

**PUBLICITY PROGRAM  
NOVEMBER 2006**

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TO: Department President, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents,  
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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”**

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries who have already reported. Keep up the good work!

District 1: 824, 7167	District 6: 1033, 1841	District 11: 632, 1499, 8644, 9339
District 2: 392, 993, 3160, 9382	District 7: 1860, 2447, 9660, 9760, 9872	District 12: 8976
District 3: 9808, 10657	District 8: 7589	District 13: None
District 4: 7819, 8048, 8759	District 9: 7136	
District 5: 1115	District 10: 3150	

The holidays are quickly approaching. It’s a time of sharing and visiting with our loved ones and friends. Sometimes in all the rush, we forget about the men and women who are far from home keeping us safe. Please don’t forget them. Let them know that we care. Cards and letters from home are greatly appreciated. Send them care packages that include the all important phone cards. To hear the voice of a son, daughter, husband or wife would be a wonderful gift to any family.

Try to publicize all your projects. Did you have winners in the Patriot Pen or Voice of Democracy contests? Students, parents and teachers like to read articles and see pictures about the deserving winners. This may also make more people aware of our programs.

Have you held Buddy Poppy drives, participated in a Veterans Day ceremonies, or perhaps have a volunteer who is working hard in your community? Have you visited Veterans in nursing homes, community or VA hospitals? All of these and many, many more projects need to be publicized.

Don’t forget to send me your report as soon as possible. I have only heard from 27 of our Auxiliaries. I know that all of you have something to report. I will be looking for your report in my mailbox very soon.

# *Veterans & Family Support*

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November, 2006

Auxiliary Presidents, Chairman and Sisters:

This month I will be promoting another “*piece*” of the **ROADMAP** for the **JOURNEY** we will be taking this year. This month it will be **OPERATION STANDDOWN**. Some if you are probably saying “what is **OPERATION STANDDOWN**”? WELL I was asking the same question a few months ago. So I went on the internet and found out.

## **Mission & Background:**

**Operation Standdown** was founded in 1988 in 35 states. It is a **national coalition** of concerned Americans who have dedicated themselves to eliminating **homelessness** among our nation’s Veterans. In 1993 “**Stand Down**” (meaning at ease) **Rhode Island** initiated an annual three day residential program to assist the area’s homeless Veterans to secure social, medical, legal, and housing assistance.

No homeless veteran is turned away. They either provide emergency housing or pay for the Veteran to live in a motel or boarding home.

“A Hand up, not a Handout” is the motto that guides them in their work with Veterans. It was realized that Veterans needed more assistance, so permanent housing was established for eight Veterans in Johnston, RI in 2001. They are currently expanding into other communities.

The original Stand Down for homeless veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a **safe** retreat for units returning from combat operations. Troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, medical and dental care and other essential needs in a safe environment.

That is the purpose of the Stand Down for homeless veterans, and achieving those objectives requires a wide range of support, services and time. The program is successful because it brings

these services to one location, making them more accessible to homeless veterans. This program has become recognized as the most valuable outreach tool to help homeless veterans in the nation today.

Remember these Veterans are the “Cherished Heroes.” To make a donation the mailing address is: **National Coalition for Homeless Veterans 3331/2 Pennsylvania Ave, SE Washington, DC 20003-1148. All of your donations are tax –deductible**

Here is a list of Auxiliaries who **have** reported as of October 14<sup>th</sup>:

District:	Auxiliary
1	176, 3219, 22572, 7167, 6002
2	392, 993, 3160, 4411, 4809( only 1 more)
3	2239, 9808
4	622, 2584
5	1115, 7726, 8243
6	1033, 1264, 2157
7	621, 2447, 9760,7589,9872
8	3103, 7589
9	1184, 7136
10	609, 3150,7916
11	632, 2216, 8279

Please don't forget to put your district and Auxiliary number on your reports. “Above and Beyond the Power of Faith”. **REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.**

## **UNIMET Needs Information and Awards:**

Donation will need to be sent directly to

UNMET NEEDS PROGRAM  
VFW FOUNDATION  
406 W 34 the Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111

The VFW will provide us with a report; so that National can provide a report of donations that each Auxiliary has made. Auxiliaries donating \$100 or more by 4-30-06 will receive a National Citation. The citation will be sent to the Department President to be presented at the Department Convention by the National Representative in June 2007.

**Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Virginia  
VFW National Home for Children  
November 2006**

**PART II EXTRA EXTRA CAMPBELL'S LABEL PROGRAM!!!!**

You have until December 1<sup>st</sup> to submit the older soup labels. After December 1<sup>st</sup> National Home will only be able to accept the UPC codes for the Campbell's Label Program. So let's get all of those labels mailed in and let them count for anything that the VFW National Home can receive from the program.

Last month our National Home received their third minivan from the Campbell's program. The first two are white and blue, this one is red - anyone see a pattern to this??? But a major thank you to everyone that has clipped and mailed labels enabling the acquisition of this new (fully loaded - CD player, stow-and-go seating, power-everything) vehicle.

The winter season is rapidly approaching. There are many drains on a budget in the winter time - heating, lighting (longer nights - shorter days), snow removal, etc. Multiply all of those expenses by the many homes at the National Home complex and you can easily see that money is always needed. The partnerships with Campbell's and now the United Auto Workers help take off some of the edge, but the VFW National Home is first - and foremost - supported by the VFW and it's Ladies Auxiliary. It would be wonderful if each of our auxiliaries contributed something to our Virginia House.

There is a new program recognizing those who give individual gifts to National Home. After a donor has given a qualifying gift for five consecutive years they become a member of the Five Points Family. A special acknowledgment is sent celebrating each 5 years that you have made a gift. The contributor names will also be published in the January issue of the newsletter.

And now a bit of kudos - congratulations to Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 1503 for their National Home Bronze Award at the National Convention. They received this honor at the National Home breakfast. This Auxiliary contributed more than \$500 to National Home last year and was the only Auxiliary within the Department of Virginia to receive this honor. Thank you for all of your hard work and for your contributions.

Santa's Helper Fund - Contributions for this year's Holiday fund need to be received by November 17<sup>th</sup>. Any contributions received after that date will be held over for the 2007 Holiday season. The program purchases items and places them on the Santa's Shop store shelves. The residents are then allowed to "purchase" items with community service hours that they have earned during the year.

Not only do the contributions allow National Home to purchase items for gift-giving, they also pay travel expenses for some of the children to visit family members around the country. Be sure to designate the Santa's Helper Fund on your check when making a contribution. Any donation received that is not designated for a specific fund goes into the General Fund.

If you wish to donate items to the Santa's Shop please remember that gifts are needed for all ages. Every age - from infant to grandparents are represented by the residents of National Home.

The holiday emphasis at National Home is focused on family and celebration rather than just material goods. But the children also need to experience the joys of giving and receiving gifts. One of the most difficult issues faced during this time of year is to ensure that unrealistic expectations are not given to the children by overwhelming them with gifts. Please do not send personal gifts to the residents - unless they **are** members of your own family. And if you are sending gifts to family members please remember that the other residents may not have the same support. Moderation and discretion should be used in gift-giving.

This month's recipe can be altered almost anyway you'd like. It the base for a cheese sauce that I put over noodles or veggies, or where ever you like cheese. We love cheese at our house and frequently have little bits of American, Velveeta or cheddar or other leftovers. It's a "Let's clean out the fridge" cheese sauce recipe.

1 Can Campbell's Cheddar Cheese soup	leftover cheese - broken up into smaller pieces
½ can milk	1/4 tsp. mustard powder or
2 tbsp. Butter or margarine	½ tsp. Mustard
1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce	
salt/pepper to taste	

Warm all of the ingredients in saucepan. The leftover cheese should be added a bit at a time and allowed to melt before adding more. If it gets too thick use a little milk to thin it out.

I'm still looking for your recipes. Please send them to me either on a separate piece of paper or via email. Include your auxiliary/district numbers. Those that I have seen so far look great. I knew we had good cooks in the Dept. of Virginia. Happy cooking!

Auxiliaries that have reported:

District	Auxiliary #
1	176, 3219, 4856, 7161
2	392, 993, 4411, 4809
3	2239
4	622, 7059, 7897, 8048
5	1115, 7726
6	1841
7	1860, 2123, 2447, 8613, 9660, 9760, 9872
8	3103, 7589
9	
10	609, 1503, 7327, 7916
11	2216, 3136, 9339, 9480
12	8979
13	

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Sisters,

I have received some nice reports. They are coming in very slowly.

