

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

1. **INSTALLATION REPORTS:** All Auxiliaries that have not forwarded an Installation Report to the Department Secretary and National Secretary must do so immediately. You **will not receive** the renewal notice for the Treasurer's Bond, Program Book, or other essential information, **without this report.**
2. Auxiliaries that have not properly submitted an installation report to National by December 31, 2007 **may have their charter cancelled by the National President.**
3. Sisters, when we are abiding by our *Bylaws*, where our duties are defined, our job becomes easier to handle and we become more accomplished in the work we do as members. Whenever in doubt, check the **Bylaws first!**
4. **Bylaws Sec 810:** I trust that all Auxiliary Presidents have complied with **Bylaws Sec. 810:** Presidents on all levels shall, within thirty (30) days after assuming the duties of her office, submit to the Commander of the corresponding unit of the VFW, an itemized report of the financial and membership status of her unit.
5. **Sec.807 – Term of Office:** An Officer elected or appointed and installed into office shall continue to hold office for the period which elected or during the pleasure of the appointed power; provided she complies with the duties of her office, remains a member in good standing in the Auxiliary, County Council, District or Department of which she is an officer for the **2007-2008 year** and has not had her office declared vacant in accordance with the Bylaws. The term of office of a standing chairman committee shall run concurrently with the term of the office of President appointing her. It is my hope that all previous officers or chairmen at any level will be there as mentor for the 2007-2008 officers and that you have turned over all monies, paperwork and information for them to be able to do the job as well as you did.
6. **DISTRICT DELEGATES:** The term of office for which District Delegates are elected shall be one year from date of election, as described in Section 303, until the election of the new delegates.
7. **SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS:** Auxiliaries and Districts are permitted to have only two (2) signatures on the Auxiliary bank account. The National Bylaws, Article VIII, **Sections 810A and 810C,** sets forth that the President shall countersign all checks.
8. **TREASURER REPORTS:** A copy of the Treasurer's Report shall be incorporated in the Secretary minutes in accordance with National Bylaws Sec 812A.
9. **Treasurers,** remember that National Headquarters no longer sends out dues reminders. This year the Department will be sending out Notices in October 2007. You will need to do this yourself again, so that we are giving our members another reminder the importance of being a member in good standing. Keep up the GREAT work that you do.
10. A non-member widow of an eligible veteran who has married a man not eligible for the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eligible for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary through her deceased husband. Please refer to **Bylaws, Section 114.**

11. **POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY:** Is Friday, September 15, 2007. Auxiliaries please work with your VFW members, to educate our communities and have a proper ceremony for those Missing in Action and held Prisoners of War.
12. **2007 STATUE OF LIBERTY CELEBRATION:** Will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2007. What a wonderful event that any Auxiliary member will remember forever. Anyone wishing to attend the celebration please contact the Department President to see if arrangements can be made.
13. **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE:** Will be held November 1-4, 2007 Southern Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC. Room Rates \$102.00 at the Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes, 8400 Costa Verde Dr, Myrtle Beach, SC. Registration form attached. Phone 843-449-8880. Room rates through October 1, 2007.
14. **WINTER COUNCIL MEETING:** Will be held January 18-20, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Fort MacGruder in Williamsburg. 757-220-2250.
15. **ATTENTION DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN:** Please send a copy of your August and September monthly promotional material to your National Director. Each Director's name and address is listed in the National Program Book.
16. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN:** Beginning with the October General Orders, a list of those Auxiliaries NOT REPORTED will be provided by each Department Chairman in her promotional material. If you report an activity as soon as it is completed, then your Auxiliary number will not be on the listing. Be sure to send your reports to the 2007-2008 Program Chairman. Please use the 2007-2008 report forms as they have the correct name and address of the chairman on it.
17. **DEPARTMENT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFFS:** Sisters, I do wish that I could find a different phrase to say this but no matter how you try it always comes out the same so I am just going to say that I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for all of you that came out on July 21, 2007 to the School of Instruction. Special thanks go out to District 3 for allowing us to use their building and also to PDP Becky Mason for the meal. Thanks to All of You. Only the warmest "Thank You" will do for people as nice and as special as you!

Sisters, due to the fact that we started the year off with a bang, let us continue to work with the posts, auxiliaries, communities, and let's not forget our veterans and their families using **FAITH , HOPE AND LOVE** in our "**TRADITION OF CARING**" to all. In a world where days can begin with schedules already full. It's so thoughtful and kind of you to volunteer your time and talent. Thank you so much for caring – it means more than words can say.

Ellen Stogsdill

Ellen Stogsdill
Department President

Attest:

Linda DeShano

Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

**Ladies Aux to the VFW
Department of Virginia
President Ellen's Homecoming**

Place: Post 1503 in Dale City

Date: September 8, 2007

Times: Social 18:00 Dinner 19:00 Program 20:00 DJ 21:00

Hotel: Days Inn - on Rt. 234, in Dumfries, VA

Directions to hotel: From the south (on I-95N), take Rt. 234 (exit 153-B) going towards Manassas. The hotel will be on your right - behind the Exxon Station and just after Cracker Barrel. Phone number: 703 221-6300. Mention the VFW party and receive a special rate of \$69.99 per night. A breakfast bar will be provided the following morning.

Reservations will be taken beginning July 1st.

Directions to 1503: From the Days Inn to VFW Post 1503 is approx. 10 minutes. Turn right (west onto 234 from the hotel), turn right on Spriggs Road (about 7 traffic lights), then turn right at the second traffic light (Minnieville Rd.). VFW Post 1503 will be directly ahead on your right.

Please send your Love Gifts, making checks **payable to the following:**

PDP's, please send to **Dee Guillory**, 7984 Croydon Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061

Line Officers, please send to **Gloria Klinefelter**, 1120 Hazel Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23325

District Presidents, please send to **Cathy Graham**, 9691 Lindenbrook St, Fairfax, VA 22031

Chairmen, please send to **Laura Absher, 9241 Swannanoa Trail, Mechanicsville, VA 23116**

As far as the presentations are concerned, we will be **Toasting**, not Roasting our Madam President!

