

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

1. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS:** If your Auxiliary was unable to elect a President in April, and cannot do so at your May meeting, you must notify the Department President immediately.
2. **INSTALLATION WARRANTS:** Congratulations to all newly elected Presidents!
Presidents-Elect:
Please make sure that you received your Installation Warrant Request Form from the April General Orders. Have you, the **President-Elect**, sent the completed form to the Department Secretary, Susie DeShano, at 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401. The Department Secretary will not send out an Installation Warrant until the request form is received from you the **President-Elect**. **YOU MUST HAVE THE WARRANT PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.** No warrant will be issued if an Auxiliary is not bonded or has outstanding audits. The Installation Warrant must be filled in properly and the proper section sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer, Connie Atkinson and to the Department Secretary, Susie DeShano. It is the responsibility of the Installing Officer to mail the Warrant. If this is not done by your Installing Officer, your Auxiliary will not receive their Bond application nor will the Department Secretary have your Auxiliary information for the Department Roster.
3. **ATTENTION MEMBERS:** As of April 15, 2007 the Department of Virginia stands at 96% in membership! We have a little farther to go to reach that 100% goal. Please do not give up yet! Let us show our Veterans that we are supporting them all the way and that our numbers do count in Washington DC. Department of Virginia, "WE CAN DO IT".
4. **ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** A District may endorse candidates; however, this action is NOT binding since Delegates are chosen to represent the Auxiliary at the Department Convention. The Delegates elected for the Department Convention may not be the same as those elected for the District. Therefore, they are not bound to a District endorsement.
5. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS:** In accordance with the National Bylaws, Section 306: "If a Delegate's expenses are to be paid, a motion to do so shall be made before election. A paid Delegate is obligated to attend every business session of Conventions and make a report of same to her Auxiliary".
6. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY SECRETARIES:** In accordance with the National Bylaws, Section 308: "The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the respective Secretary prior to the National, Department, District, or County Council Conventions:.
7. **INSTALLATIONS:** Auxiliary Officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting held not less than twenty (20) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of

the Department Convention on Thursday, June 14, 2007. See Section 806A of the National Bylaws.

8. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** In accordance with the National Bylaws, Section 309: “Any Auxiliary in arrears for District or County Council dues shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation at those meetings or Conventions for which the dues are in arrears. Any Auxiliary in arrears for other financial obligations or supply money to Nation Headquarters, or failing to have the office of Treasurer bonded; failure to make quarterly audits and complying with Section 814A of the National Bylaws shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation on all levels. All rights shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.” Please be sure that your Auxiliary is in compliance with the National Bylaws as we do not want any Auxiliary President or Auxiliary Delegate to be upset when they are not allowed to vote at our Department Convention in June.
9. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** All monies for Cancer Pins must be sent to our Department Treasurer Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968, no later than **May 31, 2007**. All Cancer Pins must be returned to Department Cancer Chairman, Betty Gimble, 12604 Harbor Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192 **IMMEDIATELY**.
10. **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:** June 14-17, 2007 to be held at the Sheraton West, 6624 W. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Please make your reservations by calling 1-804-285-2000. Please refer to the Convention Schedule of Events enclosed with the General Orders.
11. **DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Will be held Thursday, June 15, 2007. Auxiliary Chaplains, please be sure that you send a list of deceased members to the Department Chaplain, Kathy Birch, 304 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611. Our Chaplain must have this information in order for their names to be listed in the Convention Book.
12. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** A list of announced Candidates seeking office for the year of 2007-2008 is enclosed with these General Orders.
13. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND MEMBERS:** A last chance transmittal walk will be held during our Department Convention. This could be **your** chance to help make the Department of Virginia 100% in Membership. Don't give up – Let's go above and beyond. **WE CAN DO THIS!**
14. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND MEMBERS:** The promotional material for the Early Bird Dues Parade during the Department Convention was included in April General Orders and also in this general order. The Early Bird Due Parade is open to all Auxiliary Presidents-Elect whose Auxiliary has submitted renewals for **2008 continuous members**. Please keep in mind that the Early Bird Parade is for continuous members only.
15. **DISTRICT CONVENTION:** A list of District Conventions is enclosed. Districts will not have a Department Representative at the meeting. The Department Officers will be able to attend their own District Convention unless they are specifically requested to attend a meeting by the District President. If any District President would like to request a Representative, please contact me immediately to see if arrangements can be made to send a Representative to your District. Every effort will be made to honor your request. I hope that each District has a constructive and successful Convention.

16. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Please visit the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Department website. Any member can read current or past General Orders, print a program report form, and check out pictures from events and meetings. Webmaster Susie DeShano has been busy updating the website so visit **YOUR** website today at www.vfwvaux.org.

It is hard to put in the right words to say thanks to each of you, and just how much each one of you sisters of Virginia means to me. It has been an honor to serve as your Department President. The love and support that you have shown to my line officers and me is amazing. Thank you for the love, respect and support that you show our Veterans and your fellow sisters on a daily basis. We have had a wonderful year and have accomplished a lot. You, the members are the backbone of this organization and should be congratulated often for all of the lap robes, cookies, cakes, bake sales, garage sales, Buddy Poppy drives, dinners, cards, love, support, visits to the sick, care packages to the troops, bingo games and even a shoulder to cry on that you give without a second thought. Just know that I love you all and I am proud to be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it's an honor.

Please continue to work for our Veterans and their families.

Happy Mothers Day to all my Auxiliary Sisters.

