

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

1. **MEMBERSHIP**: This is the time of year when our thoughts turn to shopping, cooking and making plans for the Holidays. However, no matter how busy we are, we must set aside time to consider membership in our Auxiliaries. Now is the time to check our membership standing because, as of December 31, 2006, your non-renewed members' dues have lapsed they may not attend Auxiliary meetings or hold office nor receive a cancer grant if otherwise eligible until her dues are current beginning January 1, 2007. Any Auxiliary member not holding a 2007 card may not remain in a meeting, unless the member provided payment of dues to the Auxiliary Treasurer beforehand! At the opening of an Auxiliary meeting, the President orders the Conductress to "satisfy herself that all present are entitled to remain." The Conductress does this by checking for current membership cards. Without a current card, a member is required to remain standing until the Treasurer can "vouch" that the member now "is in good standing" (paid her 2007 dues).
2. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**: It is an honor to announce that membership for the Department as of November, 2006 was 69.13%. Your efforts to retain, recruit and reinstate is working. Thank you for all that you do.
3. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY TREASURERS**: Please send dues to Department Treasurer, Deborah Martin, 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968 as soon as you get them. That way your Auxiliary will not miss any banner requirements or membership awards.
4. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS**: Did you appoint a committee of at least five (5) members and the Treasurer to collect dues for the Auxiliary? Encourage the committee to continue contacting members for payment of dues. Don't forget those members that did not renew last year and get them reinstated. Our membership in the Ladies Auxiliary is a very important way of supporting our Veterans. We want to be 100% by December 29, 2006 and I know we can do it for we are over ½ way there. Give me and the Department a big Christmas present.
5. **VAVS AND HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES**: Are to account for all hospital funds they receive and expend. This means a Representative is to record her receipts and disbursements in books used for the purpose, such as books used by a Treasurer. In addition, her books must be submitted for audit at the same time the books of the Department Treasurer are audited.
6. **PEARL HARBOR DAY**: is December 7. Please plan in conjunction with your Post or alone, a program to honor all veterans who sacrificed so much so that we can enjoy the freedom that we have today. Remember also, to fly your flag at half-staff all day. Remember your cherished hero for he/she went above and beyond the call of duty.
7. **HOSPITAL AND VAVS PROGRAM**: Our volunteers play an important role in the medical facilities and nursing homes. Even though our presence is needed every day of the year, we need to provide something special for our hospitalized veterans this holiday season. Many of our veterans are hospitalized far away from their homes and families; many need a smiling face and a pat on the back to make their day a little better. Now is the time for your Auxiliary to

schedule and plan your parties at the hospitals and nursing homes for those men and women who have given so much to our country.

8. ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Winter Council/Conference Meeting will be held January 19-21, 2007, at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg. Room rates are \$60.00 plus tax based on single/double occupancy. Room rates are guaranteed until December 27, 2006. Reservations can be made by calling 757-220-2250.
9. ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Tickets for the Winter Council Banquet are \$35.00, All tickets must be pre-purchased; NO tickets will be sold at the Winter Council Meeting. The price of the ticket includes the Reception, banquet and dance.
10. VFW LEGISLATIVE DAY ON THE HILL: will take place January 18, 2007.
11. LADIES AUXILIARY MID-YEAR CONFERENCE: will be held March 22-25, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, 1500 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA. The phone number is 415-441-4000. Room rates for single/double occupancy are \$135 plus tax. The current tax is 14% plus a \$.05 per night tourism tax. Use reference code SLA when making reservations.

Sisters, I am very proud and honored to be part of such a hard working, caring and devoted group of ladies that show so much love for our veterans and their families and the community. Let's remember all those that are less fortunate than we are during the holiday season. Just remember "The Reason for the Season," We, the Department Officers, extend to you and your families our best wishes. May you have a Happy Holiday Season filled with love and peace.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By order of



Rebecca (Becky) Mason
Department President
Attest:



Linda DeShano
Department Secretary

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November, 2006

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.

Each page of the minutes (when typed the minutes are 1-3 pages), the treasurer report and the audit report must be secured individually to separate pages in the official bound minute book. National specifically numbers the pages in the minute book to ensure that no page is missing or has been removed. Secretaries must **not** staple all of the pages together and then tape or glue the pages as a group to one page in the record book.