Let's show our beloved, Cherished Heroes we can go beyond Prayer and Faith. Let's hold fundraisers. Meet our Candidates, and ask questions on their voting records for our veteran's benefits and entitlements.

Let's VOTE. Make our voices heard in Washington. Make them know who we are and how much we care about our veterans.

Have a Hot Dog Sale, Raffle off some cakes. Pass a hat at a joint meeting. Sponsor a dance.

Hold a meet the Candidates breakfast, lunch or dinner, or attend one of these functions already scheduled. Find out how they stand on veterans issues.

**WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, IF WE RAISE OUR VOICES LOUD ENOUGH! IF WE DONATE TO VFW-PAC, OUR VOICES WILL BE HEARD!**

Send your donations to:  
VFW-PAC  
PO Box 76322  
Washington, DC 20013-6622

Send me a report.

### **REPORT REPORT REPORT**

Those that have **NOT REPORTED**

District # 1- 824- 3219- 5500 -6002 -7167- 8252

District # 2 - 392 - 3160 - 4809

District # 3 -1426 - 3125 - 4639 - 8046 - 8356 - 9224 - 9501 - 9808 - 10387 - 10654 - 10657

District # 4- 637 - 2584 - 5313 - 7136 - 8048 - 8136 - 8228 - 8758 - 9855 - 9954

District # 5- 647 - 4637 - 7568 - 8243 - 8467

District # 6 -1033 - 1444 - 2157 - 4522 - 7854

District # 7- 621 - 1860 - 2123

District # 8- 1177

District # 9 -4667 - 7528 - 9640

District # 10- 1503 - 3150 - 7916 - 8214 - 8815 - 9274 - 9478

District # 11- 1499 - 2216 - 2424 - 4204 - 7814 - 10862

District # 12- 1994 - 3782 - 6975 - 8652 - 9600 - 9830 - 10298 - 10310

District # 13- 1827 - 7638 - 8436 - 8967 - 10546 - 10574

Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Sue Barrie

## PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Beverly B. Abbott  
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Danville, VA 24540-3408

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**Voice of Democracy contest is at its local deadline! Contact your local schools and home-schooled students about their entries in the scholarship program and get your judging underway. Our youth, in the *Spirit of America* can express their patriotism in creative ways! Remember, to make our programs a success, go above and beyond the power of faith.**

*Voice of Democracy:* 2006-2007 Theme: *"Freedom's Challenge"*  
**Student Deadline:** November 1, 2006

Judging should be arranged and ready to begin: **Now all you have to do is  
*REPORT!***

**\*\*\* Make sure reports sent regard the VOD contest and/or the Patriotic Art contest. I have received several that do not.**

**In judging: ~ Make sure the theme is correct ("Freedom's Challenge").  
~ A standard cassette tape/CD and typed essay were submitted.**

**~ There is no music, songs, poetry, special effects or background sounds are in the essay.**

**~ Contestant's entry form is attached and complete with ALL information and signatures.**

**~ Judges are supplied with the judging criteria (for judges, contact your local school for teachers trained in scoring SOL tests).**

**~ Post winner is forwarded to District by the deadline (November 15).**

**~Participant's are notified of results with letter/certificate.**

**First place National award is now \$30,000.  
All state winners will receive at least \$1,000.**

***Note:* State winners who cannot attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C. forfeit all rights to compete and will be replaced by the state's second place winner.**

*Patriotic Art:*

**Now that the VOD contest is drawing to its end, focus can be made towards the Patriotic Art contest. Placing this information in the schools now will ensure that the students have a full three months to channel their artistic talents for the Patriotic Art contest. *Reminder:***

**ALL entries must be completed this school year. See your President's handbook for all guidelines and "helpful hints".**

**Student Deadline: March 31, 2007**

District Deadline (optional) is in time for Department judging.