**Gail M. Payne, 3709 Palace Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 Cell Ph: 757-438-4689
Ladies Aux Homecoming Chairman**

District Meetings Assignments

District Presidents:

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

8th	Date	9/16/2007
	Lunch	TBA
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 2524, Culpeper
	Rep:	Betty Gimble, Chaplain

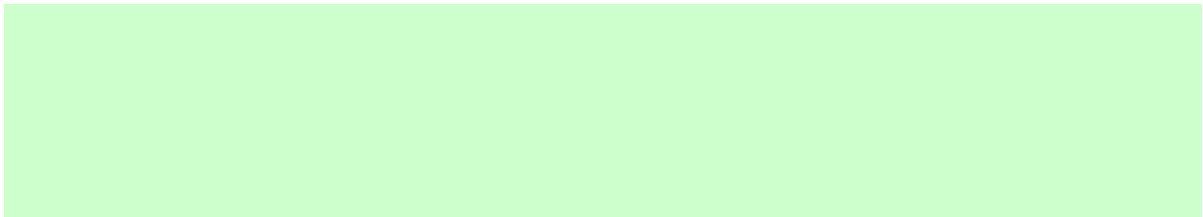
9th	Date	9/16/2007
	Lunch	TBA
	Meeting	10:30 a.m.
	Location	Post 1184, Pulaski
	Rep:	Mary Richards, Chief Of Staff

11th	Date	9/16/2007
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	Following Lunch
	Location	Post 2216, Staunton
	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdill, President

12th	Date	9/15/2007
	Registration	10:00
	Meeting	11:00 a.m. followed by lunch
	Location	Post 1994, Abingdon
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, SVP

13th	Date	9/9/2007
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 7638, Gordonsville
	Rep:	PDP, Becky Mason

District Meetings Assignments



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September, 2007

IMPORTANT

The National President will be visiting the Department of Virginia October 24th and 25th, 2007. The committee is hard at work planning a wonderful time for National President Virginia Carman. The only event which has been firmed up is that the National President will be dining at VFW Post 392, in Virginia Beach on Thursday the 25th. Please make plans to meet your National President some time during her visit.

ATTENTION

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

How to handle a bill on the Auxiliary floor. The presentation of Bills comes after the Treasurer's report, before the official communications. The actual bills are read separately by the secretary, so they go into the minutes something like "Bills for \$25.00 were read as follows: _____" (list the bills). No action is taken at this point. They are simply handed to the Trustees for approval (Bylaws Sec 814 A). After New Business, there is the report of the trustees. With reference to the bills presented earlier in the meeting, the Senior Trustee would say "The Trustees have examined the bills and recommend they be paid." A member moves the report be accepted and the bills be paid. The Trustee reporting can also move that the report be accepted and the bills be paid.

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Address for President:** of Gunston Hall Auxiliary 8815, Dorothy Hall, 5907 Griffith Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22407, 540-710-7180.
- **Address Typo's in Dept Roster:** Mary Richards addresses and phone # is incorrect in the District Section of the Roster. It is listed correctly under Dept. Officers. Lorraine Beckwith's address, phone number and e-mail address is incorrect in the District President's and Deputy Chief's section. It is listed correctly in the District Section of the Roster.
- **Officers for Nathaniel Gordon Auxiliary 7638,** Gordonsville, VA President Dee Dee Conley, 2039 N. Lakeshore Drive, Louisa, VA 23093. Secretary/Treasurer, Shelby Holley, 302 Partlow Drive, Gordonsville, VA 22942. Phone Number 540-832-7261.
- **Correct Address for President:** of Abingdon Memorial Auxiliary 1994, Effie Kinsley, 357 Whites Mill Road, Abingdon, VA 24210.

CHAPLAIN

Betty Gimble
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Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, love never fails." (1st Corinthians 13:4-8).

The following cards were mailed during the period of June 19 – August 11:

Sympathy Cards

Jackie Walls, Dept. Secretary of Delaware	408 Charles Arbors Lane Loss of Mother	New Castle, DE 19720
Linda Meader National President	19 Canterbury Road Loss of grandson	Concord, NH 03301-5620
Gail Bratten #392 Loss of Mother	1172 Old Clubhouse Rd	Virginia Beach, VA 23453
Rosalee Ellison #392 Loss of Sister	3528 Boyd Road	Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Sharon McCullough Dept. Secretary/Treasurer of PA	P O Box 1264 Loss of Grandmother	Harrisburg, Pa 17108-1264
Dottie & Michael Annis National Chief of Staff	85 Beech Hill Dr. Loss of Son	Manchester, NH 03103-5895
Margaret Brimer #2239 Loss of Husband	953 King Ave.	Petersburg, VA 23805
Barbara Alicie #9696 Loss of Step-Mother	119 Sugarleaf Dr.	Cedar Bluff, VA 24609
Jennifer Sparks #9696 Loss of Grandmother	4832 Nelms Lane	Roanoke, VA 24019
Betty Morris Past National President	3613 Hays Road Loss of grandson	Aberdeen, MD 21001-1219
Joyce Wimer #2216 PDP Loss of daughter-in-law	106 S, Lynnhaven Dr.	Staunton, VA 24401

Get Well Cards

Peggy Wilson #4411 Surgery	2937 Deer Path Road	Suffolk, VA 23434
Evelyn Miles #5311 Stroke	700 Randolph St., Room 131	Radford, VA 20141
Doc Crouch Past Department Commander	9691 Lindenbrook St. - pneumonia hospital stay	Fairfax, VA 22031
Lorraine Frier Past National President	1440 E. Gateway Circle 3 stints in heart	Fargo, ND 58103-3652