Corrections must be made in the margins adjacent to the paragraphs being corrected. Some secretaries think that the minutes must be perfect, and are retyping the minutes to correct the information before entering them in the record book. Some secretaries were then typing the word "corrected" at the end of the minutes and thus no one can tell what was incorrect and has been corrected.

Special Order #33

By order of National President Linda Meader

"Henceforth, the Ladies Auxiliary to Post No. 7568 shall be known as Charles B. Morris Ladies Auxiliary No. 7568, Galax, Virginia in accordance with National Bylaws, Article II, Section 214."

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Fax # for Department Headquarters:** Department HQ's now has a toll free fax number, please make a note of the new Fax number 866-416-0586 as of January 1, 2007 the old fax number will no longer work.
- **New Officers:** for Richmond Auxiliary 6364 (**typo in Aux. # last month**), **New Address for President** Patricia Smith, 7001 Coachman Lane #101, Richmond, VA 23228. Phone Number 804-740-7553. Secretary, Caroline McKearin, 10550 Warren Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23060. Phone number 804-363-9786. Treasurer, Barbara Campeau, 10117 Locklies Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Phone Number 804-346-4221.
- **New Address for Post 7327:** The new address is 8350 F Terminal Rd., Lorton Va. 22079. The Post will continue to use the current mailing address of VFW Post 7327, P.O. Box 123, Springfield, VA 22150.
Terminal Rd. is directly off Fairfax County Parkway. From the mixing bowl, take 95 South to exist 166A, (Newington, Fort Belvoir exit) toward Ft. Bevoir. Terminal Rd. is the first right. You should see huge gasoline storage tanks on the right. Take the first right past the tanks. Proceed to the end of the street and you will find 8350 F on the right.
- **New Treasurer;** for Norfolk Auxiliary 3160, Rose Marie Van Wagner, 156 Balview Ave. Norfolk, VA 23503. (757) 373-6728

Calendar Updates

- **The Winter COA and Conference** will be held January 19-21, 2007 at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg. Room rates are \$60.00 a night and must be booked by December 27, 2006. The phone number for reservations is 757-220-2250. (Banquet form in these General Orders)
- **Legislative Day on the Hill** will be January 18, 2007 in Richmond

- **The 2007 Mid Year Conference** will be held March 22-25, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway in **San Francisco, CA.**
- **The Community Service and Legislative Conference** will be held in Washington D.C. on March 4-7, 2007. (Reservation form in these General Orders) Banquet tickets must be ordered through your Department Quartermaster.
- **June Department Convention** will be held at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel June 14-17, 2007. Room Rate \$87.00 Telephone 804-285-1234.

District Meetings
December 2006-February 2007

District	Date	Time	Meeting Location	Representative
3	December 2, 2006	2:00 p.m. Meeting Meal to follow	3 rd District Headquarters	Rebecca Mason Department President
5	February 25, 2007	12 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 647 Danville	Rebecca Mason Department President
6	February 18, 2007	2:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 4299 Clifton Forge	Rebecca Mason Department President
7	December 10, 2006	11:30 a.m. Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 1860 Front Royal	Rebecca Mason Department President
9	January 28, 2007	10:30 a.m. Meeting	Post 4667 Marion	Betty Gimble Department Conductress
10	February 25, 2007	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 8241 McLean	Ellen Stogsdill Department Sr. Vice
11	January 28, 2007	11:30 a.m. Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 1499 Lexington	Rebecca Mason Department President
12	January 6, 2007	11:00 a.m. Meeting	Post 10298 Pennington Gap	Kathy Birch Department Chaplain
13	December 3, 2006	1:00 p.m. Meeting Lunch to follow	Post 7638 Gordonsville	Ellen Stogsdill Department Sr. Vice President

Attention Sisters due to the
vacancy of Guard there will be
an election at the winter
council meeting January 19,
2007. Anyone interested in
running for this position
please notify the Department
Secretary

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Tidewater Auxiliary to Post No. 4809
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
Norfolk, Virginia

November 20, 2006

Dear Sisters:

It is with great pride that I submit the name of Gloria Klinefelter as a candidate for the Office of Department Guard. Gloria joined the Tidewater Post 4809, Norfolk, Virginia in 1982 under the eligibility of her husband Phil. She has served as President of 4809 twice in 1989-90 and in 2000-2001, Banner Auxiliary both years.

