

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

October, 2007

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

1. I would like to thank **ALL** members of the Virginia Delegation, for your help in Kansas City. As always the Department of Virginia had a fantastic Hospitality Room. Sister Mary Jane Sweeny and Comrade Joe Longstreet always do a great job. I could never put into words my sincere THANKS for the help and support that you give our Department.
2. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** Sisters all of your work paid off! It was an honor to report that the Department was 49% in membership at National Convention. This year I am asking each member to **recruit, reinstate, and retain members** for their auxiliary. As a "*Tradition of Caring*" using *Hope, Faith and Love in our Service*" for our veterans, community and youth, we need to achieve 100% in membership by 12-31-07. Remind your members their dues must be paid no later then December 31, 2007 to remain a member in good standing. Please read the promotional information the membership Chairman has each month. The membership chairman always has some good ideas for Recruiting, Reinstating, and Retaining members.
3. **ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS and AUXILIARIES PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP:** If you would like for the Department Line Offices to come and help you recruit new members for your Auxiliary, please contact Kathy Birch, Membership Chairmen or myself. We would be glad to come to your area and spend the day and help you recruit new members for your District and Auxiliary.
4. **Treasurers**, be sure to transmit all dues as soon possible, even between your auxiliary meetings, to our Department Treasurer Debbie Martin 539 West wood Drive Ruckersville, VA 22968.
5. **Treasurers**, remember that National Headquarters **no longer sends out dues** reminders. The Department will be sending out due notices in October 2007 and January 2008. Ask the members of your Auxiliary to help you contact members for retaining and reinstating their membership status for 2008. Keep up the **GREAT** work that you do for our organization. A Treasurer at any level is just one of the many assets of our organization and I **THANK YOU** for the timely matter you are submitting membership dues to our Department Treasurer.
6. **ATTENTION ALL PRESIDENTS AND TREASURER LAST TRANSMITTAR FOR 2007:** Please make sure that you make a note to have **your last transmittal for 2007** to Department Treasurer Debbie Martin, by 12-29-2007. This will give our Department Treasurer ample time to make sure that National has our dues by 12-31-07. As a "*Tradition of Caring*", we can be 100% in Membership this year with the help of all of our Members.
7. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES:** The third quarter Auxiliary audit covers the months of July, August and September. The audit shall be conducted during the month of October. A copy of the audit must be mailed to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, by October 30, 2007. **Bylaws Section 814A:** "It shall be the duty of the Trustees, no later than the end of the month following the expiration of each quarterly period, to properly audit the books and records of the Auxiliary Treasurer and Secretary. The Trustees shall submit and read a written report during and Auxiliary meeting. A motion to accept the Audit is required. A copy of the accepted audit shall be included in the Minutes Record book. Any negligence on the part of the Trustees in carrying out the mandates of the section or in attending audits shall make them individually and collectively responsible, with any others, for any discrepancy."
8. All officers and chairmen handling money must have their books audited by the Trustees. Trustees, be sure to sign and date the books of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairmen **after** completing the Audit.

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

10. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY.** October 27, 2007 is fast approaching. I hope that your Auxiliary's Community-wide projects are already planned. There are many in our communities that need our help and we can make a difference. Please read your Community Service Chairman's promotion in this General orders, she will give your Auxiliary ideas of projects that you can have for this special day. As "*A Tradition of Service*", let us go above and beyond to reach out our hands in friendship "*Using Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All*" to those who need our help.

11. **NATIONAL FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY** is on November 17, 2007. Start making plans today to volunteer in your community and use your Auxiliary members and families to help with this project.

12. **PATRIOTIC ART/ PATRIOT'S PEN/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM:** All Patriotic Art/ Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy Auxiliary Chairmen should have contacted their local grade/middle and high schools and youth groups by now. The Young American Creative Art Contest has been in existence for 28 years, yet this program still remains in the background for many Auxiliaries. **THIS IS AN AUXILIARY PROGRAM.** Please pay close attention to the Patriotic Art/ Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy Chairman's promotion in this General Order; help her to get this important program off to a great start.

13. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN:** If you have not sent in a report to the Department Chairman, please send a report in right away. Report every project that your Auxiliary completes and report in detail. Remember to REPORT, REPORT, REPORT. The more often you report and the more you report in detail, the better chance you have to win an award at our Department Convention in June. There are Auxiliaries that do wonderful work that is never reported and what a shame that is! They do not receive credit for what they have accomplished, as the Department Chairmen never hear about the great work they did. Beginning in this General Orders, Department Chairmen will be listing those Auxiliaries who have not reported. Please send your reports in, get your Auxiliaries name off the not reported list. In addition, Department Chairmen will have their awards listed in these General Orders. Please check the awards under each program and plan some projects that can be submitted for awards.

