

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

October, 2006

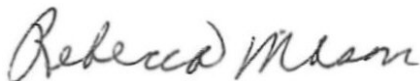
Must be read by Auxiliary Secretary at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

1. I would like to thank ALL members of the Virginia Delegation, for your help in Reno. As always the Department of Virginia had a fantastic Hospitality Room. Sister Mary Jane Sweeny and Comrade Joe Longstreet always do a great job. Commander Doc and I have the greatest group of comrades and sisters there is. Thanks again.
2. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:**
Sisters all of your work paid off! It was an honor to report that the Department was 48% in membership at National Convention. The year I am asking each member to recruit, reinstate, and retain members for their auxiliary. Above and beyond for our veterans when we achieve 100% in membership. Remind your members their dues must be paid no later than December 30, 2006 to remain a member in good standing. Please read the promotional information the membership Chairman has each month. The membership chairman always has some good ideas for Recruiting, Reinstating, and Retaining members.
3. Treasurers, be sure to transmit all dues as soon possible, even between your auxiliary meetings, to our Department Treasurer Debbie Martin 539 West wood Drive Ruckersville, VA 22968.
4. Treasurers, remember that National Headquarters no longer sends out dues reminders. You will need to do this yourself. Keep up the GREAT work that you do.
5. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES:** The third quarter Auxiliary audit covers the months of July, August and September. The audit shall be conducted during the month of October. A copy of the audit must be mailed to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, by October 30, 2006. Bylaws section 814A: "It shall be the duty of the Trustees, no later than the end of the month following the expiration of each quarterly period, to properly audit the books and records of the Auxiliary Treasurer and Secretary. The Trustees shall submit and read a written report during and Auxiliary meeting. A motion to accept the Audit is required. A copy of the accepted audit shall be included in the Minutes Record book. Any negligence on the part of the Trustees in carrying out the mandates of the section or in attending audits shall make them individually and collectively responsible, with any others, for any discrepancy."
6. All officers and chairmen handling money must have their books audited by the Trustees. Trustees, be sure to sign and date the books of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairmen **after** completing the Audit.
7. **REMEMBER, ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER IS BONDED:** The bond is a straight dishonesty bond and proof of loss resulting from dishonest acts on the part of the Treasurer is required in settlement of claims. We realize some Auxiliary give funds to the Chaplain, Hospital Chairman and kitchen Manager. It is very important that they be held accountable for the funds in their possession. Audit all accounts regularly and keep accounts to a minimum to prevent losses.

8. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY.** October 28, 2006 is fast approaching. I hope that your Auxiliary's Community-wide projects are already planned. There are many in our communities that need our help and we can make a difference. Please read your Community Service Chairman's promotion in this General orders, she will give your Auxiliary ideas of projects that you can have for this special day. Let us go above and beyond to reach out our hands in friendship and help those who need our help.
9. **PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM:** All Patriotic Art/ Voice of Democracy Auxiliary Chairmen should have contacted their local high schools and youth groups by now. The Young American Creative Art Contest has been in existence for 28 years, yet this program still remains in the background for many Auxiliaries. **THIS IS AN AUXILIARY PROGRAM.** Please pay close attention to the Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy Chairman's promotion in this General Order; help her to get this important program off to a great start.
10. **AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN:** If you have not sent in a report to the Department Chairman, please send a report in right away. Report every project that your Auxiliary completes and report in detail. Remember to **REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.** The more often you report and the more you report in detail, the better chance you have to win an award at our Department Convention in June. There are Auxiliaries that do wonderful work that is never reported and what a shame that is! They do not receive credit for what they have accomplished, as the Department Chairmen never hear about the great work they did. Beginning in this General Orders, Department Chairmen will be listing those Auxiliaries who have not reported. Please send your reports in, get your Auxiliaries name off the not reported list. In addition, Department Chairmen will have their awards listed in these General Orders. Please check the awards under each program and plan some projects that can be submitted for awards.
11. **ATTENTION SISTERS:** Let's not forget the Statue of Liberty bus trip on October 28, 2006. The cost of the trip and ticket is \$65. We will be leaving from James River Bus Lines, 915 North Allen Avenue, Richmond, VA at 2:30 a.m. Contact persons are Dale Bowman (804) 262-6975, Betty Gimble (703) 491-9249, and President Becky Mason (804) 733-3416. We will be stopping in the 10th district. Come celebrate with us and bring a friend.
12. **CHAIN OF COMMAND:** I would very much appreciate it if you sisters would acknowledge the chain of command when you have a problem and contact the appropriate persons. Please reference page 12 of the Booklet of Instruction.

Sisters I ask you to keep up the great work that you are doing for our veterans, their families, and your community. Let's go above and beyond the power of faith for that special, cherish hero.

By the Order Of,



Rebecca Mason
Department President

Attest:



Linda DeShano
Department Secretary

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

October, 2006

Quarterly Audits

REMEMBER: Send your Audit Reports to: **Debbie Martin**, Department Treasurer

Attention

Council of Administration Members

Just a reminder, the COA meeting will be held Saturday October 7, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Third District Headquarters in Mechanicsville.

NEW AUXILIARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

Department President Rebecca Mason announces that the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National has approved the charter application for:

Richmond Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 6364, District 3

The Charter was approved by National President Sandy Germany on August 14, 2006 and permission was granted to institute the new Auxiliary. President Becky congratulates Third District President, Laura Absher for her success in forming this new Auxiliary.

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New President:** for Irvin L. Manning Auxiliary 1264, Roanoke, VA, Judy Shorter, 116 Trinkle Ave. N.E., Roanoke, VA 24012-3122, 540-598-6350.
- **New Treasurer:** for Irvin L. Manning Auxiliary 1264, Roanoke, VA, E. Louise Rhodes, P.O. Box 1143, Roanoke, VA 24012, 540-798-1571.
- **New Meeting Day and Time:** for Irvin L. Manning Auxiliary 1264, Roanoke, VA, 1st Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
- **New Secretary:** for Curtis A. Smith, 116th Infantry Auxiliary 1033, Covington, VA, Martha Terry, 327 E. Prospect Street, Covington, VA 24426, 540-962-3883.
- **New Address:** for President Auxiliary 632, Harrisonburg, Emily Armentrout, 2271 Lake Terrace Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.
- **New Secretary:** for McLean Auxiliary 8241, Roberta Simmons, 1051 Springhill Road, McLean, VA 22101. Phone Number 571-245-6555
- **New Treasurer:** for McLean Auxiliary 8241, Cathy Johnson, 2018 Storm Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043. Phone Number 703-448-5687.

- **President:** for Patton-Crosswhite Auxiliary 6975, Agnes Suthard, 609 Penn Ave., Bristol, TN 37620.
- **Secretary:** for Patton-Crosswhite Auxiliary 6975, Patricia Maiden, 131 Cortland Street, Bristol, TN 37620.
- **Treasurer:** for Patton-Crosswhite Auxiliary 6975, Mary Sutherland, 1017 Wendisor Ave., Bristol, TN 37620.

Calendar Updates

- **The Statue of Liberty Celebration** will be held on October 28, 2006 at Liberty Island, NY
- **The Southern Conference** will be held on November 3-6 in Greensboro, NC at the Sheraton Four Seasons. The phone number for reservations is 800-242-6556. Reservation Deadline is October 3rd.
- **The Winter COA and Conference** will be held January 19-21, 2007 at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg. Room rates are \$60.00 a night and must be booked by December 27, 2006. The phone number for reservations is 757-220-2250.

District Meetings
November-December 2006

| District | Date | Time | Meeting Location | Representative |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | November 18, 2006 | 11:00 a.m. Meeting | Post 3219 Phoebus | Mary Profitt Department Jr. Vice President |
| 2 | November 18, 2006 | 12 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | Post 3160 Ocean View | Betty Gimble Department Conductress |
| 3 | December 2, 2006 | 2:00 p.m. Meeting Meal to follow | 3 rd District Headquarters | Rebecca Mason Department President |
| 4 | November 5, 2006 | 2:00 p.m. Meeting | Post 7166 South Hill | Rebecca Mason Department President |
| 5 | November 19, 2006 | 12 noon Lunch Meeting to follow | Post 7800 Stuart held at American Legion Post | Kathy Birch Department Chaplain |
| 6 | November 5, 2006 | 2:00 p.m. Meeting | Sponsored by Post 4165 Salem VAMC | Joyce Wimer Past Department President |
| 7 | December 10, 2006 | 11:30 a.m. Lunch Meeting to follow | Post 1860 Front Royal | Rebecca Mason Department President |
| 8 | November 19, 2006 | 1:00 p.m. Meeting | Post 7589 Manassas | No Auxiliary Meeting |
| 10 | December 3, 2006 | 1:00 p.m. Meeting | Post 7916 Woodbridge | No Auxiliary Meeting |
| 13 | December 3, 2006 | 1:00 p.m. Meeting Lunch to follow | Post 7638 Gordonsville | Ellen Stogsdill Department Sr. Vice President |

Sisters of the Ladies Auxiliary Department of Virginia

The respect that you showed for each of our Veterans and active service personnel and their families proves just how much you care and how proud you are to be an American. This being said, it was an honor to serve you and the Department of Virginia as President, for the 2005 – 2006 year.

I would like to thank you for the generosity shown me through your gifts, cards and support throughout the year. You will never know just how much your support helped my family deal with loss of my Father-in-law.

Thank you for making the June Convention such a success. The Buddy Poppy Luncheon was awesome and all of your Love Gifts were greatly appreciated. Because of you, it was a year I will never forget.

Please continue to support our veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary Department of Virginia. Have a fantastic 2006 – 2007 year.

