

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

1. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: THANK YOU!** As of January 10, 2007, the Department of Virginia is 88.00%. You the Sisters of Virginia are making it happen for the Department. You are reaching out to those members who had not paid their dues and getting them reinstated. You are calling members to get them involved in meetings and programs for the Auxiliary and keeping them as continuous members. You are recruiting new members to help your Auxiliaries grow. You are the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Department of Virginia and I am extremely proud of you.
2. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Losing an Auxiliary is a sad matter not only for that Auxiliary but for the Post, the District, the Department, National and all of our Veterans. Losing an Auxiliary means we have lost some of the voices that spoke out for Veterans issues, the homeless, supporting our troops, community activities, Cancer aid and research, the National Home for Children, Americanism, and our hospitalized veterans, Losing an Auxiliary means we have lost a piece of our history, a piece that we might never get back. Losing an Auxiliary means that we have not been paying attention to our Sisters. If you feel that your Auxiliary is in need of help, please have your Auxiliary President contact the District President. The District President can ask the Deputy Chief of Staff to assist your Auxiliary. Your District President can also contact me, your Department President. The Department Line Officers will be glad to assist your Auxiliary in anyway that we can, so that your Auxiliary can succeed. Don't wait until your Auxiliary is on the verge of disbanding, let us help you, help your Auxiliary.
3. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** Now is a good time to review your Auxiliary Banner Requirements. Membership is only part of getting a Banner for the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary needs to have a report to the corresponding Department Chairman for each of the National Programs. These reports have to be in by March 31, 2007 for your Auxiliary to qualify for a Banner. If your Auxiliary fails to report and does not report by the Banner deadlines, your Auxiliary will not receive a Banner even though you may have met your membership goal. Your Auxiliary must also report in order to be considered for any Department award that will be given at the Department Convention in June. Sisters, you do the work, so please report all that you and let your Auxiliary get the recognition it deserves.
4. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES:** The fourth quarter Audit covering the months of October, November and December was to be mailed to the Department Treasurer no later than January 30, 2007. If you have not done so, your Auxiliary is in arrears. Trustees, please see that you attend to this in a post haste fashion.
5. **NATIONAL MID-YEAR CONFERENCE:** Will be held March 22-25, 2007 at Holiday Inn Golden Gateway in San Francisco, CA. For more information contact Department Secretary, Susie DeShano.

6. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** National President, Linda Meader will visit the Department of Virginia May 20-22, 2007. Mark your calendars now to attend one of the events planned. Watch for more details in upcoming General Orders. Sister Lorna Beaulieu and her committee have a great time planned for everyone.
7. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND HOSPITAL CHAIRMEN:** If your Auxiliary has not sent in their donation of \$25.00 to the State Hospital Fund, please do so now. Send your check to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968. Make sure the check is earmarked for the **State Hospital Fund**.
8. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Support your District by attending meetings. District Meetings are Schools of Instructions and **ALL** members are urged to attend. Enclosed is the list of District meeting dates and Department Representatives assigned to attend. Just a reminder: Has your Auxiliary ordered the new 2007 National By-Laws yet? I encourage all members to do so; we need to keep abreast of the changes made by our National Organization. If members wish to have a current copy, please have the Auxiliary Treasurer order them.
9. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Community Service and Legislative Conference will be held March 4-7, 2007 at the Omni Sheraton Hotel in Washington D.C.

Sisters it is such a joy to be a part of the Department of Virginia and this great organization. I can not say THANK YOU enough to each of you for all you do for our Veterans and their families. Continue to go above and beyond for our cherished heroes. Always remember to pray for our active duty personnel and their families that are in harms way. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!!!!

By order of:



Rebecca Mason
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

Linda (Susie) DeShano
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Staunton, VA 24401
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February, 2007

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.

The Secretary and the President receive Department General Orders each month. The President's copy is for her to do with as she sees fit, **But** the Secretary's copy is to be divided up and given out. Each Auxiliary Chairman should get the promotion written by the corresponding Department Chairman. For example if Mary Smith is your Auxiliaries Youth Activities Chairman, then she should be given the Youth Activities promotion from the Secretary's General Orders Packet. The first page of the Secretary's General Order packet, the page signed by the Department President, is to be filed for reference for one year, after being read at the next meeting. The inserts and flyers in the General Orders may be given to any member of your Auxiliary who may be interested in that flyer. If it is a flyer concerning National Convention, give it to a member who may be attending the Convention, etc. Ladies what I am trying to say is that the copy of the General Orders received by the Secretary is not her personal copy to keep to herself, it is the Auxiliary's copy, to be shared by all members.

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New E-Mail Address for Department Secretary:** susiedeshano@comcast.net
- **New Meeting Night:** for Auxiliary 4809, first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **New E-mail Address for Department Patriotic Art/VOD Chairman:** Beverly Abbott
desiabbott@comcast.net
- **Revised direction to Post 7327:** Terminal Rd is directly off Fairfax County Parkway (Rte 7100). From the mixing bowl, take I-95 South to exit 166A (Fairfax County Parkway, Newington, Ft Belvoir exit) & go through the first light. You'll see huge white gasoline storage tanks on the right. At the next light, turn right onto Terminal Rd. Proceed .3 mile & you'll see a big FOR LEASE sign on your right; beneath it is a Newington Deli sign, and low down just beyond it is a VFW Post 7327 sign. Immediately turn right. (If you continued, you'd see a high up sign for Newington Commercial Center, meaning you'd just missed the turn.) Proceed to the end of the street, turn right, and 8350F is on your immediate right.

Calendar Updates

- **The 2007 Mid Year Conference** will be held March 22-25, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway in **San Francisco, CA.**
- **The Community Service and Legislative Conference** will be held in Washington D.C. on March 4-7, 2007. (Reservation form in these General Orders) Banquet tickets must be ordered through your Department Quartermaster.
- **June Department Convention** will be held at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel June 14-17, 2007. Room Rate \$87.00 Telephone 804-285-1234.
- **2007 National Convention** will be held in Kansas City, MO. August 18-23, 2007.

District Meetings
February-March 2007

District	Date	Time	Meeting Location	Representative
1	March 10, 2007	11:00 a.m. Meeting	Post 8252 Gloucester	Kathy Birch Department Chaplain
2	March 10, 2007	12 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 4411 Franklin	Ellen Stogsdill Department Sr. Vice President
3	February 10, 2007	2:00 p.m. Meeting Meal to follow	3 rd District Headquarters	Gloria Klinefelter Department Guard
4	February 11, 2007	2:00 p.m. Meeting	Amelia Court House	Mary Profitt Department Jr. Vice President
5	February 25, 2007	12 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 647 Danville	Rebecca Mason Department President
6	February 18, 2007	1:00 p.m. Joint Meeting 2:00 Meeting	Salem VA Hospital Sponsored by Post 4299 Clifton Forge	Rebecca Mason Department President
7	March 11, 2007	11:30 a.m. Lunch Meeting to follow	Post 8613 Shenandoah	Betty Gimble Department Conductress
8	March 18, 2007	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 3103 Fredericksburg	Mary Profitt Department Jr. Vice President
10	February 25, 2007	1:00 p.m. Meeting	Post 8241 McLean	Ellen Stogsdill Department Sr. Vice President
13	March 25, 2007	1:00 p.m.	Post 8947 Mineral	Rebecca Mason Department President

Community Service Conference and Legislative Conference March 4-7, 2007

Once again, in March of 2007, the National Community Service Conference and the National Legislative Conference will meet together. The meetings will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC over the dates of March 5-6, 2007. For those attending the Community Service Conference, schedule arrivals for anytime on Sunday March 4th and departures for Wednesday, March 7th, those planning on attending only the Legislative Conference you should plan on arriving on Monday, March 5th and departing on Wednesday, March 7th. If you plan to attend both you should schedule your arrival for March 4th and departure for March 7th. You will receive an agenda at the conference.

There are a limited number of rooms at the Hotel. These rooms are available on a **first come, first serve** basis. Any reservation received after the block is filled will be handled on an availability basis only.

To make hotel reservations, please call **202-756-5125** or **(800) 545-8700** and ask for the VFW rate. **Housing opened on December 15th**. You may also use the form found in these General Orders and fax or mail to the hotel. You may also book on-line (see form).

The room rate is **\$194 single/double and \$204 triple/quad plus 14.5% tax**. **Reservation cut-off date is Friday, February 5, 2007.** **Reservation received after that date will be taken on a space available basis only.**

The Celebration of Achievement banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th, 6:00 p.m. at the Hotel. **Banquet ticket must be ordered through the Department Quartermaster Kim DeShano.**

OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL

In an ideal world...

Our nation's capital is rich in history and diversity, and the Omni Shoreham Hotel is no exception. Since opening in 1930, the Omni Shoreham Hotel has been central to many important events in the diplomatic, social and official lives of Washington. Inaugural balls of presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt through George W. Bush have been held here at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. In addition to being a favorite gathering place for presidents, the hotel has featured some of the greatest figures in the entertainment world including Judy Garland, Maurice Chevalier, Marlene Dietrich, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne, and Bob Hope.

The Omni Shoreham is located on eleven picturesque acres in Rock Creek Park. It is one hundred yards from the Woodley Park Metro station, connecting you to the many attractions of our nation's capital. The Smithsonian, the White House, Capitol Hill, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the boutiques of Georgetown are all just minutes away.

To reserve your guest room at the special conference rate, please call (202) 756-5125 or (800) 545-8700 and ask for the **Veterans of Foreign Wars** rate. You may also complete the bottom of this page and fax it to 202-756-5145 or you can mail this form in an envelope and send it to: Reservations Department, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. NW, Washington DC, 20008.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Veterans of Foreign Wars/Community Service & Legislative Conference March 4-7, 2007

Please print or type

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Arrival Date (Check-in time is 3 PM): _____

Special Requests: Non-smoking Room
(Please Circle) Handicap Accessible Room

Departure Date: (Check-out time is 12PM): _____

Rooms: Single **\$194** Triple **\$204**
(Please Circle) Double **\$194** Quad **\$204**

**Room rates do not
include 14.5 % sales tax

One night's room and tax deposit must accompany this reservation request. A personal check, money order or a valid major credit card number and expiration date is acceptable. Upon check out you will be charged for all nights confirmed above. Your reservation will not be confirmed until we receive your deposit.

Should you cancel your reservation, the deposit is refundable if notice is received at least 24 hours prior to arrival, and a cancellation number is obtained.