Gloria served as District Two President in 1993-94 and served as District Two Chief of Staff two terms in 2002-03 and 2005-06.

Gloria has served as Secretary on the district level she has held almost every chairmanship there is either on Auxiliary or District level.

Gloria has been active in the Department with Chairmanship's. As VFW PAC twice taking first place each time at National, followed by Safety where she placed 2nd in National. Department Americanism & Publicity she has served as Historian for six past department presidents an honor of receiving 5 first place Plates from National. She Credits all members for these awards because of their reporting and hard work.

Gloria has served her Auxiliary, District and Department well she has a loving devotion for what this Organization stands for and is currently serving as Sr.Vice in her Auxiliary and Historian for the Department.

Gloria has the support of her family and Auxiliary in seeking this position. Please consider our candidate with her 24 years experience as a devoted member for the position of department guard.

Loyally,

Rhonda Leaver
President Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4809

Department of Virginia
Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

**Winter Council of Administration Meeting/Conference
Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, Williamsburg, Virginia**

Schedule of Events

(Subject to change)

Department Chairmen will promote their programs at the Saturday Conference Meeting. Members are invited to come and listen to learn more about our National Programs.

Friday, January 19, 2007

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Line Officers Meeting	General Hill's/ McClellan's
6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Program Chairmen report to District Presidents (Give percentages for Auxiliaries reported)	General Hill's/ McClellan's
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Council of Administration Meeting All members Invited	General Hill's/ McClellan's
9:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Military Order of the Cootie Dance	General Emory's

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Saturday, January 20, 2007

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	<u>Floor Practice:</u> Line Officers, Floor Team, Musician and Soloist. Please be considerate and on time.	Richmond Hall
9:00 until 2:00 p.m.	Winter Conference Meeting	Richmond Hall
3:00 until 5:00 p.m.	MOCA Council of Administration Meeting	Stuarts Redoubt
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Pre-Banquet Reception	General Emory's
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.	Banquet	Richmond Hall
9:00 p.m.	Dance	Richmond Hall

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Sunday, January 15, 2006

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	Joint Devotional Services	Longstreet
9:30 a.m.	Fall Conference Meeting (continued if needed)	Richmond Hall

Department Hospitality Room 267

Chaplain's Report December 2006

The following cards were mailed during the period of October 12 through November 13:

SYMPATHY CARDS

Family of Kazuko Arvin, #9954
Family of Dorothy Barrow, #4637
Family of Nellie Butler, #4411
Jeanne Gibadlo
Gloria Klinefelter, #4809
Family of Velma Lilly, #8613
Family of Eileen Mollineaux, #8436
Estelle Rhudy, #7726
Family of Mildred Sykes, #6975

578 Gallion Town Road
284 Boondocks Road
31174 Collosse Road
1710 Baldwin Drive
1120 Hazel Avenue
4993 Mill Creek Road
1404 Birchwood Drive
P. O. Box 545
568 Valley Drive

Victoria, VA 23974
Martinsburg, VA 24112
Carrsville, VA 23315
McLean, VA 22101
Chesapeake, VA 23325
Luray, VA 22835
Crozet, VA 22932
Independence, VA 24348
Blountville, TN 37617

GET WELL CARDS

PDP Debbie Martin, Dept. Treasurer
Thelma Aldrich, #8759
Ann Barker, #7819
Deborah Ellis, #4411
Mary Fisher, #4856
Susie Hines, #7726
Gene Miller, #3150
Evelyn Tuck, #7819

539 Westwood Drive
13534 Dykeland Road
1222 Bible Road
2951 Deer Path Road
12331 Rue Court, #19
785 Hines Branch Road
215 N. Granada Street
600 E. Carolina Avenue

Ruckersville, VA 22968
Amelia, VA 23002
Crewe, VA 23930
Suffolk, VA 23434
Exmore, VA 23350
Elk Creek, VA 24326
Arlington, VA 22203
Crewe, VA 23930

THINKING OF YOU CARDS

PDP Evelyn Shelton
PDP Virginia Edwards
Gail Bratten, #392
Ina Hale, #6000
Patsy Holland, #4809
Mary Kelley, #4204
Patty Leach, #392
Nancy Loy, #392
Rebecca Rogers, #7819
Angie Smith, #8947
Aline Stewart, #7819
Pat Webb, #1115
Pauline Webb