With Love to All

Debbie Martin

Past Department President

2005 – 2006 AWARDS

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| SECRETARY OF THE YEAR GROUP VII | LINDA S. DeSHANO |
| AMERICANISM 75% PARTICIPATION | JUDITH LUPOLE, CHAIRMAN |
| BUDDY POPPY 75% PARTICIPATION BUDDY POPPY FIRST PLACE AWARD DIVISIONAL COMPETITION VFW AWARD | PEGGY BOARMAN, CHAIRMAN |
| CANCER AID 75% PARTICIPATION CANCER AID 463.64% OF QUOTA – 2 ND IN THE NATION | BETTY GIMBLE, CHAIRMAN |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE 75% PARTICIPATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTICIPATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD | ELLEN STOGSDILL, CHAIRMAN |
| EXTENSION RUNNER-UP GROUP VII \$50.00 STAFF | BARBARA GROSSNICKLE, C- STAFF |
| EXTENSION AWARD NEW AUXILIARY \$50.00 STAFF | BARBARA GROSSNICKLE, C- STAFF |
| HOSPITAL 75% PARTICIPATION | ROBIN MILEWSKI, CHAIRMAN |
| JUNIOR GIRLS RUNNER-UP GROUP VII | GAIL PAYNE, CHAIRMAN |
| LEGISLATIVE 75% PARTICIPATION | BEVERLY ABBOTT, CHAIRMAN |
| MEMBERSHIP RUNNER-UP GROUP VII %50.00 | CATHERINE KERN, CHAIRMAN |
| PATRIOTIC ART-VOD 75% PARTICIPATION | KATHY BIRCH, CHAIRMAN |
| PUBLICITY RUNNER-UP \$50.00 PUBLICITY 75% PARTICIPATION CHAIRMAN | BETTY JO BRYANT, CHAIRMAN BETTY JO BRYANT, |
| REHABILITATION 75% PARTICIPATION | MARCIA SEMONES, CHAIRMAN |
| VFW NATIONAL HOME RUNNER-UP \$50.00 VFW NATIONAL HOME 75% PARTICIPATION VFW NATIONAL HOME LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE TO THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AWARD \$25.00 TO THE CHAIRMAN | PAT BALDWIN, CHAIRMAN PAT BALDWIN, CHAIRMAN PAT BALDWIN, CHAIRMAN |
| VFW – PAC RUNNER-UP GROUP VII VFW – PAC 75% PARTICIPATION | FRAN SIMMONS, CHAIRMAN FRAN SIMMONS, CHAIRMAN |
| YOUTH ACTIVITIES RUNNER-UP GROUP VII YOUTH ACTIVITIES 75% PARTICIPATION | JEAN HOINESS, CHAIRMAN JEAN HOINESS, CHAIRMAN |

Chaplain's Report
October 2006

The following cards were mailed during the month of August 11 through September 10, 2006:

SYMPATHY CARDS

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| PDP Glendon Webb Loss of Brother | 4974 Danville Pike | Hillsville, VA 24343 |
| Betty and Tom Gimble Loss of Mother, Irma Gimble, #1503 | 12604 Harbor Drive | Woodbridge, VA 22192 |
| Clyde Vanhoozer Loss of wife (member #9696) | 1120 Woodland Avenue | Bluefield, WV 24701 |
| Reva Buchanan, President #2447 Loss of twin sister | 466 Bolivar Road | Fort Valley, VA 22652 |
| Family of Ila Fay Sawyers #1115 | 103 Millstone Road | Woodlawn, VA 24381 |
| Family of Virginia Culler, #1115 | 870 Little Bit Road | Hillsville, VA 24343 |
| Claudine Marshall #1115 Loss of Husband | 415 Joy Ranch Road | Woodlawn, VA 24381 |

GET WELL CARDS

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| PDP Evelyn Shelton Hospitalized for congestive heart failure; fluid on lungs | 4340 US Highway 29 North | Blairs, VA 24527 |
| Jean Hoiness, Dept. Guard Back surgery | 716-A Inlet Quay | Chesapeake, VA 23320 |
| Gail Hoffman, #3150 Foot Surgery | 5679 Rayburn Avenue | Alexandria, VA 22311 |
| Ruth Whistler, #2447 Therapy resulting from a fall | Life Care Center | 315 E. Lee Hwy New Market, VA 22844 |
| Debbie Weekley #8644 Neck/Spinal Surgery | 595 Bowman Road | Dayton, VA 22821 |

THINKING OF YOU CARDS

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| PDP Ines Kerch Sister with terminal illness | 1918 Storm Drive | Falls Church, VA 22043 |
| Ann Moninghoff, #1503 Chemotherapy | 14602 Danville Road | Dale City, VA 22193 |
| Patricia Lidtke #392 Muscular disease | 5480 Glenville Circle | Virginia Beach, VA 23464 |
| Gail Bratten, #392 | 1172 Old Clubhouse Road | Virginia Beach, VA 23453 |
| Nancy Loy, #392 Cancer | 3324 Kensington Street | Virginia Beach, VA 23452 |
| Jovita Borth, #9274 Terminal illness | 233 W. Follett Street | Fond du Lac, WI 54935 |
| Pat Kendrick, #9660 Cancer | 20354 Bennett Run Road | Bergton, VA 22811 |
| Mary Billhimer, #632 Long-term illness | 3494 Beulah Church Rd | Keezletown, VA 22832 |
| Doris MacGill, #993 Illness | 111 Lake Street | Chesapeake, VA 23323 |

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

OCTOBER 2006

To: Department Chairmen, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Chairmen, Members

From: Linda Ryman, Dept. Banner Chairman, 2376 Stoney Creek Road, Edinburg, Va. 22824
phone (540) 984-8886

My first comment – **READ! READ! READ! READ! YOUR GENREAL ORDERS/ PROMPTIONALS.** They are your guidelines and have the information you may need for any particular Program. Plus if you have questions the Chairmen's phone number is on that promotional.

IN THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA-WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS OF AMERICA'S CHERISHED HEROS

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE POWER OF FAITH

Champions are people who take up the just cause of another. That is what we of this organization do, we champion our VETERANS. As we have shown in the past and will continue to show in the future, we will go above and beyond to be there for them. Our Faith in God and faith in our Veterans for what they have done is unequaled to any we can imagine. It is what we do. We are hard workers, volunteer workers, dedicated workers.

Having said that I have no doubt that the Ladies of this organization will do whatever it takes to be Successful. So the **BANNER IS YOURS TO ACHIEVE!!!!!!!!!!**

Just remember the deadline dates. Keep referring back to the Banner Requirement Sheet to make sure you have done all the programs and sent the report to the right Chairman. **HOW CAN YOUR FAIL?!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

District Presidents, District Secretaries, and District Treasurers, please refer back to last months General Orders/Promotionals to get the information you need to do and when to do it.

Check the Banner Requirements at each meeting, Keep on top of **all** you do. I know the Ladies of this organization do a tremendous amount of work without even thinking about it. So write it down, send it to the right chairman and get the credit you deserve!

The Department Chairmen areas happy as "fuzzy little ducks" when they get their reports from you. They know they are doing their job. And if you have a concern.....give them a call. They are there to help you succeed in getting your BANNER and Championing our Veterans.

There is a saying: "Its amazing how much work is accomplished when no one worries about who gets the credit." Think about it! **TRUST ME ON THIS ONE!** **IT WORKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Have a fun year and **GOOD LUCK** to all of the Auxiliaries.

Linda

Banner Requirement Sheet on back

PROPOSED BANNER REQUIREMENTS 2006-2007
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW – DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2006-MARCH 31, 2007

MEMBERSHIP: **85%** dues paid no later than December 31, 2006
100% dues paid no later than February 28, 2007

All requirements based on June 30, 2006 membership. All dues are sent to Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Rd., Ruckersville, Va. 22968. **CHECK PAYABLE TO: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia.** (postmarked no later than dates listed above)

AUXILIARY AUDITS: Auxiliary Quarterly Audits Reports must be conducted for the calendar quarters ending in **March 2006, JUNE 2006, SEPTEMBER 2006, DECEMBER 2006,** (National By-laws Sec.81A) This report must be sent to Department Treasurer: (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) The Department Treasurer will verify audit report to Banner Chairman after each audit.

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

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

PARTICIPATION: Each Auxiliary **must participate** in the National Programs shown below and **MUST REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2007. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

| | | |
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| Americanism | Legislative | Young American Creative Patriotic Art/ |
| Buddy Poppy | Publicity | VOD –either one or both |
| Cancer Aid & Research | Veterans and Family Support | Youth Activities/Patriots Pen |
| Community Service | VFW National Home | either one or both |
| Hospital/VAVS | VFW PAC | Jr. Girls Unit (3160, 4809) |

DONATIONS:

CANCER FUND: \$2.00 per member. Based on June 30, 2006 membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia marked for **Cancer Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer no later than **MARCH 31, 2007. DEPARTMENT TREASURER WILL REPORT THESE DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

STATE HOSPITAL FUND: \$25.00. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia, marked **Hospital Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer, no later than **MARCH 31, 2007. Department treasurer will report these donations to the department chairman.**

HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND: \$0.10 per member, based on June 30, 2006 membership. New Auxiliaries based on institutional membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, marked **Health & Happiness Fund.** Send to: **NATIONAL TREASURER,**

406 w. 34th STREET, AKNSAS City, MO. 64111. Postmarked no later than MARCH 31, 2007. NATIONAL TREASURER WILL VERIFY REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: No funds can be derived from VFW Post or Auxiliary membership dues or treasuries. Funds are obtained from individual contributions and/or fund raisers held by Post or Auxiliaries. Checks payable to VFW-PAC, and mailed to 200 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002 and report to Department PAC Chairman postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2007. DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILL VERIFY TO BANNER CHAIRMAN.**

**APPROVED: DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
BANNER CHAIRMAN
June 17, 2006**

LINDA RYMAN:

Date
9/14/2006

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

District 1

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| 176 | Newport News | 39 | 15 | 38.46% | | | | 78 | | 20 | | | |
| 824 | Grafton | 16 | 9 | 56.25% | | | | 32 | | 10 | | | |
| 3219 | Phoebus | 242 | 96 | 39.67% | 25 | | | 484 | 484 | | 25 | | |
| 4856 | Exmore | 66 | 25 | 37.88% | 25 | | | 132 | 122 | | | 50 | |
| 5500 | Hampton | 16 | 9 | 56.25% | | | | 32 | | | | | |
| 6002 | Denbigh | 61 | 28 | 45.90% | | | | 122 | | | | | |
| 7167 | Warsaw | 75 | 57 | 76.00% | 25 | | | 150 | 150 | 32 | | | |
| 8252 | Gloucester | 30 | 14 | 46.67% | | | | 60 | | | | | |
| Total (8) | District 1 | 545 | 253 | 46.42% | 75 | 0 | 0 | 1090 | 756 | 62 | 25 | 0 | 50 |