By Order of



Rebecca Mason
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

Linda (Susie) DeShano
403 Lee Jackson Highway
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 886-7756
susiedeshano@comcast.net

May, 2007

Attention All Auxiliary Secretaries and Installing Officers

Following your Auxiliary Installation in May, please remember to send your **Report of Installation** to:

Section 2

Susie DeShano, Department Secretary
Ladies Auxiliary VFW VA
403 Lee Jackson Highway
Staunton, VA 24401

Section 3

Connie Atkinson, National Secretary/ Treasurer
Ladies Auxiliary VFW HQ
406 West 34th Street, 10th floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

Calendar Updates

- **The 2007 Department of Virginia Convention** will be held June 14-17 at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA. The phone number for reservations is 804-285-2000. The cost is \$87.00 per night and reservation must be made by June 6th for the group rate.
- **The 2006 National Convention** will be held August 18-23 in Kansas City, Missouri. Reservations must be made by July 16th for the group rate.

Miscellaneous Information

- To those Ladies Auxiliary members who are to be installed as a 2007-2008 Officer at the Department Convention Installation Ceremony on June 17, 2007. If you are interested in purchasing the official Auxiliary uniform, you can order through the **Cintas Uniform Company**. The phone number is 1-800-UNIFORM. When you are connected to a sales rep., give them the National Ladies Auxiliary's uniform account number for reference: # 3653205. The sales rep will take your order and you may pay by credit card. Or you can go to the company's website www.cintas.com.

- **2007-2008 Monthly General Orders** may be purchased by any Auxiliary member for a fee of \$15 a year. This price is subject to change at the 2007 June Convention. Subscribers will receive packets beginning in August 2007 (which includes the roster and President's Handbook) and ends in May 2008. The member must get her check to the Department Treasurer prior to July 10th, to be included in the August mailing. Your General Orders can be read and printed for free by going to the Ladies Auxiliary Department of Virginia website www.vfwvaux.com

Convention Credentials

If you have received more than one Credential, it is because you possess more than one qualification for membership in the Convention Composition. In this case, you will receive a Credential for each. You have the option of registering in the qualification of your choice; however, you are requested to turn in **ALL** Credentials that are issued in your name

The Credentials Chairman will certainly appreciate it if you will register and turn in all your Credentials upon arrival at the Convention. The Registration fee must be paid if not paid previously. You must personally present your 2007 membership card (or life membership card) at the time of Convention Registration and personally register your Credentials at the Credentials desk.

Prompt registration allows the Credentials Chairman sufficient time to prepare an accurate count of eligible and registered voters as well as time to more carefully review all registered credentials before making the final Credentials Report on Sunday morning.

Remember, her final report must be given before any voting can take place and an accurate report will ensure a smoother tally of votes.

Enclosures

- District Convention Schedule
- Tentative Schedule of Convention Events
- Convention Chairmen's Information letter
- Department President's Luncheon Flyer
- Department President's Love Gift
- Advanced Convention Registration & Department President's Luncheon – mail to Registration Chairman Mary Beal
- Department VFW Convention Banquet and Dance Pre-Registration Form
- Early Bird Parade Info
- Pre-registration for Flag Presentation
- Application for Installation Warrant-mail to Department Secretary, Susie DeShano
- District Convention Delegates and Alternates-mail to District Secretary
- Department Convention Delegates & Alternates- mail to Dept. Secretary, Susie DeShano
- National Convention Delegates & Alternates- mail to National Secretary after election at your June meeting
- Department Chaplain's Year-end Report-mail to Department Chaplain, Kathy Birch
- Department Line Officers' Slate of Candidates for 2007-2008

District Conventions
May 2007

District	Date	Time	Meeting Location	Representative
1	May 19, 2007	11:00 a.m. Meeting	Post 3219 Phoebus	No Department Representative
2	May 20, 2007	1:00 p.m. Lunch 2:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 4809 Norfolk	No Department Representative
3	May 5, 2007	Loyalty Day/Memorial Service 10 a.m. Followed by Lunch 2:00 p.m. Meeting	3 rd District Headquarters	No Department Representative
4	May 6, 2007	2:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 637 Hopewell	No Department Representative
5	May 20, 2007	12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 7726 Independence	No Department Representative
6	May 20, 2007	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Salem VA Medical Center Building 76, 2 nd Floor Sponsored by Post 4318	No Department Representative
7	May 20, 2007	11:00 a.m. Registration 11:30 a.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 9760 Berryville	No Department Representative
8	May 20, 2007	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 7589 Manassas	No Department Representative
9	May 6, 2007	10:30 p.m.	Post 9696 Bluefield	No Department Representative
10	May 20, 2007	1:00 p.m. Meeting Meal to follow	Post 1503 Dale City	No Department Representative
11	May 6, 2007	11:30 a.m. Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 632 Harrisonburg	No Department Representative
12	May 5, 2007	10:00 a.m. Registration 11:00 a.m. Meeting Lunch to follow	Post 8652 Coeburn	No Department Representative
13	May 20, 2007	1:00 Meeting	Post 1827 Charlottesville	No Department Representative

**82nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JUNE 2007**

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

The following sisters announce their candidacy for the elective office indicated
at the June Department Convention and desire your support.

ELECTIVE OFFICE	CANDIDATE	MEMBER OF	
		Auxiliary	District #
PRESIDENT	ELLEN STOGSDILL	392, Virginia Beach	2
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	MARY PROFITT	1499, Lexington	11
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT	KATHLEEN BIRCH	9760, Berryville	7
TREASURER	DEBORAH MARTIN	1827, Charlottesville	13
CHAPLAIN	BETTY GIMBLE	1503, Dale City	10
CONDUCTRESS	GLORIA KLINEFELTER	4809, Tidewater	2
GUARD	ROBIN MILEWSKI	824, Grafton	1

REFERENCE: BYLAWS LADIES AUXILIARY, ARTICLE VIII, OFFICERS

SEC. 801 – ELIGIBILITY. Any member in good standing in an Auxiliary shall be eligible to any office in the Auxiliary, County Council, District, Department, or the National Organization. No member shall hold two elective offices on the same level at the same time, but she may hold one elective and one or more appointive offices on that level. The one exception to this rule being that a Trustee may hold another elective or appointive office other than President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Officers, elective or appointive, may hold office in a higher or lower body and such offices may be held concurrently. Exceptions to this rule are that a District President cannot hold an elective Department office.

