **New Treasurer:** for Douglas W. Hogge /Allen M Tate Memorial Auxiliary 824, Roberta Broadway, 108 Solebay Street, Yorktown, VA 23692. Phone number 757-369-6083.
- **New Secretary:** for West Richmond Auxiliary 6364, Linda Murphy, 3901 County Line Road, Kent Store, VA 23084-2154.
- **New Treasurer:** for Comer-Jones Auxiliary 621, Mary Gail Blevins, 134 Suzanne Lane, Luray, VA, 22835. Phone Number 540-743-4301. (Misprint in last month's General Orders)
- **New Address:** for President Harriette Potter of Northern Neck Auxiliary 7167, 402 Folly Neck Road, Warsaw, VA 22572.
- **New Meeting Night:** for Northern Neck Auxiliary 7167, second Saturday at 10:00m a.m.

### **Calendar Updates**

- **Winter Council:** January 18-20, 2008, Williamsburg, VA. Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 800-227-6963. Hotel Reservation deadline was December 26, 2007.
- **2008 Mid Year Conference:** April 3-6, 2008, Palm Springs California. Hilton Palm Springs Resort, phone number 1-800-522-6900 or 1-760-320-6868 (reference Ladies Auxiliary). Room rate \$139.00 +13.75% current tax+ \$1.14 utility users fee per night. For More details concerning tentative agenda and banquet reservations please contact Susie DeShano, Dept Secretary.
- **National Community Service and Legislative Conference:** March 2-5 2008, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC, Reservation Phone Number 202-756-5125 or 800-545-8700 (ask for VFW rate) rates \$197/\$207. Reservation cut-off date February 8, 2008.
- **State Convention:** June 12-15, 2008, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-2000. Room Rates \$89.00, through May 21, 2008.
- **National Convention:** August 16-21, 2008, Orlando, FL.

## District Meetings Assignments

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

<b>1st</b>	Date	1/26/2008
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1100 Hours (11:00 a.m.)
	Location	Post 3219 - Hosted by Post 824
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Senior Vice President

<b>8th</b>	Date	3/2/2008
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1300 hours (1:00 p.m.)
	Location	Manasas Post 7589
	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdill, President

<b>2nd</b>	Date	3/8/2008
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	1300 Hours (1:00 p.m.)
	Location	Franklin Post 4411
	Rep:	Betty Gimble, Chaplain

<b>9th</b>	Date	1/13/2008
	Lunch	1030 Hours (10:30 a.m.)
	Meeting	
	Location	Post 4667, Marion
	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdill, President

<b>3rd</b>	Date	2/9/2008
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1000 Hours
	Location	3rd District Headquarters
	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdill, President

<b>10th</b>	Date	TBA
	Lunch	
	Meeting	
	Location:	
	Rep:	

<b>4th</b>	Date	2/10/2008
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	1400 Hours (2:00 p.m.)
	Location	Amelia Post 8759
	Rep:	Robin Mileswski, Guard

<b>11th</b>	Date	1/6/2008
	Lunch	11:30 Hours ( 11:30 a.m.)
	Meeting	
	Location	Staunton Post 2216
	Rep:	Betty Gimble, Chaplain

<b>5th</b>	Date	2/17/2007
	Lunch	1230 Hours (12:30 p.m.)
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Meadows Of Dan Post 8467
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Senior Vice President

<b>12th</b>	Date	1/5/2008
	Registration	
	Meeting	1100 hours (11:00 a.m.)
	Location	Pennington Gap Post 10298
	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdill, President

<b>6th</b>	Date	2/17/2008
	Lunch	After the meeting
	Meeting	14:00 Hours (2:00 p.m.)
	Location	VAMC Salem - Bldg 76
	Sponsored by:	
Rep:	Kathy Birch, Senior Vice President	

<b>13th</b>	Date	TBA
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1300 Hours (1:00 p.m.)
	Location	
	Rep:	

<b>7th</b>	Date	3/9/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	Location	Post 1860, Front Royal
	Rep:	Kathy Birch, Senior Vice President

# DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND LADIES AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting

January 18 - January 20, 2008

Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder

Williamsburg, Virginia

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2008

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
7:30 PM	8:00 PM	Advisory 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 19, 2008

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	10:00 AM	MAP & UNMET NEEDS Workshop	General Longstreet's
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Ladies Auxiliary Conference Meeting	General Longstreet's
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	General Longstreet's
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Web Blog Presentation/Workshop	General Longstreet's
10:00 AM	NOON	MOC Council of Administration Meeting	Stuart's Redoubt
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Cash Lunch	
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 – R. D. Smith, Jr. Past National Commander-in-Chief	Richmond Hall
9:00 PM	12:00 AM	Dance	Richmond Hall

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008

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

COMBINATION BANQUET/DANCE TICKETS: \$40.00

Includes Reception, Banquet, and Saturday Night Dance. Bottles will be permitted at the Dance.

DEPARTMENT HOSPITALITY ROOM 267

(Tentative schedule subject to change)

To: VFW Ladies Auxiliary  
Department of Virginia

December 10th, 2007

Fr: Gloria Klinefelter  
Department of Virginia  
Conductress 2007-08

To President Ellen Stogsdill & All Members,

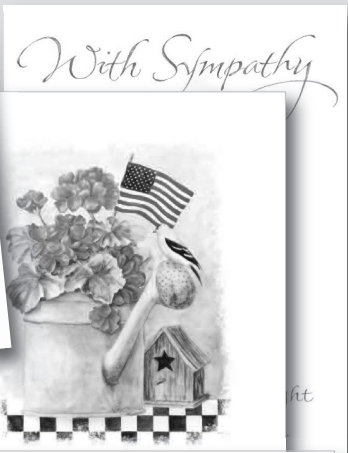
It is with deep regret and a lot of sadness that I must resign at this time my position as Conductress for the Department of Virginia effective as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. 2008.

As all of you know my health is a very big factor in this as I am doing well but have about a year and a half if all goes well before I will be 100%. On the advice of my doctor and conversations with my family this is the best thing for me to do.

To those officers coming up through the chairs if I can ever be of service in some way, please do not hesitate to ask I will do whatever I am able to do to help you. I want to be an active part of this department if at all possible.

To all my sisters who had the faith in me to elect me to this position I thank you very much for all your love and devotion and faith & am sorry if I have let you down. I have no other choice. God Bless you all and I will see you around.

Sincerely,  
Gloria Klinefelter



# Because You Care...

Soon, you'll be receiving a special collection of colorful Ladies Auxiliary VFW greeting cards and notepad...perfect for sending warm birthday wishes, heartfelt messages of sympathy or just a kind note.