4340 US Highway 29 North
1712 Shady River Court, #311
1172 Old Clubhouse Road
19 Sycamore Street
528 Sterling Road
434 Spitler Circle
428 Granite Trail
3324 Kensington Street
338 Rogers Lane
79 Deane Road
10009 E Patrick Henry Hwy
P. O. Box 271
90 Bent Nail Road

Blairs, VA 24527
Woodbridge, VA 22192
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Peterstown, WV 24963
Virginia Beach, VA 23464
Greenville, VA 24440
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Crewe, VA 23930
Louisa, VA 23093
Crewe, VA 23930
Hillsville, VA 24343
Hillsville, VA 24343

I thank every Auxiliary Chaplain for their monthly reports. My prayers go out to all my Auxiliary sisters. Please date your reports—when I receive a name of someone who has been hospitalized or has lost a family member, I am uncomfortable sending a get well or sympathy card months after the operation or death. Please try to send your information quickly so that I can respond in a timely manner.

Great news! PDP Evelyn Shelton is back at home. I received an email from her daughter Kay on November 7 and she has been at home since October 10.

May God bless each of you always and watch over you throughout the upcoming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Kathy Birch, Chaplain, (540) 955-3311
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To: Auxiliary Treasurers

From: Department Treasurer – Debbie Martin

Please **DO NOT** send any money for **DUES** to Nation Headquarters. This will slow down the process of getting your Membership counted for the Department of Virginia. National Headquarters has to send this back to me (sometimes not in a timely manner) and I will then process the membership. Please send all membership to me, this includes Life Memberships also.

Please make checks payable to “LAVFW Dept. of Virginia and not to Debbie Martin, Treasurer.

Dues are \$9.00 per member (\$3.50 for National and \$5.50 for Department).

National seems to be very far behind in getting Life Membership cards to members. Treasurers if it has been over three months and a member has NOT received her card please let me know.

Please continue to “ earmark” your checks for any banner requirement of hospital donation. This is very helpful in getting your donation into the correct hands.

Sisters with the end of the year approaching, we need to get those dues coming in. I will need to have all dues to me by the 26th of December so that I can get them processed and to National by December 29th. The 29th of December is the last day that National will be working membership.

I wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Total (12)	District 3	617	536	86.87%	300	0	0	1234	1332	170	142	410	0
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Date	11/14/2006	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 4

622	Petersburg	65	47	72.31%	25			130	130	30		25	
637	Hopewell	74	18	24.32%				148					
2584	Cullen	41	14	34.15%	25			82				50	
5313	Nottoway	23	23	100.00%				46					
7059	Farmville	67	61	91.04%	25			134	134	14			
7166	South Hill	84	68	80.95%	25			168	168	30		200	
7819	Crewe	79	66	83.54%				158		60			
7897	Blackstone	25	19	76.00%	25			50	52	10		25	
8048	Lawrenceville	29	25	86.21%	25			58	58	20			
8163	Clarksville	67	65	97.01%	25			134	134	10	68.54		
8228	Chase City	12	10	83.33%	25			24	24				
8617	Goochland	28	26	92.86%	25			56	56				
8759	Amelia	66	53	80.30%	25			132	132		87	50	
8902	Keysville	15	12	80.00%	25			30	30	20			
9855	Appomattox	20	7	35.00%	25						20		
9954	Victoria	201	192	95.52%	25			402	402	70	305.5	25	
Total (16)	District 4	896	706	78.79%	325	0	0	1752	1320	264	481.04	375	0

District 5

647	Danville	122	77	63.11%	25			244	240				
1115	Hillsville	528	402	76.14%	25			1056	1056			25	
4637	Martinsville	47	38	80.85%				94					
7568	Galax	24	20	83.33%	25			48	48	40		20	
7726	Grayson	153	121	79.08%	25	15		306	306	40	67.53	25	
7800	Stuart	24	20	83.33%	25			48	50	30			
8243	Halifax	62	21	33.87%	25			124	124	20			
8467	Meadows of Dan	56	39	69.64%				112		20			
Total (8)	District 5	1016	738	72.64%	150	15	0	2032	1824	150	67.53	70	0