SEC. 802 – ELECTIVE OFFICERS. *Department elective officers* shall include the *District Presidents* as elected by the Districts.

Ladies Auxiliary to
Craigs-McCue VFW Post 3219
122 E. Mellon Street
Phoebus, VA 23663

Dear Sisters:

Our Auxiliary has fully endorsed Robin Milewski as candidate for the office of Department Guard at the Annual Department Convention in June 2007. Robin has the full support of Auxiliary 3219 in Phoebus, Virginia.

Robin is a member of Auxiliary 824 in Yorktown, which is within District 1. Robin has served as District 1 President for the last two years and has done a remarkable job. She has been active within the District helping and advising all who serve and work within the District. She has always come to any event well prepared and full of enthusiasm. Along with her husband, "Ski," and her son Venner, she serves the veterans, the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary with pride.

Robin has served as the Department Chairman for the Hospital and VAVS and currently as the Cancer Aid and Research Chairman. Robin has taken on both positions with tenacity and professionalism.

We know that Robin will serve the Department with just as much passion and energy as she has proven in District 1. We ask for your support to vote for Robin for the Office of Department Guard in June 2007.

Yours in loyalty,

Rhonda Burch

Rhonda Burch, President
Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 3219

**82nd Annual Convention
Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia
Sheraton Richmond West
June 14-17**

Convention Chairman – Patricia Jurgensen
Co-Chairman – Cathy Kerns

Registration Chairman – Mary Beal
Credentials Chairman – Joyce Suffell

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY	ROOM
Thursday, June 14, 2007		
8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration/Credentials	Ballroom Foyer
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Council of Administration Meeting	Ballroom B C D
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Ladies Auxiliary Convention Opening	Ballroom B C D
10:45 am - 11:45 am	State Officers Floor Practice (attendance required)	Ballroom B C D
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Joint Memorial Services	Ballroom B C D
7:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Joint Presentation of Awards	Ballroom B C D

Friday, June 15, 2007

8:30 am - 11:00 am	Registration/Credentials	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Joint Opening Session	Ballroom B C D
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Department President/Ladies Luncheon	(location pending)
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Registration/Credentials	Ballroom Foyer
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Flag Presentation Practice	Ballroom B C D
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<u>Business Session</u> (Presentation of PDPs/Convention Reports/Presentation of District and Auxiliary Flags)	Ballroom B C D
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	MOCA Meeting	Tidewater Room
9:00 pm - 1:00 am	MOC Dance	Regency Ballroom

Saturday, June 16, 2007

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Past Department Presidents/Commanders Breakfast	Tidewater Room
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	Registration/Credentials (last day – not open on Sunday)	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	<u>Business Session</u> (Early Bird Parade, National Representative, Nominations)	Ballroom B C D
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	School of Instructions Secretaries (members invited) Treasurers (members invited)	Monticello A Monticello B
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	2007-2008 Program Chairmen's Meeting	Potomac Room
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception	Monticello
7:00 pm - 1:00 am	Banquet/Dance	Ballroom B C D

Sunday, June 17, 2007

9:00 am - 9:30 am	Joint Devotional Service	Ballroom B C D
9:30 am - 1:00 pm	Business Session (Elections, Installation of officers)	Ballroom B C D

- 2007-2008 Council of Administration following close of Convention - Ballroom B C D.
- Saturday Banquet/Dance - \$40.00 Banquet/Dance Tickets must be purchased in advance and cannot be purchased at the Convention. Only Dance tickets for \$10 will be available at the Convention. No admittance to the banquet or dance without a ticket - No exceptions. Bottles are permitted. No cash bar for either dance.
- Hospitality Rooms: State (Room 147), 1st & 2nd Districts (Room 257); 3rd District (George Washington Room); 4th District (Madison Room); 10th District (Room 267); MOC (Room 139).

- Patricia Jurgensen, Department Convention Chairman; (703) 273-2107: pjurgy@aol.com
- Cathy Kerns, Co-Chairman; (703) 979-5268: cthykerns@aol.com