Sisters, you deserve a great big, giant **THANK YOU!** ... or if you prefer, I could give you a whole bunch of little ones! Thanks for volunteering your time for our organization. I ask you to keep up the great work that you are doing for our veterans, their families, and your community. Let's keep of the "**Tradition of Caring**" in using **Faith, Hope, Love in our Service to All.**

By the Order Of, 

Ellen Stogsdill
Department President

Attest:



Linda DeShano
Department Secretary

Sincere Thanks

One seed can start a garden,
One smile can lift a spirit,
One candle can light a room,
One conversation can start a friendship,
One step can begin a journey,
One heart can love many...

One person can make all the difference
and that one is you,

Thanks for Everything
You've did to make my homecoming
so special to me.

May all the care and kindness
you give so freely to others come back to warm each
of yours heart as much as it has mine.
*Your thoughtfulness meant much more than any words
can say.*

Ellen Stogsdill



NATIONAL PRESIDENT: VIRGINIA CARMAN

VISITS THE DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

Our National President, Virginia Carman arrives in Norfolk, VA Wednesday, October 24, 2007. We will meet Virginia and arrive at VFW Post 4809 in Norfolk for lunch at about 1:00 p.m. If you wish to join us for Lunch with the National President, please call Auxiliary President, Gloria Klinefelter, @ 757-282-6803 or Phyllis Stokes @ 757-495-5675.

After lunch, Virginia Carman checks into her hotel (Hilton-Airport) to freshen up. We then tour the McArthur Memorial in Norfolk and possibly have a News Station or newspaper interview. Then it is on to the Peninsula (1st District) hopefully in not too much traffic, to VFW Post 3219 in Hampton (Phoebus) for 5:30 Cocktails/Social and 6:30 Dinner. If you plan to attend Dinner with the National President, please call Auxiliary President, Rhonda Burch, @ 757-727-0228 or 1st District President, Laine Beckwith, @ 757-722-0235 (cell 757-719-4074). We may have other special guests in attendance.

Thursday morning, October 25th, we eat breakfast @ the IHOP on Military Hwy (dutch treat) about 8-9:00 a.m. Then it's on to Jamestown to Tour and witness the changes in celebration of the 400th Anniversary. Lunch will be in the local area – it is unplanned. Thursday Dinner is at VFW Post 392 in Virginia Beach, 5:30 Cocktails/ Social and 6:30 Dinner. If you plan to join us for Dinner, please call Auxiliary President, Suzie Forehand, @ 757-425-1041 or Mary Richards @ 757-468-5089. We may have other special guests in attendance.

Our National President leaves us very early Friday morning. We hope to have a very pleasant visit with her. She wants to meet the members, so please try to attend one of the evening events, meet and greet our wonderful National President during her short stay with us and let's show her our SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY.

Dee Guillory
Visit Chairman
Cell: 757-291-6690

Darlene Mays-Tittman
Co-Chairman
Cell: 757-880-6298

Linda (Susie) DeShano
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October, 2007

Thank you

PDP Becky Mason would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts she received at her Homecoming in April. She would also, like to tell everyone how much she has appreciated the get well cards she has received since her accident.

ATTENTION

Ladies, each month in the General Orders, I will be giving you a little instruction on some of the duties of the Auxiliary Secretaries and Auxiliary Procedures.

Sec. 801 No member shall hold two elective offices on the same level. One exception- a Trustee may hold another elective or appointed office other than President, Treasurer or Secretary. Ladies this means you're Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice cannot be the same person. Your Chaplain cannot also be your Conductress and so on.

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Treasurer** : of Waynesboro Auxiliary 2424, Margaret Williams, 473 N. Bayard Ave., Waynesboro, VA 22980-4005.
- **Secretary**: for Louisa County Auxiliary, Nettie Trainum, 19396 Louisa Road, Louisa, VA 23093.
- **New President**: for Clemanceau-McAdoo-Givings Auxiliary 9224, Gwendolyn Johnson, 3335 Cedar Grove Road, Richmond, VA. 23235. Phone number 804-272-9507.
- **New Address**: for Secretary Halifax County Auxiliary 8243, Beverly Kay Hill, 2060 Old Cluster Springs Road, South Boston, VA 24592.
- **New Secretary**: for Robert E. Lee Auxiliary 2239, Brenda Patterson, 3116 Pineland Ave., Colonial Heights, VA 23834, 804-520-5415.
- **New Address, Phone number and E-mail**: for Department Flag Bearer Lucy Smith, 1408 Oleander Ave, Chesapeake, VA 23325, Phone number 757-366-0652, e-mail mcssret1@verizon.net
- **New Secretary**: for District 6, Blanche Dooley, 284 Arthur Road, Roanoke, VA 24019. Phone number 540-992-4371, e-mail mas592bd@comcast.net

Calendar updates

Southern Conference: November 1-4, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (info enclosed)

Winter Council: January 18-20, 2008, Williamsburg, VA. Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 800-227-6963. Hotel Reservation deadline is December 26, 2007.

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.