Method of Payment: American Express Visa Master Card Diners Club Discover
(Please circle)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

**National VFW and Ladies Auxiliary
Community Service and Legislative Conference
March 4-7, 2007
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC**

**Tentative Agenda
(Meetings subject to change)**

Sunday, March 4, 2007

National Veterans Service	7a-8:30a
Political Action Committee Board	8:30a-10a
Budget & Finance Committee	10a-11:30a
Council of Administration	2p-4p
National Legislative Committee	5p-6p

Monday, March 5, 2007

Joint Opening Session	8a-11:30a
Information Fair	12:30p-3:30p

Committee/Workshop Meetings 1p-2:30p

National Youth Education, & Community Service
Military Assistance
National POW/MIA
National Homeless Veterans, Employment & Training
National By-Laws Review

VFW Membership Briefing

Ladies Auxiliary Membership Meeting

Committee/Workshop Meetings 3p-4:30p

Buddy Poppy
Veterans Care
National Security
National Military Affairs

National Home

VFW Membership Briefing

Ladies Auxiliary Membership Meeting

Parade of Winners	6:15p
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Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Commander-in-Chief Testimony	10a
Celebration of Achievement Banquet	6p-10p

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“OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT”

February, 2006

Peggy Grimes, 11 Afton Parkway, Portsmouth, VA 23702
757-393-0253

Dear District Presidents:

I am not getting reports as I think I should be. I know you are all doing a excellent job, so please put it down on paper and send it to me so you will be that Outstanding District President. Below is what you need to do so let's get working and REPORT.

There are some things that as District President you must do that will set you aside as an Outstanding President. It will be necessary for you to meet the following requirements:

1. Holding a special District School of Instruction. Outside of your regular District Meeting.
2. Working with each Auxiliary President to see that each Auxiliary is reported in all programs.
3. Working with each Auxiliary Treasurer to see that all monetary Banner Requirements are paid.
4. See that your District Dues are paid by September 30, 2006.
See that each Auxiliary in your District has made a donation to PAC.
5. Have all your Auxiliaries inspected by yourself or you representation before December 30, 2006
6. Send some pictures to the Department Historian to help her give our President Becky a nice Historical Books of her year as President.
7. Having you District Membership:
100% ----- April 30, 2007
8. Attending Winter Council of Administration and Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia
9. Working with your Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff to help any Auxiliary that is in need of help. Please do this and don't wait until it is too late and they are ready to disband.
10. Working with our Extension Chairman, Chief of Staff to Institute a New Auxiliary.
11. In addition to the Outstanding District President Award which I hope each of you will receive, I will be giving for the year 2006-2007 an Achievement Award to ONE District President which I feel has went above and beyond what was necessary as a District President.

In order to qualify for the above awards you must report to me everything you have done or achievement during this year. Helping our Auxiliaries and Members during this year is part of that job.

*Chaplain's Report
February 2007*

The following cards were mailed during the month of December 13 - January 12:

SYMPATHY CARDS

Family of Mary Kelley, #2216 Past District 11 President	434 Spitler Circle	Greenville, VA 24440
Elaine Alderman, #1115 Death of Husband, Swanson	465 Hardscuffle Road	Hillsville, VA 24343
Family of Tame Johnson, #1115 Gold Star Mother	3245 Airport Road	Hillsville, VA 24343
Dot Cole, #1115 Death of Husband	P. O. Box 112	Cana, VA 24317
Linda Crow, #2123 Death of Mother	581 Miller Road	Winchester, VA 22602
Isabelle Egerton, #3219 Death of Husband	81 Lucinda Ct	Hampton, VA 23666
Family of Bernice Mattox, #9954 Joe Ann Tolbert #9696 Death of Brother	P. O. Box 507 102 Montgomery Street	Lunenburg, VA 23952 Bluefield, VA 24605
Juanita Shepard, #9696 Death of Brother	100 Gurney Street	Bluefield, VA 24605
Janet Yost, #9696 Death of Brother	102 Montgomery Street	Bluefield, VA 24605
Eva Moore, #9696 Death of Son	Route 1, Box 372A	Bluefield, VA 24605
Dreama Ritchey, #9696 Death of Father	1316 Bland Street	Bluefield, WV 24701

GET WELL CARDS

PDP Peggy Grimes, #993 Hospitalized with Pneumonia	11 Afton Parkway	Portsmouth, VA 23702
PDP Virginia Edwards, #609 Mini-stroke with temporary blindness in right eye	1712 Shady River Ct #311	Woodbridge, VA 22192
Sue Barrie, #9696 Sick - District 9 President	P. O. Box 3823	Bluefield, WV 24701
Ann Thompson, #7166	217 Thompson Lane	Brodnax, VA 23920
Jerry Jenkins, #7819	171 Florida Road	Crewe, VA 23930
Rebecca Rogers, #7819	338 Rogers Lane	Crewe, VA 23930
Wanda Yowell, #621	398 Leaksville Road	Luray, VA 22835

THINKING OF YOU CARDS

PDP Darlene Mays-Titman, #6002 Right shoulder replacement in February	82 St. Croix Drive	Newport News, 23602
PDP Dee Guillory, #6002 Exploratory surgery	7984 Croydon Lane	Gloucester, VA 23061

Sandra Baker, #621 22611	718 Senseny Road	Berryville, VA
Cancer - VAVS Associate Representative to Martinsburg, WV		
Georgette Dausey, #4809	1415 Elder Avenue	Chesapeake, VA 23325
Surgery – Department Color Bearer #1		
Yvonne Ridge, #7166	11212 Arbor Landing Ct.	Chester, VA 23831
Eye Surgery		
Eleanor Barkley, #647	22 Astor Court	Danville, VA 24540
Cancer		
Mary Carter, #1860	603 River Drive	Front Royal, VA 22630
Cancer – Treasurer, District 7		
Judy Smithson, #9696	386 Royal Oak Road	North Tazewell 24630
Heart Attack		
Gina Cano, #7916	325 Overlook Drive	Occoquan, VA 22115
Cancer		
Linda Crow, #2123	581 Miller Road	Winchester, VA 22602
Cancer-Radiation/Chemotherapy		
Brenda Gray, #9760 25425	259 Renamed Lane	Harpers Ferry, WV
Cancer-Radiation/Chemotherapy		
Brenda Horan, #993	1238 Hull Street	Chesapeake, VA 23324
Cracked Hip, Loss of Niece		
Mamie Raymond, #7166	2587 Brodnax Road	Brodnax, VA 23920
Son very ill		
Pauline Harvey, #7166	369 Cedar Grove Road	South Hill, VA 23970
Husband very ill		

Kathy Birch, Chaplain, (540) 955-3311
304 E. Main Street, Berryville VA 22611-1306; katbirch@viualink.com

May God Bless you and your family throughout 2007.

FEBRUARY 2007

To: Department Chairman, District Presidents, District Secretaries, District Treasurers, Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Chairmen, and Members

From: Linda Ryman, Dept. of Va. Banner Chairman – 2376 Stoney Creek Rd., Edinburg, Va. 22824
phone: 540-984-8886

As of January 11, 2007, I have not heard from the following District about attendance to a District Meeting

Districts 1, 2, 4, 6, 12

It is now time to make a complete review of the things you have done or not done in your Auxiliary and whether you have reported all you HAVE done to the right Department Chairman.

- Start with your Membership
- Have you done all your Audits and sent them to the Department Treasurer
- Was your District Dues paid by September 30, 2006
- Did you attend at least 1 District Meeting since June (your district Convention/Election of Officers for 2008 **DOES NOT COUNT!**)
- Follow through with all of the programs to see that you have done something in each program and reported it to the right Chairman. These Chairmen really DO enjoy getting these reports.
- Read your General Orders/Promotionals. They will tell you whether you have reported or not. If you have reported and are listed as NOT REPORTED, call the Department Chairman for that program. (or email if possible)
- Have all monetary donations been made and sent to right places
 - Cancer Fund
 - State Hospital Fund
 - Health & Happiness (National Home)
 - VFW-PAC

The President Special Project, Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs, are also good programs to donate to. Although, these ARE NOT requirements, give them some thought. They are very worthwhile projects. And the Auxiliary, as a whole, are very supportive of these programs.

Time is **VERY SHORT** to get all of this accomplished.....but NOT impossible!

MARCH 31, 2008 is the deadline for ALL Banner Requirements except MEMBERSHIP!!!!!!

Membership should be finished by **February 28, 2007**. You are in your last month for that. So hurry, to get the 100% if you have already got the 85% by December 31, 2006. To the Auxiliaries that have made 85% by December 31, 2006 – or- possibly you made 100% by December 31, 2006:

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! HIGH FIVES!!!! ATTA BOY!!!! WAY TO GO!!!! GREAT JOB!!!!
You have accomplished much!!!!!!!!!!!!

REVIEW EVERYTHING LADIES.....YOU ONLY HAVE TWO MONTHS

Linda

Date
12/31/2006

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

District 1

176	Newport News	39	34	87.18%	25			78	78	20		100	
824	Grafton	16	16	100.00%	25			32	36	10			
3219	Phoebus	242	213	88.02%	25	25	15	484	484	70	726	25	285
4856	Exmore	66	45	68.18%	25	50		132	132	50		25	50
5500	Hampton	16	9	56.25%				32					
6002	Denbigh	61	52	85.25%				122			35	25	
7167	Warsaw	75	71	94.67%	25			150	150	32	50.5	100	
8252	Gloucester	30	23	76.67%	25	100		60	60			25	100
Total (8)	District 1	545	463	84.95%	150	175	15	1090	940	182	811.5	300	435

District 2

392	Virginia Beach	329	302	91.79%	25	300		658	668	100		25	
993	Portsmouth	85	76	89.41%	25			170	170	62		50	
3160	Ocean View	294	261	88.78%	25			588	588	51		25	
4411	Franklin	49	49	100.00%	25			98	98	40	300	50	100
4809	Norfolk	364	282	77.47%	25			728	732	90	1411.5		100
9382	Suffolk	60	51	85.00%	25			120	120	80		25	
Total (6)	District 2	1181	1021	86.45%	150	300	0	2362	2376	423	1711.5	175	200

District 3

1426	Midlothian	36	26	72.22%	25			72	72				
2239	Colonial Heights	96	92	95.83%	25			192	202	40		50	
3125	Ruther Glen	11	11	100.00%	25			22	20				
4639	Williamsburg	38	32	84.21%	25			76	74	30		35	
8046	Norge	59	60	101.69%	25			118	118	20			
8356	West Point	28	27	96.43%	25	100	100	56	60	30		100	
9224	Richmond	34	32	94.12%	25			68	62				
9501	Central Garage	41	41	100.00%	25			82	82	20		20	
9808	Mechanicsville	166	146	87.95%	25			332	488		142	100	
10387	Petersburg	38	40	105.26%	25			76	76	30		100	
10654	Richmond	33	33	100.00%	25			66	66			100	
10657	Glen Allen	37	27	72.97%	25			74	74			5	
6364		0	28	100.00%	25								
Total (13)	District 3	617	595	96.43%	325	100	100	1234	1394	170	142	510	0