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION INFORMATION

June 14 – 17, 2007

- **ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA. Make reservations directly with the hotel (804) 285-2000. Room Rate (Single/Double) is \$87.00 plus room tax. **CHECK-IN TIME is 3:00 pm** – as such, please arrange your arrival time accordingly to prevent any delay in having to wait for your room to be available.
- **CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION TABLES:** Ballroom Foyer, Thursday - Saturday. Upon arrival, credentials must be turned in at the Credentials Desk. Membership cards must be shown to register and to turn in your credentials. **Joyce Suffell**, Credentials Chairman (540) 373-6430. Registration Fee – \$10.00 in advance (postmarked by June 1, 2007) and \$15.00 at the Convention. **Mary Beal**, Registration Chairman, (919) 477-5970. **Note: Credentials/Registration Tables will close on Saturday at 2:00 pm and will not reopen for business.**
- **CANCER/WAYS AND MEANS TABLES:** Ballroom Foyer, Thursday - Saturday. **Robin Milewski**, Cancer Chairman, (757) 223-5763. **Debbie Whitmer**, Ways & Means Chairman, (540) 743-7459. Please read the April/May G.O. materials for any special requests/assistance needed from the auxiliaries. Please volunteer to help.
- **LADIES LUNCHEON:** Friday, June 15th, 11:30 a.m., cost is \$22.00 (location pending). Advance Registration and Luncheon Form is in the April/May G.O. Please select your choice entrée, and any personal donation for the President's Luncheon Gift. The Luncheon Gift is from the individual members and is presented to the President during the luncheon. Do not confuse the Luncheon gift with the Auxiliary's love gift donation which is presented to President Becky on Sunday at the end of the Convention. Wear your Buddy Poppy Hat for the Parade. District Presidents, since the location of the luncheon room is still pending, please bring the centerpieces to the joint meeting. A table will be available for them. Also let Mary know by May 25th the number of arrangements you plan to bring. **Mary Profit**, Luncheon Chairman (540) 463-6798/email: profitspeace@ntelos.net.
- **PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY FLAGS:** Ballroom BCD, Friday, June 15th during the afternoon Convention session. Advance flag registration form is in the May G.O. Contact **Gail Payne**, Patriotic Instructor, (757)-631-9286 regarding the registration and presentation of the flags. Practice time is Friday at 1:15 pm.
- **BUDDY POPPY DISPLAYS:** Ballroom Foyer, Saturday, June 16th 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Displays must be removed by 4:00 pm on Saturday. Rules and regulations for the Buddy Poppy Contest/Displays are in the April/May GO. Please complete the Buddy Poppy Display Entry Form by May 15, 2007 and send to **Ellen Carleton**, Buddy Poppy Chairman, (703) 878-1019.
- **EARLY BIRD PARADE:** Ballroom BCD, Saturday, June 16th during the morning session of the Convention. **Kathy Birch**, 2007-2008 Department Membership Chairman, (540) 955-3311. **Note: The 2007-2008 Auxiliary Presidents** will participate in the parade with the incoming **2007-2008 District Presidents**. This is an entertaining and fun event.
- **BANQUET/DANCE \$40:** Saturday, June 16th - must pre-register by June 8, 2007, to attend the Banquet/Dance. **New: Dance tickets for \$10 will be sold separately and only dance tickets will be available at the Convention VFW registration table. Banquet Pre-Registration Form is in the April/May GO. Send the form directly to the VFW Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 886-8112.**
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ROOM TEMPERATURES:** Announcements must be in writing, signed, and given to the Department Secretary; or to any Page, to be given to the Department Secretary. The Convention rooms are kept at temperatures suitable for the meeting room size. Bring a jacket or sweater to wear during the meetings.
- **SANDWICH COUNTER:** A fast sandwich lunch will be available in the lobby area between 11:15 am and 12:30 pm on Friday and Saturday. Complimentary coffee will be provided on Saturday for your enjoyment.
- **NOISE COURTESY:** A lot of activity is scheduled around the meeting hall so please be respectful at all times. Talking/laughing noises can be heard through the meeting doors and can be very distracting to the members.
- **HOSPITALITY ROOMS:** State (Room 147), 1st & 2nd Districts (Room 257); 3rd District (George Washington Room); 4th District (Madison Room); 10th District (Room 267); MOC (Room 139).

Have a great time at your 2007 Convention!

**You are cordially invited to the
Department President's and Member's Luncheon
Friday, June 15, 2007, 11:30 a.m.
Sheraton Richmond – Location to be Determined**

MENU CHOICES

**Croissant Club: Smoked Turkey, Bacon, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato
Garden Tomato stuffed with Southern Potato Salad accompanied by Fresh Fruit
Iced Tea, Iced Water, OR Coffee Service
Chocolate Mousse Truffle Cake**

**Deli Plate: Roast Beef, Turkey, Honey Baked Ham, and Salami
Cheddar and Swiss Cheese
Rolls or Bread
Southern Potato Salad
Iced Tea, Iced Water, OR Coffee Service
Chocolate Mousse Truffle Cake**

\$22.00 Per Person

Choose Croissant Club or Deli Plate on the Registration Form

Please come and join everyone at the annual luncheon for the Department President and Members! It is a chance to enjoy fun and fellowship with a delicious meal. As usual, there will be a Buddy Poppy Hat Parade so get started creating the best Buddy Poppy hat in Virginia. Check the Buddy Poppy Chairman's promotion for details and more information.

Seating is limited to 250 people so be sure to reserve your seats early! Fill out the Registration Form in this month's General Orders and send it to the Registration Chairman Mary Beal. Don't forget to choose ONE entrée: Croissant Club or Deli Plate.

Join us in showing President Becky how much the Department appreciates her hard work. I am requesting each District President to arrange to bring (2) two centerpieces for our tables. The center pieces add tremendously to the festivities and need not to be limited to Buddy Poppy arrangements. The center pieces need to be delivered by 10:30 am on Friday, June 17, 2007. Would you please let me know if you will be able to bring them for the luncheon by May 25, 2007? My Phone Number is (540) 463-6798 and my e-mail is profitspeace@ntelos.net.

Mary Profitt, Luncheon Chairman

March - April 2007

To: District Presidents

From: Mary Profitt, Department Junior Vice President

**TABLE CENTERPIECES
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS' LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2007**

Each Year at the State Convention a Luncheon is held in honor of our Department President. This year luncheon will be held on Friday, June 15, 2007 at 11:30 Hours, Sheraton Richmond (location to be determined). For the past several years, the District Presidents have provided the centerpieces for each table at the Luncheon. This has proved to be a great success. The hard work and the centerpieces that the District Presidents have provided have been deeply appreciated by the officers and members. The displays are lovely on the tables and each member has the opportunity to win a centerpiece to take home.