District 6

1033	Covington	117	67	57.26%	25			234	246	40		50	
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1264	Roanoke	47	24	51.06%	25			94	90	32		15	
Date	11/14/2006	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
		Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	44	36	81.82%	25			88	88	10	12		
1841	Fincastle	55	38	69.09%	25			110	102	10		25	
2157	Bedford	57	51	89.47%	25	100		114	116	40			
4522	Vinton	62	43	69.35%	25			124	126				
5311	Christiansburg	51	19	37.25%	25	100		102	102	20			
7854	Floyd	33	14	42.42%				66					
Total (8)	District 6	466	292	62.66%	175	200	0	932	870	152	12	90	0

District 7

621	Luray	101	56	55.45%		75		202			15		150
1860	Front Royal	175	127	72.57%	25	150		350	350	40		100	
2123	Winchester	63	4	6.35%	25			126	126	40			
2447	Edinburg	90	50	55.56%	25	100		180	180	40		50	
8613	Shenandoah	50	2	4.00%	25			100	100	20			
9660	Broadway	72	66	91.67%	25			144	144	75			
9760	Berryville	155	121	78.06%	25			310	310	20		25	
9872	Mt. Clinton	35	31	88.57%	25			70	70	20			
Total (8)	District 7	741	457	61.67%	175	325	0	1482	1280	255	15	175	150

District 8

1177	Leesburg	16	11	68.75%				32					
2524	Culpeper	69	54	78.26%	25			138					
3103	Fredericksburg	124	113	91.13%	25		50	248	248	40			
7589	Manassas	53	52	98.11%	25			106	106	40	200	25	100
Total (4)	District 8	262	230	87.79%	75	0	50	524	354	80	200	25	100

District 9

1184	Pulaski	35	30	85.71%	25			70	82	20		25	25
4667	Marion	123	84	68.29%				246		20			
6000	Narrows	128	45	35.16%	25			256	256	20		25	
7136	Tazewell	61	13	21.31%	25			122	162	20	25	25	50
7328	Saltville	34	24	70.59%	25			68	68	20			
7969	Bland	32	16	50.00%	25			64	64				

9640	Richlands	44	25	56.82%	25			88					
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9696	Bluefield	163	68	41.72%	25			326	340	36			
Total (8)	District 9	620	305	49.19%	175	0	0	1240	972	136	25	75	75

District 10

609	Alexandria	38	40	105.26%	25			76	76	20			
1503	Dale City	313	206	65.81%	25			626	626	122	225		
3150	Arlington	147	138	93.88%	25			294	294	50	30	250	
7327	Springfield	117	115	98.29%	25			234				300	
7916	Woodbridge	87	2	2.30%				174	170				
8241	McLean	81	31	38.27%				162					
8815	Lorton	23	18	78.26%				46	48	10			
9274	Falls Church	49	38	77.55%				98					
9478	Sterling	26	22	84.62%	25			52	48				
Total (9)	District 10	881	610	69.24%	125	0	0	1762	1262	202	255	550	0

District 11

632	Harrisonburg	253	200	79.05%	25	5000		506	506	50		25	
1499	Lexington	70	56	80.00%	25			140	140	20			
2216	Staunton	200	61	30.50%	25			400	370	230			
2424	Waynesboro	43	40	93.02%	25		25	86	86	20			
3136	Mt. Solon	21	17	80.95%	25			42	42				
4204	Hot Springs	44	32	72.73%	25			88	96				
7814	Staunton	11	11	100.00%				22					
8279	Steeles Tavern	37	31	83.78%	25			74	74	10		25	
8644	Bridgewater	122	104	85.25%	25			244	244	40			
9339	Stuarts Draft	50	32	64.00%	25			100	100			100	
9480	Craigsville	23	13	56.52%	25			46	48				
10826	Verona	27	6	22.22%				54					
Total (12)	District 11	901	603	66.93%	250	5000	25	1802	1706	370	0	150	0

District 12

1994	Abingdon	34	35	102.94%	25			68	68	20	30	25	
3782	Haysi	22	10	45.45%	25			44	44				

6975	Bristol	56	14	25.00%				112					
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8652	Coeburn	27	1	3.70%				54					
8979	Clintwood	31	10	32.26%	25			62	58	10		10	
9600	Pound	55	19	34.55%				110					
9830	Damascus	28	10	35.71%				56		40			
10298	Pennington Gap	10	3	30.00%				20					
10310	Ewing	22	6	27.27%				44					
Total (9)	District 12	285	108	37.89%	75	0	0	570	170	70	30	35	0