Thinking of You Cards

Ida McCracken #1503 PDP Fall	6700 Suttles Court	Fredericksburg, VA 22407
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Jackie Walls, Dept. Secretary of Delaware	408 Charles Arbors Lane hospital for test	New Castle, DE 19720
Mary Beal #10574 Having surgery	11 Shelburn Ct.	Durham, NC 27712-9592
Ethel Garber #2447 Hospital	250 Hopewell Ave.	Mt. Jackson, VA 22842
Elizabeth Rich PDP Let her know that we missed her at the June Convention	148 Wilson Drive	Chesapeake, VA 23322
Alma Allen PDP Let her know that we missed her at the June Convention	4 Haley Dr.	Hampton, VA 23661
Joyce Wimer PDP Let her know that we missed her at the June Convention	106 S. Lynnhaven Dr	Staunton, VA 24401
Lila Armentrout PDP Let her know that we missed her at the June Convention	1923 S. Rugley Ave.	Covington, VA 24426
Patricia Jurgensen #609 PDP Mother is having surgery	10625 Ashby Place	Fairfax, VA 22030
Janet Bowersox #392 Stoke	1125 Salty Marsh Ct.	Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Patriotic Instructor

Sept. 2007

To: All PDP's, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, and members.

A "Tradition of Caring" using "Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All"

The Patriotic Instructor plays very important educational and patriotic roles in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars

According to the By-laws:

The Patriotic Instructor shall see that the room is in keeping with the Ritual and shall instruct the members in the proper use of and salute to the Flag. She shall maintain a record of all patriotic days and initiate programs for their proper observance and perform such other duties as the President may require.

On Auxiliary level, the Patriotic Instructor, under the "Suggestions for the Good of the Order" should instruct the members how to properly pledge the Flag, stand at attention or parade rest, and understand the raps of the gavel. This is especially important when new members are taking their obligations and attending their first meetings.

The Patriotic Instructor should also work closely with the **Americanism Chairman** in promoting and working on the programs, and observing holidays.

Gail M. Payne Department Patriotic Instructor

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BANNER REQUIREMENTS CHANGES

SEPTEMBER 07-08

**Linda Ryman, Banner Chairman, 2376 Stoney Creek Rd., Edinburg, Va. 22824
phone 540-984-8886**

TRADITION OF CARING

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL

Our National and Department Presidents always have themes that are meaningful for their year. It is then our duty to try and carry out on these themes to best serve our highest priority, **VETERANS**

ATTENTION! PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN THE BANNER PROGRAM THIS YEAR!!

FIRST CHANGE: (for Banner) **100% BY DECEMBER 31, 2007!!!!!!** No extra days! Postmarked no later than the date listed above. (no exceptions)

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CITATION: YOU MUST BE 100% BY DECEMBER 31, 2007.

After that date your members are not in good standing. This means they can no longer attend meetings (unless coming to pay their dues), they no longer get the Auxiliary Magazine, and can no longer go into the canteen/bar unless accompanied by a Post Member until dues is paid. Then they receive all the good things members in good standing get. **SO.....Ladies START NOW** to collect dues. Your good and faithful members will pay early as always, **“BUT” AS WITH ALL AUXILIARIES**; there are those who want to wait until the last minute. (Why....I do not know) Explain to them what you are working for (**BANNER AND NATIONAL CITATION**) because with this new change you can get both!!!

For nursing home member or members who may have financial problems or you just want to be a good and helpful member, ask them if you may be of assistance in paying it for them. (YOU HAVE TO ASK AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE A MOTION FROM THE FLOOR TO DO SO!) This can be done from your Relief Fund if you have one, or from your treasury with proper motion!

SECOND CHANGE: Legislative and VFW-PAC are now one program (LEGISLATIVE/VFW-PAC). You may do either one or both for Banner Requirements. That makes it 11 National Programs you will have to complete BY MARCH 31, 2008.

THIRD CHANGE: STATE HOSPITAL FUND is now **\$35** (not \$25) check earmarked Hospital Fund.

FOURTH CHANGE: NATIONAL HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND is now \$.25 per member.

READ! READ! READ! READ! YOUR GENERAL ORDERS/PROMOTIONALS. They are your guidelines and the suggestions you will need for all your programs. If you have questions....contact the Program Chairman. Address and phone number are on the promotional.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS – Keep on top of all your Auxiliaries to see that they are getting their reports in and on time. Also you will need to see that the following is done **by March 31, 2008:**

DISTRICT SECRETARY – It is your duty to send me a list of **Auxiliaries attending** your District Meeting **after each District Meeting**. The District convention/Election of Officers **DOES NOT COUNT!**

DISTRICT TREASURER – It is your duty to send me a list of the **Auxiliaries who have paid their District Dues and done by September 30, 2007**...(according to National By-Laws, Section 506).

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS – Banner Requirements have a **DEADLINE** for 2007-2008. **MARCH 31, 2008 NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!** Keep on top of these and check at each meeting to see what has been done or not done.

AGAIN....PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE CHANGES IN THE BANNER REQUIREMENTS ON THE BACK!!!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DONATIONS:

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

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

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

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: No funds can be derived from VFW Post or Auxiliary membership dues or treasuries. Funds are obtained from individual contributions and/or fund raisers held by Post or Auxiliaries. Checks payable to **VFW-PAC,** and mailed to 200 Maryland Ave.

N.E., Washington D.C. 20002 and report to Department Legislative/VFW-PAC Chairman postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2008.** **DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILL VERIFY TO BANNER CHAIRMAN.**

approved: DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
June 16, 2007

Linda Ryman: Banner Chairman

AMERICANISM – SEPTEMBER 2007

From: Deborah Whitmer
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Debjer74@hotmail.com

Sisters,

The first thing I would like for you to notice is that my e-mail has changed again. Also my report form is not complete. I left off the part for your Name, Aux. # and Dist. #. Just put this information on the bottom of the form. Please make sure you do this; otherwise, I won't know who has sent the report.

I hope you have started working on your programs.

I am going to give you a little information about the POW/MIA flag. Please share this information with the places that you visit.