Department judging by **April 15, 2007**

**National received by May 5, 2007**

**Scholarship Prizes:** First Place Scholarship: \$10,000  
 Second Place Scholarship: \$ 5,000  
 Third Place Scholarship: \$ 2,500  
 Fourth Place Scholarship: \$ 1,500

***Patriotic Art Escrow Fund:* Donations are paid to National, with the check earmarked for this purpose. The Patriotic Art program is fully endowed, but your donations are still accepted.** (A financial endowment is a transfer of money or property donated to an institution, with the stipulation that it be invested, and the principal remain intact.

Keep 'em coming! All Auxiliaries SHOULD be reported by December  
 Report forms are in President's Handbook & September & November General Orders.

**Auxiliaries REPORTED:**

District No.	Auxiliaries Reported							
1	7167							
2	None Reported							
3	9808							
4	622							
5	647							
6	2157							
7	2447							
8	3103	7589						
9	None Reported							
10	None Reported							
11	8279	9339						
12	None Reported							
13	None Reported							

*Loyally, Beverly Abbott*  
*VOD/Patriotic Art Chairman*



*Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States  
Department of Virginia*

**2006 - 2007 Report Form**  
***Young American Creative Patriotic Art and Voice of Democracy***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] Auxiliary President [ ] Auxiliary Chairman

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art**

No. of Schools given scholarship information: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Presentations Made: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Schools Participated: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Students participated: \_\_\_\_\_

Promotion of the Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Spent (Awards, Promotional Events, Flyers, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Young American Creative Patriotic Art Escrow Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Fundraising Events: \_\_\_\_\_

**Voice of Democracy**

Did the Post and Auxiliary work together? \_\_\_\_\_

Details of the assistance: \_\_\_\_\_



No. of Schools Participated: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Students participated: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Entries Forwarded to District: \_\_\_\_\_

Promotion of the Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Spent (Awards, Promotional Events, Flyers, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Send Report to: Beverly B. Abbott, Chairman  
130 Brookview Rd  
Danville, VA 24540-3408

*Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States  
Department of Virginia*

*2006 - 2007 Donation Report Form*

**YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART Escrow Fund**

***District, Auxiliary, or Post Donation***

Post/Auxiliary Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post/Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post/Auxiliary Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Individual Donation***

Post/Auxiliary Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to write on your check: ***"Patriotic Art Escrow Fund"***

**MAIL YOUR DONATIONS TO:**

Ladies Auxiliary VFW National HQ  
C/O Celia Davis, National Treasurer  
406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111-2731

**MAIL REPORT TO:**

Beverly B. Abbott, Chairman  
Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program  
130 Brookview Road  
Danville, VA 24540-3408

## 2005-06 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Winners

1st Place

\$10,000

Amber Carraway

Sponsored by Auxiliary 687, Jackson, Mississippi

Title: Forever in Her Heart Oil on linen

"'Forever in Her Heart' brings out what I believe to be the three most important factors in a person's life: faith, family and country," writes Amber Carraway.

"The church represents the faith that gives the strength to stand strong for family and country. The soldier has given his all for what he believes. The girl represents those on the home front who are left behind to carry on to future generations."

The sadness and seriousness of the girl's eyes tell a story of today's world, where youth are watching a war unfold. "The girl is me," Amber writes.

She learned of the contest by doing an Internet search but says she hasn't been interested in art for very long.

"My interest in art began after the 9-11 attack in 2001," she wrote. "I had a strong need to express my feelings after the devastating attack on our country. My solace during this time was from my faith in God. I wanted others to feel this comfort also, so I began sketching patriotic note cards with Bible verses that carried messages of hope and inspiration. The public response was very encouraging to me, so I continued pursuing art."

This oil on linen painting took first place in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Competition out of 46 qualifying Department entries. Amber was sponsored by Auxiliary 687, Jackson, Miss. Having completed her home school studies in Utica, Miss., Amber will attend a community college this fall, then transfer to a four-year art school next year.



2nd Place

\$5,000

Wendy Knapp

Sponsored by Auxiliary 1079, Elyria, Ohio

Graphite

"This is a picture of the past and the present. One night my grandfather had proudly put on his uniform to show us what he had lived for. He said it didn't fit quite like it used to, but as he stood there majestically, I knew it did. His heart and soul lit up as he saluted the flag. It fit perfectly because, for my grandfather, the love for his country never died."