District 13

1827	Charlottesville	68	25	36.76%	25			136		20			
2217	Orange	22	20	90.91%	25			44	44	20		7	
7638	Gordonsville	48	29	60.42%				96	96			25	
8436	Yancy Mills	36	31	86.11%	25			72	70	20			
8947	Louisa	69	34	49.28%				138				25	
10546	Spotsylvania	33	18	54.55%	25			66	66	20		25	
10574	Colonial Beach	123	74	60.16%	25			246	246		70	25	
Total (7)	District 13	399	231	57.89%	125	0	0	798	522	80	70	107	0

Member at Large 15 14 93.33%

Dept. Total 8811 6,079 68.99% 2200 5865 90 17580 14832 2443 3383.07 2462 550

MAP

DEAR LADIES,

DECEMBER 2006

I HOPE AND PRAY THAT ALL OF YOU HAD A HAPPY THANKSGIVING. OUR CHERISHED HEROES ARE STILL IN HARMS WAY. WE HOPE AND PRAY TO KEEP THEM SAFE UNTIL THEY RETURN HOME.

PRESIDENT BECKY'S SPECIAL PROJECT (MAP) IS REALLY TAKING A BIG TURN. YOU LADIES ARE RESPONDING VERY WELL. HOWEVER, OUR MEN AND LADIES ARE STILL IN NEED FOR VALUABLE ASSISTANCE. AND I KNOW WE THE VFW LADIES AUXILIARY OF VA. WILL BE CARING AND GIVING. "GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND" PLEASE KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

AUXILIARIES REPORTED:

DISTRICT 1- 176,4856,6002,7167.

DISTRICT 2- 392,993,4411,4809,9382.

DISTRICT 3- 2239,4639,8356,9501,10387,10654,10657.

DISTRICT 4- 622,2584,7166,7897,8163,8228,8759,9954.

DISTRICT 5- 647,1115,7568,7726.

DISTRICT 6- 1033,1264,1841,2157,5311.

DISTRICT 7- 1860,2447,9760.

DISTRICT 8- 7589.

DISTRICT 9- 1184,6000,7136,9696.

DISTRICT 10- 609,1503,3150.

DISTRICT 11- 632,8279,9339.

DISTRICT 12- 1994,8979.

DISTRICT 13- 2217,7638,8947,10546.

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Evolution of the United States Flag

No one knows with **absolute certainty** who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson, from New Jersey, seems most likely to have designed it, and few historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted officially were used. The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

- On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the **first Flag Act**: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."
- Act of January 13, 1794 - provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
- Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.
- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

Source: Duane Streufert,

Happy Holidays to one and all! Please be safe. Hope to see you all in the New Year!

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December 2006

Greetings ladies,

I know this is a very busy time of the year but I hope each of you takes time out to go “Above And Beyond The Power Of Faith” by showing our thanks for our veterans. One way we can do this is by showing the utmost respect for our Flag and our National Anthem.

Do you use flags in your holiday decorations? Do you use red white and blue when decorating your Post? Red, white and blue is a powerful color combination. Hard to beat. Goes well with the reds, greens and golds or any colors you use for your decorations.

I know a lot of you ladies will be marching in parades over the holidays. If you are not able to march, please be sure to salute the American Flag as it passes. Please set a good example. Show everyone how proud you are to be an American.

“In The Spirit Of America, We are The Champions Of America’s Heroes.” Has your auxiliary been in your local schools with Patriotic programs? If not, please make plans to. Work with your Post. Promote Veterans in the Schools. Do Pledge of Allegiance of programs. Teach proper respect for the National Anthem.

I appreciate every report I have received. There have been some really good reports. One auxiliary passed out Halloween Treat Bags at their Post. It included candy, a fire safety coloring book and one of the bookmarks with the Pledge of Allegiance on one side and the National Anthem on the other. What a great idea.

I know each auxiliary has done something to report for Americanism. Please send a report. I would like to see the Department of Virginia 100% reported by Dec. 31st. I know we can do it.

Remember the following dates:

Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec. 15 – Deadline teacher of the Year – Districts sent to Dept.