District 2

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| 392 | Virginia Beach | 329 | 256 | 77.81% | 25 | 300 | | 658 | 668 | 100 | | 25 | |
| 993 | Portsmouth | 85 | 47 | 55.29% | 25 | | | 170 | 170 | 62 | | | |
| 3160 | Ocean View | 294 | 229 | 77.89% | 25 | | | 588 | 588 | | | | |
| 4411 | Franklin | 49 | 19 | 38.78% | 25 | | | 98 | 98 | | 300 | | |
| 4809 | Norfolk | 364 | 242 | 66.48% | 25 | | | 728 | 732 | | | 100 | |
| 9382 | Suffolk | 60 | 31 | 51.67% | 25 | | | 120 | 120 | | | | |
| Total (6) | District 2 | 1181 | 824 | 69.77% | 150 | 300 | 0 | 2362 | 2376 | 162 | 300 | 25 | 100 |

District 3

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| 1426 | Midlothian | 36 | 18 | 50.00% | | | | 72 | | | | | |
| 2239 | Colonial Heights | 96 | 60 | 62.50% | 25 | | | 192 | 202 | 40 | | 50 | |
| 3125 | Ruther Glen | 11 | 3 | 27.27% | | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 4639 | Williamsburg | 38 | 31 | 81.58% | 25 | | | 76 | 74 | | | | |
| 8046 | Norge | 59 | 60 | 101.69% | 25 | | | 118 | 118 | 20 | | | |
| 8356 | West Point | 28 | 12 | 42.86% | | | | 56 | | | | | |
| 9224 | Richmond | 34 | 14 | 41.18% | | | | 68 | | | | | |
| 9501 | Central Garage | 41 | 5 | 12.20% | | | | 82 | | | | | |
| 9808 | Mechanicsville | 166 | 94 | 56.63% | | | | 332 | | | | | |
| 10387 | Petersburg | 38 | 36 | 94.74% | | | | 76 | | | | | |
| 10654 | Richmond | 33 | 33 | 100.00% | 25 | | | 66 | 66 | | | 100 | |
| 10657 | Glen Allen | 37 | 18 | 48.65% | | | | 74 | | | | | |
| Total (12) | District 3 | 617 | 384 | 62.24% | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1234 | 460 | 60 | 0 | 150 | 0 |

| Date | 9/14/2006 | Annual | YTD | % to Date | Hospital Donations | | | 2.00 per member | | Cancer | Cancer | Special | Operation |
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| | | Membership | | | Banner | Other | Drug | Amount | Paid | Pins | Donations | Project | Uplink |
| District 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 622 | Petersburg | 65 | 31 | 47.69% | | | | 130 | | 30 | | | |
| 637 | Hopewell | 74 | 7 | 9.46% | | | | 148 | | | | | |
| 2584 | Cullen | 41 | 7 | 17.07% | 25 | | | 82 | | | | 50 | |
| 5313 | Nottoway | 23 | 23 | 100.00% | | | | 46 | | | | | |
| 7059 | Farmville | 67 | 49 | 73.13% | | | | 134 | | | | | |
| 7166 | South Hill | 84 | 49 | 58.33% | | | | 168 | | | | | |
| 7819 | Crewe | 79 | 62 | 78.48% | | | | 158 | | 60 | | | |
| 7897 | Blackstone | 25 | 2 | 8.00% | 25 | | | 50 | 52 | 10 | | | |
| 8048 | Lawrenceville | 29 | 3 | 10.34% | 25 | | | 58 | 58 | | | | |
| 8163 | Clarksville | 67 | 35 | 52.24% | | | | 134 | | | | | |
| 8228 | Chase City | 12 | 14 | 116.67% | 25 | | | 24 | 24 | | | | |
| 8617 | Goochland | 28 | 26 | 92.86% | 25 | | | 56 | 56 | | | | |
| 8759 | Amelia | 66 | 45 | 68.18% | 25 | | | 132 | 130 | | | | |
| 8902 | Keysville | 15 | 0 | 0.00% | | | | 30 | | | | | |
| 9855 | Appomattox | 20 | 0 | 0.00% | | | | | | | | | |
| 9954 | Victoria | 201 | 186 | 92.54% | 25 | | | 402 | 402 | | | | |
| Total (16) | District 4 | 896 | 539 | 60.16% | 175 | 0 | 0 | 1752 | 722 | 100 | 0 | 50 | 0 |

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| District 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 647 | Danville | 122 | 64 | 52.46% | | | | 244 | | | | | |
| 1115 | Hillsville | 528 | 186 | 35.23% | 25 | | | 1056 | 1056 | | | 25 | |
| 4637 | Martinsville | 47 | 15 | 31.91% | | | | 94 | | | | | |
| 7568 | Galax | 24 | 6 | 25.00% | | | | 48 | | | | | |
| 7726 | Grayson | 153 | 83 | 54.25% | 25 | 15 | | 306 | 306 | 40 | 67.53 | 25 | |
| 7800 | Stuart | 24 | 16 | 66.67% | 25 | | | 48 | 50 | 30 | | | |
| 8243 | Halifax | 62 | 17 | 27.42% | | | | 124 | | | | | |
| 8467 | Meadows of Dan | 56 | 35 | 62.50% | | | | 112 | | | | | |
| Total (8) | District 5 | 1016 | 422 | 41.54% | 75 | 15 | 0 | 2032 | 1412 | 70 | 67.53 | 50 | 0 |

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| District 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1033 | Covington | 117 | 33 | 28.21% | 25 | | | 234 | 146 | | | | |
| 1264 | Roanoke | 47 | 21 | 44.68% | | | | 94 | | | | | |

| Date | 9/14/2006 | Annual | YTD | % to Date | Hospital Donations | | | 2.00 per member | | Cancer | Cancer | Special | Operation |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | | Membership | | | Banner | Other | Drug | Amount | Paid | Pins | Donations | Project | Uplink |
| 1444 | Dunbar Roanoke | 44 | 16 | 36.36% | | | | 88 | | | | | |
| 1841 | Fincastle | 55 | 16 | 29.09% | 25 | | | 110 | 102 | | | | |
| 2157 | Bedford | 57 | 17 | 29.82% | 25 | | | 114 | 116 | | | | |
| 4522 | Vinton | 62 | 17 | 27.42% | | | | 124 | | | | | |
| 5311 | Christiansburg | 51 | 18 | 35.29% | | 100 | | 102 | | | | | |
| 7854 | Floyd | 33 | 14 | 42.42% | | | | 66 | | | | | |
| Total (8) | District 6 | 466 | 152 | 32.62% | 75 | 100 | 0 | 932 | 364 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

District 7

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| 621 | Luray | 101 | 24 | 23.76% | | | | 202 | | | 15 | | 75 |
| 1860 | Front Royal | 175 | 96 | 54.86% | 25 | | | 350 | 350 | | | | |
| 2123 | Winchester | 63 | 4 | 6.35% | | | | 126 | | | | | |
| 2447 | Edinburg | 90 | 20 | 22.22% | 25 | 100 | | 180 | 180 | 40 | | 50 | |
| 8613 | Shenandoah | 50 | 40 | 80.00% | 25 | | | 100 | 100 | 20 | | | |
| 9660 | Broadway | 72 | 64 | 88.89% | 25 | | | 144 | 144 | | | | |
| 9760 | Berryville | 155 | 30 | 19.35% | 25 | | | 310 | 310 | 20 | | 25 | |
| 9872 | Mt. Clinton | 35 | 31 | 88.57% | 25 | | | 70 | 70 | 20 | | | |
| Total (8) | District 7 | 741 | 309 | 41.70% | 150 | 100 | 0 | 1482 | 1154 | 100 | 15 | 75 | 75 |

District 8

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| 1177 | Leewburg | 16 | 11 | 68.75% | | | | 32 | | | | | |
| 2524 | Culpeper | 69 | 48 | 69.57% | 25 | | | 138 | | | | | |
| 3103 | Fredericksburg | 124 | 109 | 87.90% | 25 | | 50 | 248 | 248 | 40 | | | |
| 7589 | Manassas | 53 | 50 | 94.34% | 25 | | | 106 | 106 | 40 | 200 | 25 | 100 |
| Total (4) | District 8 | 262 | 218 | 83.21% | 75 | 0 | 50 | 524 | 354 | 80 | 200 | 25 | 100 |

District 9

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|------|-----------|-----|----|--------|----|--|--|-----|-----|--|--|--|--|
| 1184 | Pulaski | 35 | 23 | 65.71% | 25 | | | 70 | 82 | | | | |
| 4667 | Marion | 123 | 58 | 47.15% | | | | 246 | | | | | |
| 6000 | Narrows | 128 | 27 | 21.09% | 25 | | | 256 | 256 | | | | |
| 7136 | Tazewell | 61 | 13 | 21.31% | | | | 122 | | | | | |
| 7328 | Saltville | 34 | 12 | 35.29% | 25 | | | 68 | 66 | | | | |
| 7969 | Bland | 32 | 16 | 50.00% | | | | 64 | | | | | |
| 9640 | Richlands | 44 | 11 | 25.00% | | | | 88 | | | | | |

| Date | 9/14/2006 | Annual | YTD | % to Date | Hospital Donations | | | 2.00 per member | | Cancer | Cancer | Special | Operation |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Membership | | | Banner | Other | Drug | Amount | Paid | Pins | Donations | Project | Uplink |
| 9696 | Bluefield | 163 | 54 | 33.13% | 25 | | | 326 | 340 | | | | |
| Total (8) | District 9 | 620 | 214 | 34.52% | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1240 | 744 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 |

District 10

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| 609 | Alexandria | 38 | 40 | 105.26% | 25 | | | 76 | 76 | 20 | | | |
| 1503 | Dale City | 313 | 191 | 61.02% | | | | 626 | | | | | |
| 3150 | Arlington | 147 | 125 | 85.03% | 25 | | | 294 | 294 | | 30 | | |
| 7327 | Springfield | 117 | 84 | 71.79% | | | | 234 | | | | | |
| 7916 | Woodbridge | 87 | 46 | 52.87% | | | | 174 | 170 | | | | |
| 8241 | McLean | 81 | 12 | 14.81% | | | | 162 | | | | | |
| 8815 | Lorton | 23 | 18 | 78.26% | | | | 46 | | | | | |
| 9274 | Falls Church | 49 | 38 | 77.55% | | | | 98 | | | | | |
| 9478 | Sterling | 26 | 22 | 84.62% | 25 | | | 52 | 48 | | | | |
| Total (9) | District 10 | 881 | 576 | 65.38% | 75 | 0 | 0 | 1762 | 588 | 20 | 30 | 0 | 0 |