The flag was an idea of the wife of an M/A officer in the Vietnam War in 1971. She wanted every American to be reminded of service members whose fates were never accounted for during the war. The black and white image of a gaunt silhouette, a strand of barbed wire and an ominous watchtower was designed by Newt Heisley, a former WWII pilot.

In 1979 Congress and the President proclaimed the first National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Congress designated the third Friday of September for this day.

In 1982 the POW/MIA flag became the only flag other than the Stars and Stripes to fly over the White House in Washington, D. C.

Today on any national observance days, the flag will fly over the U. S. Capitol, War Memorials, Government buildings and National cemeteries. The VA flies the POW/MIA any day the U.S. flag is displayed.

When displaying the flag, make sure the POW/MIA flag flies directly below the U.S. flag and should not be larger.

The POW/MIA flag is a great representation of Dept. Ellen's theme, "**Keeping Faith, Hope, and Love in Our Service to All**".

Next month I will talk about flag disposal ceremonies. There are a lot of different types of ceremonies and we want to teach our children the "Tradition of Caring" for our flag.

The awards this year will be:

1st Place- \$500.00- Best Patriotic Program Over-All

2nd Place- \$25.00- Most POW/NIA Flags Flying

3rd Place- \$25.00- Best Retirement and Disposal Ceremony

BUDDY POPPY 2007 - 2008

September 2007 General Orders

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

From: Laura Dianne Absher
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The Auxiliary President's Handbook and Reference Guide contained the history of the Buddy Poppy as well as copy of the Report Form for 2007 – 2008. Please make sure that the information is given to your Buddy Poppy Chairmen so that they can make plans for upcoming campaigns.

Calendar of Events:

Patriot Day – is to perpetuate the memory of those who perished in the attack on America and pursue justice and peace in the world and security at home. Flags may be flown at half-staff until sunset. Activities may include a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. EDT, candlelight vigils and or remembrance services.

You may order your special "WE REMEMBER – SEPTEMBER 11, 2001" poppies. Keep in mind they should only be distributed during your Patriot Day activities and should not be used during your drives. They may also be used in your decorations for this program.

Veterans Day – is an opportunity to commemorate publicly the contributions of living veterans. Veterans Day weekend is used by many Post and Auxiliaries to hold their drives. Be sure and order your poppies from VFW Department HQ in plenty of time. Remember, we do not sell the poppies but we will accept donations. Make sure to obtain all necessary permission or permits before starting your drives. Do not hesitate to ask for additional help if you need it from other organizations and youth groups (i.e., Junior Girls, Sons of the VFW, Scout troops, senior centers etc.).

There will be more information on holding Buddy Poppy drives in the upcoming General Orders.

Auxiliaries **reported** as of 8/10/07:

District 1 – 3219 (first reported)

District 11 – 9339

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

The report form to be used for this year will be found on the following page. Please make as many copies as you need and send them to me no later than the 10th of the month in order to show reported.

The rewards to be given at Winter Conference and at the convention will be listed in the October General Orders.

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

- National President Virginia Carman

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

- Department President Ellen Stogsdill

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

Laura Dianne

BUDDY POPPY

REPORT FORM 2007-2008

Date _____ Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

President or Chairman _____ Phone # _____

1) Number of entries in Buddy Poppy Display Contest: _____

Number of Poppies used: _____

2) Number of Junior Girls Unit entries in display contest: _____

Number of Poppies used: _____

3) Number of youth groups and other organizations recruited to assist with drives: _____

List other groups (i.e. Girl Scouts, Organizations) _____

Describe any other way you promoted this program: _____

Send your reports:

Laura Dianne Absher, Chairman
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Mechanicsville, Va. 23116
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CANCER AID & RESEARCH- SEPTEMBER 2007

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

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Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a great summer. Now it's time to get back to work. The National Presidents goal for cancer this year is **\$3 million dollars**. I know the Ladies of the Department of Virginia in "**The Tradition of Caring**" are going to contribute a large part of that money to help reach that goal.

This year in the "Tradition of Caring" we need to educate the men of the VFW on how cancer can affect them. Don't let their "macho" man side keep them from doing self exams on themselves. There is nothing to be embarrassed about. Testicular cancer is the most common in young men between the ages of 15-45 years old. Only 29% of men regularly check their testicles for signs of cancer. If caught in the early stages there is a 90% survival rate

September is Prostate and Ovarian Cancer Month. Along with Childhood, Gynecological, Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Thyroid Cancer. Prostate Cancer is one of the most successfully treated when found early. Please have your Husbands, Son's, Fathers, Brother's, or whoever the men in your life might be, to have regular Prostate exams by their doctors.

Ovarian Cancer is one of the most deadly cancers. It ranks number 4 in the cause of Cancer deaths in women. There are few symptoms and signs for this Cancer. The most common signs are: Bloating, feeling full after eating a small amount of food, fatigue and tiredness, low back pain, unexplained weight gain or weight loss, and pain during intercourse. These are all symptoms which you may contribute to something else, certainly not Cancer. Ovarian Cancer is called "THE SILENT KILLER", because it usually isn't discovered until it's in its advanced stages. 70-75% of the time the cancer has spread to other parts of the abdomen before it is detected." **EARLY** DETECTION IS THE KEY TO SURVIVAL. With "**Faith Hope and Love in our Service to All**" we can help educate everyone in the importance of self examinations and not to be afraid to go to the doctor if you have any unusual symptoms. Probably it isn't anything, but if it is, you will have caught it in its early stages.

We will need a "**LOT**" of money to find a cure for all the different types of Cancer out there today. At the Fall Council meeting in Williamsburg, I want you to dig deep in your pockets and give from your heart, so that one day we will find a cure.

At the COA meeting in South Hill I will be passing out raffle tickets for everyone to sell. Only 400 tickets will be sold, at \$5.00 per ticket. The winner will receive \$1000.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at the June Convention, 2008.