1st	Date	11/17/2007	8th	Date	2008
	Lunch	After Meeting		Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.		Meeting	
	Location	Post 3219 Phoebus		Location	
	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdil, President		Rep:	
2nd	Date	11/17/2007	9th	Date	
	Lunch	Noon		Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.		Meeting	
	Location	Ocean View Post 3160		Location	
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Senior Vice President		Rep:	
3rd	Date	11/17/2007	10th	Date	2/ /2008
	Lunch	After Meeting		Lunch	
	Meeting	10:00 a.m.		Meeting	
	Location	3rd District Headquarters		Location:	
	Rep:	Kathy Birch, Junior Vice President		Rep:	
4th	Date	11/18/2007	11th	Date	1/6/2008
	Lunch	After meeting		Lunch	Staunton Post 2216
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.		Meeting	
	Location	South Hill Post 7166		Location	
	Rep:	Chaplain Betty Gimble		Rep:	
5th	Date	11/18/2007	12th	Date	1/5/2008
	Lunch	12:30 p.m.		Registration	
	Meeting	After Lunch		Meeting	
	Location	Hillvsville Post 1115		Location	Pennington Gap Post 10298
	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdil, President		Rep:	
6th	Date	11/25/2007	13th	Date	TBA
	Lunch			Lunch	
	Meeting			Meeting	
	Location	VAMC Salem		Location	
	Sponsored by:			Rep:	
7th	Date	12/9/2007			
	Lunch				
	Meeting	11:30 a.m.			
	Location	Post 2123, Winchester			
	Rep:				

CHAPLAIN

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

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

The following cards were mailed during the period of August 12 – September 14:

Sympathy Cards

Glennie Bower #8048 Loss of Sister	401 So. Hicks Street	Lawrenceville, VA 23868
Pat Wheeler #993 Loss of Husband	68 Gillis Road	Portsmouth, VA 23702
Penny Wheeler #993 Loss of Father-in-Law	11 Travis Place	Portsmouth, VA 23702
Katherine Crenshaw #7166 Loss of Daughter	95 Clara H. Crenshaw Ln	South Hill, VA 26970
Lockie Webb # 1115 Loss of Husband	370 Keno Road	Fancy Gap, VA 24328
Laura Cassell #1115 Loss of Sister	482 Sylvatus Hwy	Hillsville, VA 24343
Dovie Henley #1115 Loss of Sister	516 Floyd Pike	Hillsville, VA 24343
Frances Deal #2524 Loss of Son	10628 Rixeyville Rd.	Culpeper, VA 22701
Connie Duck #4411 Loss of Mother	2940 Deer Path Rd.	Suffolk, VA 23434
Peggy Wilson #4411 Loss of Mother	2937 Deer Path Road	Suffolk, VA 23434
J.D. Gordon #1503 Loss of Wife	4253 Glendale Road	Woodbridge, VA 22193

Get Well Cards

Barbara Grossnickle PDP Hospital with high blood pressure	4665 Merrimac Lane	Virginia Beach, VA 23455
Ruth Rodier #3150 Fall	4390 Lorcum Lane #808	Arlington, VA 22207
Hattie Holder #609 Surgery	HC-32 Box 581	Caretta, WV 24821
Barbara Bentley #10654 Surgery	4006 Pretty Lane	Richmond, VA 23234
Becky Mason PDP Fall	121 Graham Road	Petersburg, VA 23803
Ann Brown #7166 Sick	284 Forest Tr 7	Bracey, VA 23919
Carrie Craddock #7166 Sick	2574 Oral Oaks Road	South Hill, VA 23970
Ethel Malone #7166 Sick	1964 Boydton Plank Road	Brodnox, VA 23920
Florence Taylor PNP Hospital	3411 South Camino Seco #358	Tucson, AZ 85730-2805
Ray Wells VFW Dept of VA Chaplain – Sick	6228 Josephine Road	Norton, VA 24273
Anna Wells Sick	6228 Josephine Road	Norton, VA 24273
Nancy Shiftlett Sick	917 West Main Street	Luray, VA 22835

Thinking of You Cards

Patricia Martin #1503 Cancer treatment	12 Lawhorn Road	Stafford, VA 22554
Jacqueline Patterson #10654 Cancer	7906 Capistrano Dr.	Richmond, VA 23227
Elizabeth Rich PDP Loss of several family members	148 Wilson Dr.	Chesapeake, VA 23322
Evelyn Dickens #1115 Cancer treatment	101 Dickens Lane	Fancy Gap, VA 24328
Dee Dugas #1503 Cancer treatment	14583 Leary Street	Nokesville, VA 20181

Last month I reported that PDP Joyce Wimer lost her daughter-in-law but I failed to report that Linda Wimer was also a member of Auxiliary 2216.

OCTOBER 2007

To: Department Chairmen, District President, Auxiliary President, Auxiliary Chairmen, Members

From: Linda Ryman, Dept. Banner Chairman, 2376 Stoney Creek Rd., Edinburg, Va. 22824
Phone (540) 984-8886

**FIRST READ!!!! READ!!!! READ!!!! READ!!!! YOUR GENERAL
ORDERS/PROMOTIONALS!!!!** They are your guidelines and have the information you may need for any particular Program. Plus if you have questions the Chairmen's phone number is on that promotional.