District 11

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 632 | Harrisonburg | 253 | 182 | 71.94% | 25 | 5000 | | 506 | 506 | 50 | | | |
| 1499 | Lexington | 70 | 31 | 44.29% | 25 | | | 140 | 140 | 20 | | | |
| 2216 | Staunton | 200 | 59 | 29.50% | 25 | | | 400 | 370 | | | | |
| 2424 | Waynesboro | 43 | 28 | 65.12% | | | | 86 | 138 | | | | |
| 3136 | Mt. Solon | 21 | 7 | 33.33% | | | | 42 | | | | | |
| 4204 | Hot Springs | 44 | 4 | 9.09% | | | | 88 | | | | | |
| 7814 | Staunton | 11 | 1 | 9.09% | | | | 22 | | | | | |
| 8279 | Steeles Tavern | 37 | 12 | 32.43% | 25 | | | 74 | 74 | | | | |
| 8644 | Bridgewater | 122 | 100 | 81.97% | 25 | | | 244 | 244 | | | | |
| 9339 | Stuarts Draft | 50 | 32 | 64.00% | 25 | | | 100 | 100 | | | | |
| 9480 | Craigsville | 23 | 13 | 56.52% | | | | 46 | | | | | |
| 10826 | Verona | 27 | 6 | 22.22% | | | | 54 | | | | | |
| Total (12) | District 11 | 901 | 475 | 52.72% | 150 | 5000 | 0 | 1802 | 1572 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

District 12

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|------|----------|----|----|--------|----|--|--|-----|----|--|--|--|--|
| 1994 | Abingdon | 34 | 30 | 88.24% | | | | 68 | | | | | |
| 3782 | Haysi | 22 | 10 | 45.45% | 25 | | | 44 | 44 | | | | |
| 6975 | Bristol | 56 | 9 | 16.07% | | | | 112 | | | | | |

| Date | 9/14/2006 | Annual | YTD | % to Date | Hospital Donations | | | 2.00 per member | | Cancer | Cancer | Special | Operation |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | | Membership | | | Banner | Other | Drug | Amount | Paid | Pins | Donations | Project | Uplink |
| 8652 | Coeburn | 27 | 1 | 3.70% | | | | 54 | | | | | |
| 8979 | Clintwood | 31 | 5 | 16.13% | | | | 62 | | | | | |
| 9600 | Pound | 55 | 18 | 32.73% | | | | 110 | | | | | |
| 9830 | Damascus | 28 | 5 | 17.86% | | | | 56 | | | | | |
| 10298 | Pennington Gap | 10 | 3 | 30.00% | | | | 20 | | | | | |
| 10310 | Ewing | 22 | 0 | 0.00% | | | | 44 | | | | | |
| Total (9) District 12 | | 285 | 81 | 28.42% | 25 | 0 | 0 | 570 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

District 13

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|------------------------------|----------------|----|------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 1827 | | 18 | 68 | 25 | 36.76% | | | | 136 | | | | |
| 2217 | Orange | | 22 | 5 | 22.73% | 25 | | | 44 | 44 | | | |
| 7638 | Gordonsville | | 48 | 29 | 60.42% | | | | 96 | 96 | | | |
| 8436 | Yancy Mills | | 36 | 0 | 0.00% | | | | 72 | | | | |
| 8947 | Louisa | | 69 | 19 | 27.54% | | | | 138 | | | | |
| 10546 | Spotsylvania | | 33 | 5 | 15.15% | | | | 66 | | | | |
| 10574 | Colonial Beach | | 123 | 36 | 29.27% | 25 | | | 246 | 246 | | 35 | |
| Total (7) District 13 | | | 399 | 119 | 29.82% | 50 | 0 | 0 | 798 | 386 | 0 | 35 | 0 |

Member at Large 15 14 93.33%

Dept. Total 8811 4,580 51.98% 1275 5515 50 17580 10932 724 672.53 400 325

Patriotic Instructor

October, 2006

In 1812, the United States went to war with Great Britain, primarily over freedom of the seas. We were in the right. For two years, we held off the British, even though we were still a rather weak country. Great Britain was in a life and death struggle with Napoleon. In fact, just as the United States declared war, Napoleon marched off to invade Russia. If he won, as everyone expected, he would control Europe, and Great Britain would be isolated. It was no time for her to be involved in an American war.

At first, our seamen proved better than the British. After we won a battle on Lake Erie in 1813, the American commander, Oliver Hazard Perry, sent the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." However, the weight of the British navy beat down our ships eventually. New England, hard-hit by a tightening blockade, threatened secession.

Meanwhile, Napoleon was beaten in Russia and in 1814 was forced to abdicate. Great Britain now turned its attention to the United States, launching a three-pronged attack.

The northern prong was to come down Lake Champlain toward New York and seize parts of New England.

The southern prong was to go up the Mississippi, take New Orleans and paralyze the west.

The central prong was to head for the mid-Atlantic states and then attack Baltimore, the greatest port south of New York. If Baltimore was taken, the nation, which still hugged the Atlantic coast, could be split in two. The fate of the United States, then, rested to a large extent on the success or failure of the central prong.

The British reached the American coast, and on August 24, 1814, took Washington, D.C. Then they moved up the Chesapeake Bay toward Baltimore. On September 12, they arrived and found 1,000 men in Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If the British wished to take Baltimore, they would have to take the fort.

On one of the British ships was an aged physician, William Beanes, who had been arrested in Maryland and brought along as a prisoner. Francis Scott Key, a lawyer and friend of the physician, had come to the ship to negotiate his release. The British captain was willing, but the two Americans would have to wait. It was now the night of September 13, and the bombardment of Fort McHenry was about to start.

As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. Through the night, they heard bombs bursting and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting and the American flag was still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other over and over, "Can you see the flag?"

After it was all finished, Key wrote a four stanza poem telling the events of the night. Called "The Defense of Fort McHenry," it was published in newspapers and swept the nation. Someone noted that the words fit an old English tune called, "To Anacreon in Heaven" -- a difficult melody with an uncomfortably large vocal range. For obvious reasons, Key's work became known as "The Star Spangled Banner," and in 1931 Congress declared it the official anthem of the United States.

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor is speaking. This is what he asks Key:

**Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,**

**O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?**

The first stanza asks a question. The second gives an answer:

**On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep.
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream
'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!**

"The towering steep" is again, the ramparts. The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing more but sail away, their mission a failure. In the third stanza, I feel Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise.

During World War II, when the British were our staunchest allies, this third stanza was not sung:

**And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.**

The fourth stanza, (a pious hope for the future) should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling:

**Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,
Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven - rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause is just,
And this be our motto --"In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.**

From "Did You Know" by Dr. Isaac Asimov

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DEAR SISTERS,
DONATIONS TO PRESIDENT BECKY'S SPECIAL PROJECT (MAP) ARE NOW
COMING SLOWLY BUT MOST ASSUREDLY THEY WILL PICK UP AS WE
CONTINUE INTO OUR YEAR.

THE MAP PROGRAM HAS BEEN BUSY. ACCORDING TO THE VFW MAGAZINE
UNMET NEEDS HAD RECEIVED 1,890 REQUESTS FROM MILITARY PERSONNEL
AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR ASSISTANCE. AS OF
DEC.2005, 557 FAMILIES HAD BEEN HELPED, DISBURSING ABOUT \$830,000. IF
THIS CONTINUES (AND I BET IT WILL) A VERY GENEROUS
DONATION FROM US, THE VFW LADIES AUX. OF VA. WILL BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED. LET THEM KNOW THAT WE DO CARE AND WILLING TO GO
"ABOVE AND BEYOND" TO AID "OUR CHERISHED HEROS".
AND THAT WE DO HAVE THE "SPIRIT OF AMERICA" AT HEART.
THIS MONTH I WILL BE LISTING THOSE THAT HAVE DONATED.
WONT YOU JOIN THIS ELITE GROUP?

DISTRICT ONE- 4856

DISTRICT TWO- 392

DISTRICT THREE- 2239, 10654

DISTRICT FOUR-NONE

DISTRICT FIVE- 7726

DISTRICT SIX- NONE

DISTRICT SEVEN- 2447, 9760

DISTRICT EIGHT- 7586

DISTRICT NINE-NONE

DISTRICT TEN- 609

DISTRICT ELEVEN-NONE

DISTRICT TWELVE-NONE

DISTRICT THIRTEEN-NONE

I ALSO HAVE RECEIVED SOME *INDIVIDUAL* DONATIONS- THANK YOU ELLEN,
ROBIN AND BECKY!

ALSO A *SPECIAL THANKS* TO JR. GIRLS OF 4809!!

PLEASE HELP THIS LIST **GROW!!** -

LOYALLY YOURS,
JUNE TUCKER, SPECIAL PROJECT CHMN.

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October 2006

Greetings ladies,

To begin with, I need to do one bit of housekeeping. On my report form, I failed to put a place for auxiliary and District numbers. That is one very important piece of information I need on your reports. I am enclosing a corrected form on the back of this report.

I hope everyone has received and read their National Magazine for September. I hope each auxiliary will make copies of the Pledge of Allegiance – National Anthem book marks to pass out. You can pass these out at your local schools, at sporting events, or Post events. You can use them for place markers at your Veterans Day programs. We can go “Above and Beyond the Power of Faith” by getting these bookmarks out to the public.

“In the Spirit of America, We Are the Champions of America’s Heroes.” We can honor our heroes by starting a Memory Project. Talk to your veterans and record their memories, either by making a journal, or voice recording or video. Be sure you have the veteran’s permission to do this and respect any wishes they may have. What a great way to preserve our history.