EARLY DETECTON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Respectfully,
Phyllis Stokes**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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General Orders No. 2: September

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

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

At your September meeting, plan an event/activity for **Make a Difference Day** on October 23. Contact the principals of the elementary schools in your school district to see if any students are in still need of backpacks and school supplies and help these students. Back “**Backpack Mania!**” such a simple thing can boost a child’s self-esteem! Host a hot dog lunch for the students and their families and present them with the supplies. Help the **Veterans’ Oral History Project** by contributing to the oral histories of our war vets. (<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets>). **See the President’s Handbook for other projects from National.**

Before reporting, refer to the following checklist for those projects that qualify as community service.

Things **NOT CONSIDERED** Community Service:

- Soliciting for Buddy Poppies
- Services for VFW members (they report their own)
- Hospital volunteer hours – credited in Hospital Program
- Value of items donated for Cancer, PAC booths, etc.
- Support of your own Junior Girls unit

Things **CONSIDERED** Community Service:

- Honoring EMT, police officers, firefighters, etc. (C.S. dollar value & time involved)
- Donations to other organizations (amount given & 1.4 hr. to write check)
- Recycling (only time, no \$ value) unless drive to recyclers
- Americanism
 - ★ Participating in parade (time, hours, #people)
 - ★ Flying American flag (1 credit per person per month) – NO hours
 - ★ Support Our Troops ribbons on cars
- Youth Activities
 - ★ Donation to Jr. Girls, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, youth parties, etc. (count as 1 youth, 1 C.S., hours, cost)
 - ★ VOD, Patriot’s Pen, Patriotic Art (if driving to schools to deliver info. – mileage & time)

- Veterans and Family Support
 - ★ Driving a Senior, Veteran, or Veteran's family to appointments, shopping; taking food to homebound due to illness; cleaning for homebound or one unable to; visit someone who is ill or recovering from hospital care or homebound)
 - ★ Assisting with a funeral luncheon (#people working, hours, cost – subtract any donations to Auxiliary from cost)
 - ★ Greeting cards to Veteran's/families (\$2.00 per card, \$0.41 for stamp, 1/4 hr. for time)
 - ★ Phone calls to check on wellbeing of Senior or Veteran/family \$0.50 and time involved)
 - ★ Donation to a Stand Down (1/2 value of gently worn items, or value of new items)
 - ★ Hosting a Stand Down (#people involved, cost, time)
 - ★ Operation Uplink (amount spent, 1/4 hr. to write check)
 - ★ Attending funerals, memorials (time & mileage)
 - ★ Sending plants to hospital, funeral, etc. (cost, time of 1/4 hr.)
- Legislative
 - ★ Attending any meeting with an elected official (school board, township, or meeting to discuss Veterans' issues, etc.)
 - ★ Writing letters to Senators/Congressmen on Veterans' issues
 - ★ Host meeting/forum for Meet the Candidates Night (#people, time, cost)
- PAC
 - ★ Purchasing PAC pins
 - ★ Fundraiser for PAC (money donated, time, #workers involved)
- Hospital, Nursing Homes, etc.
 - ★ Bingo Parties, treats for patients (cost, time, #workers involved)

~ **REMEMBER: Community Service is anything a person does that they DO NOT receive compensation. There is no value on time that can be reported.**

Report forms are in President's Handbook AND online. Four reports thus far! WAY to GO!
Remember: reporting began in May ~ so, let's get those reports in.

Dist. No.	No. of Aux.	Auxiliaries ~ NOT ~ Reported									% Rptd
1	8	176	824	3219	4856	5500	6002	7167	8252		0
2	6	392	993	3160	4411	4809	9382				0
3	13	1426	2239	3125	4639	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	0
			9808	10387	10654	10657					
4	16	622	637	2584	5313	x	7166	7819	7897	8048	6.25
			8163	8228	8617	8759	8902	9855	9954		
5	8	x	1115	4637	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467		12.5
6	8	1033	x	1444	1841	2157	4522	5311	7854		12.5
7	8	621	x	2123	2447	8613	9660	9760	9872		12.5

8	4	1177	2524	3103	7589						0
9	8	1184	4667	6000	7136	7328	7969	9640	9696		0
10	9	609	1503	3150	7327	7916	8241	8815	9274	9478	0
11	12	632	1499	2216	2424	3136	4204	7814	8644	9339	0
			9480	10826							
12	9	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	0
13	7	1827	2217	7638	8436	8947	10546	10574			0

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

Community Service Chairman

DEAR LADIES,

HERE WE ARE EMBARKING ON ANOTHER GREAT YEAR KEEPING WITH THE "TRADITION OF CARING" AND USING *FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL*".

THE HISTORY OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY VFW IS RECORDED WITH SOME WONDERFUL PICTURES. THERE IS ONE OF PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS IN GOLD GOWNS CELEBRATING THE LADIES AUXILIARY 50TH NATIONAL CONVENTION. WHAT HISTORY!! WE CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP UP VIRGINIA'S HISTORY. IT'S A WONDERFUL FEELING REFLECTING ON OUR ACOMPLISHMENTS TOLD IN PHOTOGRAPHS. SO LADIES LETS GET STARTED! MAKE THIS YEAR A TRULY MEMORABLE ONE.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT WORDS WHEN SENDING YOUR PHOTOS- *WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND WHY.*

I HAVE RECEIVED A *FEW* REPORTS, (3) TO BE EXACT.

WE ARE OFF AND RUNNING!

LADIES, WHEN YOU ATTEND YOUR PLANNED ACTIVITIES DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA! THERE'S HISTORY TO BE MADE.

CLICK!CLICK!CLICK!

LOYALLY,
JUNE TUCKER, HISTORIAN.