*As Luncheon Chairman, I am asking each District to bring TWO (2) centerpieces to this year's luncheon. If you would like to provide more than two, please do so. **MAY I COUNT ON YOU?** Would you please let me know if you will be able to bring them for the luncheon by May 25, 2007? My Phone Number is (540)463-6798 or my email is profitspeace@ntelos.net.*

*There are many talented and creative women in our Department! I am sure we will see many lovely centerpieces. I KNOW can count on YOU to help make the President and Members Luncheon a memorial event. Start thinking about ideas for the centerpieces - start looking for talented people in your Districts. **BRING YOUR DISPLAYS DIRECTLY** to the designated area (to be determined) on Friday, June 15, 2007 at 10:30 Hours.*

A SUGGESTION: *The centerpieces DO NOT have to consist of Buddy Poppies. The display can be a vase with real or artificial Red Roses, our Department President Chosen Flower; a large candle inside a hurricane lamp; a wreath decorated with Becky's color (blue) and theme; or your own centerpieces.*

*I am looking forward to seeing you and your creation on June 15th and **THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.***

Love Gift

For Department President Becky

June 2007 Convention

To: All Auxiliaries of the Department of Virginia

During the past years, it has become customary to present our Department President with a “monetary” gift at the conclusion of the Department Convention on Sunday morning. This monetary gift allows her to purchase a gift of her choice to remember her year as our Department President.

This is simply a suggestion, not a requirement. We all know the long hours and the travel required of our Department President to complete her responsibilities and obligations. This love gift will show how much we respect and appreciate her devotion to our organization.

If your Auxiliary would care to make a donation, please send the check to:

*Debbie Martin
Department Treasurer
539 Westwood Drive
Ruckersville, Virginia 22968*

**Please make the check payable to:
Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Virginia.
Earmark the check: President’s Convention Gift.**

Thanks so very much. Your hard work and loyalty to our organization is appreciated, too!

*Ellen Stagsdill
Senior Vice President*

Early Bird Parade

*Join Senior Vice President Ellen Stogsdill
at the 2007-2008 Membership Kick-off Event on
Saturday, June 16, 2007*

“Faith, Hope and Love in Our Service to All”

To participate in the Early Bird Parade, please have your Auxiliary Treasurer send a continuous membership transmittal for any members who pay their 2008 dues (early birds) by May 25, 2007. Send the transmittal to Treasurer Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968.

Ellen looks forward to seeing every Auxiliary participate in her Early Bird Parade event. For more information, contact:

*Kathy Birch, 2007-2008 Membership Chairman
304 E Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611-1306
(540) 955-3311 katbirch@comcast.net*

To: Department President, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries, Hospital & VAVS Chairmen, and Members.

From: Kathy Birch, Department Hospital & VAVS Chairman
Darlene Mays-Tittman, VAVS Representative Hampton
Dale Bowman, VAVS Representative McGuire
Martha Terry, VAVS Representative Salem
Sandra Baker, Associate VAVS Representative, Martinsburg

The Veterans Affairs medical Centers serving Virginia's veterans are in need of many items: canteen books, funds for special activities and services, and personal care items.

We are asking each Auxiliary attending the June 2007 Convention to bring personal-use items or monetary donations earmarked for the individual VA Medical Centers. The items will be distributed among our four VAVS Representatives. The following is a list of suggested items that are currently needed by our hospitalized Veterans.

Hand and Body Lotion
Mouth Wash (non-alcoholic)
Gentle Soap such as Ivory (non-perfumed)
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Underwear
White Socks
Shampoo - unopened travel-size
Checks/donations made out to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW VA -
and earmarked for the Hospital & VAVS Fund

We will have a box near the back wall of the Convention Meeting Hall. Please place your items in the box along with a note letting us know which Auxiliary brought items.

We thank you for making this year so wonderful and thank you for all that you do to honor, serve and champion America's Cherished Hospitalized Heroes.

FLAG PRESENTATION AT JUNE CONVENTION

The presentation of flags at the June Convention will be held on Friday, June 16, 2007 during the afternoon session. At this time the District and Auxiliary Presidents will enter the room with their Colors and Banners.

The District President will lead with her colors, followed by her Auxiliary Presidents with their colors.

The registration sheet is attached to this promotion but will also be available at the Registration Desk. Please be sure to register your colors as soon as you arrive.

Practice will be held on Friday after the President's Luncheon.

A diagram is on the reverse for those of you who have not participated in the past.

During the Business Session, President Becky will order those with flags to leave the room. Please do so quietly and line up according to District number, with auxiliaries also lined up by number behind their District President. All flags will be left against the wall until after the Business Session.

For those who have not previously participated, there are no words to describe the sight of all our flags and banners as they line each side of the room. I encourage every auxiliary president to be present with her colors and banner.

Gail M. Payne
Department Patriotic Instructor
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Virginia Beach, VA 23452
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March/April/May 2007

TO: Auxiliary Secretaries
FROM: Linda (Susie) DeShano, Department Secretary
SUBJECT: Warrants and Installation Reports for Auxiliaries
REFERENCE: Bylaws Sections 804A and 806A – Auxiliary
NOTE: Warrants are not necessary for District installations and Installation Reports are not provided.

Attached is an **Application for Installation Warrant**. Immediately following your elections at the regular meeting in April 2006, you are personally responsible for delivering this Application to the **Auxiliary President-elect**, including the current President if she is re-elected.

The **Auxiliary President-elect** is responsible for completing and mailing this Application to the Department Secretary. She is required to do this even though she may have been re-elected.

Upon receipt of the Application, the 3-part combination **Warrant and Installation Report Form** for installing Auxiliary Officers will be mailed to you as current Auxiliary Secretary. As Auxiliary Secretary you play an important role in providing accurate information on this form. This information is essential to National Headquarters and to the Department of Virginia! Based on your accurate input,

1. Your Auxiliary Officers will receive important communications and materials.
2. The Annual Dues you report will be referenced by Headquarters in the annual renewal notice mailed in October.
3. The Department Roster will be more useful.
4. Your Auxiliary President and Secretary will receive the Department's monthly General Orders and Program Promotions.

Once I receive the President-elect's Application for the Warrant and Installation Report, you will receive a letter outlining your duties and responsibilities in completing this form.

Thanks for taking care of this matter for the Department. Please call me if you have any questions.