***TRADITIONS OF CARING
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL***

CHANGES IN BANNER FOR 07-08

- 1. 100% dues paid by December 31, 2007 (no exceptions)**
- 2. Legislative/VFW-PAC – either one or both (now one program)**
- 3. Hospital – now \$35 (not \$25)**
- 4. National Home – Health & Happiness –now \$.25 per member – (not \$.10 per member)**

Reminder – District dues must be paid by September 30, 07,(according to National By-laws Sec. 814A)

Just remember the deadline dates. Keep referring back to the Banner Requirement Sheet to make sure you have done all the programs and sent the report to the right Chairman. **HOW CAN YOU FAIL!!!!!!**

In our traditions of caring, our faith, hope, and love in our service to all speaks volumes as to the work we do. Our Faith in God and Faith in our Veterans for what they have done is unequalled to any we can imagine. It is what we do. We are hard workers, volunteer workers, and dedicated workers!! Having said that I have no doubt that the Ladies of this organization will do whatever it takes to be successful. So.....the **BANNER IS YOURS TO ACHIEVE!!!!!!**

Check the Banner Requirements at each meeting. Keep on top of **ALL** you do. I know the Ladies of the organization do a tremendous amount of work without even thinking about it. So write it down, send it to the right chairman and get the credit you deserve!!!!!!

There is a saying” **It’s amazing how much work is accomplished when no one worries about who gets the credit.**” Think about it! **TRUST ME ON THIS ONE!!!!!!** **IT WORKS!!!!!!**

Have a fun year and **GOOD LUCK** to all of the Auxiliaries. Banner Requirement Sheet on back.

Linda

BANNER REQUIREMENTS 2007-08
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW – DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2007 - MARCH 31, 2008

MEMBERSHIP: 100% dues paid no later than Dec. 31, 2007

All requirements based on June 30, 2007 membership. All dues are sent to Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Rd., Ruckersville, Va. 22968. **CHECK PAYABLE TO: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia.** (postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2007)

AUXILIARY AUDITS: Auxiliary Quarterly Audits Reports must be conducted for the calendar quarters ending in **MARCH 2007, JUNE 2007, SEPTEMBER 2007, DECEMBER 2007, (National By-laws Sec.814A)** This report must be sent to Department Treasurer: (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) The Department Treasurer will verify audit report to Banner Chairman after each Audit.

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

ATTENDANCE: An Auxiliary member must be present at either a District Meeting or Department Council/Conference, during the reporting period. **DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT SECRETARY WILL VERIFY ATTENDANCE TO BANNER CHAIRMAN – AFTER EACH MEETING.** District Conventions/Election of Officers **DOES NOT** count.

PARTICIPATION: Each Auxiliary **must participate** in the National Programs shown below and **MUST REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2008. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Americanism	Legislative/VFW-PAC	Veterans & Family Support
Buddy Poppy	either one or both	VFW National Home for Children
Cancer Aid & Research	Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy	Youth Activities/Patriots Pen
Community Service	either one or both	either one or both
Hospital/VAVS	Publicity	

DONATIONS:

CANCER FUND: \$2.00 per member. Based on June 30, 2007 membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia marked for **Cancer Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer no later than **MARCH 31, 2008. DEPARTMENT TREASURER WILL REPORT THESE DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

STATE HOSPITAL FUND: \$35.00. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia, marked **Hospital Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer, no later that **MARCH 31, 2008. DEPARTMENT TREASURER WILL REPORT THESE DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND: \$0.25 per member, based on June 30, 2007 membership. New Auxiliaries based on institutional membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, marked **Health & Happiness Fund.** Send to: **NATIONAL TREASURER, 406 W. 34th STREET 10th Floor, KANSAS City, MO. 64111.** Postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2007. NATIONAL TREASURER WILL VERIFY REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: No funds can be derived from VFW Post or Auxiliary membership dues or treasuries. Funds are obtained from individual contributions and/or fund raisers held by Post or Auxiliaries. Checks payable to **VFW-PAC, and mailed to 200 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002** and report to Department Legislative/VFW-PAC Chairman postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2008. DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILL VERIFY TO BANNER CHAIRMAN.**

approved: DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
June 16, 2007

Linda Ryman: Banner Chairman

Date	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
9/18/2007	Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink

District 1

176	Newport News	34	14	41.18%	35		68	70	20				
824	Grafton	18	12	66.67%	35		36	42	10				
3219	Phoebus	246	102	41.46%	35	25	10	492	492		25	25	
4856	Exmore	48	28	58.33%	25			96	116			50	
5500	Hampton	13	12	92.31%	35			26	26				
6002	Denbigh	67	36	53.73%	35			134	134		25		
7167	Warsaw	78	66	84.62%	35	100		156	156			100	
8252	Gloucester	28	14	50.00%				56					
Total (8)	District 1	532	284	53.38%	235	125	10	1064	1036	30	0	50	175