*Remember, when you respond to your Ladies Auxiliary VFW mailings, you help keep our Department programs strong!*



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Date  
12/16/2007

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	34	22	64.71%	35			68	70	20	25		
824	Grafton	18	19	105.56%	35			36	42	10			
3219	Phoebus	246	141	57.32%	35	25	10	492	492	70	46.75	25	61
4856	Exmore	48	28	58.33%	25			96	116				50
5500	Hampton	13	14	107.69%	35	25		26	26	10		25	100
6002	Denbigh	67	47	70.15%	35			134	134			25	
7167	Warsaw	78	74	94.87%	35	100		156	156	32	66.9		100
8252	Gloucester	28	24	85.71%	35	50		56	54			25	50
Total (8)	District 1	532	369	69.36%	270	200	10	1064	1090	142	138.65	100	361

District 2

392	Virginia Beach	334	334	100.00%	35	200		668	668			100	200
993	Portsmouth	86	87	101.16%	35			172	172			25	
3160	Ocean View	293	257	87.71%	35			586	586	50			
4411	Franklin	49	52	106.12%	35			98	104	40	25	50	100
4809	Norfolk	313	325	103.83%	35			626	626			100	
9382	Suffolk	60	59	98.33%	35			120	120	80			
Total (6)	District 2	1135	1114	98.15%	210	200	0	2270	2276	170	25	275	300

District 3

1426	Midlothian	37	21	56.76%				74					
2239	Colonial Heights	96	92	95.83%	35			192	192	40	100		
3125	Ruther Glen	10	5	50.00%				20					
4639	Williamsburg	34	36	105.88%	35			68	70	30			
6364	West Richmond	30	13	43.33%	35			60	60	40		25	
8046	Norge	59	26	44.07%	35			118	118	30			
8356	West Point	27	26	96.30%	35	100	100	54	54	20	89.09		
9224	Richmond	29	28	96.55%				58	58				
9501	Central Garage	41	42	102.44%	35			82	82	20			
9808	Mechanicsville	154	141	91.56%	35			308	308	80			
10387	Petersburg	40	29	72.50%	14			80	80	30		25	
10654	Richmond	33	33	100.00%	35			66	66	24			400
10657	Glen Allen	31	31	100.00%	35			62	62	20	11.28	10	
Total (13)	District 3	621	523	84.22%	329	100	100	1242	1150	334	200.37	60	400

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Annual Membership	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
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District 4

622	Petersburg	60	45	75.00%	35			120	120	20		25	25
637	Hopewell	64	43	67.19%				128					
2584	Cullen	39	37	94.87%	35			78	148				
5313	Nottoway	27	25	92.59%				54					
7059	Farmville	67	55	82.09%	35			134	134	14		50	
7166	South Hill	80	90	112.50%	35			160	162	30		50	
7819	Crewe	74	76	102.70%	35			148	146	60			
7897	Blackstone	25	25	100.00%	35			50	50	10		25	
8048	Lawrenceville	29	22	75.86%		50		58	58	20			50
8163	Clarksville	67	73	108.96%	35	50		134	136	10	32.8	25	
8228	Chase City	12		0.00%		500		24				100	
8617	Goochland	26	3	11.54%				52					
8759	Amelia	66	49	74.24%	35			132	132	10			
8902	Keysville	12	12	100.00%	35			24	26	10			
9855	Appomattox	16	22	137.50%	35			32	32	10	20		
9954	Victoria	198	200	101.01%	35			396	396	70	560.68		
Total (16)	District 4	862	777	90.14%	385	600	0	1724	1540	264	613.48	275	75

District 5

647	Danville	108	87	80.56%	35			216	234				200
1115	Hillsville	499	417	83.57%	35	50		998	998				
4637	Martinsville	49	45	91.84%	35			98	98			25	
7568	Galax	32	29	90.63%	35			64	64	40			
7726	Grayson	160	138	86.25%	35		15	320	320	40	305.83	25	
7800	Stuart	23	23	100.00%	35			46	46	30		25	
8243	Halifax	60	54	90.00%	35			120	130			25	
8467	Meadows of Dan	56	47	83.93%	35			112	112				
Total (8)	District 5	987	840	85.11%	280	50	15	1974	2002	110	305.83	100	200

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**District 6**

1033	Covington	111	79	71.17%	35	25		222	236	40	45		
1264	Roanoke	48	59	122.92%	35			96	106	40		20	25
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	45	37	82.22%	35			90	80	10			
1841	Fincastle	56	48	85.71%	35			112	110	10	70		
2157	Bedford	58	57	98.28%	35			116	116	20		10	
4522	Vinton	61	53	86.89%	35			122	120				
5311	Christiansburg	46	45	97.83%	35			92	104	20	150	25	
7854	Floyd	32	14	43.75%				64					
Total (8)	District 6	457	392	85.78%	245	25	0	914	872	140	265	55	25

**District 7**

621	Luray	99	102	103.03%	35	500		198	202	40	60	15	300
1860	Front Royal	170	131	77.06%	35			340	340	40			100
2123	Winchester	63	65	103.17%	35			126	74	40	60	25	
2447	Edinburg	80	87	108.75%	35	350		160	166	40		100	
8613	Shenandoah	79	76	96.20%	35			158		20			
9292	Elkton	0	31	100.00%	35				48				
9660	Broadway	74	77	104.05%	35			148	148	60	15	50	100
9760	Berryville	165	163	98.79%	35	450		330	332	20		25	400
9872	Mt. Clinton	31	30	96.77%	35			62	62	20			
Total (8)	District 7	761	762	100.13%	315	1300	0	1522	1372	280	135	215	900

**District 8**

1177	Leesburg	11	11					22					
2524	Culpeper	65	59	90.77%	35			130	130	30			
3103	Fredericksburg	117	106	90.60%	35	100	50	234	234	40			
7589	Manassas	53	60	113.21%	35			106	106	40	300.69	25	100
Total (4)	District 8	246	236	95.93%	105	100	50	492	470	110	300.69	25	100

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**District 9**

1184	Pulaski	39	36	92.31%	35			78	72	20			50
4667	Marion	122	118	96.72%	35			244	224	20		25	100
6000	Narrows	127	81	63.78%				254	264	20			
7136	Tazewell	53	44	83.02%	35			106	106	40			
7328	Saltville	32	21	65.63%	35			64	66	20			
7969	Bland	32	18	56.25%	35			64	64	20			
9640	Richlands	43	43	100.00%				86	16	20			
9696	Bluefield	141	113	80.14%	35			282	310	64			
Total (8)	District 9	589	474	80.48%	210	0	0	1178	1122	224	0	25	150

**District 10**

609	Alexandria	38	34	89.47%	35			76	76	20			
1503	Dale City	299	300	100.33%	35			598	600		75		200
3150	Arlington	150	154	102.67%	35			300	300	50	30	500	100
7327	Springfield	125	130	104.00%	35			250	250	80	100	150	200
7916	Woodbridge	73	79	108.22%	35			146	146				
8241	McLean	50	37	74.00%				100		20			
8815	Lorton	18	13	72.22%				36	36	20			
9274	Falls Church	57	41	71.93%	35			114	114	34	226		
9478	Sterling	23	21	91.30%	35			46	46	10		25	75
Total (9)	District 10	833	809	97.12%	245	0	0	1666	1568	234	431	675	575