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

CC: National Hospital and VAVS Director Rosalie King and Southern Conference Chairman JoElla Menn

From: Sandra Baker, Department Hospital and VAVS Chairman, 718 Senseny Road, Berryville, Virginia 22611, (540)955-3254 sandbake60@aol.com

September 2007

First, let me say how happy I am to be serving as your Hospital and VAVS Chairman for this year. Working with you for our Nation's Hospitalized Veterans is an honor and a privilege. We continue our **Tradition of Caring by Using Faith, Hope, and Love in Our Service to All**. Secondly, let me say a sincere "Thank You" to those Auxiliaries that have already reported your activities on behalf of our Veterans thus far this year. *Let me remind you, however, that this year the Banner Requirement for Hospital Donations is \$35.00 per Auxiliary.* Some of you will need to send additional funds to our Department Treasurer. I encourage Auxiliary Presidents make copies of the Hospital and VAVS Report Form, which can be found in the President's Handbook, because I know every Auxiliary is going to make more than one Hospital Report this year!

Please remember that you can report your activities at those facilities in your area which care for our Veterans. Simply have the director of the facility document your activity, and then you report it, along with miles traveled, funds expended, and the number of volunteers involved. If you made or bought items to take to the facility report that, too.

When planning activities at your chosen facility please keep in mind the needs and interests of the Veterans you will be visiting. Most Dieticians at facilities would prefer that you limit the sweets, especially since so many of our Hospitalized Veterans are diabetic. Concentrate instead on healthful goodies, such as fruit, cheeses, crackers, and sugar-free items. Keep in mind, also, that most facilities request that you not bring items containing alcohol...aftershave, for example. Check the labels of all toiletries to see if they contain alcohol. Comfort items should be small enough to be handled easily, and they shouldn't be highly scented. Note cards or greeting cards, pads of lined paper, pens or pencils, stamps, and books of word searches and simple crossword puzzles are much appreciated.

It would be wise to start planning now for activities in November and December. Most facilities receive more cookies and candies than desirable. White socks, men's underwear sized medium or larger, and stocking caps are but a few of the many items Veteran care facilities appreciate. Involve your youth by having them make greeting cards for Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, and Christmas. If you can, take young people along for your visits. Have a sing-along and stay in

patients' rooms to visit for awhile. Do more than just place your gifts on their bedside tables or on their beds. Many of them receive few visitors, and friendly faces giving one-on-one attention mean so much.

Beginning next month the Auxiliaries that have not reported will be listed. Hurry and get your reports in. Don't be on the dreaded "Auxiliaries That Have Not Reported List." While your reports don't have to be lengthy, they should include all the material needed to make a true picture of the work your Auxiliary is doing.

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JUNIOR GIRLS

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

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

August 2007

Currently the Department of Virginia has two Junior Girls Units. Now is the time for each auxiliary to consider organizing a Unit. Now is the time to nurture, guide, encourage, and lead as our Junior Girls are our leaders of tomorrow. Now is the time to help make our Junior Girls “shine”. Now is the time to make the Department of Virginia “Shine”. Don’t put off until tomorrow what you can do today, because tomorrow never comes. Girls ages 5 through 16 are eligible to join the Junior Girls and with a “Tradition of Caring” we can give these young girls the tools that are needed to carry on the tradition of the Ladies Auxiliary. If you have any questions on organizing a unit or if I can be of assistance just give me a call.

Between July 1 and August 31, 2007 if a Junior Girl completes three special projects, she will be entered into a drawing for a trip to the Statue of Liberty Birthday Celebration on Liberty Island. This form is due to National Headquarters by September 15, 2007. The trip includes round-trip airfare for the Junior Girl and one adult chaperone, two nights lodging and per diem. What an opportunity this could be to help Lady Liberty celebrate her birthday. Can you just imagine what our forefathers thought when they first came to Ellis Island and saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time? How do you think they felt when they read the inscription on the Statue of Liberty, the closing lines of the “The New Colossus” written by Emma Lazarus.

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to be free.
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

Be a part of history, complete your three projects and report by September 15th. Give me a call and I will send you the forms for Award No. 4, Special Project Application.

In the coming months I will give you information and deadlines on awards and scholarships.

Linda Richardson, Chairman
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Elk Creek, Va. 24326
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JUNIOR GIRLS UNITS REPORTING FORM

2007-2008

DATE:_____

JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT:_____

1. Did a Junior Girl complete three special projects between July 1, 2007 and August 31, 2007 and report to National by September 15th to be entered in a drawing for a trip to the Statue of Liberty Birthday celebration?
2. How many new members were secured by members of your unit?
3. How many hours were volunteered by each girl at VA hospitals, other hospitals, nursing homes or all three?
4. How many UPC codes for Campbell's Labels for education were collected by each girl and donated to VFW National Home for Children?
5. How many girls applied for a scholarship?
6. How many girls participated in Americanism, Buddy Poppy, Cancer Aid and Research, Community Service, Hospital, National Home, and Veterans and Family Support Programs? Explain.
7. How many girls supported our troops through Operation Uplink, Adopt-a-Unit program or by adopting a veteran from a VA Hospital or nursing home in their community? Explain.
8. Other:

Mail to:

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MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

September 2007

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

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

From: Kathy Birch, Department Membership Chairman
304 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611
email: katbirch@comcast.net

“Using Faith, Hope and Love in Our Service to All” The Ladies Auxiliary VFW will continue its “Tradition of Caring”

Our 2007-2008 Membership year began officially on July 1 (we actually work on it year-round). The membership program is our biggest challenge. Without the members, we cannot continue our many programs in support of our veterans, our community, and our youth.

The most important part of the membership campaign is the enthusiasm we, the members, need to show about our organization, its programs, and especially the wonderful feeling of being a member of a large and caring family. If you can show a prospective member how much you enjoy of being a Ladies Auxiliary VFW member, you can recruit that member. Help Ellen's Garden reach 100% by December 31.