District 2

392	Virginia Beach	334	265	79.34%	35	200		668	668			200	
993	Portsmouth	86	58	67.44%				172	172		25		
3160	Ocean View	293	215	73.38%				586					
4411	Franklin	49	30	61.22%	35			98	104	40	25		
4809	Norfolk	313	236	75.40%	35			626	626				
9382	Suffolk	60	31	51.67%	35			120	120	80			
Total (6)	District 2	1135	835	73.57%	140	200	0	2270	1690	120	25	25	200

District 3

1426	Midlothian	37	14	37.84%				74					
2239	Colonial Heights	96	80	83.33%	35			192	192	40			
3125	Ruther Glen	10	3	30.00%				20					
4639	Williamsburg	34	34	100.00%	25			68	70	30			
6364	West Richmond	30	13	43.33%	35			60	60	20			
8046	Norge	59	16	27.12%				118		30			
8356	West Point	27	18	66.67%	35			54					
9224	Richmond	29	21	72.41%				58					
9501	Central Garage	41	5	12.20%				82					
9808	Mechanicsville	154	88	57.14%				308					
10387	Petersburg	40	29	72.50%				80					
10654	Richmond	33	27	81.82%	35			66	66				
10657	Glen Allen	31	22	70.97%	35			62	62		10		
Total (13)	District 3	621	370	59.58%	200	0	0	1242	450	120	0	10	0

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District 4													
622	Petersburg	60	12	20.00%				120					
637	Hopewell	64	13	20.31%				128					
2584	Cullen	39	8	20.51%				78					
5313	Nottoway	27	25	92.59%				54					
7059	Farmville	67	43	64.18%	35			134	134				
7166	South Hill	80	65	81.25%	35			160	162	30			
7819	Crewe	74	61	82.43%	35			148	146	60			
7897	Blackstone	25	9	36.00%	35			50	50	10			
8048	Lawrenceville	29	4	13.79%		50		58	58	20			
8163	Clarksville	67	53	79.10%	35			134	136	10	32.8		
8228	Chase City	12		0.00%		500		24				100	
8617	Goochland	26	3	11.54%				52					
8759	Amelia	66	41	62.12%	35			132	132				
8902	Keysville	12		0.00%	35			24	26				
9855	Appomattox	16	6	37.50%				32					
9954	Victoria	198	91	45.96%				396					
Total (16) District 4		862	434	50.35%	245	550	0	1724	844	130	32.8	100	0

District 5													
647	Danville	108	44	40.74%	35			216	234				
1115	Hillsville	499	131	26.25%		25		998					
4637	Martinsville	49	10	20.41%				98					
7568	Galax	32	8	25.00%				64					
7726	Grayson	160	26	16.25%				320					
7800	Stuart	23	16	69.57%	25			46	46				
8243	Halifax	60	37	61.67%	25			120	130				
8467	Meadows of Dan	56	33	58.93%				112					
Total (8) District 5		987	305	30.90%	85	25	0	1974	410	0	0	0	0

District 6													
1033	Covington	111	31	27.93%	35	25		222	236				
1264	Roanoke	48	32	66.67%	35			96	106	40			
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	45	32	71.11%	35			90	80	10			
1841	Fincastle	56	17	30.36%	35			112	110				
2157	Bedford	58	18	31.03%	35			116	116				
4522	Vinton	61	14	22.95%				122					
5311	Christiansburg	46	19	41.30%				92			150		
7854	Floyd	32	14	43.75%				64					
Total (8) District 6		457	177	38.73%	175	25	0	914	648	50	150	0	0

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District 7

621	Luray	99	44	44.44%	35	500		198			45		150
1860	Front Royal	170	97	57.06%	35			340	332	40			100
2123	Winchester	63	6	9.52%	35			126					
2447	Edinburg	80	37	46.25%	35	100		160	166	40		100	
8613	Shenandoah	79	26	32.91%				158		20			
9660	Broadway	74	47	63.51%	35			148	148	60	15	50	100
9760	Berryville	165	42	25.45%	35	200		330	332	20		25	
9872	Mt. Clinton	31	30	96.77%	35			62	62	20			
Total (8)	District 7	761	329	43.23%	245	800	0	1522	1040	200	60	175	350

District 8

1177	Leesburg	11	11					22					
2524	Culpeper	65	43	66.15%	35			130	130				
3103	Fredericksburg	117	91	77.78%	25		50	234	234				
7589	Manassas	53	48	90.57%	35			106	106	40	248.69		100
Total (4)	District 8	246	193	78.46%	95	0	50	492	470	40	248.69	0	100

District 9

1184	Pulaski	39	23	58.97%	35			78	72	20			50
4667	Marion	122	66	54.10%				244		20			
6000	Narrows	127	4	3.15%				254					
7136	Tazewell	53	15	28.30%	35			106					
7328	Saltville	32	12	37.50%				64					
7969	Bland	32	18	56.25%				64					
9640	Richlands	43	13	30.23%				86					
9696	Bluefield	141	39	27.66%	35			282	310				
Total (8)	District 9	589	190	32.26%	105	0	0	1178	382	40	0	0	50

Date	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
9/18/2007	Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink

District 10

609	Alexandria	38	34	89.47%	35			76	76	20			
1503	Dale City	299	257	85.95%	35			598	600		75		200
3150	Arlington	150	128	85.33%	35			300	300	50			100

7327	Springfield	125	114	91.20%	35			250	250	80	100		200
7916	Woodbridge	73	54	73.97%	35			146	146				
8241	McLean	50	30	60.00%				100		20			
8815	Lorton	18	13	72.22%				36	56	20			
9274	Falls Church	57	32	56.14%				114					
9478	Sterling	23	8	34.78%	35			46	42	10			
Total (9)	District 10	833	670	80.43%	210	0	0	1666	1470	200	175	0	500

District 11

632	Harrisonburg	230	173	75.22%	35			460	494	50			
1499	Lexington	71	30	42.25%				142		20			
2216	Staunton	128	81	63.28%	35			256	256				
2424	Waynesboro	41	19	46.34%	35		25	82	82	20		25	
3136	Mt. Solon	21	6	28.57%				42					
4204	Hot Springs	42	4	9.52%				84					
7814	Staunton	22	1	4.55%				44					
8279	Steeles Tavern	31	25	80.65%	35			62	58				
8644	Bridgewater	108	88	81.48%	35			216	216	40			
9339	Stuarts Draft	50	43	86.00%	35			100	100				
9480	Craigsville	23	12	52.17%	35			46	48				
10826	Verona	29	8	27.59%				58					
Total (12)	District 11	796	490	61.56%	245	0	25	1592	1254	130	0	25	0

District 12

1994	Abingdon	35	2					70					
3782	Haysi	17	3	17.65%				34					
6975	Bristol	106	12	11.32%				212					
8652	Coeburn	33	3	9.09%				66					
8979	Clintwood	34	12	35.29%				68					
9600	Pound	56	18	32.14%				112					
9830	Damascus	28	6	21.43%				56					
10298	Pennington Gap	11	4	36.36%				22					
10310	Ewing	21	1	4.76%				42					
Total (9)	District 12	341	61	17.89%	0	0	0	682	0	0	0	0	0

Date	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation	
9/18/2007	Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink	
1827	Charlottesville	70	26	37.14%	35		140	140	20				
2217	Orange	23	13	56.52%			46						
7638	Gordonsville	41	23	56.10%			82						
8436	Yancy Mills	31		0.00%			62						
8947	Louisa	63	30	47.62%			126						
10546	Spotsylvania	34	13	38.24%			68						
10574	Colonial Beach	112	27	24.11%			224						
Total (7)	District 13	374	132	35.29%	35	0	0	748	140	20	0	0	0

Member at Large

15	0	0.00%
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Dept. Total

8549	4,470	52.29%	2015	1725	85	17068	9834	1080	691.49	385	1375
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To: All PDP's, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, and members. A "Tradition of Caring" using "Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All"

In 1812, the United States went to war with Great Britain, primarily over freedom of the seas. We were in the right. For two years, we held off the British, even though we were still a rather weak country. Great Britain was in a life and death struggle with Napoleon. In fact, just as the United States declared war, Napoleon marched off to invade Russia. If he won, as everyone expected, he would control Europe, and Great Britain would be isolated. It was no time for her to be involved in an American war.

At first, our seamen proved better than the British. After we won a battle on Lake Erie in 1813, the American commander, Oliver Hazard Perry, sent the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." However, the weight of the British navy beat down our ships eventually. New England, hard-hit by a tightening blockade, threatened secession.

Meanwhile, Napoleon was beaten in Russia and in 1814 was forced to abdicate. Great Britain now turned its attention to the United States, launching a three-pronged attack.

The northern prong was to come down Lake Champlain toward New York and seize parts of New England.

The southern prong was to go up the Mississippi, take New Orleans and paralyze the west.

The central prong was to head for the mid-Atlantic states and then attack Baltimore, the greatest port south of New York. If Baltimore was taken, the nation, which still hugged the Atlantic coast, could be split in two. The fate of the United States, then, rested to a large extent on the success or failure of the central prong.

The British reached the American coast, and on August 24, 1814, took Washington, D.C. Then they moved up the Chesapeake Bay toward Baltimore. On September 12, they arrived and found 1,000 men in Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If the British wished to take Baltimore, they would have to take the fort.

On one of the British ships was an aged physician, William Beanes, who had been arrested in Maryland and brought along as a prisoner. Francis Scott Key, a lawyer and friend of the physician, had come to the ship to negotiate his release. The British captain was willing, but the two Americans would have to wait. It was now the night of September 13, and the bombardment of Fort McHenry was about to start

As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. Through the night, they heard bombs bursting and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting and the American flag was still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other over and over, "Can you see the flag?"

After it was all finished, Key wrote a four stanza poem telling the events of the night. Called "The Defense of Fort McHenry," it was published in newspapers and swept the nation. Someone noted that the words fit an old English tune called, "To Anacreon in Heaven" -- a difficult melody with an uncomfortably large vocal range. For obvious reasons, Key's work became known as "The Star Spangled Banner," and in 1931 Congress declared it the official anthem of the United States.