**District 11**

632	Harrisonburg	230	205	89.13%	35	5,000.00		460	494	50			
1499	Lexington	71	73	102.82%	35			142	142	20		100	
2216	Staunton	128	100	78.13%	35			256	256			10	
2424	Waynesboro	41	41	100.00%	35		25	82	82	20		25	
3136	Mt. Solon	21	18	85.71%	35			42	42	20			
4204	Hot Springs	42	41	97.62%	35			84	84	20			
7814	Staunton	22	19	86.36%				44		20			
8279	Steeles Tavern	31	26	83.87%	35			62	58	10			
8644	Bridgewater	108	106	98.15%	35			216	216	40	50	25	
9339	Stuarts Draft	50	45	90.00%	35			100	100	10			
9480	Craigsville	23	24	104.35%	35			46	48	24			
10826	Verona	29	9	31.03%	35			58	58				
Total (12)	District 11	796	707	88.82%	385	5000	25	1592	1580	234	50	160	0

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**District 12**

1994	Abingdon	35	34	97.14%	35			70	70	20	28		
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3782	Haysi	17	19	111.76%			34						
6975	Bristol	106	31	29.25%			212						
8652	Coeburn	33	22	66.67%			66						
8979	Clintwood	34	21	61.76%	35		68	68	10				
9600	Pound	56	39	69.64%			112						
9830	Damascus	28	24	85.71%	35		56	56	20				
10298	Pennington Gap	11	8	72.73%			22						
10310	Ewing	21	19	90.48%	35		42						
Total (9)	District 12	341	217	63.64%	140	0	0	682	194	50	28	0	0

**District 13**

1827	Charlottesville	70	59	84.29%	35		140	140	20				
2217	Orange	23	23	100.00%	35	100	46	46	20				
7638	Gordonsville	41	42	102.44%	35		82	96	20		21		
8436	Yancy Mills	31	30	96.77%	35		62	62	20				
8947	Louisa	63	55	87.30%	35		126	126	40				
10546	Spotsylvania	34	14	41.18%	35		68	68					100
10574	Colonial Beach	112	94	83.93%			224						
Total (7)	District 13	374	317	84.76%	210	100	0	748	538	120	0	21	100

**Member at Large**    **15**    **37**    **246.67%**

**Dept. Total**    **8549**    **7,574**    **88.60%**    **3329**    **7675**    **200**    **17068**    **15774**    **2412**    **2493.02**    **1986**    **3186**

## CHAPLAIN

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*May your friends be many and your troubles be few. May God's angels protect you in all that you do. May love flood your heart and peace fill your soul. May laughter and joy be a shield from the cold. May you count many blessings that come from above and forever be grounded in the depth of God's love.*

The following cards were mailed during the period of November 15-December 15

### Sympathy Cards

Family of Virginia Bashaw #4809	5432 Tidewater Dr. #215	Norfolk, VA 23509
Loss of member		
Joy McCue,	1337 Medfra #B	Anchorage, AK 99501
Dept. President Alaska	Loss of Husband	
Caroline Firebaugh #1841	2315 Trinity Rd.	Troutville, VA 24175
Loss of Husband		
Evelyn Farrell #1841	45 Timber Ridge Rd.	Fincastle, VA 24090
Loss of Husband		
Katherine Apperson #9808	8261 N. Mayfield Lane	Mechanicville VA 23111
Loss of Sister		
Elsie Brown #9808	7035 Marie Lane	Mechanicville, VA 23111
Loss of Sister		
Lydia Green #8046	2785 Lake Powell Rd.	Williamsburg, VA 23185
Loss of Husband		
Family of Virginia Farmer Pesante #8046	2639 Lake Powell Rd	Williamsburg, VA 23185
Loss of member		
Patti Jankowski PNP	25230 Northeast 139 <sup>th</sup> Place	Salt Springs, FL 32134-9521
Loss of Husband		
Ruth Brooks #8279	6064 Lee Jackson Hwy	Rapheve, VA 24472
Loss of Husband		
Grace Fathbrucknor #7819	610 E. Tenn. Ave.	Crewe, VA 23930
Loss of Husband		
Vickie Roop #7819	401 Graves St.	Crewe, VA 23930
Loss of Husband		
Ruth Kay #993	932 State St.	Chesapeake, VA 23323
Loss of Brother		
Sherr Walker #9885	P O Box 1026	Appomattox, VA 24522
Loss of Brother		
JoAnn Hinek #10657	9215 Chumley Lane	Richmond, VA 23294

**Loss of Mother**

**Get Well Cards**

<b>Becky Mason PDP</b>	<b>121 Graham Rd.</b>	<b>Petersburg, VA 23803</b>
<b>Foot surgery</b>		
<b>Dolly Jones #2524</b>	<b>120 Dogwood Lane</b>	<b>Orange, VA 22960</b>
<b>Fell and broke hip</b>		
<b>Dale Bowman</b>	<b>2600 Skipwith Rd.</b>	<b>Richmond, VA 23294</b>
<b>Removal of gall bladder</b>		
<b>Ray Profitt (Husband of Dpt Sr Vice)</b>	<b>39 Papaw Road</b>	<b>Lexington, VA 24450</b>
<b>Knee surgery</b>		

**Thinking of You Cards**

<b>Kim DeShano (Husband of Dpt Sect)</b>	<b>403 Lee Jackson Hwy</b>	<b>Staunton, VA 24401</b>
<b>Arm surgery</b>		
<b>Catherine Loyd #2217</b>	<b>19595 Constitution Hwy</b>	<b>Orange, VA 22960</b>
<b>Stroke</b>		
<b>Nellie Swann #7167</b>	<b>1176 Tallent Town Rd.</b>	<b>Warsaw, VA 22572</b>
<b>Cancer</b>		

***The History of the Vietnam War POW/MIA Flag***

In 1971, Mrs. Mary Hoff, an MIA wife and member of the National League of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, recognized the need for a symbol of our POW/MIAs. Prompted by an article in the Jacksonville, Florida TIMES-UNION, Mrs. Hoff contacted Norman Rivkees, Vice-President of Annin & Company which had made a banner for the newest member of the United Nations, the People's Republic of China, as a part of their policy to provide flags to all UN member nations. Mrs. Hoff found Mr. Rivkees very sympathetic to the POW/MIA issue, and he, along with Annin's advertising agency, designed a flag to represent our missing men. Following League approval, the flags were manufactured for distribution.