Linda (Susie) DeShano, Secretary
Ladies Auxiliary VFW Virginia
403 Lee Jackson Highway
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 886-7756

APPLICATION FOR WARRANT TO INSTALL OFFICERS

1. Auxiliary officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting held not less than twenty (20) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department President is installed, June 17, 2007. The Auxiliary President-elect will select the installing officer. Bylaws reference: Section 806A.
2. The Installation Warrant shall be mailed to the Auxiliary Secretary and the Auxiliary Secretary shall read it at the time of installation as set out in the Ritual. If, for any reason, the installation is not held on the date originally stated, the Department Secretary must be notified immediately.
3. National and Department dues must be paid to the Department Treasurer for at least ten (10) members for the current calendar year.
4. The Warrant is released by the Department Secretary upon receipt of the application below and determination that all above qualifications have been met.
5. No Auxiliary is permitted to install Officers without the proper Warrant.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION AND MAIL DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Linda (Susie) DeShano, Secretary
 Ladies Auxiliary VFW Virginia
 403 Lee Jackson Highway
 Staunton, VA 24401

Date of Installation: _____, 2007 Location: _____

Name of Auxiliary: _____ Post # _____ District # _____

Name and Address of Auxiliary Secretary: _____

Name of Installing Officer: _____

Title of Installing Officer's Highest Office: _____
 (At least Past Auxiliary President or one who has held a higher elective office)

NOTE: All Applications MUST be in the Department Secretary's Office by **April 30, 2007**. This will ensure that you receive your Installation Warrant in time for your May meeting.

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE . . . FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Date Application Received: _____, 2007

Date Warrant Mailed to Auxiliary Secretary: _____, 2007

*Ladies Auxiliary VFW
406 West 34th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64111*

Your Auxiliary Installation Report is of Vital Importance

There must be an election and installation of officers every new fiscal year, even if the same officers are re-elected. The information recorded on the Report of Installation is entered into the computer system. All correspondence mailed from national and/or Department Headquarters to the Auxiliary President, Secretary or Treasurer is taken from the information provided on the installation report.

In order that you receive all important materials and correspondence from Department and National Headquarters you must complete and mail your Auxiliary Report of Installation in a timely manner.

*Treasurer's Kits
Bond Applications & Receipts
Monthly Maintenance Journal Report
Life Member per Capita Checks
Special Orders / Charters
Cancer Insurance Premiums
Health & Happiness Citations
Patriotic Art Citations
Anniversary Awards
Membership Awards
Supply Department Orders
Programs Manual
VFW Programs Material
National Convention Credentials*

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES – ALL LEVELS
National Bylaws

Article III, Section 303	DISTRICT CONVENTION
	Delegates and alternates to the District Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 30 days prior to the District Convention.
	One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each 15 members or fraction thereof, in good standing, in the Auxiliary at the time of election.
	The term of office for which delegates are elected shall be for one year from date of election until the election of new delegates.
	The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the delegates and alternates to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention.
Article III, Section 304	DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
	Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 30 days prior to the Department Convention.
	One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each 30 members or fraction thereof, in good standing, in the Auxiliary at the time of election.
	The term of office for which delegates are elected shall be just for the Department Convention.
	The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the delegates and alternates to the Department Secretary prior to the Department Convention.
Article III, Section 305	NATIONAL CONVENTION
	Delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 30 days prior to the National Convention.
	One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each 50 members or fraction thereof, in good standing, in the Auxiliary at the time of election.
	The term of office for which delegates are elected shall be just for the National Convention.
	The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the delegates and alternates to the National Secretary prior to the National Convention.

NOTE: If a delegate's expenses are to be paid, a motion to do so shall be made before the election of delegates begins. A paid delegate is obligated to attend every business session of the conventions and make a report of same to her Auxiliary.

Any Auxiliary who owes District dues shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation at all the District meetings, and the District Convention.

Any Auxiliary who owes for other financial obligations or supply money to National Headquarters; fails to have the Treasurer bonded; and/or fails to make quarterly audits shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation on all levels.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION
DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

Reference: National Bylaws Section 305

Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in June.

One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates.

The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Secretary prior to the National Convention.

DEPARTMENT _____ AUXILIARY _____

TO: National Secretary-Treasurer
Ladies Auxiliary, VFW
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

This is to certify that the Delegates and Alternates listed below have been duly elected to represent our Auxiliary at the National Convention.

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

NOTE: This is a listing only. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHECKS WITH THIS FORM.)

AUXILIARY NAME AND NO. _____

LOCATION _____

Signed _____
(Auxiliary President) (Auxiliary Secretary)

(address)

(address)

(City, State & Zip Code)

(City, State & Zip Code)

Delegate credentials will be mailed to the Auxiliary President from National Headquarters after July 10, provided an installation report has been received at National Headquarters. Credentials are not issued to Alternate Delegates.

National President's Visit

Our National President, Linda Meader will be visiting the Department of Virginia
May 22nd and 23rd

She will arrive at 2:30 p.m. on May 22nd at the Richmond Airport. Her first quick stop will be

Auxiliary 6364

6502 Dickens Place, Richmond

National President Meader will then proceed to her hotel

The Hilton Garden Inn, 800 S. Park Blvd, Colonial Heights to freshen up before having dinner at

Auxiliary 622

1925 Johnson Road, Petersburg

7:00 p.m.

If any Auxiliary Sisters would like to join her for dinner

Please RSVP to June Tucker 804-328-0629 or Lee Miller 804-458-8143

May 23rd

8:00 a.m.-There will be a Dutch Treat Breakfast at the Golden Corral, 2501 Conduit Road, Colonial Heights

9:30 a.m. - the National President will tour the Women's and Quartermaster's Museum at Fort Lee

She will then enjoy lunch at

Auxiliary 4639

106 Jester Lane, Williamsburg

11:30 a.m.