Important dates to remember for October:

Oct. 9 – Columbus Day Observed

Oct. 28 – Statue of Liberty’s Birthday – 120th

The following Auxiliaries have reported:

District 1- 3219, 4856, 7167

District 2 – 392, 4411

District 4 – 7819

District 5- 1115, 7726

District 6 – 1033

District 7 – 2447, 9760, 9872

District 8 – 7589

District 9 - 1184

I thank you for every report I have received. I know each auxiliary has done something for Americanism and I look forward to hearing from each of you.

My awards for the year 2006-2007 are as follows:

Best Promotion of Americanism – \$25.00

Best promotion of Respect for the National Anthem - \$25.00

Best Promotion of the Pledge of Allegiance with Youth - \$25.00

Best Promotion of the 230th Anniversary of the U.S. Flag - \$25.00

Sincerely,
Marcia

**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

Auxiliary # _____
District # _____

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

BUDDY POPPY 2006 - 2007
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA
OCTOBER 2006 GENERAL ORDERS

**To: Department President; PDPs; District Pres.; Auxiliary Pres. and All
Buddy Poppy Chairmen**
From: Ellen Carleton, Department Chairman
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PLAN YOUR POPPY DRIVE NOW!!

Veterans' Day is not that far away, so if you are going to have a Buddy Poppy drive, you need to start planning now. Be sure to order your poppies from the Department Quartermaster as soon as possible so that you can be assured of delivery in time. As I stated in the President's Handbook, you just need to plan early - obtain local permits or licenses if necessary; publicize the drive; obtain help from members, Junior Girls units, Sons of the VFW, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, senior centers and other community organizations. Remember, all funds received from the Buddy Poppy campaign go into the Relief Fund to be used to help members, veterans and their dependents. A portion also goes to the VFW National Home for Children in Michigan.

For distribution, the Buddy Poppy must be their original red color. (remember, we do not ***sell*** the Buddy Poppies, we request ***donations*** only ***and*** we never refuse someone a Buddy Poppy just because they aren't able to contribute). For displays and contests, they can be painted or altered. You may want to make table decorations or corsages/boutonnieres for your Veterans' Day activities using Buddy Poppies – then be sure to report to me!!

As promised last month - the awards that I will be presenting this year:

Awards for the Winter Conference

There will be a citation to each District that is 100% by the end of 2006. There will be a drawing from those Auxiliaries who have submitted reports by 1/15/07. The winner will receive a check for \$10.

Awards for the Convention

Awards will be given in the following categories:

1. Award to the Auxiliary with the best overall reporting.
2. First and Second Place Awards to the Auxiliaries with the highest total of Poppies used and/or distributed.
3. First and Second Place Awards to the Auxiliaries with the best report on Buddy Poppy Public Awareness. (This can be a drive that utilizes other groups; publicity for your drive or event; distribution of Buddy Poppy literature or any other way that promotes awareness)

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

***“Above and Beyond
The Power of Faith”***

Auxiliaries reported as of 9/14/06:

Please note: I cannot accept reports from last Memorial Day or last year’s convention (but they were wonderful!), nor can I accept reports which have no date of the activity, or no mention of any Buddy Poppy-related activity. If you used Buddy Poppy decorations etc. in any way, please let me know how they were used, the date used and how many were used. Thank you.

Please include a name and contact information on your report form. That way, if I have any questions, I will be able to get answers in a quick and efficient manner.

District 1 - 3219, 7167

District 2 – 392, 4809 (Auxiliary **and** Jr. Girls Unit)

District 4 - 8163

District 5 – 7726

District 7 – 2447, 9872

District 9 – 7136, 9696 (first report received. Congratulations!)

District 10 – 1503, 3150, 7916, 9274

Have a safe and Happy Halloween, Sisters! Ellen

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Promotion #2-October 2006

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

Thank you Ladies for all of the good reports. Almost everything you do can be reported on the Community Service report. At your meeting the Community Service chairperson should be taking notes of all the activities done at your Post by the other chairpersons or each chairperson could give the Community Service chairperson a copy of her report.

“Make A Difference Day” is on October 28, 2006. This is a very good time to do something special in your community. Take this day and make life a little better for needy veterans, our military and their families and other community causes.

Do you have your basic emergency supply kit ready? The following is a list from www.ready.com.

- ❖ At least three gallons of water per person.
- ❖ Canned food and a non-electric can opener.
- ❖ First aid kit and essential medications.
- ❖ Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- ❖ Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- ❖ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities and written instructions for how to turn them off if authorities advise you to do so.

The awards to be given at the 2007 June convention are as follows:

Award #1 – A plaque will be given to the Auxiliary with the best overall Disaster Preparedness Program in the following 3 membership groups, 2-50 members, 51-125 members and over 126 members.

Award #2 – A plaque will be given to the Auxiliary that is the sponsor of the winner of our Department's Outstanding Volunteer of the year. I will also give a citation to each District winner and sponsoring Auxiliary.

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

District 1: 3219 and 4856

District 2: 392, 993, 3160, 4809 and 9382 – **ONLY 1 to go**

District 3: none

District 4: 7819

District 5: 8243

District 6: 2157

District 7: 2447, 8613, 9760 and 9872 – **Half way there**

District 8: 7589

District 9: none

District 10: 609 and 1503

District 11: 9339

District 12: none

District 13: none

REPORT.... . REPORT.... . REPORT.... .

October 2006

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

FROM: Mary V. Richards, Chief of Staff, 6351 Tappahannock Drive,
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Our goal for this year is to form new Auxiliaries (We have our first one, Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 6364 in Richmond, Virginia. We have 25 New Members that are so excited to be part of this great organization. They also had 4 members transfer in with a few reinstated members. We instituted them on Saturday Sept 9, 2006 and installed the new officers the same day and the following Tuesday night they had their first meeting. Each Deputy Chief of Staff must look around their District to see if the have any bachelor Post. If they do I want you to contact them about organizing an auxiliary. I will be sending out a letter to each Commander of the Bachelors Post and I need you to follow-up to that letter.

TOOLS FOR SUCCESS:

1. A SMILE and a persistent and positive attitude will open doors for you
2. PLAN YOUR WORK, and then work your plan. Set Goals.
3. BE KNOWLEDGEABLE. Get your resources up-to-date, such as: current Auxiliary Bylaws, Auxiliary Fact Leaflets and 2006-2007 National Program & Leadership Manual.
4. BRAG A LITTLE to bachelor Post members and prospective Auxiliary members about our wonderful programs and especially about our Cancer Aid & Research Program, which is unique to our organization.

I want you all to remember "OUR GOAL THIS YEAR" is: To institute new Auxiliary at bachelor VFW Posts, to help weaker Auxiliaries maintain their Charters, to help members of a disbanded Auxiliary transfer to a different Auxiliary, and to reactivate disbanded Auxiliaries within a year of losing their Charter. Message from National Director, Dorothy Annis.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS: As you are doing your inspections of your Auxiliaries within your District, if there is a problem in the Auxiliary, try to find out what the problem is. If you need help solving the problem, contact your Department President, as you are the liaison between the Auxiliary and the Department. IF IT IS A PERSONALITY PROBLEM, THE PERSONS INVOLVED CAN ONLY RESOLVE IT. WE DO NOT NEED TO GET INVOLVED IN PERSONALITY CONFLICTS.

Don't forget to get your name in the Life Membership Raffle. All you have to do is get one new member, fill out the form and have your treasurer sign and send it to me. Just look at where we could be if every member got one new member.

HISTORIAN

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October 2006

To All Members but especially to all Historians, District & Auxiliary,

We all know what has happened this past month with 9-11 and special Programs, Labor Day program. Did any one attend the National Convention? Has anyone attended a District meeting? Alright then! Where are the Pictures? We need to record what is going on in your Auxiliary as the year goes on there are lots of ways to contribute to President Becky's Special Memory Book and this will contribute to the History of the Department of Virginia.

"Above and Beyond the Power of Faith" President Becky has a lot of faith in this Department and it's up to us not to let her or this department down, We need to record the History and I cannot do this with out your help in submitting the WHO, WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE of what's happening . SOOOOOO! Sisters I ask you to make it a priority to send your Department Historian (that would be me)

A few pictures, with explanations of what's going on. Check out the report form I had in Septembers GO if you don't have one see your President And ask her for a copy.

" In the Spirit of America- We are the Champion's of America's Cherished Heroes" This is what our National President say's now I know your doing your programs and I know you working hard for our Veteran's and The VFW & It's Auxiliary's so SHOW IT OFF BY SENDING ME SOME PICTURES.

Any Question you might have please contact me and I will help in any way I am able. We want to be 100% by January so your Auxiliary can

be entered in a Drawing at the Council meeting so HURRY UP! FILL MY MAIL BOX!!

The Historian's Book is passed on each year so the historical record continues.

Use disposable cameras as well as regular cameras as pictures tell a story.

Note outstanding events that your Auxiliary participated in or sponsored.

Action pictures are more interesting than people grouped together.

HALLOWEEN is this month, are you having a special party for young people or for those in a nursing home. What a gift to have pictures of this happening.

AUXILIARY'S THAT HAVE REPORTED SO FAR!

District #1 – 824 – 7167

District #2 – 392 – 3160 – 4809 – (Junior Girls 4809)

District #4 – 8228 – 7819

District #6 – 1841

District #7 - 621- 2123 – 2447 – 8613 – 9660 – 9760 – 9872 WOW!!!!!!!!!!

District #8 - 7589

O.K. that's not many, but we are just getting started.

HAVE YOUR CAMERA WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES AND SNAP THOSE PICTURES AND SEND ME A FULL REPORT.

Have you went to the schools yet? I'll Look for those pictures.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN.

With Deep appreciation to you all, Thanks', *GLORIA*

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 October 2006

A great way to involve your hospitalized veterans is to sponsor a Hospitalized Veterans Writing Program at your local VA Medical Center. This program is a therapeutic writing program designed to acknowledge veterans' experiences and build self-esteem through creative expression. It may be possible to publish your veterans' article in the Veterans' Voices, published in March, July and October. Ask your VA Medical Center about it or contact: HVWP Headquarters, 5920 Nall, Room 105, Mission, KS 66202 for information on how to get involved.