3rd Place  
\$2,500  
Emily Hines  
Sponsored by Auxiliary 1170, Middletown, Kentucky

Title: Baker's Valor Oil on canvas

"This painting was inspired by 'Lasting Valor,' the story of Vernon Baker, who even when abandoned by higher ranking officers, fought against German troops for liberation of Italy and the continued freedom of his country, the United States. Although he was not given equal rights, he fought bravely for his country and risked his life to save those wounded who had fought alongside him. This scene depicts Baker collecting the dog tags of the fallen men under his command. It is an image of the ultimate sacrifice and is meant to honor the sacrifice of the fallen and veterans of WWII. The figure standing in the background wears the medal of honor and represents Vernon Baker as he is now, a deserving veteran and the only surviving black medal of honor recipient from WWII."



4th Place Sponsored by the Department of Alabama

\$1,500  
Danny Quirk  
Sponsored by Auxiliary 7352, Springfield,  
Massachusetts

Watercolor

"In this piece, there are two soldiers. One that's alive and one that's dead. The dead soldier represents two major things: all those who died (and will die) fighting for their country, and the threat of death every soldier faces when fighting in war. The two soldiers are wearing wedding rings, which symbolizes they have a wife, possibly children, and they are off fighting to ensure not only their freedom but the freedom of their families as well. It shows the soldiers have/had something to fight for and are willing to face losing it for their country, families and loved ones."



NOVEMBER 2006

Department Youth Activities Chairman  
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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

“Above and Beyond the Power of Faith”  
“In the Spirit of America-We are the Champions of America’s Cherished Heroes”

Ladies by the time you receive this report all of your Patriot’s Pen essays should have been picked up and ready for judging by November 15th, by your Post and then submit your winners to your District chairman. District deadline is December 6th, and the Department deadline is January 7, 2007. I’ll be looking for your reports in November, telling me the number of students involved, and the amount of Moines spent for the awards.

As the holidays are approaching let’s not forget our Veterans we need to encourage our youth to participate in National’s program **“Youth Supporting Our Troops and Families.”** So many of our Troops would love to receive a letter over the holidays. Please try to get this information out to schools so these youth can get started. When your event is completed, give copies of the report form to each youth to be completed and return back to me, so I can sign them and forward them onto National Headquarters. Each youth that participate will receive a sign citation from the National President. As we are doing this let’s not forget our National President’s theme **“In the Spirit of America’s Cherished Heroes”** but we all work **“Above and Beyond the Power of Faith”** by believing in our troops and supporting them as well.

The Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award honors our Youth who volunteers at hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens centers, who gets involve in helping veterans and their families and any other worthwhile projects that benefit his/her community

### SPECIAL AWARDS:

- 1) Patriots Pen Contest—is a VFW Program that we support and help with by getting the word out to our youth in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
- 2) Outstanding Young Volunteer—between the ages 12-15, will receive a \$5000 U.S. Savings Bond, a plaque, and airfare plus two nights’ lodging to attend the 2007 Ladies Auxiliary National Convention.
- 3) Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards—available from National Headquarters to award Girl Scouts for their achievements in Scouting. Contact your local Girl Scout Troop to find out who is eligible to receive these awards.
- 4) Support Our Troops Citations—a National Citation and a personal letter from the President will be sent to all youths who support our troops who are serving overseas as well as helping troop’s families.

**The following are the awards for the June Convention:**

- 1) Citation and \$35.00 for the best promotion of youth supporting out troops
- 2) Citation and \$20.00 for most certificates given to Girl Scouts
- 3) Citation and \$30.00 for the best over all promotions of other youth programs. (ex. Youth safety, drug awareness, promotion of patriotism in schools, etc.)
- 4) Citation and \$15.00 for the first District who is 100% reported in Youth Activities

**The Following Auxiliaries Have Reported as Of October ,th:**

District 1—176 3219	District 8-- 3103 7589
District 2-- 4411	District 9-- 7136 7167
District 3-- 10567	District 10-- -0-
District 4-- 8228	District 11-- 8279
District 5-- --0	District 12-- -0-
District 6-- 1033 2157	District 13-- -0-
District 7-- 2447 9660 9872	

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Remember to pray for our troops to come safely home to us and for their families who will be without them for the holidays!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING .GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS  
GOD BLESS THE USA**

**Betty Jo Bryant---Department Chairman**