The flag is black, bearing in the center, in black and white, the emblem of the League. The emblem is a white disk bearing in black silhouette the bust of a man, watch tower with a guard holding a rifle, and a strand of barbed wire; above the disk are the white letters POW and MIA framing a white 5-pointed star; below the disk is a black and white wreath above the white motto YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

Concerned groups and individuals have altered the original POW/MIA Flag many times; the colors have been switched from black with white - to red, white and blue, -to white with black; the POW/MIA has at times been revised to MIA/POW. Such changes, however, are insignificant. The importance lies in the continued visibility of the symbol, a constant reminder of the plight of America's POW/MIAS.

On March 9, 1989, a POW/MIA Flag, which flew over the White House on the 1988 National POW/MIA Recognition Day, was installed in the United States Capitol Rotunda as a result of legislation passed overwhelmingly during the 100th session of Congress. The leadership of both Houses hosted the installation ceremony in a demonstration of bipartisan congressional support. This POW/MIA Flag, the only flag displayed in the United States Capitol Rotunda, stands as a powerful symbol of our national commitment to our POW/MIAs until the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing in Southeast Asia has been achieved.

Prepared by: Duane Streufert

I hope the Holidays were safe and happy for everyone.

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**CANCER AID & RESEARCH  
JANUARY, 2008**

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Greetings Ladies:

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know we are probably all glad we can get back to normal after all the festivities.

Let's get back to work and get those reports in. you need to get your \$2.00 per member paid as soon as you can. Let's get the Department of Virginia of 100% reported in Cancer Aid & Research. Ladies I know you can do it. We all know the Department of Virginia is the "BEST".

**CERVICAL CANCER: January is Cervical Cancer month.**

*Cervical cancer* develops in the lining of the cervix, the lower part of the *uterus*, and is the second most common type of cancer that strikes women, behind breast cancer. I did not know this next fact until I researched this, but there is only one single cause of *cervical* cancer, and that is the HPV virus (human papilloma virus). It is a sexually transmitted infection. It is estimated that 80 percent of Americans will catch the virus at some time in their lives. There are more than 100 types of HPV. Of these 13 are high-risk types that cause *cervical* cancer. Two types of HPV cause 70 percent of cervical cancer.

**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:**

**Genital Warts**, which are small flesh-colored or gray swellings in the genital area, several warts close together that take on a cauliflower shape, itching or discomfort in your genital area, and bleeding form intercourse. Using medications or surgical treatments, your doctor can help you clear an outbreak of genital warts. But the virus never completely goes away. So ladies, be sure and get those Pap Smears.

I have had some cancer pins turned back in, so I will have them at the Cancer table in Williamsburg. I know there are a lot of you who did not get any that want them.

**AUXILIARIES Not REPORTED AS OF DECEMBER 15TH**

DISTRICT 1: 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
DISTRICT 2: 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
DISTRICT 3: 3125 and 10654.  
DISTRICT 4: 5313, 8228, 8617

DISTRICT 5: 4637  
DISTRICT 6: 7854  
DISTRICT 7: 8613  
DISTRICT 8: 1177  
DISTRICT 9: 9640  
DISTRICT 10: 8241  
DISTRICT 11: 2216, 7814  
DISTRICT 12: 3782, 6975, 8652, 9600, 10298, 10310  
DISTRICT 13: 8436, 10546, 10574

Just **22** more to go. Come on Ladies I know you can do it by the next general orders.

I will see you all at the Fall Council Meeting. Don't forget we need donations for the cancer raffle. All donations are greatly appreciated.

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE***

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General Orders No. 5: January

### **Happy New Year in the “Tradition of Caring” with “Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to ALL”**

**Auxiliary Committee Chairmen:** Remember this information is for **YOU to SHARE** with the Auxiliary members at your meeting when the President asks for “Reports of Committees”; please read it...

May your New Year’s Resolutions include a committed effort to serve the needs of our veterans and communities. Though many of our auxiliaries have reported, **continue to report** the great work you do through volunteering. Go above and beyond “*the tradition of caring*”: cooperate with other organizations and groups to strengthen our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. Through “*faith, hope and love*“, we can make a difference.

Winter is upon us. **Are you prepared for severe weather?** This is where disaster preparedness comes into play. Don’t let ice storms like we experienced several years ago catch you off guard. Remember to **GET INFORMED ~ MAKE A PLAN ~ ASSEMBLE A KIT ~ MAINTAIN YOUR KIT AND PLAN.** Arrange with other neighbors to check on the disabled and elderly in your neighborhood during these times: check to see if they have enough food, water, and medications to suffice during inclement weather, and don’t forget the needs of pets. When preparing for a possible emergency situation, it’s best to think first about the basics of survival: **fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.** For basic kit information check out: <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html>, <http://www.72hours.org/household.html> or [http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0\\_91\\_00.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_91_00.html). Commit a weekend to updating telephone numbers, buying emergency supplies and reviewing your emergency plan with everyone. Keep your emergency supply list in your wallet, and pick up a few items at a time when shopping until you have built up a well-stocked supply. Also, you should have at least one traditionally wired landline phone, as cordless or cellular phones may not work in an emergency.

### **“Outstanding Community Volunteer”**

I must receive entries for “**Outstanding Community Volunteer**” by **February 14, 2008**

Remember: nominees must have been members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for at least five years, cannot be nominated for the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year Award in the same year as nominated for this award, and former national winners are not eligible to compete again. Please complete application in its entirety. Do not send more than three additional pages. Do not send scrapbooks or photos. Application must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the member nominating the volunteer, along with a recommendation, which should be typed on letterhead of the organization the person is representing.

Forms are also available on the Department of Virginia website: <http://www.vfwvaaux.org/Forms.htm>

***Wishing you a new year filled with faith, hope, and love in our service to all.***

- REMEMBER -

Community Service is service a person does that she does NOT receive compensation AND is done with Auxiliary approval. There is no value on time that can be reported.

Congratulations to **District 2 & 5** for being **100%** reported at this time.  
 Districts 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 & 13...at 50% or less...report the great work you have done!  
 If I have overlooked your report, please let me know!

I know all of you have participated in many of the programs that can be reported for Community Service, so why not report it?

WAY to GO! Let's keep sending in those reports.

Dist. No.	No. of Aux.	Auxiliaries NOT Reported as of December 15								% Rpt'd
1	8	4856								88
2	6				100%					100
3	13	3125	4639	8046	9224	9808	10657			54
4	16	622	637	2584	5313	8048	8617	8759	8902	50
5	8				100%					100
6	8	1444	4522	5311	7854					50
7	8	621	2123	8163						63
8	4	1177	3103							50
9	8	6000	7136	9640	9696					50
10	9	8241	8815	9478						67
11	12	2424	4204	7814	9480	10826				50
12	9	1994	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	12
13	7	1827	2217	7638	8436	8947	10546	10574		0

*Department Average = 56.5%*

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

Community

Service Chairman

**Emergency Kit:**

Water - 1 gal. of water/person/day for 3 days  
 Food, 3 day supply of non-perishable food  
 Battery radio/NOAA Weather Radio tone alert  
 Flashlight  
 Extra batteries  
 First aid kit  
 Paper and pencil  
 Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation  
 Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities  
 Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)  
 Local maps  
 Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels  
 Whistle to signal for help

# EXTENSION

January 2008

TO: Deputy Chief's of Staff, Past Department President, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Chairman and Members.