Department Awards June 2007

Department Awards at the June 2007 Department Convention will be: 1st Place \$15.00 with citation; 2nd Place \$10.00 with citation; 3rd Place \$5.00 with citation:

1. Auxiliary with the best overall Hospital Program
2. Auxiliary with the best Hospital Program within the VA Medical Center
3. Auxiliary with the best overall Hospital volunteer recruitment, both adult and youth.

Additional End of Year Awards

- A citation and a check for \$25.00 for the Auxiliary with the best reported Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project.
- A special citation will be presented to each Auxiliary who submits applications for the outstanding Department Hospital & VAVS Volunteer of the Year and/or submits an application for the National Advisory Committee's Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year.
- The Department of Virginia's Outstanding Hospital & VAVS Volunteer of the Year will be presented a check for \$100.00 for her service to our hospitalized veterans.

Start planning your participation in the VAMC Christmas events. Contact your VAVS Representatives to find out what donations are needed. Ask if there are Christmas activities/events that need your members as volunteers. If your Representative asks for donations to help purchase gifts and party items, please send a donation to the

Department Treasurer as soon as possible so the funds are available before December. Remember; write on your check that the donation is for the VAVS Christmas programs.

If you have not yet paid your \$25.00 Hospital & VAVS Fund contribution, please do so now. Your donation helps our VAVS Representatives and Associate Representatives serve our hospitalized veterans throughout the year. They travel to the VA Medical Centers often and with your help, can continue their great services. Send your \$25.00 donation to our Department Treasurer at 539 Westwind Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968. Please let me know when you have sent your donation and don't forget to report your activities at least once a month.

Auxiliaries reported in Hospital & VAVS as of October 10:

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|--|--------------------------------|
| <u>District 3:</u> 4639, 10654 | <u>District 8:</u> 2524, 7589 |
| <u>District 6:</u> 1033 | <u>District 10:</u> 609, 3150 |
| <u>District 7:</u> 621, 2447, 9760, 9872 | <u>District 11:</u> 8279, 9339 |

Auxiliaries donated to the Hospital & VAVS Fund as of October 10:

| | |
|---|---|
| District 1: 3219, 4856 | District 8: 2524, 3103, 7589 |
| District 2: 100% Donated | District 9: 1184, 6000, 7328 |
| District 3: 2239, 4639, 8046 | District 10: 609, 3150 |
| District 4: 7897, 8048, 8228, 8759, 8902, 9954 | District 11: 632, 1499, 2216, 8279, 8644, 9339 |
| District 5: 1115, 7726, 7800 | District 12: 3782 |
| District 6: 1033, 1841, 2157 | District 13: 2217, 10574 |
| District 7: 1860, 2447, 8613, 9660, 9760, 9872 | Junior Girls 4809 |

**We serve our Cherished 'Hospitalized' Heroes
Above and Beyond the Power of Faith**

Kathy Birch

Department Chairman
Hospital & VAVS Program

**LADIES AUXILIARY TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
HAMPTON VA MEDICAL CENTER VAVS**

October, 2006

Dear members of VFW Auxiliary:

Now is the time for all good Auxiliaries to come to the aid of their VAVS Representative at each VA Medical Center. Christmas is coming soon. By this I mean that we have to order our Christmas Ditty Bag items during the month of November and pack the Ditty Bags in December for the parties. Have you sent your donation for the Christmas Ditty Bags yet? If not, please do this as soon as possible. The Department Treasurer has to send each VAVS Representative any monies that she receives for each Medical Center at the beginning of each month, for monies received during the previous month. So.....I need a check from the Department Treasurer early in November to order the items. That means you have to send your checks to her in October. Thank you very much for taking care of this little detail. Be sure that you earmark or specify which VA Medical Center and what the amount is for on the proper check line and make the check payable to Ladies **Aux. VFW Dept of VA** and mail to Debbie Martin, Department Treasurer. I try to put a \$1.00 canteen book from the Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary in each Ditty Bag. There are approximately 400 to 500 patients in Hampton VA Medical Center. Multiply this amount and see what you get. Each of the other Veteran's Organizations contribute likewise. (American Legion Auxiliary and DAV Auxiliary). So you see that each Patient receives 3 canteen books plus all the other items in his/her bag. We try to make them special.

We also need monies for the DAP (Drug Abuse Program) at Hampton VA. They serve refreshments at each month's graduation program and have a yearly picnic for the previous participants. This does not take much, but several small amounts go a long way.

There is always a need for bus tickets or transportation money for some of the patients to get to their jobs and start their new lives. This also does not take much, but several small amounts go a long way again.

Thanks to all those Auxiliaries who have sent in their donations to special projects at Hampton VA Center. These donations have been forwarded to the proper VA funds.

Respectfully in service,

Darlene R. Mays, VAVS Representative
Hampton VA Medical Center

October 2006

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

Junior Girls

Welcome to our new Junior Girls Unit!!!! Yes, Ladies Auxiliary 8046 is the home to our newly formed Unit. I think it would be great if every auxiliary in the state sent them a congratulations letter to wish them well. Send your letter to:

Junior Girls Unit
VFW Ladies Auxiliary 8046
17 Settlers Lane
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Now, let's get down to business on what is coming up for our Junior Girls in the next few months.

1. First of all, there is **no longer a badge program** for Junior Girls. National has decided to discontinue this program.

2. Each Junior Girl is encouraged to **submit an article** to the Ladies Auxiliary National Magazine. There is no age limit for this project. Even five-year-olds can draw and write an article. The article should be titled: "Why and How I Support our Troops." All submission to the magazine must be in by **DECEMBER 31, 2006**. All entries will be placed in a drawing and two winners will be selected. Articles should be sent to:

Ladies Auxiliary VFW
ATTN: Editor-in-Chief,
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

Please provide a copy to me.

2 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 **MARCH 25, 2007**. Information on the submission requirements is available in a brochure for Junior Girls. Any Unit member who is interested in applying for this scholarship can contact me and I will mail her the brochure and additional information.

3. **Hospital pins** are awarded to completing 50, 100, 200, 300, 400 or 500 hours of volunteer service in VA Hospitals, other hospitals, and/or nursing homes. Hours must be certified by the institution and reported to Department. Please send reports to me as soon as you earn them.
4. A citation from National for each **Unit that increases by 2** or more members from July 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007. Please report this information to me when the new girls are initiated.
5. A citation and cash award from the Department to the Unit providing the **best overall assistance to their Auxiliary**. Reports of assistance should be sent to me at least once a month beginning in November. E-mail submission is acceptable. Reports can be in any format – no required form or format.

Jeans-wearing

Up beat

Naturally Vibrant

Interested

Openly Helpful

Resilient

***A Great
Experience
For All!***

Growing

Inquisitive

Responsive

Loving

FORM A JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT TODAY! ASK ME HOW!

Lorraine (Laine) Beckwith, Chairman

41 Kings Point Drive

Hampton, VA 23669

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Dabeck41@cox.net

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE – OCTOBER 2006

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**--In the Spirit of America -- We are the Champions of America's Cherished Heroes—
"Above and Beyond the Power of Prayer – Pray and Not Faint"**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AUXILIARY 7568 (DISTRICT 5) AND AUXILIARY 7916 (DISTRICT 10)
FOR MEETING ALL FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE—GREAT JOB!**

YOUR LEGISLATIVE CHALLENGE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS TO:

- Promote the VFW Legislative and Security Priority Goals by calling, writing, or e-mailing your legislators...choose one or several issues to promote:
 - HR 4949, the "Military Retirees' Health Care Protection Act" needs our immediate attention! If this bill is passed, military retirees under age 65 will see a drastic increase in their health care premiums.
 - Senate Bills that need our attention are: S.2415, S.633, S.1947, S.2021, S.1252, S.2708, S.AMDTY.2441, S.909, S.845, S.1290, S.2014, S.AMDT.149, S.AMDT.1052, S.AMDT.2272, S.AMDT.3044, S.1272, S.J.RES.16, and S.2416. Go to www.capwiz.com/vfw/issues/bills for a full explanation of these bills.
- Report all of your legislative activities today!

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM (to be awarded at June Convention):

- Best overall promotion of VFW Legislative and Security Priority Goals
- Best overall promotion to encourage members to become involved in communicating with their legislators on veteran's issues
- Most Auxiliary involvement in meeting the candidates
- Best overall promotion to encourage members to attend Congressional and/or legislative field visits and county, city, or school board meetings

Sisters, you have a chance to win one or more of the four awards listed above. I have based the Department's awards on what National expects us to accomplish in our Legislative Program. There is only one prize per category so each Auxiliary should strive to be NUMBER ONE! AND, WE MUST ALL WORK TOWARD MAKE VIRGINIA'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM NUMBER ONE!!!

District Presidents who are 100% reported in Legislative at Winter Council will receive special recognition and a prize...so, promote, inspire, badger, whatever but GET "ER DONE!

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REPORT FORM REVISION – Enclosed is a copy of a revised Legislative Report Form. This revision was necessary per National guidance. I apologize for any inconvenience this revision may cause.

AUXILIARIES REPORTED AS OF 9/10/06 ARE:

District 2: 392, 3160, 4411

District 5: 7568, 7726

District 7: 2447

District 8: 7589

District 10: 7916

District 11: 1499

Beginning next month, auxiliaries NOT REPORTED will be listed. Please make sure that your auxiliary number is not listed...REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!

**Protect the rights of our cherished veterans – get involved and hold your legislators accountable!
Without your vote, they would be unemployed...use your vote to sway their vote!**

And, don't forget to send me that report!

LEGISLATIVE

2006 - 2007

Reporting Month: _____

****Form Revised 9/10/06 per National Guidelines****

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Number of contacts made on Special Legislative Action Alert (if requested by the National President in response to a request from the VFW Commander-in-Chief):

In person _____ Letter-writing _____ Faxes _____ E-mail _____

For any Post/Auxiliary activities, describe any event in detail on a separate sheet of paper.

Describe any participation/involvement with "Meet the Candidates" events:

Describe any workshop held to educate members on the legislative process and issues:

Number of Auxiliary members in attendance at any of the following meetings:

Town Council _____ County Board _____ State Legislature _____

City Council _____ School Board _____ National _____

Other actions or information: *Number of Auxiliary members* who:

Promoted candidates in support of Veterans' issues _____

Joined Action Corps _____ Held an educational program _____

Other: _____

Auxiliary President or Chairman Phone # or E-mail Address Auxiliary # District #

MEMBERSHIP

October 2006

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AUXILIARIES FOR MAKING 100% PLUS:
8046 Norge, 10654 Richmond, 5313 Nottoway, 8228 Chase City; and 609 Alexandria !!