RSVP Lori Grygalonis 757-565-2848

She will then tour President's Park in Williamsburg and

George Washington's Birthplace in Montross on Rt. 3

Madam President will be having dinner at

Auxiliary 7167

3111 Islington Road, Warsaw

6:30 p.m.

RSVP Gay Packett 804-333-3918

She will depart from Richmond Airport at 7:45 a.m. on May 24th

If any sisters need further information please contact Chairman Lorna Beaulieu at 757-838-4588

BUDDY POPPY 2006 - 2007
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA
MAY 2007 General Orders

To: Department President; PDPs; District Pres.; Auxiliary Pres. and
All Buddy Poppy Chairmen
From: Ellen Carleton, Department Chairman
13440 Pinwheel Court
Dale City, Va. 22193
Phone - 703-878-1019
Email - elcvfw1503@msn.com

I would like to thank all of the Auxiliaries that have sent reports in to me, along with pictures and some of the actual creations using the Buddy Poppies. They have been wonderful! Remember, you may continue to send reports to me until 5/10/07. If you plan to make a hat or a centerpiece for the luncheon that uses Buddy Poppies, please be sure to report the # used.

Buddy Poppy Display Contest

As mentioned in last month's General Orders, there will be tables set up for our display contest in the Ballroom Foyer Saturday, June 16th at 8:00 am. Please have your display set up before 10:00 am to allow time for judging and awarding of prizes. All displays must be removed by 4:00 pm.

Display categories: (Note that I have added 2 additional categories for you to use)

- 1. Memorial or inspirational**
- 2. Artistic**
- 3. Public Promotion**

At least one poppy must be in its original form with its tag, but you may paint or alter the rest.

Displays should be accompanied by a white card (4"x6") listing an explanation of the theme and the # of Buddy Poppies used. Please place the Auxiliary #, name and location on the back of the card where it will not be visible to the judges.

On the next page I have created a special report form that you can cut off and submit if you plan to enter a display at the June Convention. Please send the report form to me by 5/15 if you are planning to enter a display.

BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY ENTRY FORM

AUXILIARY # _____

DISTRICT # _____

OF POPPIES USED IN DISPLAY (IF NOT COMPLETE, PLEASE GIVE BEST ESTIMATE) _____

CUT HERE-----

Hope to see you at the June convention!

Ellen

MEMBERSHIP

May 2007

Ladies, we are SO CLOSE. As of April 20, we need a **mere 324 members** to make 100%!

We have 3 Districts at 100%, or *above*, and **LOOK AT THE DISTRICT LEADING THE WAY: District 12!** What a marvelous effort and dramatic change has been exhibited here. Jumping **from 95.09% all the way to the top with 116.14%** Congratulations, Ladies! Very Well Done, Indeed!!

Special thanks to all the Auxiliaries who are 100% plus. I'd like to acknowledge these Auxiliaries in the top three Districts:

District 12: 6975 Bristol 176.79%; 8652 Coeburn 122.22%; 8979 Clintwood 109.68%; 1994 Abingdon 105.88%; 9600 Pound 101.82%; 9830 Damascus 100%; and 10310 Ewing 100%. Count them, Ladies! **These total 7 of 9 Auxiliaries in the District with 100%+.**

District 7: 8613 Shenandoah 158.00%; 9760 Berryville 104.52%; 9660 Broadway 102.78%; and 2123 Winchester 101.59%. District 7 has 4 of 8 Auxiliaries at 100%+.

District 3: 10387 Petersburg 105.26%; 8046 Norge 101.69%; 1426 Midlothian 100%; 2239 Colonial Heights 100%; 9501 Central Garage 100%; 10654 Richmond 100%; and 6364 with 100%.

Frankly, Ladies, I don't know of any way to catch **Bristol's high marks of 176.79%**, but if there is a way, Shenandoah may manage it.

Here's the latest information.

PLACE	DIST#	4/3/07	2/28/07	2/18/07	12/31/06	11/30/06	Top Aux
1	12	116.14%	95.09%	92.98%	86.32%	59.65%	6975 176.79%
2	7	102.29%	101.89%	100.67 %	97.57%	81.78%	8613 158.00%
3	3	100.65%	100.49%	98.38%	96.43%	93.52%	10387 105.26%
4	4	98.21%	96.21%	96.09%	91.29%	80.47%	9855 125.00%
5	6	97.00%	96.14%	95.49%	93.13%	75.97%	2157 101.75%
6	5	96.95%	96.36%	95.67%	90.45%	81.89%	7568 137.50%
7	1	96.15%	94.50%	88.81%	84.95%	66.42%	824 112.59%
8	2	94.92%	92.89%	92.04%	86.45%	81.71%	993 103.53%
9	8	93.71%	92.75%	92.37%	92.37%	92.37%	7589 93.89%
10	9	93.23%	87.58%	86.77%	82.58%	60.16%	1184 105.71%
11	10	92.74%	90.81%	90.81%	86.04%	79.00%	9274 116.33%
12	13	90.48%	87.22%	84.96%	80.20%	66.42%	2217 104.55%
13	11	87.90%	83.80%	83.68%	78.14%	73.47%	7814 128.27%
Dept Total		96.32%	93.68%	92.59%	88.17%	76.02%	

We are **BELIEVERS** (!) and we can do this, Ladies. Together, we can make history for the Department of Virginia, **by achieving our 2007 Mission Not Impossible: 100% in Membership**.

The National Secretary-Treasurer Connie Atkinson has announced that there was an error interpreting the **One Year Rule in Sec. 110 of our Bylaws**. Therefore, National will again accept 2006 dues until December 31, 2007.

If a 2006 dues was returned to your Auxiliary Treasurer, please ask her to resubmit these as soon as possible so they may be processed promptly. This is important to your member so that she can remain a continuous member and thus preserve her eligibility to receive her anniversary pins every fifth year on schedule.