FROM: Mary V. Richards, Chief of Staff; 6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, Virginia. 23509  
Phone 757-651-4813 [undbird@cox.net](mailto:undbird@cox.net)

Ladies, the Holidays are over, hope you all have a nice holiday. Now is the time to get back to work. I want you to look over the Membership stats and check to see if each auxiliary in your District has complied with Section 107 of our by-laws. Sec. 207 Auxiliary having less than ten (10) members is good standing on its rolls upon recommendation of the Department President shall surrender its Charter. No Charter shall be surrendered by any Auxiliary so long as ten (10) members thereof demand its continuance; nor unless a proposal to surrender the Charter shall have been made at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary at least one (1) month before the time of action. Notice of said proposal shall be given in writing to every member of the Auxiliary with copy of said notice mailed on the same date to the District, Department and National Presidents.

On or around the first of February National will be looking at our stats and will be notifying the Department of any Auxiliaries that are within the standard. So look hard at you membership and let get help from the Department if you need so. Please let our President Ellen know if you are having problems. We are here to help.

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW, Dept of Virginia

Raffle for Life Membership up to \$200.00 - If already Life Member -

Check for \$100.00

Requirements: Sign up one NEW member to Ladies Auxiliary  
Dept. of Virginia

Name of New Member  
\_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Number \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Auxiliary Treasurer  
\_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Mary V. Richards, 6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA.  
23509

**Does not include New Auxiliaries**

(First 90  
days)

AUXILIARY TREASURER. I want to remind you again about the Life Membership Raffle that the Ladies Auxiliary is having this year. We need to get 100% in Membership this year. Let's help Ellen do this. I would like to have ever member get one new member. If that would happen we will meet out goal. Ladies just one new member will do this, if you get more that is a bonus. Get your name in this drawing.

VFW Members can be in this Raffle also.

DEAR LADIES,

I HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS WERE HAPPY AND BLESSED.

EVEN THOUGH THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, OUR WORK CONTINUES WITH THE "*TRADITION OF CARING*" AND SPREADING "FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE" TO OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR LOVED ONES WHO ARE STILL IN "HARMS WAY".

THIS MONTH I PROMISED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW PRESIDENT ELLEN'S MEMORY BOOK IS SHAPING UP. WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE HER PROUD OF THE WORK WE DO. LET'S NOT DISAPPOINT HER.

A LOT OF YOU HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY AND REPORTS ARE ABOUND. BUT FOR SOME OF YOU, I KNOW A LOT OF PROJECTS WERE DONE BUT HAVE NOT FOUND THE TIME TO REPORT. RIGHT? LETS GET BUSY!! REMEMBER 100% IS OUR GOAL!!!

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED---

DISTRICT 1-4856,6002,7167,8252.(63%)

DISTRICT 2-3160,9382(67%)

DISTRICT 3-6364,8046,8356,10387(61%)

DISTRICT 4-622,637,2584,5313,7059,8048,8617,8902,9954(44%)

DISTRICT 5-647,4637,8467(63%)

DISTRICT 6-5311(88%)

DISTRICT 7-2123,8613(75%)

DISTRICT 8-1177,3103(50%)

DISTRICT 9-7136,7328(75%)

DISTRICT 10-3150,7916,8241,8815,9478(44%)

DISTRICT 11-3136(92%)

DISTRICT 12-NONE REPORTED????

DISTRICT 13-1827,7638,8436,8947,10546(29%)

WE ARE SLIGHTLY OVER 50% REPORTED BUT AS YOU SEE WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. CLICK!CLICK!CLICK!

LOYALLY,

*JUNE FUEKER, HISTORIAN*

HISTORIAN REPORT FORM

2007-2008

DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AUXILIARY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORIAN (OR AUX. MEM) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (Incl. area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of pictures enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Pictures numbered on back to coincide with brief report.

Example: DISTRICT MEETING, NAMES OF PEOPLE IN PICTURE (LEFT TO RIGHT), PICTURE#1 DEPARTMENT ELLEN WITH 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT PRESIDENT SUSIE DeShano ON HER OFFICIAL VISIT.

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PICTURE #1 NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIPTION OF PICTURE \_\_\_\_\_

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To: PDPs, District and Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Hospital and VAVS Chairmen  
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Cc: Mrs. Rosalie King and Mrs. JoElla Menn

January 2008

I don't want to embarrass anyone, but I received a Hospital Report from Estelle Jones. I have no way of knowing to which Auxiliary she belongs, but since she is from Richmond, I believe she is in District 3. I have no reports from District 3 from Mrs. Jones, and I cannot locate her in the Roster. Please clarify for me.

I congratulate the many Auxiliaries who have reported so many wonderful activities. Your reports of activities done at VAMCs and your local hospitals and nursing homes were truly remarkable. I know the veterans in your areas have been blessed by your generosity. As always, the Department's Auxiliaries have demonstrated their **Tradition of Caring** as they bring **Faith, Hope, and Love in their service to all** our hospitalized Veterans. I hope I receive word of your auxiliary's payment of the \$35 Hospital Fund requirement before the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

Just because the holidays are over, don't let up on your attention to our hospitalized Veterans and those folks in your local hospitals and nursing homes. After the flurry of activity during December, January can often feel pretty bleak. Weather permitting, do something special for this time.

The National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans is just around the corner. If you haven't made plans for a special activity during Salute Week, please plan something. Earn Hospital, Youth Activities, and Community Services reports by having local school or Sunday School children make valentines to be taken to the facility during that week. Patients love for young people to come and visit, so try to arrange a time when the makers of the cards can go with you.

How is your work on the Veterans' Writing Project coming along? With so many young veterans returning from their deployments, now is a good time to get them to express their creativity. Remember: prose, poetry, and/or artistic renderings are acceptable. See the promotional material for November for a fuller explanation of this activity.

Have you decided upon your nominee for Outstanding Hospital Volunteer yet? Time is drawing close for you to submit your nomination to me. From reading your reports I believe that several auxiliaries have candidates for this honor.

Auxiliaries that have not hit a home run as of December 10:

District 1 4856 Rounding 3<sup>rd</sup> (-\$10 hosp. fund) District 7 100% A home run!

District 2 100% A Home Run!!

District 8 100% Another home run!

District 3 1426, 3125, 9224

District 9 9640 So close

District 4 637, 5313, 8048, 8617

District 10 8241, 8815 Stuck on second

District 5 100% A home run!

District 11 7814 Stick to it!

District 6 7854 Head for home!

District 12 3782, 6975, 8652, 10298, 10310

District 13 8436, 10564

# JUNIOR GIRLS

## “TRADITION OF CARING” “FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL”

January 2008

To: Department President, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Chairmen and Members.