Hooray, Hooray!!

Okay, Membership Chairmen, we've laid the groundwork in June, August, and September. Now's the time to get out into the ripe fields of Virginia to round-up new and reinstate lapsed members. Now's the time of year when rich opportunities exist in your local communities for planning, organizing, and setting-up Recruiting Booths! Your mission: To seek out and find m-e-m-b-e-r-s!

Where to begin?

Look for ads in your newspaper regarding community events scheduled for Malls, Farmer's Markets offering pumpkins and other produce; also, look for ads on craft shows, community yard sales, and, yes, even election-year campaigning, possibly even at the election polls. Just consider: my sub-division holds its annual membership drive in the hallway outside the polling room at our local school! (Note: It's rumored that Congress may adjourn a week early this year to campaign for re-election, possibly September 29 and not returning until after Election Day, November 7; our representatives always strive hard to get good turnouts. These events are "natural draws" for lots of folks where potential members are ready to sign-up with just the right approach, so let's take advantage of these events. These are just a few examples where your Auxiliary can organize and set-up Recruiting Booths.

First, recruit a few members of your Auxiliary to join you in this effort. Be sure your Recruiters are enthusiastic about their own membership and can readily tell others how and why they joined the Ladies Auxiliary. All your Recruiters might even wear something patriotic, a stars and stripes bandanna, for example.

Next, order and lay-in supplies such as

- Eligibility and other patriotic posters
- Fact Sheets (order form follows)
- Membership Benefits brochures (order form follows)
- Membership Application forms (order form follows)
- the National Program Book (order form follows) and/or Department General Orders plus Chairman Promotional materials
- the Auxiliary Magazine, and
- Reports prepared and submitted by your Auxiliary on successfully completed programs.

If your Auxiliary can afford it, enhance your recruiting booth with some eye-catching patriotic decorations. Consider liberally distributing Buddy Poppies or patriotic pencils. If mothers have their youngsters with them, offer a Buddy Poppy to the child and this will require the mother to stop by briefly while you hand it to the child, providing you with an opportunity to quickly explain how they are made by disabled veterans. Then, you can veer into your recruiting 'pitch'.

Finally, consult last month's recruiting tips and silently rehearse, or recruiters can bounce off your 'pitch' on one another, rehearsing what you'll say with conviction and persuasion when describing the Ladies Auxiliary "family". Really, all you have to do is think of your sponsor's sacrifice and service, and perhaps your own sacrifices, then let your heart do the talking!

I know you can do that, because "**WE BELIEVE IN THE LADIES AUXILIARY**"!!

Member Award:

A *National Recruiter 06-07 Pin* to each Auxiliary or VFW member who signs up a new or reinstated member, between July 1, 2006 and June 15, 2007, received at National Headquarters by June 29, 2007.

Each recruiter's name will be placed in a drawing for 4 prizes of \$100 each!

The Department will award a special certificate to each recruiter.

Spirit of America Award:

To each member who secures 20 new or reinstated members from July 1, 2006 through June 15, 2007 received at National Headquarters by June 29, 2007.

Organizers of new Auxiliaries are eligible for this award.

The Department will award a special certificate and \$25 to each successful recruiter.

National Aide-de-Camp Award:

Each Auxiliary Member who secures 30 new or reinstated members from July 1, 2006 through June 15, 2007, must be received at National Headquarters by June 29, 2007, will be named National Aide-de-Camp to the National President and will receive a National Aide-de-Camp Pin. She will also be eligible for 10 awards of \$100 each.

Organizers of new Auxiliaries are *not* eligible for this award.

The Department will present a special award and \$50 to each successful recruiter.

Auxiliary Awards:

\$50 for achieving 100% received at National Headquarters by November 30, 2006.

\$25 for achieving 100%, received at National Headquarters by December 29, 2006.

The Department will have a drawing of these Auxiliaries for matching awards.

Ladies: please see the Banner Report for your Auxiliary's Membership status and remember:

*Above and Beyond
The Power of Faith
In the Spirit of America,
We Are the Champions of
America's Cherished Heroes*

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Supply Department
Brochures & Resources
Order Form

REMITTANCE IN FULL MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ORDERS.
 MAKE PAYABLE TO **LADIES AUXILIARY VFW.**

The following brochures are 25 for \$5:

| | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Total \$</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Historical Data (#9087) | _____ | _____ |
| Young American Creative Patriotic Art (#9078) | _____ | _____ |
| Outstanding Young Volunteer (#9081) | _____ | _____ |

Available for \$20 each:

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| 2006-2007 National Program Book (#9200) | _____ | _____ |
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Available for \$5 each:

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| 2006-2007 Leadership Manual (#9201) | _____ | _____ |
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| SHIPPING & HANDLING | Subtotal \$ _____ |
| Up to \$10.00.....Add \$3.00 | |
| \$10.01 to \$25.00.....\$6.00 | Shipping & Handling \$ _____ |
| \$25.01 to \$50.00.....\$7.00 | |
| \$50.01 to \$75.00.....\$8.00 | TOTAL \$ _____ |
| \$75.01 to \$100.00.....10.00 | |

Available free:

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|--|-------|
| Facts Leaflet (#9086, max. 100) | _____ |
| Join Us (Dual Membership brochure) (#9053, max. 100) | _____ |
| Ladies Auxiliary Membership brochure (#9052, max. 100) | _____ |
| Junior Girls Membership brochure (#9082, max. 50) | _____ |
| Junior Girls Scholarship brochure (#9080, max. 15) | _____ |
| Junior Girls Membership Cards (#5500, max. 25) | _____ |

Free from the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Public Relations Department:

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| Communications Award (max. 20) | _____ |
|--------------------------------|-------|

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Auxiliary Number _____ Member Number _____

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
MEMBERSHIP**

MEMBER AWARDS

Award #1 **"RECRUITER AWARD."** Each Auxiliary or VFW member who signs up a new or reinstated member between July 1, 2006, through June 15, 2007, will receive a National Recruiter 2006-2007 Pin. Each Auxiliary and VFW recruiter's name will be placed in a drawing for 4 prizes of \$100 each.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Recruiter's Name _____ Aux/Post No. _____

Recruiter's Address _____
Street Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Recruiter's E-mail Address: _____

Verified By: _____ Department of _____
Signature of Dept. Treasurer

| Auxiliary # | New Member's Name | Member's No. | Date Accepted |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
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Mail To: **Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Attn: Membership Awards
406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111**

COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RECEIVED AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BY JUNE 29, 2007.

**PUBLICITY PROGRAM
OCTOBER 2006**

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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”**

Now that school is in session, I hope that you have had the opportunity to visit and present our Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen and Young American Patriotic Art programs. Please continue to try. Also remember to place articles in your newsletters and newspapers. Focus on the scholarships that are offered. They are important to students, parents and teachers.

Did your Auxiliary participate in a Fourth of July celebration, membership drive, 9-11 Remembrance or a POW/MIA program? Have you had a dinner or held a special event to raise money for MAP or Cancer Aide and Research? It is important to publicize all your activities. Keep your community involved. Inform your local newspaper that an award will be offered for the best coverage of programs and functions conducted by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW.

Don’t forget to send me your report as soon as possible. ** PLEASE DO NOT SEND NEWSLETTERS.** THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE AUXILIARY PUBLICITY PROGRAM THIS YEAR!! Thank you to the Auxiliaries below who have already reported. Next month, I would like to list many more.

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| District 1: 824 | District 6: 1033 | District 11: 632 |
| 7167 | District 7: 1860 | 1499 |
| District 2: 392 | 9660 | |
| 3160 | 9760 | |
| 9382 | 9872 | |
| District 3: 9808 | District 8: 7589 | |
| District 4: 7819 | District 10: 3150 | |

Award will be given at Convention for:

1. Best promotion of Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program/Scholarships.
2. Best promotion of Outstanding Youth or Community Volunteer.
3. Best overall newspaper article.
4. Best promotion of all Programs and functions.

Remember to **REPORT, REPORT, REPORT, REPORT, REPORT**
Happy Halloween

Veterans & Family Support

Phyllis Stokes
Veterans & Family Support Chairman
1009 Grassland Ct.
Va. Beach, Va. 23462

October 2006

Auxiliary Presidents, Chairmen and Sisters:

We are starting another year, and I know it's going to be good. For this year, we embark on a **NEW JOURNEY** "In the Spirit of America – [as] We are the Champions of America's Cherished Heroes." Like the Rehabilitation Program supported before, we continue the support our Veterans and their Families under our new Title! Let's make President Becky proud of how we support our "Cherished Heroes." Remember, the **ROADMAP for this JOURNEY** takes us "Above and Beyond The Power of Faith."

Each month I will promote a different program or piece of the **ROADMAP** falling under Veterans & Family Support. This month it will be the Unmet Needs program:

The **UNMET NEEDS Program** assists a Veteran or their family with financial support when they experience a crisis or unexpected need. This includes mortgage payments, fixing or buying a hot water heater, or car repairs, etc. One of the most common needs is rent or mortgage assistance. These requests can be taken care of in a timely manner, but we must work those requests directly through the VFW National Headquarters to make them happen quickly. In the first 12 months alone, the **UNMET NEEDS Program** assisted 175 families with their rent or mortgage payments. Approximately 25 of these families were saved from mortgage foreclosure or eviction while a loved one was overseas. This program is funded by Corporations like *Vermont American Power Tool Accessories*, or by individuals just like you and I. These funds are paid grants, not loans; they do not have to be paid back.

The **UNMET NEEDS Program** awarded grants to more than 527 families across the country. Those grants totaled just over \$800,000. Corporate sponsor pledged \$1.25 million over the next five years. That money covers administrative costs, so 100% of public donations received over the website or through the mail, goes directly to our military families in need. Donations can be sent to Auxiliary National Headquarters. Mail your donations directly to **National Ladies Auxiliary VFW Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, Mo. 64111. Be sure to earmark the check for "Unmet Needs."**

The Program's website is www.unmetneeds.com. There you can sign up to receive help, or give help through donations of money or time, and talents, such as paint a room, cut grass, etc. By using this **ROADMAP as a Guide**, and "In the Spirit of America --We Are the Champions of America's Cherished Heroes." Give your support today!