Date	12/31/2006	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
		Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink

District 4

622	Petersburg	65	50	76.92%	25			130	130	30		25	
637	Hopewell	74	32	43.24%				148					
2584	Cullen	41	39	95.12%	25			82				50	
5313	Nottoway	23	25	108.70%				46					
7059	Farmville	67	66	98.51%	25			134	134	14		100	
7166	South Hill	84	74	88.10%	25			168	168	30		200	
7819	Crewe	79	73	92.41%	25			158	150	60			
7897	Blackstone	25	23	92.00%	25			50	52	10		25	
8048	Lawrenceville	29	27	93.10%	25			58	58	20			
8163	Clarksville	67	66	98.51%	25			134	134	10	68.54		
8228	Chase City	12	12	100.00%	25	50		24	24				
8617	Goochland	28	26	92.86%	25			56	56				
8759	Amelia	66	67	101.52%	25			132	132		87	50	
8902	Keysville	15	12	80.00%	25			30	30	20			
9855	Appomattox	20	25	125.00%	25			40	20			25	
9954	Victoria	201	201	100.00%	25			402	402	70	305.5	25	
Total (16)	District 4	896	818	91.29%	350	50	0	1792	1490	264	461.04	500	0

District 5

647	Danville	122	95	77.87%	25			244	240	30		200	200
1115	Hillsville	528	475	89.96%	25			1056	1056	100		25	
4637	Martinsville	47	48	102.13%	25			94	94			25	
7568	Galax	24	33	137.50%	25			48	48	40		20	
7726	Grayson	153	136	88.89%	25	15		306	306	40	67.53	25	
7800	Stuart	24	23	95.83%	25			48	50	30			
8243	Halifax	62	58	93.55%	25			124	124	20			
8467	Meadows of Dan	56	51	91.07%	25			112	112	20			
Total (8)	District 5	1016	919	90.45%	200	15	0	2032	2030	280	67.53	295	200

District 6

1033	Covington	117	108	92.31%	25			234	246	40		50	
1264	Roanoke	47	46	97.87%	25			94	90	32		15	

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1444	Dunbar Roanoke	44	41	93.18%	25			88	88	10	12		
1841	Fincastle	55	55	100.00%	25			110	102	10		25	
2157	Bedford	57	57	100.00%	25	100		114	116	40		25	
4522	Vinton	62	55	88.71%	25			124	126				
5311	Christiansburg	51	40	78.43%	25	100		102	102	20			
7854	Floyd	33	32	96.97%	25			66	62				
Total (8)	District 6	466	434	93.13%	200	200	0	932	932	152	12	115	0

District 7

621	Luray	101	94	93.07%	25	75		202	202		55		150
1860	Front Royal	175	154	88.00%	25	150		350	350	40		100	
2123	Winchester	63	64	101.59%	25			126	126	40		25	
2447	Edinburg	90	82	91.11%	25	100		180	180	40		50	
8613	Shenandoah	50	76	152.00%	25			100	100	20			
9660	Broadway	72	74	102.78%	25			144	144	75		100	20
9760	Berryville	155	156	100.65%	25	100		310	310	20		225	210
9872	Mt. Clinton	35	31	88.57%	25			70	70	20			
Total (8)	District 7	741	731	98.65%	200	425	0	1482	1482	255	55	500	380

District 8

1177	Leesburg	16	11	68.75%				32					
2524	Culpeper	69	64	92.75%	25	200		138		30			
3103	Fredericksburg	124	114	91.94%	25	100	50	248	248	40		25	
7589	Manassas	53	52	98.11%	25			106	106	40	200	25	100
Total (4)	District 8	262	241	91.98%	75	300	50	524	354	110	200	50	100

District 9

1184	Pulaski	35	35	100.00%	25			70	82	20		25	25
4667	Marion	123	121	98.37%				246	246	20		25	100
6000	Narrows	128	111	86.72%	25			256	256	20		125	
7136	Tazewell	61	31	50.82%	25			122	162	20	25	25	50
7328	Saltville	34	32	94.12%	25			68	68	20			
7969	Bland	32	32	100.00%	25			64	64				
9640	Richlands	44	36	81.82%	25			88					

Date	12/31/2006	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
		Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink
9696	Bluefield	163	114	69.94%	25			326	340	66			
<u>Total (8)</u>	District 9	620	512	82.58%	175	0	0	1240	1218	166	25	200	175

District 10

609	Alexandria	38	40	105.26%	25			76	76	20			
1503	Dale City	313	273	87.22%	25			626	626	122	300	50	
3150	Arlington	147	147	100.00%	25			294	294	50	45	250	
7327	Springfield	117	118	100.85%	25			234			50	300	
7916	Woodbridge	87	56	64.37%	25			174	170				
8241	McLean	81	39	48.15%				162					
8815	Lorton	23	18	78.26%		300		46	48	10			
9274	Falls Church	49	44	89.80%				98					
9478	Sterling	26	23	88.46%	25			52	48				
<u>Total (9)</u>	District 10	881	758	86.04%	150	300	0	1762	1262	202	395	600	0

District 11

632	Harrisonburg	253	217	85.77%	25	5000		506	506	50		25	
1499	Lexington	70	71	101.43%	25			140	140	20		25	
2216	Staunton	200	80	40.00%	25			400	370	230			
2424	Waynesboro	43	40	93.02%	25		25	86	86	20			
3136	Mt. Solon	21	20	95.24%	25			42	42				
4204	Hot Springs	44	38	86.36%	25			88	96				

7814	Staunton	11	14	127.27%				22					
8279	Steeles Tavern	37	31	83.78%	25			74	74	10		25	
8644	Bridgewater	122	106	86.89%	25			244	244	40			
9339	Stuarts Draft	50	36	72.00%	25			100	100			100	
9480	Craigsville	23	25	108.70%	25			46	48				
10826	Verona	27	26	96.30%	25			54	54	24			
Total (12)	District 11	901	704	78.14%	275	5000	25	1802	1760	394	0	175	0

District 12

1994	Abingdon	34	35	102.94%	25			68	68	20	30	25	
3782	Haysi	22	12	54.55%	25			44	44				
6975	Bristol	56	34	60.71%				112		40	2		
Date	12/31/2006	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
		Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink
8652	Coeburn	27	33	122.22%				54					
8979	Clintwood	31	32	103.23%	25			62	62	10		10	
9600	Pound	55	56	101.82%	25			110	108	20		25	
9830	Damascus	28	28	100.00%	25			56	56	40			
10298	Pennington Gap	10	3	30.00%				20					
10310	Ewing	22	13	59.09%				44					
Total (9)	District 12	285	246	86.32%	125	0	0	570	338	130	32	60	0

District 13

1827	Charlottesville	68	50	73.53%	25			136	132	20			200
2217	Orange	22	23	104.55%	25			44	44	20		7	
7638	Gordonsville	48	37	77.08%				96	96			25	
8436	Yancy Mills	36	31	86.11%	25			72	70	20			
8947	Louisa	69	54	78.26%	25			138	136			25	
10546	Spotsylvania	33	20	60.61%	25			66	66	20		25	
10574	Colonial Beach	123	105	85.37%	25			246	246		130	25	
Total (7)	District 13	399	320	80.20%	150	0	0	798	790	80	130	107	200

Member at Large 15 14 93.33%

Dept. Total 8811 7,776 88.25% 2525 6865 190 17620 16366 2808 4042.57 3587 1690

Patriotic Instructor

February, 2007

"The Pledge of Allegiance" - by Senator John McCain

As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room.

This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian.

Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing.

Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed on the inside of his shirt.

Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it.

That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could.

The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room.

As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to Pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world.

You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Auxiliary Patriotic Instructors: Please bear in mind that our National Patriotic Instructor, Sandy Kreibel, wants to hear from **YOU**. She will read each and every report from the auxiliaries and at the end of the year; an award will be presented to the Outstanding **Auxiliary** Patriotic Instructor. So mail your reports to:

Sandy Kreibel
National Patriotic Instructor
10372 Tuscany Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042-2154

Gail M. Payne
Department Patriotic Instructor
3709 Palace Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
757-631-9286
E-mail address: Gpayne@specialtyproducts.net

SPECIAL PROJECT (M.A.P.)

DEAR LADIES,

FEBRUARY 2007

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT PRESIDENT BECKY'S SPECIAL PROJECT (M.A.P.) IS WELL UNDERWAY. OUR GOAL IS PICKING UP SPEED. HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR 100% PARTICIPATION. OUR "CHERISHED HEROES" AND THEIR FAMILIES' NEEDS WILL INCREASE NOW THAT MORE AND MORE TROOPS WILL BE SENT IN HARM'S WAY. DONATING AT LEAST \$5000 OR MORE WILL MAKE US PROUD THAT WE WENT "ABOVE AND BEYOND". THANK YOU.

AUXILIARIES ~~NOT~~ REPORTED:

DISTRICT 1- 824,5500(75% REPORTED)

DISTRICT 2- 100% THANK YOU!!!!

DISTRICT 3- 1426,3125,8046(75%)

DISTRICT 4- 637,5313,7819,8048,8617,8902,(67%)

DISTRICT 5- 7800,8243,8467(63%)

DISTRICT 6- 1444,4522,7854(63%)

DISTRICT 7- 621,8613,9872(63%)

DISTRICT 8- 1177,2524(50%)

DISTRICT 9- 9640,9696(75%)

DISTRICT 10- 7916,8241,8815,9274(56%)

DISTRICT 11- 2216,2424,3136,4204,7814,8644,9480,
10826(33%)

DISTRICT 12- 3782,6975,8652,9830,10298,10310(33%)

DISTRICT 13- 1827,8436,(71%)

LOYALLY YOURS, *JUNE FICKER-CHAIRMAN*

PRESIDENT BECKY'S SPECIAL PROJECT
MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (M.A.P.)

REPORT FORM

SEND YOUR DONATIONS TO:
DEBBIE MARTIN
DEPARTMENT TREASURER
539 WESTWOOD ROAD
RUCKERSVILLE, VA 22968

MAIL THIS REPORT TO ME:
JUNE TUCKER
5102 TIFFANYWOODS CT.
RICHMOND, VA 23223-2713
OR
E-MAIL:ladyluck16@verizon.net
FAX: (804)328-0695

DISTRICT NUMBER _____
AUXILIARY NUMBER _____
AUXILIARY CHAIRMAN OR REPORTING PERSON

DONATION _____

***DON'T FORGET TO EARMARK YOUR
CHECK "PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT"

THANK YOU,
JUNE TUCKER, CHAIRMAN

**Marcia Semones
Americanism Chairman
848 Silverleaf Road
Dugspur, Virginia 24325
276-728-2400**

Greetings ladies,

February 2007

I hope the winter blahs have not set in. If they have, cheer yourselves up by planning Americanism programs. Plan programs in your local schools and please include your Post members in your plans. Promote proper respect for the flag, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Set a good example for others.