It's hard to believe that the new year of 2008 is upon us. Each new year there are resolutions made and resolutions broken. Let's all make one of our resolutions this year to install a Junior Girls Unit. This is a resolution that can be kept. Junior Girls are what makes a difference in some of our communities. Junior Girls are our future. They are the future of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The year 2008 is the year for each of our auxiliaries in the Department of Virginia to work toward forming a Junior Girls Unit. By working together our voices can be heard and we can make this the best year ever.

There are so many activities that our Junior Girls would enjoy doing. They can make cards and gifts for the veterans in hospitals and for the military that are serving our country. Buddy Poppies can be distributed and they can Adopt-a Unit. They can help Operation Uplink so that our military can call home and they can participate in Snowball Express. There are so many young girls who are willing, energetic and eager to help.

Collecting Campbell soup labels for the VFW National Home is another activity Junior Girls can do. Do you know the history of the National Home? Have you ever heard of a young woman named Amy Ross? The impetus for the founding of the VFW National Home came from Amy who was a twenty three year old Michigan resident. Amy was a warm hearted woman who was concerned not only about the plight of the thousands of children orphaned during World War I, but also about the ragged armies of veterans roaming the streets in search of employment. To Amy the best solution to both problems was to enlist the jobless veterans in constructing a home for their deceased comrades' children. The Military Order of the Cootie rallied around Amy's cause and at its 1923 National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia the Cooties authorized their supreme commander to select a site and investigate the cost of erecting and maintaining a home suitable for veterans orphans. In the summer of 1924 a millionaire cattleman, Corey J. Spencer heard about Amy's idea and wanted to give the VFW land on which to establish its national home. He offered the VFW a 472 acre farm near Eaton Rapids, Michigan. On November 21, 1924 Amy Ross died. The go ahead for Amy's "Little City" came on December 6, 1924 when the National Council of Administration voted to accept Spencer's offer. Amy did not live to see her dream become a reality but today the campus of the VFW National Home sprawls 640 acres. Its 36 cottages house approximately 104 residents, including about 75 boys and girls under the age of 18. The VFW National Home is the oldest of the Auxiliary's ongoing programs.

Like Amy Ross our Junior Girls can dream and the sky is the limit of what they can accomplish. Like Amy Ross it is our responsibility, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to help make these dreams become a reality. **“WITH A TRADITION OF CARING”** let's make the year 2008 the year of the **“Junior Girl”**.

Even if your auxiliary does not have a Junior Girls Unit you can still support them. Auxiliary 824 in District 1 did just that. They promoted the Junior Girls at their Buddy Poppy drive. They also made sure to include in their membership information that they have local Junior Girls Units so our VFW Family does include our children.

Remember that our Junior Girls of today will be our leaders of tomorrow. With **”Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to All”** we the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars can make it happen.

Linda Richardson  
Junior Girls Chairman  
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Elk Creek, Va. 24326

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Carl@ls.net

**MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**  
**January 2008**

To: District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Treasurers, Membership Chairmen and Auxiliary members.

CC: Kathryn Schreiber, National Membership Director  
Linda Butler, Southern Conference Chairman

From: Kathy Birch, Department Membership Chairman  
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**“Using Faith, Hope and Love in Our Service to All”**  
**The Ladies Auxiliary VFW will continue its**  
**“Tradition of Caring”**

**ELLEN’S GARDEN** has grown and prospered during its first 6 months in operation. Ellen, her District Presidents and her Auxiliaries, helped the Department have a very successful first half-year. On December 8, the Department was at 83% - only 175 members were needed to reach 85% by December 31. In the past week I’ve received phone calls from several Auxiliary Treasurers and Presidents saying they have reached 100%+ or that they had a recruiting booth at a community event over the weekend. **THANK YOU!!!**

Congratulations to the Auxiliaries and Districts who achieved 100% by December 31. Your dues renewal efforts, recruiting events and reinstating activities really did make a difference! The Department Treasurer sent a membership report to me on December 8 and the following Auxiliaries were listed as 100%. (If your Auxiliary’s name is not on this list, your transmittal could have been in transit and missed this report date.)

District 1: #824, Grafton at 105.56%; #5500 Hampton at 107.69%

District 2: #4411 Franklin at 100%

District 3: #4639 Williamsburg at 105.88%; #9501 Central Garage at 102.44%

District 4: #7166 South Hill at 101.25%; #7819 Crewe at 101.35%; #8163 Clarksville at 107.56%;  
#8902 Keysville at 100%; #9855 Appomattox at 137.50%

District 5: #7800 Stuart at 100%

District 6: #1264 Roanoke at 118.75%; #5311 Christiansburg at 126.09%

District 7: #2123 Winchester at 112.70%; #2447 Edinburg at 105%; 9292 Elkton at 100%

District 8: #7589 Manassas at 115.09%

District 9: #9640 Richlands at 118.60%

District 10: #1503 Dale City at 100.33%; #3150 Arlington at 103.33%; #7327 at 101.60%; #7916  
Woodbridge at 109.59%

District 12: #3782 Haysi at 111.76%

District 13: #2217 Orange at 100%

**District Standings**

**#1 is District 10** at 96.28% (802 of 833 members)  
**#2 is District 8** at 95.12% (234 of 246 members)  
**#3 is District 7** at 93.04%. (708 of 761 members)

## **RETAIN AND RECRUIT AND REINSTATE**

At the Winter Conference, I will be distributing information on how to recruit and retain membership. The information was received from the VFW Virginia Line Officers and can be a great resource for the Ladies as well. I look forward to seeing you and hope that the recruiting tips help your Auxiliary grow stronger. Every Auxiliary can reach 100% by June 30<sup>th</sup> if it continues its efforts in retaining, recruiting and reinstating.

### **DEPARTMENT AWARDS:**

- January 19, 2008: Awards to be presented at the VFW Winter Conference
  - \$15 to each **District** that achieved 100%.
  - A special drawing will be held for **Auxiliaries** who have attained 100%.