- Presidents, have your Membership Chairman in place, a membership committee appointed and meetings scheduled. Begin by planning your membership campaign. Review the list of current members provided by the Treasurer. If you find members have not yet paid their 2007 dues, immediately contact them by telephone. That member joined your Auxiliary for a reason – it is important that you remind her that she is needed and appreciated for her service to our veterans and our organization.
- Treasurers, you should have your Treasurer's packet and have your membership list updated, ready to focus on getting the membership renewal letters written, the address labels updated and envelopes ready to mail. You are an important member of the Membership Committee.
- Membership Chairman and Committee members should plan a recruiting day at your Post and join your Post in their recruitment activities. Always carry membership applications with you; set up a schedule to make phone calls or write letters to reach the continuous members who have not paid their dues. Write an article for your Post newsletter or make a “Wanted” poster for your Post's bulletin board.
- Auxiliary Members are the best resource for retaining and recruiting members. Members can reach out to their neighbors, family and co-workers and assure that the Auxiliary has 100% in membership to keep your Auxiliary's programs going strong.

GREAT NEWS

The Department of Virginia will be sending out a Dues Renewal Notice to every unpaid continuous member the first part of October 2007.

At the COA meeting immediately following the June 2007 Convention, the members of the Council voted to approve the expenditure of a dues renewal notice mailing. The Department will pay for the notice, the postage and the processing. Each renewal notice will be individualized with the name of the continuous unpaid member, the Auxiliary number, name of the Auxiliary Treasurer, the Treasurer's address and the correct amount of dues due to that specific Auxiliary. In order for this special dues renewal mailing to be effective, it is up to the Auxiliary Membership Chairman, the President and the Treasurer to make sure the current addresses of your members are correct.

Any member who is successful in recruiting new members or reinstating past members will be rewarded by the National Ladies Auxiliary. The dates for the national awards are July 1, 2007 through July 15, 2008. These award forms are included in your Department of Virginia's President's handbook and the National President's Book. Completed forms must be sent to Debbie Martin, Treasurer, for her signature, prior to being mailed to National Headquarters.

- Stars and Stripes Recruiter Award 1: each member who signs up one new or reinstated member is eligible for a drawing to win \$100.
- Stars and Stripes Recruiter Award 2: each member collecting dues for 10 continuous members will be entered into a drawing to win \$100.
- National Aide-de-Camp Award: Each member who secures 20 new or reinstated members will be named National Aide-de Camp and an award will be given at National Convention. She will also be entered in a drawing for 10 awards of \$100.
- Award for VFW Members: A special gift to each VFW member who recruits a minimum of 3 members for the Ladies Auxiliary VFW.
- In the October 2007 promotion, I will list the Department Membership Awards.

I want to work with every Auxiliary to achieve 100% in membership for the Department of Virginia by December 31, 2007. If you have a recruiting event scheduled (and it is on a weekend), let me know and I will try to attend. Please give me one week's notice as I work in real estate. Our Department must recruit, retain, and reinstate members so that Virginia can be 100% by December 31, 2007. Good Luck with your Membership Program.

Kathy Birch
Department Membership Chairman

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

SEPTEMBER 2007

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Hello Sisters,

As we start this new year lets tell our communities about the VFW National Home for Children by writing articles for our local newspapers to solicit Campbell's labels for education programs. Read the **Auxiliary Handbook for instructions**.

Ladies your **Health and Happiness** donation of ten cents (\$ 0.10) is now due based on your June 30, 2007 membership. Remember a citation will be given if you give twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per member. **Be 100% by September 15th, 2007**.

Tell your members about the four (4) Programs for the children and their families listed in the handbook.

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

Please send your reports to the above address or email.

Wishing each and everyone a successful year.

Loyally,

Nancy Lee Shifflett

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
 REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES BY DISTRICT

AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED

DISTRICT	AUXILIARY #
1	176, 824, 3219, 4856, 5500, 6002, 7167, 8252
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PUBLICITY

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

CC: National Director, Publicity Chairman
Southern Conference, Publicity Chairman

FROM: Laine Beckwith, Publicity Chairman
41 Kings Point Drive, Hampton, VA 23669
E-mail: Dabeck41@cox.net Phone: (757) 722-0235

SEPTEMBER 2007

Tradition of Caring

Using Faith Hope and Love in our Service to All

The year has begun and I hope that you have been participating in and conducting many activities along with your Post for our various programs. Remember to take pictures and capture each moment.

Publicity is one of the best ways to show the great work that your auxiliary does to support the veterans, their families and the community. Our great organization does so much for the members and community that it is easy to SHOUT from mountaintop and profess our works. We do perform *Service to All*. We are a *Tradition of Caring*. Take the time to let the rest of the community; the county, state and even the nation know what you and your auxiliary are doing.

By now you should have received the Publicity Booklet for the Department of Virginia from your District President. This booklet will be a helpful guide for you in showcasing what your auxiliary is doing. The booklet also lets you know how to ask for the Department President or one of her representatives to attend any of your functions. There are also tools in the booklet to get you started on being an OUTSTANDING Publicity Chairman for your auxiliary. A list of awards at the Department Convention is also listed in the booklet.

There will be a special citation for one newspaper that provides the best coverage given to a local auxiliary. Please let your local newspaper know of this award. In order for them to be eligible, they would have to cover events of the Auxiliary and/or Post on a fairly regular basis. You can find out the name of the reporter who covers your local community, talk to him/her and let her know that you would like to submit the newspaper for this award in June 2008.

Now for what is up and coming. Remember your local Post and community may have other events and happenings that you should consider to publicize, but here are some national and Department events that you may plan on.

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
September 2007

Fran Simmons, Chairman
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Front Royal, VA. 22630

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Phone: 540-636-9235

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

We assist veterans and their families outside of the hospital in so many ways. We drive them to a doctor’s appointment, to church or our meeting. We call them, send cards or pick up items at the store. All count in our support of veterans and their families.

Perhaps you know someone in your Post who could use help getting their child or grandchild ready to return to school. Each year the list of needed school supplies posted in the stores, seem to get longer. Added to that are books, lunches and many other items.