I have received reports that our auxiliaries have presented 47 patriotic programs in their local schools. I am sure there have been many more than that. I would love to hear about them. Please send me a report. I have only received reports of 7 programs for respect of the National Anthem. I know we can do much better than that. It has been reported that flags have been flown 442 times so far this year. That is great ladies. I also have reports of 1241 flags presented. Way to go sisters.

I still need lots of reports for the Department of Virginia to be 100% reported. I know you have done the work. Please send me a report. I am including another copy of the report form in these General Orders.

Important date to remember : President's Day February 19th.

The following auxiliaries have not reported:

District 1 – 5500, 6002, 8252

District 2 – 100 % - Thanks ladies

District 3 – 3125, 4639, 8046, 9224, 9808, 10654

District 4 – 622, 637, 5313, 8048, 8228, 8617, 8759, 8902

District 5 – 4637, 8243, 8467

District 6 – 1444, 7854

District 7 – 1860 Almost there

District 8 – 1177 One to go

District 9 – 96401, 9696

District 10 – 1503, 7916, 8241, 8815

District 11 – 1499, 2216, 2424, 4204, 8279, 9339, 9480, 10826

District 12 – 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310

District 13 – 1827, 7638, 8947, 10574

Happy Valentine's Day – Marcia – davidstuartmas24@earthlink.net

**Americanism Report Form
2006-2007**

How many patriotic programs were presented in the schools by your auxiliary and VFW post? _____

Did your auxiliary conduct any flag programs commemorating the 230th Anniversary of the U.S. Flag.? _____

Number of flags presented (2 in. by 3 in. or larger) _____

Number of flags flown _____

Describe your campaign for the Anniversary of the Flag. _____

Describe other patriotic programs conducted. _____

Number of flags presented _____

Number of flags flown _____

How many Patriotic Citizen Award Certificates were presented to persons who display the flag daily? _____

Did your auxiliary participate in the "Respect for the National Anthem" program? _____

Describe. _____

Did your auxiliary participate in Pledge of Allegiance programs with youth? _____

Describe _____

Did your auxiliary conduct a "Get Out The Vote" program? ___ How much material was distributed? _____

Describe your program. _____

Marcia Semones
848 Silverleaf Road
Dugspur, Virginia 24325
davidstuartmas24@earthlink.net

Auxiliary # _____
District # _____

BUDDY POPPY 2006 - 2007

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA

February 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

Awards for the Winter Conference

Unfortunately, there was no citation awarded to a District for being 100% by the end of 2006. We had three Districts that were missing only one report – Districts 7, 8 and 10. Congratulations to each for coming so close!

The \$10 drawing winner from those Auxiliaries who submitted reports by 1/15/07 will be announced in next month's General Orders.

Convention Information

Awards were listed in the January General Orders, so please review and report!

We will also be having a Buddy Poppy Luncheon and a Buddy Poppy Display Contest. Additional details on each of these events will be in future General Orders.

District Presidents:

I would like to ask the District Presidents if they could each bring one or more centerpieces for the luncheon. Last year we had such creative and beautiful displays, I am hoping to do as well this year!

Please call or e-mail me to tell me how many you will be able to supply.

Thank you.

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

Several auxiliaries that have sent me reports will notice that they are **still** included in the list below. If you believe you should be reported but are not, please **do not** photocopy your report and resend it. I probably have multiple copies already, but cannot credit you because you either did not give an auxiliary #; the report is for last Memorial Day or some other time period that I cannot accept; or you have told me that you could not have a drive for some reason. If the last reason applies to you, please be aware that there are *many* other ways to use Buddy Poppies that can be accepted for reporting purposes. Please call or e-mail me to discuss this.

Auxiliaries **not reported** as of **01/15/07**: (percent reported in parentheses at end)

District 1 – 5500, 6002, 8252 (63%) - **no change from last month**

District 2 – 3160, 9382 (67%)

District 3 – 3125, 4639, 8356, 9224, 9808, 10657 (50%)

District 4 – 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7166, 8048, 8228, 8617, 8902 (44%)

District 5 – 4637, 8243 (75%)

District 6 – 1444, 4522, 7854 (63%)

District 7 – 8613 (88%)

District 8 – 1177 (75%) - **no change from last month**

District 9 – 9640 (88%)

District 10 – 8241 (89%)

District 11 – 2424, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826 (58%)

District 12 – 3782, 6975, 8652, 9600, 10298, 10310 (33%) (I knew you were out there!)

District 13 – 1827, 7638, 8947, 10574 (43%)

The Department is 62% reported at this time. That's 20% more than last month!! Thank you, ladies! Keep those reports coming. (form is on the next page). We don't have much time left to meet your banner requirements.

“Above and Beyond The Power of Faith”

Sisters, please show our veterans how much we love and cherish them this month. Bring a heart made of Buddy Poppies when you visit to show how much we care. Ellen

BUDDY POPPY REPORT FORM

2006-2007

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA

Please copy this form and submit monthly reports.

Check each of the following that apply. Use the back of the page, if necessary, to give complete details.

1. _____ Conducted a Buddy Poppy Drive. Give details:
(a) Date of drive. (b) How many Poppies were distributed? (c) Was the drive done in conjunction with the VFW? (d) Did you enlist the help of a youth group or another organization? If so, give the name of the group or organization. (e) Did you advertise the drive? If so, how and where?

2. _____ Submitted an entry in the Buddy Poppy Display Contest.
Number of Poppies used: _____

3. _____ Conducted a special drive on _____ (date). Give details:

4. _____ Used Buddy Poppies in another way. Please describe how you used them and when.

5. _____ Used Buddy Poppy Pals. Give details:

Send reports to:
Ellen Carleton, Chairman
13440 Pinwheel Court
Dale City, Va. 22193-3902
Phone: 703-878-1019
E-mail: elcvfw1503@msn.com

From:

Date _____
Auxiliary # _____
District # _____

Cancer Aid & Research – February 2007

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

From: Robin Milewski
207 Coinjock Run
Yorktown, Virginia 23693
Phone: (757) 223-5763
Email: vmilewski@msn.com

Sisters,

The Cancer Aid and Research Program has three goals:

- Education – to create an awareness of the importance of early detection and treatment as a major way to eliminate cancer.
- Research – to provide funding to promising cancer research throughout the U.S.
- Assistance to our members who have cancer – providing small financial grants

I am truly please to share with you that the Department of Virginia has made contact with 5 Teaching/Research Programs that are interested/applying for the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship. The deadline is March 1 so there is still time. Virginia has many deserving research groups and I would love to have one of them be awarded this year's \$100,000 fellowship (\$100,000 over a 2 year period).

In an article published by the American Cancer Society (12/29/06) Studies have shown **exercise** is directly linked to cancer-related benefits. Exercise can help keep your weight down. Exercise may reduce your risk of colon cancer. Exercise may help prevent breast cancer. Exercise can help improve your quality of life after breast cancer. Exercise has health benefits beyond cancer. I encourage you to read ACS: Five Reasons to Get Off the Couch Next Year (http://www.cancer.org/docroot/NWS/content/NWS_1_1x_Five_Reasons_to_Get_Off_the_).

I am sending out an SOS to all the auxiliaries in the Department of Virginia. Please help make this year's State Convention Cancer Aid and Research Raffle and Cancer March the most successful yet! Please donate – our success depends on all of us chipping in!!

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

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

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

Is your Auxiliary listed below?

Auxiliaries That Have Not Reported Paying \$2 Per Member As Of 12/31/06

District 1 – 5500, 6002 – ¾ OF THE WAY!

District 2 – 100% OUTSTANDING!

District 3 – Only our new auxiliary 6364 – GREAT JOB!

District 4 – 637, 2584, 5313 – ALMOST THERE!

District 5 – 100% OUTSTANDING!

District 6 – 100% OUTSTANDING!

District 7 – 100% OUTSTANDING!

District 8 – 1177, 2524 – HALFWAY THERE!

District 9 – 9640 – ONE MORE!

District 10 – 7327, 8241, 9274 – 2/3 OF THE WAY!

District 11 – 7814 – ONE MORE!

District 12 – 6975, 8652, 10298, 10310 – MORE THAN HALFWAY THERE!

District 13 – 100% OUTSTANDING!

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

******CANCER PIN MONEY – If you still have cancer pin money, please send it in to our State Treasurer - Debbie Martin, at 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Promotion #6-February 2007

Betty Gimble, 12604 Harbor Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-491-9249 betty@sparklepainting.com

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

Ladies, where are your reports. As of January 15th, we are only 64% reported. If you are not reported, please look at the questions below and if you can answer YES to any of them, you can be reported in Community Service Program.

- ✓ **Community Involvement:** Has your Auxiliary organized or assisted in a blood drive? Does your Auxiliary take part in a recycling program?
- ✓ **Cooperation with other Organizations:** Has your Auxiliary organized or assisted in fund raising drives (March of Dimes, etc.)?
- ✓ **Aid to others:** Has your Auxiliary helped someone in a community hospital, VA Medical Center or nursing home? Have you helped a Senior Citizen?
- ✓ **School and Church assistance:** Have you done any volunteer work in your local school or do you volunteer in Church?
- ✓ **VFW Fundraiser:** Did you promote the Buddy Poppy program during Veterans Day?
- ✓ **Americanism:** Did you celebrate Loyalty Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or Pearl Harbor Day? Did you present a Flag to anyone or distribution of Patriotic Literature?
- ✓ **Youth Activities:** Did you sponsor a sport, athletics team, scouting program? Did you offer any of our contests to the youth in our schools or home schooled children?

I am attaching a copy of the Community Service Programs Report form. Please take a few minutes and fill out the form and mail it to me so that the Department of Virginia can be 100% reported. It will help tremendously if you will summarize your activities on the form. It is very important that we report the number of volunteers, total hours, miles and money spent. This information is accumulated and sent to

National, so please use the form so that I can have the numbers to pass on and show what the Ladies of Virginia can do.

The following is a list of the Auxiliaries that HAVE NOT REPORTED as of Jan. 15th.