The following auxiliaries have reported:

District 1 – 176, 824, 3219, 4856, 7167

District 2 – 392, 993, 3160, 9411, 9382

District 3 – 10657, 10387

District 4 – 2584, 7166, 7819, 9954

District 5 – 1115, 7568, 7726

District 6 – 1033, 1264, 1841, 2157

District 7 – 621, 2447, 9660, 97601, 9872

District 8 – 3103, 7589

District 9 – 1184, 6000, 7136, 7969

District 10 – 609, 3150, 7327, 9274, 9478

District 11 – 7814, 8644

District 13 – 2217

I hope the next report is 100 % reported.

I wish for you safe, happy, healthy Holidays. May the Peace of the Holidays be with you always and only the best for the New Year.

Happy Holidays,
Marcia

BUDDY POPPY 2006 - 2007

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA

DECEMBER 2006 General Orders

To: Department President; PDPs; District Pres.; Auxiliary Pres. and All Buddy Poppy Chairmen

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***“In the Spirit of America –
We Are the Champions of America’s Cherished Heroes”***

Veterans Day is now over, but your drives need not be. Remember, you do not *have* to have your drive on Veterans or Memorial Day. Any day can be used!

Many of you did hold your drives during the Veterans Day weekend. Be sure that you report to me the # of poppies distributed, how many people participated etc. as shown in # 1 on the report form. The more details you can give, the better chance you have of winning an award at the convention.

My Southern Conference Buddy Poppy Chairman has suggested a way that you can use Buddy Poppies that could be great fun! She suggests a Buddy Poppy Hat Contest, using your VFW members as models!! I can think of a few gentlemen I’d like to dress up in a fancy Buddy Poppy bonnet, can’t you??

Please read the Ladies Auxiliary Magazine, November 2006 edition for suggestions about visiting your local elementary school classrooms to spread the word about Buddy Poppies. Page 18 has some wonderful ideas, so please be sure to read it.

I don't like to repeat myself, but I am still receiving some wonderful reports and examples of the ways that the poppies are being used by our Auxiliaries, but without the following information: the total # of poppies used in your projects, or the # distributed during your drives, and the date that they were used. If you think you have sent a report, but it has not been credited, it probably was missing some vital information. Please send a revised report to me so that the Department of Virginia can receive full credit for all your hard work.

Auxiliaries not reported as of 11/14/06: (percent reported in parentheses at end)

District 1 – 4856, 5500, 6002, 8252 (50%)

District 2 – 993, 3160, 9382 (50%)

District 3 – **1426, 2239, 3125, 4639, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9501, 9808, 10657 (17%)**

District 4 – **622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 7897, 8048, 8228, 8617, 8759, 8902 (13%)**

District 5 – 647, 1115, 4637, 7568, 7800, 8243 (25%)

District 6 – 1033, 1444, 1841, 4522, 5311, 7854 (25%)

District 7 – 621, 2123, 8613, 9760 (50%)

District 8 – 1177, 2524 (50%)

District 9 – 1184, 4667, 6000, 9640 (50%)

District 10 – 7327, 8241, 8815, 9478 (56%)

District 11 – 632, 1499, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826 (25%)

District 12 – 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310 (**0%**)

District 13 – 1827, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10546, 10574 (14%)

I have received **no** acceptable reports from Districts #12. Where are you, Sisters? Please remember that I cannot accept reports that date before July of 2006. The Department is 30% reported at this time. I am still hopeful that I can give out 13 District citations at the Winter Conference! (6 Districts are at least 50% there)

“Above and Beyond The Power of Faith”

Have a safe and happy holiday season, Sisters. Ellen

Cancer Aid & Research – December 2006

To: Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and Members

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Ladies, I hope to continue the wonderful job that Jean Hoiness has started and wish her a speedy recovery.

I do want to remind all of our Auxiliaries that we have an important deadline approaching – **Cancer Research Fellowship**. The Ladies Auxiliary VFW is offering a two-year \$100,000 Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship during the 2006-2007 year. **Deadline is March 1**. Contact me for more information.