Our Military Assistance Program (MAP) assists members of the active-duty military, National Guard and Reserves, as well as their families. It is the outstretched hand between the VFW Posts and the military. It offers grants to Posts who sponsor “Farewell and Welcome Home Activities,” “Family Readiness Group” events, or other sponsorship ideas. MAP has forged partnerships with various service providers, aimed at providing members with relocation and employment assistance. It also links with Operation Uplink to set up Internet Cafes where service member’s families may e-mail their deployed loved ones. If your Auxiliary would like to support the MAP program, please send your donation to the **VFW, Department of Virginia in Staunton. Please see the revised report form for the complete address.** All other donations should be sent to our Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin. Please **earmark** all checks accordingly.

Awards presented at June Convention:

1. \$30.00 to the Auxiliary with the best overall support to Veterans and their families.
2. \$30.00 to the Auxiliary who made the largest donations to MAP/ Unmet Needs/Operation Uplink.
3. \$30.00 to the Auxiliary with the best participation in Adopt-A-Unit.

Please **REPORT** early and often. I’m looking forward to hearing from you

PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY 2007 - 2008

SEPTEMBER 2007 GENERAL ORDERS

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

From: Ellen Carleton, Department Chairman Phone – 703-878-1019

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Dale City, Va. 22193

School will have started by the time you receive these General Orders. **Now** is the time to contact your area schools, PTAs and youth groups about our wonderful **scholarship programs**. The sooner initial contact is made, the greater chance you will have of widespread participation. We want to actively encourage our high school students to express their creativity through art and speech. We need to continue the **Tradition of Caring** that has existed since the formation of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in 1914.

Voice of Democracy: VFW Program co-sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Open to students in grades 9 – 12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or homeschool program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependant school. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over and previous first-place state winners are ineligible. An entry form is included in the President's Handbook, the VFW Program Chairman's Guide or you may order the brochures from the VFW Emblem and Supply. Additional information can be found at www.vfw.org or at our Dept. of VA web-site at <http://www.vfwvaaux.org/Forms.htm>. Both the VOD student entry form and the Patriotic Art student entry form are located on this page in pdf format.

2007 – 2008 Theme: ***“My Role in Honoring America's Veterans”***

Student Deadline to Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary: November 1, 2007

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Competition: Ladies Auxiliary program. No theme in order to encourage creativity. Open to students in grades 9 – 12 who attend school or are homeschooled in the same state as the sponsoring auxiliary. Foreign exchange students are ineligible. An entry form is included in the President's Handbook and in this general orders. You may obtain brochures from the Ladies Auxiliary National HQ or from our web-site as shown above. Go to www.ladiesauxvfw.org for additional information.

Student Deadline to Sponsoring Auxiliary: March 31, 2008

The following Dept. of VA Auxiliary awards will be given at the June convention:

**Patriotic Art Winners – 1st Place \$150
2nd Place \$100
3rd Place \$75**

VOD Winner - \$200

The entry form to be used this year for Voice of Democracy is in the President's Handbook. I have included an updated version of the Young American Patriotic Art form in this General Orders. You may report in one or both for your banner requirement. Please make as many copies as you need and send them to me in a timely fashion. Call or e-mail me with any questions you may have.

As we use “FAITH, HOPE and LOVE in our Service to All”, I am looking forward to a great

year, Sisters! Ellen

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Sisters,

September 2007

Welcome to another opportunity to share the Ladies Auxiliary National President Virginia Carman's **"Tradition of Caring"** by **"engaging our youth with scholarship contests and activities"**. Our Department of Virginia President Ellen Stogsdill's theme of **"Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All"** will certainly be an inspiration to us all, especially in our Youth Activities and Patriot's Pen Programs.

This year is promising to be event filled and exciting. In the Youth Activities and Patriot's Pen Program, we have five major areas in which to participate. **I would love to see all 115 Auxiliaries in the Department of Virginia participate in all five of these worthy events.**

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

One student age 12-15 who has provided outstanding volunteer service to his or her community will be awarded a \$5,000 U.S. savings bond, a plaque and airfare plus two nights lodging to attend the VFW National Convention 2008 in Orlando, Florida. Details and entry form are available online at Ladies Auxiliary VFW website. Student entry deadline is February 1st, 2008.

BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD AWARDS FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Auxiliaries are encouraged to contact local Girl Scout Troops and inquire if any girls have earned the Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards. Request the date of presentation and complete the necessary request form for the Girls Scouts Awards from National Headquarters. The Auxiliary must present these awards. (Remember that these girls have done the work, it is only right that they receive the recognition due them.)

PATRIOT'S PEN CONTEST

Our Patriot's Pen essay contest for 6th, 7th or 8th graders is based on this year's theme "Why I Am An American Patriot". The first-place winner will receive a \$10,000 U.S. savings bond and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for the Events/Legislative Conference. Student entry deadline is November 1, 2007.

YOUTH SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Youth groups (JROTC, Girl and Boy Scouts, individuals, etc.) are encouraged to contact

Military Support Groups and find out where they can be of assistance. I encourage all Auxiliaries to forward deserving young people's names to me as the Department Chairman no later than March 15th in order for National to receive them by April 10th (as certificates will be awarded).

SNOWBALL EXPRESS

The Snowball Express provides an all-expense-paid "dream weekend" for children who lost a parent in Iraq or Afghanistan in the War on Terror. Auxiliaries who wish to contribute to this project may send contributions earmarked "snowball express" to the National Headquarters. Auxiliaries donating \$100 or more to Snowball Express will receive a citation. Learn more about this wonderful project at www.snowballexpress.org .

It is truly an honor to be selected as your Youth Activities/Patriot's Pen Chairman for the upcoming year. With your assistance we can make this program the success that we know it can be. I look forward to reading your reports. **Remember report often!**

As our National President Virginia Carman is starting her "**Tradition of Caring**" year, we have a great many opportunities this year to "**focus on getting out there and doing what we do best**".

Sincerely,
Robin Milewski
Youth Activities and Patriot's Pen Chairman