District 1: 5500 and 8252

District 2: **100% CONGRATULATIONS**

District 3: 3125,8356,9224,9808 and 10654

District 4: 622,637,2584,5313,7166,8048,8617,8759 and 8902

District 5: 4637 – **Only 1 to go**

District 6: 1444,5311 and 7854

District 7: 1860 - **Only 1 to go**

District 8: 1177 - **Only 1 to go**

District 9: 4667,9640 and 9696

District 10: 7916 and 8815

District 11: 2216,2424,4204,7814 and 10826

District 12: 3782,6975,8652,9830,10298 and 10310 – where are you Ladies?

District 13: 1827,7638,8947and 10574

EXTENSION

January 2007

TO: Deputy Chief's of Staff, Past Department President, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Chairman and Members.

FROM: Mary V. Richards, Chief of Staff; 6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, Virginia. 23509 Phone 757-651-4813 undbird@cox.net

Time is going my much faster then you think. One half of this year is over. The Holidays have come and gone for one more year. Hope you all had a very Happy Holiday. My box for the raffle tickets is quite empty. Not many have sent their tickets for recruiting new members.

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW, Dept of Virginia

Raffle for Life Membership up to \$200.00 - If already Life Member - Check for \$100.00

Requirements: Sign up one NEW member to Ladies Auxiliary
Dept. of Virginia

Name of New Member _____

Auxiliary Number _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signed by Auxiliary Treasurer _____

Send to: Mary V. Richards, 6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA. 23509

Does not include New Auxiliaries

AUXILIARY TREASURER. I want to remind you again about the Life Membership Raffle that the Ladies Auxiliary is having this year. We need to get 100% in Membership this year. Let's help Becky do this. I would like to have ever member get one new member. If that would happen we will meet out goal. Ladies just one new member will do this, if you get more that is a bonus. Get your name in this drawing.

District Presidents: I ask that while you were doing your inspections of Auxiliaries within your District to report any problems. Almost all of our Auxiliaries must be in good running order as I have only heard from one Auxiliary that is having problems.

Gloria Klinefelter
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Chesapeake, VA 23325
e-mail- glokline@cox.net
757-282-6803

February 2007

HISTORIAN
TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY

See the bird! I have tried but he refuses to bring me your Pictures!!

(think maybe he didn't get them)

See the envelope! No matter what we do it will not just walk up to my door and bring its Pictures to me.

(think maybe someone forgot to stamp it)

See the mailbox! It is smiling because he likes to be full.

(think we can get that smile to stay there?)

See the envelope! It's just like the report envelopes I have received.

(thanks to you who have sent pictures)

See the Red Flag up! This man put his wife's report with pictures in The Box. YEA!

(think you get the message)

There are 69 Auxiliaries I have not heard from for President Becky's Memory books. Sisters it just takes a few minutes and little effort to Contribute to this special gift we can pass on to President Becky Its Just as much her memories as it is our History. Everything we do no matter what is important and a part of this departments history.

All you need is a camera, snap pictures of what you're doing. Get them Developed and send them on to me. I love it when I have a lot of work to do so send me some work.

In the Spirit of America go Above and Beyond the Power of Faith

REPORT REPORT REPORT REPORT REPORT

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED AS OF JANUARY 8, 2007

IF YOUR NUMBER IS HERE YOU NEED TO LOOK INTO SENDING ME SOME PICTURES, I KNOW YOU WANT YOUR AUXILIARY REPRESENTED AND A PART OF THIS HISTORY BOOK.

**DISTRICT ONE- 5500-6002-8252
DISTRICT TWO- 100%**

DISTRICT THREE- 1426-2239-3125-8046-8356-9224-10387-10654-10657

DISTRICT FOUR- 622-637-2584-5313-7059-7166-8048-8617

DISTRICT FIVE- 647-4637-7568-7800-8243-8467

DISTRICT SIX- 1444-2157-4522-5311-7854

DISTRICT SEVEN- 2123-9872

DISTRICT EIGHT- 1177-2524

DISTRICT NINE- 4667-6000-7328-9640

DISTRICT TEN- 1503-7916-8241-8815-9274-9478

DISTRICT ELEVEN- 1499-2424-3136-4204-7814-8279-8644-9339-9480-10826

DISTRICT TWELVE- 1994-3782-6975-8652-9600-9830-10298-10310

DISTRICT THIRTEEN-1827-7638-8436-8947-10546

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE NEW AUXILIARIES AND ASK THEM TO PLEASE SEND PICTURES OF YOUR INSTALLATIONS. IT WOULD BE REAL SPECIAL FOR BECKY TO HAVE THIS RECORDED IN HER MEMORY BOOKS.

We all know this is not a banner requirement but it is important that you do your fair share in recording what we are doing in Virginia and there is no better way then by seeing it in Picture form . Please put forth more effort sister's

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO YOU ALL

Gloria Klinefelter

Historian

HISTORIAN

2006 – 2007 AWARDS AND REPORT FORM

THERE WILL BE THREE AWARDS THIS YEAR

All Three Awards will be based on the content of the Pictures and information I receive on the report form I have made up.

First Place with a Citation and Check for \$20.00

Second Place will be a Citation and Check for \$15.00

Third Place will be a Citation and Check for \$10.00

A Citation and Check for \$10.00 to the Junior Girls Unit that participates.
(the units have an Historian too!)

Good Luck to everyone and Remember this is the HISTORY of your Auxiliary which effects the History of our Department. Lets Show President Becky a Great Visual Year! All goes into the MEMORY BOOKS.

REPORT FORM (If more room is needed you can write on separate Sheet of paper)

Mail To: Gloria Klinefelter, Historian, 1120 Hazel Ave., Chesapeake, VA 23325

DISTRICT NUMBER _____ AUXILIARY NUMBER _____

DATE OF REPORT _____

Name of Historian or person sending report _____

Phone Number _____

Total Number of Pictures Enclosed _____ c

(Pictures to be numbered on back) Brief description of What Picture is about,
Example District Meeting, Names of People in Picture (Left to Right)

Example; #1-Department Pres. Becky with District #8 President Betty Jo Bryant
On her Official Visit at District Meeting.

Picture #1- Names- _____

Description of Picture- _____

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

CC: National Hospital & VAVS Director, Rosetta Quartarone
Southern Conference Hospital & VAVS Chairman, Cyleria Gerrets

From: Kathy Birch, Department Hospital & VAVS Chairman
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HOSPITAL & VAVS PROGRAM February 2007

February is an exciting month as we celebrate the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Show your love of our country by participating in the VAVS activities being sponsored at all our VA Medical Centers. Also, don't forget the veterans in your community hospitals and nursing homes who need to be celebrated and honored as well.

February is also a great time to visit our hospitalized veterans and interview them about their experiences during their times of service. Our WWII and Korean veterans are passing away rapidly and we must not forget their stories of service to our country.

Ask one of your area schools to promote the Veterans Writing Program by taking students to the hospitals and nursing homes. Suggest they take Valentine cards and home-made goodies, interview veterans, and write up the service-related experiences to help preserve our veterans' history. You may be able to recruit these young people to volunteer throughout the year. Many schools ask their students to do community service volunteer hours. Once the students realize their joy and enthusiasm makes such a big difference in the lives of the hospitalized veterans, they will want to visit on a regular basis.

Department Auxiliaries who have not yet donated their \$25.00 to the Hospital & VAVS fund: **637, 1177, 4667, 5313, 5500, 6002, 6975, 7638, 7814, 8241, 8652, 8815, 9274, 10298 and 10310.** Without your monetary support, your VAVS Representative cannot maintain the programs our hospitalized veterans have earned and deserve. Send your donation to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, 539 Westside Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968 and earmark your check to the Hospital & VAVS Fund.

Don't forget to send your monthly hospital reports to me – include number of volunteers, number of miles traveled, and amount of money spent for our hospitalized veterans.

I must receive your application for the Department of Virginia Hospital Volunteer of the Year by May 15, 2007. Now is the time to begin the process so that the extraordinary volunteer in your Auxiliary is recognized for all she does for our hospitalized veterans. (The application form is included in this month's general orders.)

Auxiliaries **unreported** as of January 12

District 1	5500	88%	District 8	1177	75%
District 2	All Reported	100%	District 9	All Reported	100%
District 3	All Reported	100%	District 10	8241, 8815, 9274	67%
District 4	637, 5313	87%	District 11	7814	92%
District 5	All Reported	100%	District 12	6975, 10298, 10310	67%
District 6	All Reported	100%	District 13	All Reported	100%
District 7	All Reported	100%			

**With Love, Honor and Appreciation, we
Remember our Cherished Hospitalized Heroes**

Kathy Birch

Department Chairman
Hospital & VAVS Program

From: Kathy Birch, Department Hospital & VAVS Chairman, Department of Virginia
304 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611-1306

Re: **"Outstanding Hospital Volunteer" National Award in each Membership Group**

The Department Hospital Chairman is responsible for the selection of one "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer" from the Department of Virginia. Please fill out this form and return it to me by **May 15, 2007**. The Hospital Volunteer may be any Auxiliary member who serves as a Ladies Auxiliary VFW Auxiliary Hospital Volunteer, in **ANY** of the medical facilities in our Department (VAMC, military, community, children's hospitals, nursing homes, therapy centers, clinics, etc.). This would also include all VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives.

The Criteria Must be from June 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

Name of Outstanding Hospital Volunteer: _____

Address: _____
(Include City, State, Zip)

Auxiliary Name and Number: _____
(Where membership is held)

Medical Facility where she serves: _____

1. How long has she been a Ladies Auxiliary VFW Hospital Volunteer? _____

2. Total Volunteer Hours served during 2006-2007? _____

3. Total hours served as Hospital Volunteer? _____

4. What weekly or monthly Hospital programs has she participated in? _____

5. What are her volunteer assignments? _____

Comments: Please attach a separate sheet with detailed information on "Why this Auxiliary member is an "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer". **THIS IS IMPORTANT!**

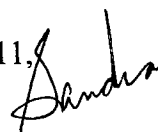
Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Address of person submitting nomination: _____

Phone number of person submitting nomination: () _____

To: Department President, Department Hospital Chairman, and those Ladies
Auxiliaries, Men's Auxiliaries, and other organizations that support the VAMC
At Martinsburg, WV

From: Sandra Baker, VAVS Associate Rep, 718 Senseny Road, Berryville, VA 22611,
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND THOSE YOU LOVE! Where did 2006 go? It seems that time just flies by as I get older. I hope that 2007 brings you joy, good health, peace, and prosperity.

We have just finished a wonder Fall and early Winter at Martinsburg, and the Department of Virginia has served our Veterans well. We were involved in the Carnival, Halloween, Veteran's Day, lots of Christmas activities, Chaplains' Memorial Service, the repair and erection of the Christmas village on the lawn at the VAMC, and the feeding of more than 80 members of a special program and the staff that works with this particular group of veterans. In each of these activities your concern for the health and happiness of the veteran was uppermost in your mind, and I thank you for that. Your generosity is most appreciated by all the veterans who are in- and out-patients at Martinsburg.