Here are the Awards for Veterans & Family Support:

A citation to the first district reported in each of the areas under the Veterans & Family Support Program by December 1st.

Awards Presented at June Convention:

First Place: \$25.00 for the best overall promotion of the UNMET NEEDS PROGRAM.

Second Place: \$25.00 to the Auxiliary giving the best overall support to Veterans and their families.

Third Place: \$20.00 to the Auxiliary with the best participation in the ADOPT-A UNIT program.

Fourth Place: \$20.00 to the Auxiliary raising the most money for OPERATION UPLINK.

Fifth Place: \$10.00 for organizing or participating in a StandDown for the Homeless.

Many of you know that Madam President Becky's special project is the **Military Assistance Program**, or better known as "**MAP.**" You will hear about that Program in another upcoming **ROADMAP GUIDE!**

Next month we show the auxiliaries who have reported. Remember to Support our Veterans and their Families each and every day!

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

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA Stop the Presses!!!!

Have you heard the news? The Campbell's Soup Label Program has changed! They are now accepting the UPC (bar) codes from the products. And remember - it isn't just soup! They have several product brands in their company. Swanson, Franco-American, V-8, Pepperidge Farm. Logic: if you eat a package of Pepperidge Farm double chocolate Milano cookies (chocolate is good for your emotional well-being) and wash it down with a V-8 (all those healthy veggies) wouldn't that be great? And then just send in the UPC codes. You'll feel good and help the VFW National Home for Children at the same time.

The holidays are not all that far away. National Home maintains a Santa Shop, so that everyone will have a little holiday cheer under their tree or in their stocking. They are always looking for new items to stock their shelves - especially for adults. Sisters, you can call Donor Relations at 866 483-9642 to see what is needed. All Santa's Shop donations must be received by November 17, 2006. Funds may also be donated in lieu of products.

The Memorial Day car sales drive through General Motors netted \$3.5 Million for National Home. But the need for funds is not negated by this one-time gift. National Home needs all of us to help raise funds for it's continued existence. And there are additional awards from National Home to recognize your Auxiliary or personal contribution:

- \$ Bronze Star - \$500 - \$999
- \$ Silver Star - \$1000 - \$1999
- \$ Gold Star - \$2000 - \$4999
- \$ Platinum Star - \$5000 or more

The United Auto Workers (UAW) has also opened a new house within the National Home compound. This is the first home that was not built with VFW funds, and the first new home built on the grounds in 40 years. The UAW Veteran's Affairs Department worked with the VFW to allow this home to be built.

When you send funds from your Auxiliary to National Home, there are many "funds" that you can designate to receive the money.

- \$ General Fund - goes wherever it is most needed with the entire complex.
- \$ Virginia House - funds specific repairs or services to our House.
- \$ Graduate Gift - funds are distributed equally amongst all graduates.

Please send in your Health & Happiness Banner Requirement check to Debbie Martin - our Department Treasurer as soon as possible. But also send a report to me and let me know what has been sent. I can't count your Auxiliary as being reported unless I have something from you. Phone, mail, email - I'll take it all! Just remember those famous three words that every Auxiliary hears:

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This month's recipe is one of my family's favorites: Manicotti HotDogs

This recipe can be halved if you'd like.

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| Hotdogs | 2 cans Campbell's chili (with or without beans) |
| Small block of Cheddar cheese | 1 can stewed tomatoes (optional) |
| Manicotti shells | 1 ½ cups water |

Cook enough manicotti shells until soft so that you have one per hotdog. Take the hotdog and make a slit in it length-wise (but don't cut all the way through). Fill the slit with slices from the block of cheese. Slide the hotdog into a manicotti shell. Spray a baking dish with non-stick spray. Spread one can of chili on the bottom evenly. Lay out the hotdog/manicotti pieces on top of the chili. Mix the other can of chili with the water OR the stewed tomatoes to thin it out a bit and then pour over the hotdogs. Bake at 350E for about 45 minutes. If you'd like, sprinkle some shredded cheddar over the dish for the last 5 minutes of baking time. Kids love it (and so do BIG PEOPLE)!

I'm still looking for your recipes. Please send them to me either on a separate piece of paper or via email. Happy cooking!

Auxiliaries that have reported:

| District | Auxiliary # |
|----------|----------------------|
| 1 | 3219, 7161 |
| 2 | 392, 993, 4411, 4809 |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | 1115, 7726 |
| 6 | |
| 7 | 2123, 8613, 9760 |
| 8 | |
| 9 | |
| 10 | 609, 1503, 7327 |
| 11 | 2216, 3136, 9339 |
| 12 | |
| 13 | |

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Sisters,

We all realize just how important our Cherished Heroes are. We all joined the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW to support our veterans. One of the best ways to show support is by making your donations to PAC. Another is to VOTE. Vote for the candidate who supports Veterans Bills. Check their voting records.

Sponsor a meet the candidate night. Ask questions. We need Lobbyist in Washington, DC who will fight for veteran's rights, entitlements and benefits. Our veterans are losing benefits everyday

Above and Beyond The Power of Faith, let's Support Our Cherished Heroes, by our donations to PAC.

I will be giving cash awards at the convention in three categories. The Auxiliary who donates the most will receive \$ 40.00. The District who is 100% reported by December 5, 2006, will receive \$ 20.00. The Auxiliary who has the most unique fundraiser will receive \$ 40.00. Each Auxiliary who donates \$25.00 and above will receive a certificate.

Those Auxiliaries that **HAVE** reported are:

District 1- 4856
District 2 -4411 -993
District 3 - 2239
District 4 - 8228 -7987 -7819
District 5 - 1115 - 7880
District 6 - NO REPORTS
District 7 - 8613 - 2447 - 9660 - 9760
District 8 - 7589
District 9 - NO REPORTS
District -10 - 609
District 11 - NO REPORTS
District - 12- NO REPORTS
District - 13 - NO REPORTS

The ones showing reported, I received before September 5th. If you reported after September 5th it will show in the November General Orders.

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

Send me your Report!!!!!!

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School has begun! I am sure each of you has contacted your local schools and home-schooled students about the **scholarship programs** the Ladies Auxiliary to V.F.W. has to offer their students. And, this information has been delivered to the appropriate people. In the ***Spirit of America***, our youth can express their patriotism in creative ways! Remember, **going above and beyond the power of faith**, makes our programs a success.

Now that you have submitted the scholarship programs to the schools...
REPORT your efforts!

Voice of Democracy: 2006-2007 Theme: ***“Freedom’s Challenge”***
Student Deadline: **November 1, 2006**

Patriotic Art: **Student Deadline:** **March 31, 2007**

Patriotic Art Escrow Fund: Donations to National, earmark check this purpose. I have not heard at this time, but there was hope that the Patriotic Art program will be fully endowed, but your donations are still needed.

Don't forget contacts through the ROTC, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers and Big Sisters; the lists are endless. When you see a high school student, ask them if they've received the information and if not, share it! Place brochures in areas frequented by the high school crowd.

Your initial contact should have been made at this time; now all you have to do is REPORT!

Make sure the reports sent to me regard the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay contest and/or the Patriotic Art contest. I have received several that do not.

Auxiliaries REPORTED: **District 5 Aux. 647**
 District 7 Aux. 9760
 District 8 Aux. 7589

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

Deck of Cards

It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard.

The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week.

As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then an army sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?"

The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The sergeant said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards."

The soldier said, "No, sir You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country,

I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards."

The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

"You see the Ace, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God.

The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments.

The Three represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The Four stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Five is for the five virgins that were ten but only five of them were glorified.

The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The Seven is for the day God rested after making His Creation.

The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives - the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth.

The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him.

The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The Jack is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell.

The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary.

The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year.

There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week - 52 weeks in a year.

The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, summer, fall and winter.

Each suit has thirteen cards - there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter.

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for."

The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?"

Please let this be a reminder and take time to pray for all of our soldiers who are being sent away, putting their lives on the line fighting for us.

OCTOBER 2006

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

“Above and Beyond the Power of Faith”

“In the Spirit of America-We are the Champions of America’s Cherished Heroes”

October is a beautiful month in Virginia, the trees are turning different colors, the leaves are falling, and the nights are cooling down. Let’s spend these days working together with our Auxiliary chairmen to create a memorable time for our youngsters. Columbus Day, United Nations Day and the Statue of Liberty Anniversary are patriotic holidays observed during this month. The ever important celebration of Halloween will end this calendar page---a good opportunity for us to provide the lite-a-bike strips for bicycles and costumes as well as the lite-a-tike strips for back-to-school backpacks. A party at your post home for all the little ghosts and goblins may be on your list. What ever your activities are this month please send me a report as soon as they have been completed.

This month is also the perfect time for us to recognize our Young Volunteers through the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary National Program “Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year.” Seek out young people who donate their time and effort for the betterment of your community and encourage them to apply. The Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award honors our youth who volunteers at hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens center, who get involve in helping veterans and their families and any other worthwhile projects that benefit his/her community.

Schools are back in session now so the information on Patriot’s pen should be in the schools by now. The first deadline date to remember is November 1, 2006 for students. Material given to your Scout leaders, your church youth groups, and any other organizations that involves YOUTH. Keeping in mind the theme “Citizenship in America” we should encourage our youth to think about our veterans and the sacrifices they have made for us.

Let’s not forget the “Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award” is for all students ages 12-15. Ask your local schools to nominate students who qualify for the award and

get the “volunteer” to write an essay(150 words) on “Why I Am A Volunteer.” Remember the deadline for submitting this form is February 3, 2007.

The Girl Scout Awards (bronze, silver and gold) are available from our National Office, so please get in touch with your local scout leaders to honor the girls who have earned these awards. They are our future leaders, and we need to recognize them for all their community/citizenship work.

AWARDS and CITATIONS will be announced in my next report as well as the auxiliaries who have reported. Ladies, I have only received a couple reports! Let’s get involved with our youth and make this a fantastic year for everyone.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!!!!

**Betty Jo Bryant
Department Chairman**