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor is speaking. This is what he asks Key:

**Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?**

The first stanza asks a question. The second gives an answer:

**On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep.
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream
'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!**

"The towering steep" is again, the ramparts. The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing more but sail away, their mission a failure. In the third stanza, I feel Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise.

During World War II, when the British were our staunchest allies, this third stanza was not sung:

**And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.**

The fourth stanza, (a pious hope for the future) should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling:

**Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,
Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven - rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause is just,
And this be our motto --"In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.**

From "Did You Know" by Dr. Isaac Asimov

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October 2007

Dear Ladies,

I have been receiving some great reports. You have been distributing flags, collecting worn flags and just flying flags. I have enjoyed reading all of them.

As I told you last month, I would have a little bit of information on flag disposal. The U.S. Federal Code Title 36, Chapter 10, section 176 (k) simply reads "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

There are many misconceptions about the flag retirement. Most of the ideas are wonderful ceremonies but are not necessarily fact when it comes to hat "Must" be done. The flag code is the only rules we must follow. All of the major veteran's organizations, the Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts of America have their own ceremonies.

An individual, small groups or organization can dispose of an American flag as long as the ceremony is respectful and relatively private proceeding (invited guests). This should not be a dog and pony show especially an opportunity to be seen and heard by the public. Some of the misconceptions are:

1. You may cut or not cut the flag as long as the flag is retired in a dignified manner.
2. Anyone can handle the flag, not just over 18.
3. If done at a campsite, separate ashes do not have to be buried.
4. It does not have to be burned; other methods can be done when burning is not feasible.

Pass along your traditions to your children and teach them the "Tradition of Caring" and respect for our flag.

BUDDY POPPY 2007 - 2008
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA.

October 2007 General Orders

To: Department President; PDPs' District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents and all Buddy Poppy Chairmen.

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"Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country".
Calvin Coolidge

Start Planning the Poppy Drive Today!

Veterans Day (November 11) – is an opportunity to commemorate publicly the contributions of living veterans. Veterans Day weekend is used by many Post and Auxiliaries to hold their drives. This is one way to look out for our country and our Veterans. Be sure and order your poppies from VFW Department Quartermaster in plenty of time. Remember, we do not sell the poppies but we will accept donations. If a person is unable to make a contribution never refuse them a Buddy Poppy. Make sure to obtain all necessary permission or permits before starting your drives. Do not hesitate to ask for additional help if you need it from other organizations and youth groups (i.e., Junior Girls, Sons of the VFW, Scout troops, senior centers etc.).

Note for distribution, Buddy Poppy's should be their original red color. They can be painted or altered for contests and displays but there must be at least one unaltered poppy displayed. Your Veterans Day activity is an excellent time to bring out your talents by using the Buddy Poppy in corsages/boutonnieres or table decorations, etc.

Promised last month – awards that will be presented this year:

Awards for Winter Conference

A citation will be given to each District that is 100% by the end of 2007.

A drawing from those Auxiliaries who have submitted reports by 1/15/07 and the winner will receive a check for \$100.

Awards for the Convention

Awards will be given for the following categories:

1. Auxiliary with the overall best reporting.
2. 1st and 2nd place awards to the Auxiliaries with highest total of Poppies used and or distributed.
3. 1st and 2nd place awards to the Auxiliaries with the best report on Buddy Poppy Public Awareness. (i.e. a drive that utilizes other groups; literature that promotes awareness of Buddy Poppy; and or publicity for your drive)

“Tradition of Caring – We stand upon the patriotic traditions of those who have gone before us, particularly those who fought to protect those traditions”.

- National President Virginia Carman

“Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All” – is the “Tradition of Service”

- Department President Ellen Stogsdill

Auxiliaries **not reported** as of 9/14/07:

District 1 – 824, 4856, 5500, 6002, 8252

District 2 – 392, 993, 3160, 9382

District 3 – 1426, 2239, 3125, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10654, 10657

District 4 – 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7819, 7897, 8163, 8228, 8617, 8759, 8902, 9855, 9954

District 5 – 647, 4637, 7568, 7726, 7800, 8467

District 6 – 1033, 1264, 1444, 4522, 5311, 7854

District 7 – 621, 2123, 2447, 8613, 9660, 9872

District 8 – 1177, 2524, 3103, 7589

District 9 – 1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7969, 9640,

District 10 – 3150, 7327, 8241, 8815, 9274, 9478

District 11 – 632, 1499, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 9480, 10826

District 12 – 1994, 3782, 6972, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310

District 13 – 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10546, 10574

Please note I cannot accept reports from last Memorial Day (they were wonderful).

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.

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

Peace Be With You!