The next big event is The National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans in February, and in particular, Virginia Day on February 13. If the weather continues to be as good as it has been I hope that you and members of your group will visit the VAMC on the 13th. I will be at the VAMC on February 11, 12, 13, 14, and 18---unless plans change. The kick off on the 11th starts the week with the crowning of the King and Queen of Hearts. This year, the King and Queen will be a husband and wife who are patients in the NHCU---a first. There is special music and a BINGO by the Cooties from Pup Tent 7. Virginia Day usually starts at 10:00 with a visit by the Department President and Commander with the Director of the VAMC. After that---about 10:30--- we visit patients on 5th floor and distribute whatever goodies---bagged cheeses, bagged cookies, bagged grapes, bananas, and/or anything else you care to bring. This is a good time for you to have your area's school children make Valentines or pictures for the patients---a Youth Activities and a Hospital report. After lunch, we go to the dining room in the Nursing Home Care Unit (NHCU) for our program. Any of you who wish to make a special donation to the VAMC or to say a few words is welcome to do so. We will have special speakers and a wonderful young singer who sounds just like Patsy Cline. The program will be followed by light refreshments. Cross your fingers for good weather so you can come and enjoy this special day.

The next big event is the Easter Parade, which will be on April 5th. We dress up as various Easter creatures or put on our Easter bonnets and take the usual bananas, grapes, cookies, cheeses, and cards to the patients. We sing and have a really good time. I hope we have more participants this year.

Of course, you are welcome to come and visit any time you wish. There are a number of patients here from Virginia and I know they would love to see someone from home. If you would like an escort just let me know when you are coming and I will be happy to

provide escort service. In any event, check in with the Chief of Voluntary Service to let her know that you are there and what you plan to do. It is not a good idea to bring things to the hospital and leave them at the nurses' stations for them to distribute. They are too busy to do that, and often the patients do not receive what you have brought.

If you are planning to come to Virginia Day or to the Easter Parade please let me know. If you plan to bring "goodies" please let me know that, too. The patients really enjoy cards and pictures from children, and it is such a treat for many of them to have any company.

Cookies should be simple, without too many crunchy things in them, grapes should be seedless and washed, cheeses should be bagged by type: put pepper cheese in a bag by itself and other cheeses in bags by themselves. Bananas should be ripe, but not overly so. Distribution is easier if items, other than bananas, are bagged.

Again, thank you so much for all that you do for the patients at Martinsburg. They are most appreciative, and so am I.

February 2007

TO: DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS, DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN, AND MEMBERS

Junior Girls

WOW! It's February already. This time of year we begin to think of spring and growth, the end of cold days and the beginning of the warm days.

Likewise, the auxiliaries across the state should start thinking of growing and nurturing a group of young girls into a Junior Girls Unit. If you don't have enough interested girls in your post/auxiliary family, then consider teaming up with another neighboring post/auxiliary family and getting girls together to become a unit. Remember these girls are the future of our organization and what better way to introduce them to the benefits of the Ladies Auxiliary than to have a Junior Girls Unit

Well, they did it again! The Junior Girls Unit of 4809 is now up to 24 girls which includes one reinstated girl. GREAT JOB! You have been doing some great projects also which I know our veterans appreciate and welcome.

Again, I have not heard from the Jr. Girls Unit 8046. Please let me know what you have been doing and the projects the girls are working on.

Just a reminder about the **Junior Girls Scholarship**. THERE HAS BEEN A DATE CHANGE. Junior Girls in grades 6 and up are eligible for a **scholarship** from National. These young ladies should start thinking about their submission for this award. In order to be eligible, the girl must be a member of a Junior Girls Unit for one full year and be current in her dues. The deadline to the Department is now **MARCH 1, 2007**. To apply, each girl will have to submit the following:

- a. A letter of recommendation from a person of her choice
- b. A letter of recommendation from a school teacher
- c. A letter of recommendation from the Auxiliary Junior Girls Unit Chairman (unless this person is a relative – see National Program Book, page 48)
- d. Grade transcript from your school
- e. Information on the following which I will provide in the next general orders or you can contact me for a brochure on the scholarship – not more than five 8-1/2" X 11" pages:
 - i. Personal,
 - ii. Junior Girls Unit,
 - iii. School Activities Participation, and
 - iv. Scholastic Information

Remember that I will be giving an award for the best overall assistance to the auxiliary and a citation to the Jr. Girl that the Coordinator nominates for showing the most leadership, cooperation and involvement in the projects the unit works on. So, start looking at the Jr. Girls in your unit and provide me their names and their involvement in the projects in the next few reports.

For the other Auxiliaries across our state, **FORM A JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT TODAY!! ASK ME HOW!**

Lorraine (Laine) Beckwith, Chairman

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DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE – FEBRUARY 2007

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We are the champions of America's "Cherished Heroes". As such, we are responsible for taking action to insure that our veterans receive the financial benefits and honor to which they are entitled. Over the holidays, I hope that each of you gave a lot of thought to (and many prayers for) the sacrifices made by our men and women currently serving to protect our freedom, and to those veterans who served in the past or lost their lives while serving.

The new year brings hope and dreams for ourselves, our families, our veterans, and our country. When we think about the New Years resolutions that we have made in the past (and broken), we need to take a new approach to resolutions. Let us resolve to accomplish more of what we know we have succeeded at in the past - let us resolve to support our veterans, to fight their battles on Capitol Hill, and to let our love and respect for all veterans be reflected in our actions!

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS FOR 2007:

- Go to the Department's web-site: www.vfwvaaux.org weekly to get current legislative information or updates. Print copies and share it with other members who do not have internet access. Teach others how to access this and other web-sites!
- Meet with veterans and their families to talk about their individual needs. Impress your legislators by providing them with first-hand information on the needs of veterans and their families. Be informed and act accordingly!
- Use every opportunity to talk with your legislators: visit their offices, telephone them, ask them to serve as judges in your VFW/Auxiliary contests. Frequent communication with legislators, gives them an opportunity to learn more about our Auxiliary and our programs.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Congratulations to Auxiliaries 7568 and 8243 (District 5), 4522 (District 6), 621 (District 7), 7916 (District 10), 1499 (District 11) and 7638 (District 13) for meeting last months challenge! Great job!

FEBRUARY'S CHALLENGE (Complete at least one and hopefully all three):

- Contact your Senators/Representatives by letter, e-mail, telephone and ask their support of H.R. 303, which will provide for the immediate full payment to all disabled military retirees, regardless of their disability rating. Or Type up a petition and get VFW and Auxiliary members, as well as the general public, to sign it!
- Contact your Senators/Representatives by letter, e-mail, telephone and ask their support of S. 225 that would allow all traumatically injured service members who served between October 7, 2001 and December 1, 2005, to be eligible for benefits. Or Type up a petition and get VFW and Auxiliary members, as well as the general public, to sign it!
- Contact ALL Senators/Representatives by letter, e-mail, telephone and ask their support of President Bush's request for funding to increase the number of US forces in Iraq. The VFW supports this new initiative and the service members currently serving need our support and funding to allow them to succeed in their mission. Political parties aside, our obligation is to our service members...they are proud to serve and we must show our support of their efforts!

VFW VIEW ON NEW IRAQ INITIATIVES: The VFW's National Commander Gary Kurpius is hopeful that President Bush's decision to increase the number of US forces in Iraq as well as the economic and diplomatic initiatives announced will be the final keys needed by the Iraqi government to stabilize its own country.

The VFW welcomes the fresh perspective of a new defense and diplomatic team, and the oversight of a new Congress, provided that everyone remains focused on what is practical, achievable, and in the best interests of the nation as a whole, especially those in uniform who want to be victorious in their mission and return home to their families.

"We recognize that previous strategies over the prosecution of the war in Iraq have not all gone as envisioned, yet we must remain hopeful that these decisions are a step in the right direction," said Gary Kurpius.

"The VFW recognizes that Iraq is the centerpiece in the Global War on Terrorism, and we stand united in our support of the troops and the commander-in-chief of our armed forces as they fight this new enemy."

DAY ON THE HILL, JANUARY 18TH: By the time you read this, "Day on the Hill" will be a thing of the past. However, at the time of this writing, I am really excited about spending January 18th in Richmond meeting and greeting our Virginia legislators. I hope to see many of you there and expect to receive your reports on how many of your members participated in this activity to promote, in person, veteran-related legislation.

TRAUMATIC INJURY INSURANCE EXPANSION PROPOSED:

VFW-supported legislation that would benefit severely injured service members and their families was introduced this week. Senate VA Committee Chairman Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and Ranking Member Larry Craig (R-ID) co-sponsored the S. 225 that would allow all traumatically injured service members who served between October 7, 2001, and December 1, 2005, to be eligible for benefits.

Current law only allows those in combat theaters to receive payments. The VFW strongly supported the legislation, entitled Wounded Warrior Insurance, in the 109th Congress. For more information, go to the SVAC website at http://veterans.senate.gov/ranking_member.cfm?useAction=Home.Home&id=887

CONCURRENT RECEIPT LEGISLATION INTRODUCED:

Legislation that will allow disabled military retirees to receive their full retirement pay and their VA disability compensation without offset was once again introduced in Congress. Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), picking up where his father - Michael Bilirakis - left off, introduced the bill last week.

HR 303, The Retired Pay Restoration Act, coincides with VFW resolution 602 and is a legislative priority goal for 2007. The bill would eliminate the current 10-year phase-in period passed in 2003 that only applied to retirees with disability ratings of 50% or more. The new bill provides for the immediate full payment to all disabled military retirees, regardless of their disability ratings.

National Security and Foreign Affairs:

- Stolen Valor Act Passes Congress: This act amends the federal criminal code to expand the prohibition against wearing, manufacturing, or selling military decorations or medals without legal authorization. It prohibits the purchasing, soliciting, mailing, shipping, importing, exporting, producing blank certificates of receipt for, advertising, trading, bartering, or exchanging such decorations or medals without authorization. It further prohibits falsely representing oneself as having been awarded any decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the Armed Forces or any of the service medals or badges. The Stolen Valor Act significantly increases penalties for violations if the offense involves a distinguished service cross, an Air Force Cross, a Navy Cross, a Silver Star, or a Purple Heart. The bill was sent to the President this week and he is expected to sign it into law. *Note: The VFW was in the forefront, actively supporting the passage of this act.*

- Missing Soldier Status Changed: The Department of Defense announced a change in the status of a soldier serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom from duty status whereabouts unknown (DUSTWUN) to missing-captured. Specialist Ahmed K. Altaie, 41, of Ann Arbor, MI, was declared missing-captured on Dec 11. On Oct. 23, Altaie was categorized as DUSTWUN when he allegedly was kidnapped while on his way to visit family in Baghdad. Efforts continue to obtain the successful and safe return of Altaie.