Also, there are many resources out there –

Special Resources

1-866-FIND-A-CURE

www.thebreastcancersite.com

www.breastcancer.org

www.cancerprofiler.nexcure.com

www.youngsurvival.org

American Institute for Cancer Research: www.aicr.org

American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org (call 1-800-ACS-2345 to request educational materials and speakers)

Susan G. Komen Foundation: www.komen.org

Encourage your friends and family to get regular mammograms and PAP smears. Invite speakers and sponsor educational programs to emphasize early detection. Host fundraising events: auctions, yard sales, cancer marches, bake sales, etc.

The Department of Virginia has always been successful in our Cancer Aid and Research Program – the only question is HOW SUCCESSFUL ARE WE GOING TO BE THIS YEAR!?! I would like to challenge every District to get at least 1 name for the Cancer Research Fellowship. And, I would like to challenge every Auxiliary to conduct at least 1 Cancer Aid and Research project involving the community and 1 educational program.

Ladies, we have it in us to not only to meet these goals, but to surpass them. Through Cancer Aid and Research we are all living better quality lives – but there is still work to be done.

PLEASE GET THE REPORTS IN
(AND MONEY TO THE STATE TREASURER)

Is your Auxiliary listed below?

Auxiliaries That Have Not Reported Paying \$2 Per Member As Of 11/1/06

District 1 – 5500, 6002, 8252

District 2 – 100%

District 3 – 1426, 8356, 9224, 9501

District 4 – 637, 2584, 5313, 7166, 7819, 8902, 9855

District 5 – 4637, 8467

District 6 – 7854

District 7 – 621

District 8 – 1177, 2524

District 9 – 4667, 9640

District 10 – 7327, 8241, 9274

District 11 – 7814, 10826

District 12 – 6975, 8652, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310

District 13 – 1827, 8947, 10546

Please send the \$2 per membership to our Department Treasurer today!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Promotion #4-December 2006

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**“IN THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA-WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS OF
AMERICA’S CHERISHED HEROES”
“ABOVE AND BEYOND THE POWER OF FAITH”**

Volunteer is one who performs or gives services of her own free will. Volunteering is considered a selfless act to help others, but this is not entirely true. It is a mutually benefit for all parties involved. A volunteer has a penchant for helping others. They have been blessed with the ability to donate their time and gifts to a worthy cause. The altruistic sharing of the gift of volunteers can make a world of difference in the life of one, thus benefiting society of all. Someone once said “To the world you may be one person, but to one person you could be the world” This may be one of the reason a volunteer continue to support the community as they do.

Does your Auxiliary have a member that does this? Ask her why she became a volunteer? Find out what volunteer activities she has done in the last year and any activities prior to that. Does she have a rewarding and or unusual experience as a volunteer? Has she been a member of your Auxiliary for more than five years? I am willing to bet that there is not an Auxiliary in our Department that does have a member that meets the above qualification. I will select one volunteer from each District and then select the Department winner. I will present each District winner with a certificate and a small gift and a certificate to the sponsoring Auxiliary. You have until February 14, 2007 to complete the application and send it to me. See the President’s Handbook for a copy of the application or I will also have them at the Winter Council Meeting in January. Let’s see if we can have 114 entries.

As Auxiliary members, we can make a difference by giving our time to help in the community, with our youth, Seniors and with other organizations. Some of the projects that you are reporting are:

- Taking Seniors to buy groceries, doctor appointments or to play Bingo
- Giving “Hair Cuts” for cancer
- Children’s Halloween parties
- Volunteering in Schools
- Assisting with a Blood Drive

Keep up the good work and **REPORT.... . REPORT.... .**

The following is a list of the Auxiliaries that **HAVE REPORTED** as of November 15th.

District 1: 176, 824, 3219, 4856, 6002, 7167

District 2: 392, 993, 3160, 4411, 4809 and 9382 – **100% CONGRATULATIONS**

District 3: 4639, 6364,10387 and 10657

District 4: 7059,7819,7897,8163,8228 and 9954
District 5: 1115, 7568, 7726,8243 and 8467
District 6: 1033, 1264,1841,2157 and 4522
District 7: 621,2123,2447, 8613, 9660, 9760 and 9872
District 8: 2524, 3103 and 7589
District 9: 1184,6000, 7136,7328 and 7969
District 10: 609, 1503, 3150, 8241 and 9478
District 11: 631,3136, 8279,8644, 9339 and 9480
District 12: 8979 and 9600
District 13: 2217

Happy Hol i days! !