Getting back to 2007 membership, Ladies, please heed the advice offered below from our **National Director Edna Kiviniemi**. (I paraphrase):

Have you recruited members this year? Membership is every one's responsibility.

NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION!!!

Now is the time: to makeup membership kits and place them in the stores, offices, or hand out at local events (e.g., farmer's markets, craft fairs, Post dinners and community events, etc.)

Now is the time: to make phone calls to 2006 members who haven't renewed.

Now is the time: to reinstate sisters who have a lapsed membership 2005 or earlier.

Now is the time: to help your Auxiliary sisters. Perhaps one or two needs financial assistance. Paying their dues is a valid use of money from the Relief Fund.

Now is the time: to exhibit a positive attitude toward our organization.

Negativity keeps workers, volunteers, and sisters away from your Post.

Negativity makes more work for those that are left to run the Auxiliary.

Now is the time: to communicate through phone calls, newsletters, or emails with the members. Keep your members informed on what is going on with Veterans Rights, how they can help your auxiliary with projects or chairmanships. It's NOT a waste of time. The want to know what is going on.

Each year, if you only get one more member to help, it is worth it.

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Ladies, as I reported to you last month, the Department mailed out Dues Renewal Notices to members in late November and February-March. If your Auxiliary would like the file used to print these postcards, please ask them to send me an email with the subject line: "Dues Renewal Notices". (Oh, and to give credit where due, the postcard layout was provided by Department Senior Vice President Ellen Stogsdill. Didn't she do a great job!!) Send the email to: kerchines@aol.com. Where I have a file with labels, I will send this also to the Auxiliary.

Now that you've seen the success of other Auxiliaries who have gone ***Above and Beyond***, perhaps now your Auxiliary desires to achieve a similar success rate and earnestly recruit more members, too. My advice to you is don't worry about the future workload, it'll take care of itself.

Let's worry about the ***immediate challenges***; allow your ***POWER OF FAITH*** to take over. Be ***NOT FAINT*** of heart or afraid, but trust in the Lord to take care of the future in all things, especially so that we may, ***In the Spirit of America***, continue to be ***Champions of America's Cherished Heroes***.

Remember, we need only 324 members to achieve 100% and make HISTORY!

Ladies, it's been a GRAND EXPERIENCE serving you and the Department of Virginia! You have been FABULOUS!

I am so looking forward to the June Convention and presenting my sisters, ***Believers in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW***, with your just rewards for ***absolutely outstanding work in 2006-2007!***

Love you, Ladies!

***I am here for you, to support your efforts and assist your success,
for I Believe in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW!***

**Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Virginia
VFW National Home for Children
May 2007**

Well, the year is almost over and it has been really great reading all of your reports and seeing all of the contributions that the Department of Virginia has sent to support our National Home for Children. And I have also enjoyed reading the reports that I have received.

I also get a report from the National Home listing Auxiliaries that have met their quota for the Health and Happiness Fund. I am pleased to report that the generosity of the Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary is wonderful. We have sent 171.06% of our 10¢ per member quota. This has translated into \$1,511.54 for the fund. The report shows that 94 Auxiliaries have met or exceeded the quota - but sadly it also showed that 20 Auxiliaries were either not accounted for or were under quota in the report. The 10¢ per member is based on your Auxiliary membership as of June 30, 2006.

STATE TOTALS REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON AS OF 4/21/07

Labels		7,216
Donations		5,001.17
Life Memberships	44	
H & H Fund		681.25
VA House		845.85
Fundraisers		296.60
Junior Girls		25.00

Just because the reporting year is starting to draw to a close, is no reason not to continue to support our Virginia House at the VFW National Home Campus. The Southern Conference HAS adopted a house of their own. As members of the Southern Conference, the Department of Virginia will probably be asked to support this house as well. But our major alliance is with the Virginia House. They rely on us to support their building, grounds, and maintenance. And the current residents of Virginia House are members of our own Department of Virginia family. In a way, their well-being (and health and happiness) is in our hands.

A big thank you to all who have participated in this program this year. Not only for the financial support, but the labels and your purchase of National Home merchandise.

Auxiliaries that have **NOT** reported:

District	Auxiliary #
1	8252
2	100%
3	3125, 4639, 8046, 9224, 10387, 10657
4	637, 5313, 8228, 8617
5	8243, 8467
6	5311, 7854
7	100%
8	1177
9	4667, 7136, 7328, 9640, 9696
10	100%
11	632, 1499, 2424, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 10826
12	1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 9600, 10298, 10310
13	1827, 2217, 7638, 8947, 10546, 10574

Let's see if we can make this list grow smaller!

Loyally,

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**DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
NATIONAL GUARD CAMPAIGN FUND**

TO: ALL AUXILIARIES AND MEMBERS

For the 4th time in our Department's Auxiliary History, we are running a Candidate (Sister Dee Guillory) for National Office. This endeavor requires support from all Auxiliaries. Audit information is provided to the Council of Administration. At this State Convention, the Council receives a full budget report of expenses and income.

As recommended by National Headquarters, we are moving these funds from the Department Treasurer's account to a bonded Auxiliary Treasurer (Laine Beckwith of Post 3219) in Dee's 1st District.

To the Auxiliaries and Members who have contributed, I thank you sincerely for your support. I did not get information on each contributor, so some of you may not have received a personal Thank You note from me. Please know how much I appreciated your thoughtfulness, love and support! Should any Auxiliary decide to give support at this time, please send your contribution check as follows:

Check made out to: Ladies Aux. National Guard Fund

Send the Check to: Laine Beckwith
41 Kings Point Drive
Hampton, VA 23669

I am proud to be Virginia's Candidate for National Guard, and I am proud to serve currently as your Southern Conference President. You are my family! I have a lifetime commitment to our organization for all the training and leadership it has given to me.

Sincere Thanks and Appreciation,
Dee Guillory, National Guard Candidate