SIGN UP FOR VFW WASHINGTON WEEKLY:

Once again, I ask you to sign up to receive the VFW Washington Weekly legislative electronic newsletter today. By joining you will receive e-mail updates that keep you informed on what is happening with VFW legislative priority goals. You'll learn what Congress is doing with regard to veterans and our military and the issues that affect them directly. Help us help you to become a true veterans' advocate. Sign up at <http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTING STATUS:

Your earnest effort on behalf of veterans has gone "above and beyond the power of faith" -- VIRGINIA IS 100% REPORTED IN LEGISLATION! I sincerely appreciate your efforts, as do our veterans and our National Legislative Director Gwendolyn Brown. However, we must ask that you do not let your efforts drop off now. We still have 4 months left in this year. We can accomplish a great deal in those 4 months with continued effort! Write those letters, e-mails, make phone calls, meet with legislators, and stay abreast of what is happening on Capitol Hill. Knowledge is power and there is power in the pen - keep communicating with your Senators and Representatives. And, keep sending in those reports!!!

--100% - WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB YOU HAVE DONE--

THANK YOU!!

MEMBERSHIP

February 2007

If you've been holding your breath for *really good news* in Membership (like me), you will be so happy and proud to learn the Department of Virginia continues on a roll, Ladies! Virginia is blessed with a good many **Believers in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. Sisters, we may be making history in the Department of Virginia** as we stride forward to meet our membership goals!

Our **2007 Mission** is to zealously go **Above and Beyond**, with **The Power of Faith** filling our heart and mind, selectively seeking out from the rich fields of Virginia, candidates who will receive a fabulous and knowledgeable indoctrination into our very worthy organization. As they adopt our own mantle of conviction "***In the Spirit of America, We Are the Champions of America's Cherished Heroes***", let them join hands with us "***adding another link to the golden but invisible chain which unites us.***"

Ladies...Sisters, you accepted this Mission in a manner that has me shaking my head in wonderment. Just take a look at these statistics! (Whoo-boy !!)

Year-Ending December 2006			District Percentages		Month Ending November 2006	
			<u>Vs.</u>			
Place	District	%		District	%	
1	7	97.57 %		7	81.78 %	
2	3	96.43 %		3	93.52 %	
3	6	93.13 %		6	75.97 %	
4	8	92.37 %		8	92.37 %	
5	4	91.29 %		4	80.47 %	
6	5	90.45 %		5	81.89 %	
7	2	86.45 %		2	81.71 %	
8	12	86.32 %		12	59.65 %	
9	10	86.04 %		10	79.00 %	
10	1	84.95 %		1	66.42 %	
11	9	82.58 %		9	60.16 %	
12	13	80.20 %		13	66.42 %	
13	11	78.14 %		11	73.47 %	

As of December 31, our **Department Membership stands at 88.17%**. A month ago, our percentage was 77.62%. Again, if our rate of momentum continues, I'm confident by the time you receive this mailing, the Department Membership will be at or above 95%! We can do this, Ladies! Consider what has been accomplished in just one, short month!

No. Auxiliaries 85 % - 99 %	52
No. Auxiliaries 100 %,+	<u>35</u>
TOTAL	<u>87.</u>

At our Winter Conference these Auxiliaries are eligible to participate in a drawing for \$50 for having met 100% by November 30.

Note: Percentages changed since last month are underscored.

Dist. 3: 8046, 101.69%; 9501, 100%; 10387, 105.26%; 10654, 100%;

Dist 4: 5313, 108.7%; 8228, 100%; **Dist 5:** 7568, 137.5%; **Dist 6:** 2157, 100%;

Dist 7: 8613, 116%; 9660, 100%; **Dist 9:** 1184, 100%; **Dist 10:** 609, 105.26%; 7327, 100%; **Dist 11:** 7814, 127.27%; **Dist 12:** 1994, 102.94%; 8979, 103.23%;

At our Winter Conference, these Auxiliaries are eligible to participate in a drawing for \$25 for having met 100% by December 31.

Dist. 1: 824, 100%; **Dist.2:** 4411, 100%; **Dist 3:** 3125, 100%; **Dist. 4:** 8759, 101.52%; 9855, 125%; 9954, 100%; **Dist. 5:** 4637, 102.13%; **Dist 6:** 1841, 100%; **Dist. 7:** 9760, 100.65%; **Dist. 8:** 7589, 100%; **Dist. 9:** 7969, 100%; **Dist. 10:** 3150, 100%; **Dist. 11:** 1499, 101.43%; 7814, 127.27%; 9480, 108.7%; **Dist. 12:** 8652, 122.22%; 9600, 101.82%; 9830, 100%; **Dist. 13:** 2217, 104.55%.

Sadly, I noted there are 26 Auxiliaries that remain under 80%, ranging from a low of 30% and up!

Auxiliary Presidents: Let's remember that members who have not renewed simply are no longer members. Before they may attend a meeting, apply for cancer grants, etc., etc., they must pay their dues. If any of you would like some help, **Madam President, please pick up the phone and call me**. For example, I would be happy to send out dues reminders. Just contact me and "a-wa-a-a-a-a-y we go." There is still time to **renew, reinstate, and recruit members** and thus show **We Believe in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW**. But *please* don't wait !!

In a phone conversation with an Auxiliary Treasurer, I learned that she had held up processing new member applications cards because the applicant hadn't yet come to a meeting to be "sworn in". Remember, Ladies, **Bylaws Sec. 107 – Notification and Obligation**, were changed a while ago such that [if a new member] "shall have subscribed to the printed obligation on the reverse side of the application card, she shall be considered a member in good standing as soon as elected and shall thereafter be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member. She shall not be required to take the ceremonial oral obligation." This means if she signed the back of the card, she is a member as soon as voted in at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary.

Treasurers and Secretaries, if the new member application card is in order, proper fees paid, etc., please process the application immediately.

Auxiliary Presidents, once again, kindly remind your Auxiliary Treasurer to turn-around dues **as early and quickly as possible**.

Without a single doubt, you and I have this in common: **"We Believe in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW."**

I asked for the help of all members in the Department to reach our goal of 100% Membership and you have truly impressed me with your responsiveness. I ask one thing more: **Please don't stop until our Mission is Accomplished!**

"YOU DA BEST"...in the BESTORGANIZATION, EVER!

With hand on heart, I salute and thank you.

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

**PUBLICITY PROGRAM
FEBRUARY 2007**

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

Auxiliary Presidents and Chairmen

**“In the Spirit of America—We Are the Champions of America’s Cherished Heroes”
“Above and Beyond The Power of Faith”**

The time to report is now. Please, remember that this is a banner requirement. Soon it will be too late to file your report. I know that you have and are continuing to do wonderful work. There are so many things that may be counted as publicity. District meeting, special guests, donations to the needy, hospital visits and many, many more are a part of the publicity program. Announcing the time, date and place of your regular meeting in your local newspaper is publicity and may also encourage membership.

Place your special events in your local newspapers community calendar or community notes. Most newspapers print these items free of charge. Post your flyers in stores or churches. Remember to use the five W's (who, what, when, where, why) in all advertisements or bulletins. Did you have a bake sale or flea market? I'm sure those items were publicized. Send me those newspaper articles, flyers or church bulletin.

Schools may also like to post articles about your Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen winner in their newsletter or on bulletin boards. Check with your neighborhood stores or hairdresser. Many have areas set aside for community events. You may be surprised at the number of people who will stop and read your flyer. Let your community know all about your Auxiliary and all the important and wonderful work that you do.

Please do not send pictures or newsletters. Pictures should be sent to the Department Historian. Newsletters are not part of this years Publicity program. If you have articles in the newsletter that you would like to use for Publicity, send only those articles or flyers.

When you send your report form make sure to include your article or flyer. I cannot put report forms in President Becky's Publicity Book. Hopefully, I can include something from every Auxiliary.

As of this date, I need to hear from 58 Auxiliaries. If you have not yet sent me a Publicity report, do it today.

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED:

District 1 - 176, 5500, 6002, 8252

District 2 - 4809

District 3 - 1426, 3125, 8356, 10387, 10654

District 4 - 637, 2584, 5313, 8228, 8617, 8902

District 5 - 647, 4637, 8243, 8467

District 6 - 1264, 1444, 4522, 5311, 7854

District 7 – 100% - Congratulations

District 8 - 1177, 2524, 3103

District 9 - 4667, 7328, 9640

District 10 - 609, 1503, 7327, 7916, 8241, 8815, 9274, 9478

District 11 - 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826

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

District 13 - 1827, 2217, 7638, 8947, 10574

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Date: _____ District #: _____

Auxiliary #: _____

Auxiliary President (or) Publicity Chairman: _____

Telephone Number or e-mail Address: _____

Please indicate which of the following is being submitted:

Newspaper Articles on:

1. Membership recruiting _____
2. Young American Creative Patriotic Art/Scholarships _____
3. Outstanding Young or Community Volunteer of the Year _____
4. Junior Girls/Scholarships _____
5. National President's Visit _____
6. Other _____ Please specify _____

Include the header from the newspaper or newsletter showing the name of the paper, date, and page number. Please DO NOT underline or highlight any part of the article. DO NOT glue, tape or staple article.

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

FEBRUARY, 2007

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This month the *Journey* we will be taking is on *Adopt-a- Unit*:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is in the forefront of patriotism as the organization and its members find ways to show support for America and her armed forces. Thousands of our active-duty and Reserve service members, along with the National Guard, will be deployed overseas and stateside for what has been a tough battle. Supporting our troops now is more important than ever before. It is our duty as Americans to do our part to keep their spirits and, morale up.

One way your Post or Auxiliary can show their support for our troops is through the "Adopt- A-Unit" program. You can have audio-taped books and playing cards sent in your name to the unit of your choice. Any post or Auxiliary can sponsor an active – duty, National Guard or Reserve unit or ship. Contact your Department Military Assistance Program chairperson or MAP at National Headquarters at (816) 756-3390, ext.211. You also may e-mail MAP at map@vfw.org

Don't forget the Ladies when sending your package; items such as tampons, which are much needed. Shampoos, conditioners, lotions; (for men and women). One of the most items needed are the *PHONE CARDS*. That is why it is so important for you to send in those donations to "*OPERTION UPLINK*".