### **NATIONAL AWARDS:**

- January 31, 2008:
  - \$400 to each **Department** with 90% membership to be used for 2008 National Event/Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

**Wishing you a Healthy and Happy Year in 2008!**

Kathy Birch  
Department Membership Chairman

## **PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY 2007 - 2008**

### ***JANUARY 2008 GENERAL ORDERS***

**To: Department President; PDPs; District Pres.; Auxiliary Pres. and All VOD/ Patriotic Art Chairmen**

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### ***Voice of Democracy***

**The judging for the Voice of Democracy for the Department of Virginia took place on 12/15/07 in Bridgewater at Post 8644. You should find a complete listing of each District's placement on the Department of Virginia website at [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org). For those without internet access, the following are the top three winners' names that I received:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Samatha Roth from District #1, Sponsored by 824, Yorktown**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jessica Ibinson from District #13, Sponsored by 10546, Fredericksburg**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - John T. Goodwin from District 10, Sponsored by 8241, McLean**

**Department (state) winners will be brought to Washington, D.C., during the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Community Service Conference in March to enjoy our nation's capital and compete for \$146,000 in scholarships — first place receiving a \$30,000 scholarship.**

**Please be sure to thank all the students who participated and all of the educators who helped the students and who acted as judges.**

### ***Young American Creative Patriotic Art***

**Don't forget, the student deadline to submit entries to the Ladies Auxiliary Patriotic Art/VOD Chairman is March 31, 2008. The first place winner from the Auxiliary (or District) must be received by the Department Chairman by April 15, 2008. (*no exceptions*). Brochures are available at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org).**

**I am sad to say that I still have not received any entries in the artistic portion of my contest - but it is not too late! I am still hopeful that I can reward some creative auxiliaries out there, so please review last month's general orders for the details and submit your entries soon.....**

**Sisters, I am receiving many reports marked "did not participate" across the entire page. Although I am sure that you realize that sending such a report will not be accepted as "reported" for purposes of receiving your banner, I would just like to emphasize that you do not need to send me a report unless you have information to submit.**

**Auxiliaries not reported as of 12/15/07:**

**District 1:** (4856), 5500, 6002, 8252

**District 2:** 993, 9382 (No change)

**District 3:** 1426, 2239, (3125), 6364, 8046, 8356, 9224, 10657

**District 4:** 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7819, (8228), 8617, 8902, 9954

**District 5:** 4637, 7800

**District 6:** 1444, 4522, 7854 (No change)

**District 7:** 2123, 8613

**District 8:** 1177, 3103, 7589 (No change)

**District 9:** 100% \*

**District 10:** 609, 3150, 8241, 8815, 9478 (No change)

**District 11:** 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826

**District 12:** 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310 (still 0%) where are you?

**District 13:** 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10546, 10574 (still 0%) where are you?

**I know that there were entries in the competition from many of the auxiliaries currently showing as not reported. Please send me a report to let me know if you worked with the comrades on this program. Thank you.**

**\* I received a District 9 report stating that all 8 auxiliaries in this District participated in the competition, but please, if you haven't already done so, send me individual reports showing a breakdown of the awards and # of schools and students per auxiliary so that my records will be correct. Thank you.**

***With Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All***

*Welcome to the start of a new and wonderful year, Sisters.*

*Please stay safe and warm this month. Ellen*

## **PUBLICITY**

**TO:** Department President,  
PDPs, Line Officers, District  
Presidents, Auxiliary  
Presidents Publicity Chairmen,  
and Members

**CC:** National Director, Publicity Chairman  
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**January 2008**

Tradition of Caring

*Using Faith Hope and Love in our Service to All*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!** I hope that you have a wonderful holiday and are getting settled back in after all the hustle and bustle.

Speaking of the hustle and bustle, I know that your auxiliary and the Post did some wonderful things over the holidays. Did you -

- Pack and deliver Christmas food baskets?
- Hold a special dinner for the veterans or the community?
- Have a Christmas Party for the children or the Post family?
- Hold a holiday party or have a special activity for the VA Hospital patients?
- Take a veteran, an elderly or handicapped individual shopping for the holidays or for food?
- Perform an act of kindness for others during the holidays?
- Package and send care packages to our troops?

**Any activity that you and your auxiliary/post did for the holidays to make it special and happy for others should definitely**

**be recorded. Write up a short article or “Letter to the Editor” for you local newspaper. Tell them what you did, how many helped, and who benefited. This is a great time to get your Publicity Train rolling.**

I am so proud of the reports I have been receiving. Ladies – **YOU DO GOOD WORK! AND IT SHOWS!** However, some of you have still not let me know of what you have been doing. Don't forget that you can send me your Post and/or Auxiliary newsletter to be credited for publicity. You can also send me any flyers, pictures of posters, or pamphlets that you create and distribute. Of course there is the local media of television, radio, and newspapers. Keep talking to your points of contact that these offices. They will listen if you keep at them.

As you are probably aware, 2008 will be the year of the presidential elections and other local elections. Begin planning now for this event. Get a local candidate to come speak to your group or hold a debate and get publicity coverage for the event. Get scheduled early, because as we approach the primaries, it will be harder to get on the schedule.

Some events to plan for January and February:

- January 1, 2008:** New Year's Day [Jan. 1 every year]
- January 21, 2008:** Martin Luther King Day [3rd Monday in Jan]
- January 24:** Belly Laugh Day
- February 1** National Freedom Day
- February 2:** Groundhog Day
- February 12:** Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14:** St. Valentines Day
- February 18, 2008:** Presidents Day (observed) [3rd Monday in Feb]

**January** is also: - Maybe you can plan something special for these!

- Birth Defects Prevention Month - Sponsored by The March of Dimes
- Blood Donor Month (National Volunteer) - Sponsored by the American Association of Blood Banks
- Cervical Health Awareness Month (National) - Sponsored by the National Cervical Cancer Coalition
- Crime Stoppers Month
- Glaucoma Awareness Month - Sponsored by Prevent Blindness America
- Thyroid Disease Awareness Month

**February** – plan ahead for some of these to make it interesting:

- African American History Month (Black History Month)
- Children's Dental Health Month (National) - Sponsored by the American Dental Association
- Chocolate Month
- Friendship Month
- Responsible Pet Owner Month - Sponsored by the ASPCA

- Wise Health Consumer Month - Sponsored by the American Institute for Preventive Medicine

<b>Dist</b>	<b>Auxiliaries Not reported as of December 14, 2007</b>										
<b>1</b>	8252										<b>86%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>100% REPORTED!!!!!!</b>										<b>100%</b>
<b>3</b>	2239	8046	8356	9808	10387	10654	10657				<b>50%</b>
<b>4</b>	637	2584	5313	8617	9855	9954					<b>60%</b>
<b>5</b>	647	4637	7800								<b>63%</b>
<b>6</b>	1444	4522	5311	7854							<b>50%</b>
<b>7</b>	2123	8613	9760	9872							<b>63%</b>
<b>8</b>	1177	3103									<b>50%</b>
<b>9</b>	4667	7136	7328	9640							<b>50%</b>
<b>10</b>	609	7916	8241	8815	9274						<b>45%</b>
<b>11</b>	2424	3136	4204	7814							<b>67%</b>
<b>12</b>	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310		<b>0%</b>
<b>13</b>	1827	7638	8436	8947	10546	10574					<b>14%</b>
<b>TOTAL Percentage for the Department</b>											<b>53%</b>

**VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT**  
**January 2008**

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**“Tradition of Caring”**  
**“Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to All”**

With the Holidays behind us and the winter months ahead, we sometimes slow down in our activities. We deserve a well earned rest for all the work that we have accomplished in the previous months. Please don't forget our veterans and their families. The upcoming months can be very hard on many of them. It can be a very lonely time for those who have lost their spouse. Send them a card or call them. I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you.