Laura Dianne

BUDDY POPPY

REPORT FORM 2007-2008

Date _____ Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

President or Chairman _____ Phone # _____

- 1) Number of entries in Buddy Poppy Display Contest: _____
Number of Poppies used: _____
- 2) Number of Junior Girls Unit entries in display contest: _____
Number of Poppies used: _____
- 3) Number of youth groups and other organizations recruited to assist with drives: _____
List other groups (i.e. Girl Scouts, Organizations) _____

Describe any other way you promoted this program: _____

Send your reports:

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CANCER AID & RESEARCH

October 2007

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Greetings Ladies,

Don't forget ladies, October is *breast cancer* awareness month. Please be sure and get your mammograms. Remember early detection is the key word... About 25% of breast cancers are found by breast examination (not on the mammogram); about 35% are found on the mammogram. and 40% are found by both physical exam and a mammogram.

Breast cancer is an uncontrolled growth of breast cells. Cancer has the potential to break through normal breast tissue barriers and spread to other parts of the body; 90% of breast cancers are due to genetic abnormalities that happen as a result of the aging process and life in general.

To be eligible for a **CANCER GRANT** you must be a continuous member for one year. There is limit of "two" grants per lifetime, and they must be 12 months apart. Treasures, you should have a supply of Cancer Grant Applications on hand. You can call National Headquarters at (816) 561-8655 or email benefits @ ladiesauxvfw.org. You can not **PHOTOCOPY CANCER GRANT APPLICATIONS**. They must be filled out by the **MEMBER ONLY (or a family member)** and her Physician. Application must be in "**the members**" handwriting only.

Any applications you have before 2000 must be destroyed. The only applications which may be used are those with 3/29/00 in the lower left hand corner.

At the Winter Council meeting in January all the Auxiliaries who have paid their \$2.00 per member by December 31st will be entered into a drawing. The winner will receive \$10.00. I want to see all Auxiliaries paid by December 31st so the Department can receive a citation from National.

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED:

DISTRICT 1: 3219, 5500, 8252

DISTRICT 2: 3160, 9382

DISTRICT 3: 1426, 3125,8046,8356,9224,9501,9808,10387,10657

DISTRICT 4: 622,637,2584,5313,7166,7819,7897,8048,8163,8228,8317,8759,8902,9855,

DISTRICT 5: 647, 1115,4637,7568,7726,7800,8243,8467

DISTRICT 6: 1444, 2157, 4522.5311,7854

DISTRICT 7: 621, 2123,2447,8613,9872

DISTRICT 8: 1177, 2524,

DISTRICT 9: 4667, 6000, 7136,7328,7969,9640

DISTRICT 10: 7916, 8241,8815,9274,9478

DISTRICT 11: 632, 1499,2424,3136,4204,9480,10826

DISTRICT 12: 1994, 3782,6975,8652,8979,9600,9830,10298,10310

DISTRICT 13:1827, 2217, 7638,8436,8947,10546,10574

“IN THE TRADITION OF CARING” WITH FAITH HOPE AND LOVE I just know all Auxiliaries can be 100% by Dec.31st. All of you have the Love and I have the LOVE and the FAITH that you can do it.

Awards for the June Convention:

- (1) Best Promotion of the Cancer Education Program: \$35.00**
- (2) Auxiliary with the most percent over the \$2.00 per member: \$30.00**
- (3) Best Promotion of the Cancer program to the VFW Post Members: \$25.00**

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General Orders No. 3: October

In the "Tradition of Caring": "Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to ALL"

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary continue to give through their Community Service projects in following the tradition of the last 57 years. **In the "Tradition of Caring" and through "Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to ALL"**, the Ladies Auxiliary addresses the needs in our communities by cooperating with other organizations and groups, providing services to those who need assistance, and educating our members and the public.

I hope some of you participated in Backpack Mania (and reported it)...and have planned an event/activity for *Make a Difference Day* on October 27. Plan for *National Family Volunteer Day* with activities for your whole family on November 17 - check out the guidebook and ideas at <http://disney.go.com/disneyhand/familyvolunteers>.

Choose an area of interest to your family ... more ideas for family volunteer activities are available at: <http://www.familycares.org/projects/familyVolunteerDayProjectIdeas.cfm>

For Veteran's Day, contact your local school's Key Club (a service organization through the Kiwanis International) as a great way to help the *Veterans' Oral History Project*. The students can tape the interviews and submit it to the VFW Auxiliary/Post for contribution to the oral histories of our war vets. (<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets>).

Don't forget to begin planning early for *Wreaths Across America* . . . there may be a program already in the works in your locale. Check out the website for more information. *See the President's Handbook for other projects from National.*

Remember: At the Winter Council meeting in January 2008, I will present **each Auxiliary with a certificate** and a chance for a \$25.00 drawing that holds a special program on disaster preparedness and reports it by October 31: we must be prepared for ALL types of disasters – natural disasters, in the schools, fire and terror attacks.

IMPORTANT !!! PLEASE READ FOR CLARIFICATION

I have received several inquiries regarding the information in the 2007-2008 National Program Book., Community Service, P. 12, ¶4: which states: "Start early in preparing for your programs: brainstorm with your Auxiliary and Post members and *be sure to get Auxiliary approval prior to implementing our program. Remember, projects must be done in the name of the Auxiliary, not just personal effort....*"