Here is a list of Auxiliaries who are NOT REPORTED:

District:

- 1 960,5500
- 2 100%
- 3 1426,3125,6364
- 4 637,5313,8048,8163,8228,8617
- 5 7800,8467
- 6 1444,4522,5311,7854
- 7 9872
- 8 100%
- 9 7328,9640
- 10 8241,8815,9274
- 11 2424,3136,4204,7814,9480,10826
- 12 3782,6975,8652,9600,9830,10298,10310
- 13 100%

Congratulations to those Districts who are 100%. If your auxiliary is listed as not being reported and you have sent in a report, please let me know. I have about eight reports with no District or Auxiliary number.

Special Announcement!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

***Operation Uplink* needs money to buy those phone cards. With more and more troops being sent away phone cards are much needed.**

Also UNMET NEEDS donations are needed. Lets get those *OPERATION UPLINK* AND *UNMET NEEDS* DONATIONS SENT IN. I know we can do it

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

"Be Our Voice" is this year's theme for the VFW National Home for Children Awareness Week, March 25 -31, 2007.

National Home is sending out the information to the Auxiliaries and Posts individually. If you participated last year you will get a complete packet of information. If you didn't participate you should receive a postcard informing you of this event. Any Auxiliary that returns their registration postcard before March 22, 2007 will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 Gift certificate to the National Home Souvenir shop. If you don't receive either a packet or a postcard, go on-line to their website at <http://www.vfwnationalhome.org> or call the Public Relations Department at (800) 424-8360 and they will see that you get all of the information.

And they have some great stuff in the shop. They have shirts, tote bags, mugs, jackets - the list goes on and on. And the proceeds from the shop also benefit those that are living at our National Home.

Once you have participated in the VFW National Home Awareness Week campaign - let ME know so that I can give your Auxiliary credit through the Department of Virginia. I don't know what you are doing, unless you tell me! But I DO know that you are doing excellent work for our families in the National Home Complex.

If you would like to read the latest happenings at the VFW National Home for Children, please use the following website: <http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/newsroom/updates/January07.pdf> it even has pictures of the groundbreaking for the newest home.

At the Winter Council meeting I gave each of the District Presidents a list of the Auxiliaries in their District and what they have (or regrettably HAVEN'T???) Reported. If your Auxiliary is on the list of those have-nots you can probably expect that your District President will be contacting you shortly.

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

This month's recipe is a simple one that I have used for years for office parties:

One can of Campbell's beef broth
1 lb. of rare to medium rare sliced roast beef (from the supermarket deli)
1 package of sandwich buns
1 large microwave-safe bowl

Place soup and meat in bowl.
Microwave on high until hot (about 4 - 5 minutes) stirring every couple of minutes.
Serves 4 -6 depending on how much meat they put on the sandwich bun.

Hot roast beef sandwiches for an office party! No fuss - No muss - and only one bowl to wash!

And everyone thinks you worked really hard to create a special dish. If you like - serve with melted cheddar cheese or mustard or with a horseradish/mayo combination. I like to use the onion rolls myself.

Happy eating!

Special kudos and praise to District 7's 9760 who reported they have already received a citation from National Home for this year's work! **BRAVO! WELL DONE! WE LOVE YOU!!!** (Okay, I got a little carried away).

Auxiliaries that have **NOT** reported:

District	Auxiliary #
1	5500, 6002, 8252
2	9382
3	1426, 3125, 4639, 8046, 8356, 9224, 10387, 10657
4	637, 5313, 8228, 8617, 9954
5	4637, 7800, 8243, 8467
6	1264, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
7	621, 2447
8	1177, 7589
9	4667, 7136, 7328, 9640, 9696
10	8241, 8815, 9274
11	632, 1499, 2424, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 10826
12	1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 9600, 9830, 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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Where has the time gone? We are closing in on the end of the reporting period very fast.

Have you had your fundraiser for PAC? I have had some great reports. Keep up the good work. I want the Department of Virginia to be 100% reported this year. We can do it!!!!

Remember, We are the Champions of our Cherished Heroes and We can rise Above the Power of Prayer and Faith.

Please do not send your donations to me. Send them to; VFW-PAC, 200 Maryland Avenue NE, Washington DC 20002-5799

Ladies if you have made donations. I can not give you credit without a report. Send me your reports. I have found auxiliaries who made donations in my quarterly report from Washington, but I do not have a report from you.

Time is running short. Do your fundraiser and send me a report. I will take them via email, phone or mail.

BELOW IS THE LIST OF AUXILIARIES WHO HAVE NOT REPORTED

District # 1 - 5500 - 6002 - 8252

District # 2 - 4809

District # 3 - 1426 - 3125 - 8046 - 9224 - 10387 - 10657

District # 4 - 637 - 5318 - 7136 - 8228

District # 5 - 4637 - 8243 - 8467

District # 6 - 1444 - 4522 - 7854

District # 7 - 2123

District # 8 - 1177

District # 9 100 % reported

District # 10 - 1503 - 7916 - 8241 - 8815 - 9274

District # 11 - 2216 - 2424 - 4204 - 10862

District # 12 - 3782 - 6975 - 9600 - 10398 - 10310

District # 13 - 1827 - 8967 - 10546

REPORT REPORT REPORT

Loyally,
Sue Barrie

PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

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Happy Valentine's Day!

At this time, your Auxiliary has had the opportunity to participate in either, or both, the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest and the Young American Patriotic Art contest. THANK YOU for giving our youth the opportunity to express their patriotism in the Spirit of America as shown through their creativity! Going above and beyond the power of faith makes the programs of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW a huge success.

Reminder: In order for your Auxiliary to earn its banner, the Auxiliary must participate in one or both of these contests. Even if your Auxiliary submitted the information to the schools, but did not receive any entries, report it! You put forth the effort, so get credit for that effort!

NOTE: any type of report sent in must indicate that the programs (VOD & Patriotic Art) were promoted in the school; some received do not mention them. If several auxiliaries feed into the same school districts, sponsor the programs together and share in the cost of rewards.

Patriotic Art

As your auxiliary receives entries for the Patriotic Art contest, be sure that ALL entries were completed this school year. See your President's handbook for all guidelines and "helpful hints". Consider sending the teachers, principals, superintendents, etc. a note of thanks for allowing their students to participate.

Remember the Deadlines!

Student Deadline	March 31, 2007
<u>District Deadline</u> (optional)	in time for Department judging
Department judging by	April 15, 2007
<u>National</u> received by	May 5, 2007

I cannot wait to see the excellent artwork done by the students we have sponsored.

News Alert!!! Ladies Auxiliaries can now set up a perpetually established scholarship for the Young American Patriotic Art program at the National level costing \$500.00 which requires a one-time investment of \$12,500.00. For more information refer to your January General Orders

2006 – 2007 Department Voice of Democracy Winners Are Announced!

1st Place Adelaide E. Clark 1127 Rockwall Drive Abingdon, VA 24210 Sponsor: District 12 Post 1994	2nd Place Rebecca M. Spellerberg 13704 Putkin Court Chantilly, VA 20151 Sponsor: District 10 Post 3150	3rd Place Michela C. Pearl 1213 Beethoven Court Virginia Beach, VA 23454 Sponsor: District 2 Post 1211
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Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

*I wish to thank Department Voice of Democracy chairman, Earle P. (Buddy) Weekley, for forwarding the final report of all the Posts and Auxiliaries that participated in the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest. Any Auxiliary currently listed as **NOT** reported, **MUST** participate in the Young American Patriotic Art contest in order to qualify for their 2006 - 2007 banners. Good luck to ALL!*

Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest for their participation.

Report any Auxiliary or individual donations to the Patriotic Art escrow fund.

Report forms are in President's Handbook, last General Orders AND online.

District No.	Auxiliaries ~ NOT ~ Reported							% Rptd
1	4856	6002						78
2	Way to GO!							100
3	3125	9224	10654	10657				67
4	637	5313	7819	7897	8228	8617		73
5	Way to GO!							100
6	1444	4522	5311					57
7	Way to GO!							100
8	1177						Only 1 to GO!	75
9	Way to GO!							100
10	8815						Only 1 to GO!	90
11	2424	3136	4204	7814	9480			55
12	3782	6975	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	42
13	7638						Only 1 to GO!	86

Department Average: **78.69%**

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

VOD/Patriotic Art Chairman

February 2007

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

“Above and Beyond the Power of Faith”

Thought for the Day!! **“No man (or woman) stands as tall as when he/she bends to
help a child.”**

Ladies, it is February already! I still need some more reports. Yes, the 2007 year is here...it should be a very enlightening year for everyone. Now, that we have made it through all the holidays, we can put on our thinking caps and start creating ideas for our spring projects for our youth...such as Easter Egg Hunts.

Has everyone been enjoying all the nice weather we have been having. While we ladies been cooped up inside have we been thinking about weather or not you have sent me a report on youth activities. If not, time is ticking...marching...wasting away. Let's get reported by March 31st as part of your banner requirement or citation.

Every Auxiliary should seek out that one outstanding young volunteer in their community. There is one in every community in America that deserves recognition from our Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Please remember your National deadline is March 3, 2007. Department deadline is February 17, 2007.

As members of the Ladies Auxiliary educating future leaders is necessary. By working with Junior Girls Units, Girl Scouts (Gold and Silver Awards) and any other organized group or club we can accomplish this. We need to teach these young people to set goals and guide them towards achieving those goals. Girls or boys—youth is youth and they all need your support and guidance. **School is a Good Place to Start!** Invite groups/clubs in school to help in the community and with your projects.

We had the opportunity to give these enthusiastic, intelligent, energetic young people a chance to expand their horizons. **We gave them that chance!** But lets not forget those teachers, counselors and principles in the schools where we started these programs. Next year we will be asking for there help again when we start our programs. Show your appreciation to them with a **“Thank You”**, a certificate of appreciation or even a plaque presented to the school the winners attended.

Next month I will list Auxiliaries NOT REPORTED!!!!

The following Auxiliaries Reported as January 10th 2007

DISTRICT 1---176 , 824 , 3219 , 4856
2---392 , 993 , 3160 , 4411 , 4809
3---2239 , 4639 , 9501 , 9808 , 10567
4---4059 , 7819 , 8048 , 8163 , 8228 , 8759 , 9954 , 9855
5---7568 , 7800 , 8243
6---1033 , 1841 , 2157
7---2447 , 8613 , 9660 , 9760 , 9872
8---3103 , 7589
9---4667 , 6000 , 7136 , 7167 , 7328 , 7969
10---609 , 7327 , 9478
11---632 , 2216 , 3136 , 8279 , 8644 , 9339 , 9480
12---1994 , 8652
13---7638 , 8436 , 10546