Continue to promote MAP, Unmet Needs and Operation Uplink. Make sure that those in need use these programs. Remember that the deadline for the \$1000.00 scholarship is 2/15/08. Applications are available on the LAVFW website. Other scholarships available will be (25) twenty-five \$3000.00 each (five for each branch of service) to active duty servicemen or those discharged within 3 years of 12-1-2007. Contact [vfwprograms@vfw.org](mailto:vfwprograms@vfw.org) for more information.

Keep up the great work and report to me soon.

**NOT REPORTED: As of 12/14/07**

District 1 - 100%
District 2 - 9382
District 3 - 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9224
District 4 - 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 8759
District 5 - 1115, 7726, 7800
District 6 - 1444, 4522, 7854
District 7 - 2123, 8613
District 8 - 1177, 3103
District 9 - 4667, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640
District 10 - 3150, 8241
District 11 - 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 10826
District 12 - 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310
District 13 - 1827, 7638, 8947, 10574

January 2008

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*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

**Help is still needed to collect Campbell Labels for the Education Minivan.**

**Please continue to support our NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN WITH YOUR LIFE MEMBERSHIPS -**

**THE TYSON PROJECT -**

**STAR DONOR PROGRAM -**

**ALL OF THE ABOVE MEAN SO MUCH TO OUR CHILDREN AT NATIONAL HOME.**

**THANKS ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

**I HOPE YOUR REPORTS AND PROJECTS CONTINUE THROUGH 2008.**

**HAVE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

Loyally,  
Nancy Lee Shifflett

REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES BY DISTRICT  
*Congratulations to District 1, 5, 7 & 13 for being 100%*  
AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED

DISTRICT	AUXILIARY #
1	100%
2	3160
3	1426
4	622, 637, 5313
5	100%
6	7854
7	100%
8	1177
9	4667
10	8241
11	7814
12	1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310
13	100%

**VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN**

# STAR DONAR PROGRAM

The VFW National Home for Children has always appreciated the generous supporters who help our Children and families with their financial contributions, now, the National Home is proud to recognize these individuals and organizations through the Star Donor Program.

## **Star Donor Program for *Individuals*:**

Donors are sent a letter of thanks and a distinctive pin signifying their Star Donor level. Monthly reporting allows donors to move up the Star donor levels through the calendar year from January 2 – December 31. Each individual Star Donor Program level is represented by a number of stars.

### **The recognition levels are:**

**6 Stars \* \* \* \* \* Six Star Donor \$5,000 or more**

**5 Stars \* \* \* \* \* Five Star Donor - \$1,000 - \$4,999**

**4 Stars \* \* \* \* Four Star Donor - \$500 - \$999**

**3 Stars \* \* \* Three Star Donor - \$250 - \$499**

**2 Stars \* \* Two Star Donor - \$100 - \$249**

**1 Star \* One Star Donor - \$50-\$99**

## **STAR DONOR PROGRAM FOR *Organizations*:**

All levels of the VFW and their Auxiliaries, Military Order of the Cootie and their Auxiliaries and non-VFW organizations will receive recognition for their generous support of the National Home. Cumulative giving will be tracked from July 1 to July 30 of each year. Organizations that reach a Star Donor level will be awarded a recognition plaque at the VFW National Convention each August. Organizations Donors will be recognized for their contributions in the following giving levels.

### **The recognition levels are:**

- **Bronze Star Donor \$500 - \$999**
- **Silver Star Donor \$1,000 - \$1,999**
- **Gold Star Donor \$2,000 -- \$4,999**
- **Platinum Star Donor \$5,000 or more**

**The National Home looks forward to seeing *you* become of our  
“STARS”.**

Note: Life membership fees, gifts in kinds and souvenir pledges, annuities are not included.

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Sisters,

January 2007

***THE FEATHERS HAVE BEEN FLYING AT THE Department of Virginia  
Youth Activities/Patriot's Pen***

**Snowball Express** pulled into two different airports in Virginia, and **the VFW Ladies Auxiliary was there in full force to meet them!** I am pleased to say that in both Dulles and Norfolk we were there to greet the families (children, Moms, at least 1 Dad, and Grandparents) making their way cross-country to California. We sang carols, handed out candy, stickers, hugs and beanie babies. This generated newspaper articles and television news coverage. Please send those pictures ASAP to publicity – National is looking for them!

Ladies, this does not mean that Snowball Express is over – so continue to send in your donations (and don't forget to let me know you sent it!).

Patriot's Pen was quite successful, judging by the entries I have seen. Please send in your report describing your auxiliary's participation – I don't know unless you report!

**Reminder Time!**

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**Student entry** deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**YOUTH SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS**

Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD AWARDS FOR GIRL SCOUTS**

Auxiliaries are encouraged to contact local Girl Scout Troops and inquire if any girls have earned the Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards. Request the date of presentation and complete the necessary request form for the Girls Scouts Awards from National Headquarters. The Auxiliary must

present these awards. (Remember that these girls have done the work, it is only right that they receive the recognition due them.)

### **Report Status as of December 12, 2007**

District 1: 8252 **for 85.7% - 1 more**  
District 2: 993, 9382 **for 66.7% - 2/3's there let's get the rest**  
District 3: 1426, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9501 **for 50% - only half ☹**  
District 4: 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7166, 7897, 8759, 8902 **for 42.9% - less than half ☹**  
District 5: 4637, 7726 **for 75% - only 2 more let's get them in**  
District 6: 1444, 4522, 5311, 7854 **for 50% - only half ☹**  
District 7: 621, 2123, 8613 **for 66.7% - 2/3's there let's get the rest**  
District 8: 1177, 3103 **for 50% - only half ☹**  
District 9: 4667, 7136, 7969, 9640, 9696 **for 37.5% - what happened? ☹**  
District 10: 3150, 8241, 8815, 9478 **for 55.6% - over half way there**  
District 11: 1499, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8279, 9339, 9480, 10826 **for 16.7% ☹**  
District 12: 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310 **for 0% ☹**  
District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10574 **for 0%☹**

I know that you have been working – send me a report; let me know what your auxiliary is doing. I have received numerous reports from some Auxiliaries (I love it!!!) and nothing from others (☹), please report, report, report!

As our National President Virginia Carman is starting her “**Tradition of Caring**” year, we have a great many opportunities this year to “**focus on getting out there and doing what we do best**” by “**engaging our youth with scholarship contests and activities**”. Our Department of Virginia President Ellen Stogsdill’s theme of “**Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All**” will certainly be an inspiration to us all, especially in our Youth Activities and Patriot’s Pen Programs.

**KEEP THOSE FEATHERS FLYING!**

Sincerely,  
Robin Milewski  
Youth Activities /Patriot’s Pen Chairman

**The Rubber Chickens are starving for your reports!**