

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

- 1) **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Congratulations to the 58 Auxiliaries who have made 100% in membership. As of February 5, 2010 the Department is 95.28% in membership – we need 430+ members to reach 100%! I am so proud of you for all that you have accomplished for the Department. Please don't stop in your efforts to reach the Department's goal of 100%. You, the Sisters of Virginia, have proven that you can recruit, retain and reinstate members. I know that we will reach 100%
- 2) **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** Please check on the status of your Auxiliaries' reports to the Department Chairmen. The Auxiliaries who have not reported are listed by each Department Chairman each month. Remind your Auxiliary Chairman to send in her reports monthly. If your chairman does not send in a report, it is your responsibility as Auxiliary President, to do so. Please verify with your Auxiliary Treasurer that all monies have been forwarded to the proper person and that a report of the same has been sent to the proper Program Chairman. The deadline for the Banner Requirements is March 31. Auxiliaries should continue to work on all National Programs and of course membership after the Banner deadline.
- 3) **INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES:** Section 105 of National Bylaws: "Each application shall be referred to a committee of three, appointed by the President, who shall make a careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application. The committee shall see proof of honorable service of the eligible veteran, unless he/she is a member of the VFW Post to which the applicant is applying for membership. The committee shall recommend election or rejection based on eligibility as set forth in Article 1, Sec. 101. The signatures of at least two persons who served on this committee are necessary. The Auxiliary shall not take action on the application until the investigating committee report is made to the Auxiliary."
- 4) **VOTING ON CANDIDATES:** Section 106 of National Bylaws: "After the report of the investigating committee and before voting on the applicant, members will be given an opportunity to state their objection to the admission of the applicant. Should there be no objection, several applicants for membership may be grouped and accepted by voice vote. Upon the request of one member, any applicant shall be voted on separately by written ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall decide acceptance or rejection of the applicant. In case of a tie vote, the President shall cast the deciding vote, provided she has not previously voted."
- 5) **NATIONAL VFW WASHINGTON CONFERENCE:** Will be held March 6-10, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency-Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA. On March 7, Commander Rex Faris and President Kathy Birch will have the honor of escorting our Department of Virginia Voice of Democracy Winner, Benjamin Rossell, at the Parade of Winners at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend this wonderful event.
- 6) **NATIONAL MID-YEAR CONFERENCE:** Will be held March 18-21, 2010 at Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Thanks to you, the members, I will be able to participate in the Night Out on the Town "Gift of Time" Party.
- 7) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2010-2011:** At your April 2010 meeting, you will be nominating and electing your Officers for 2010-2011. As you conduct your election, be aware that the member you put in

office will need your support in order for your Auxiliary and District to survive. We all have to work together. Section 804 – of the National Bylaws: “Nominating committees shall not be permitted. No member shall be elected to office unless she is in attendance at the election or unless she submits in writing her willingness to be elected and hold office.” At the April meeting the President-elect must apply for the **Installation Warrant** from Department Secretary Susie DeShano, to include the name of the Installing Officer. The Installation Warrant request form will be in the March, April and May General Orders.

- 8) **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**: Section 806A of National Bylaws states that “Auxiliary Officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting held not less than twenty (20) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention” on June 10, 2010, but shall not assume their duties until the 2010-2011 Department President is installed.
- 9) **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS**: Section 303 of National Bylaws states that “Delegates and Alternates to District Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected; one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates or as respective Department Bylaws may provide. The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention. The term of office for which Delegates are elected shall be for one (1) year from the date of the election, as described in this section, until the election of the new Delegates.”
- 10) **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**: Section 304 of National Bylaws states that “Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention; one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of election of Delegates or as the Department Bylaws provide. The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary prior to the Department Convention.”
- 11) **ANY AUXILIARY IN ARREARS**: Section 309 of National Bylaws. “Any Auxiliary in arrears for District or County dues shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation at those Meetings or Conventions for which the dues are in arrears. Any Auxiliary in arrears for other financial obligations or supply money to National Headquarters, or failing to have the office of the Treasurer bonded; failure to make quarterly audits and complying with Section 814A of the National Bylaws shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation on all levels. All rights shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.”
- 12) **DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN – Deadlines Reminder**: Please submit your voucher for awards that you plan to give at Department Convention to the Department President for signature by **May 15, 2010**. She will sign and forward it to the Department Treasurer who will write the checks. The voucher should have winning Auxiliary name and number along with the amount awarded. Please have your Department year-end report for our convention book to our Department Secretary by May 15, 2010. ALL Program Chairmen your year-end report must be to your National Director by the May 15, 2010 deadline. **There are no exceptions.**
- 13) **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAPLAINS**: Please make sure that the names of all deceased Auxiliary members since the last Department Convention are sent to Department Chaplain Cathy Graham. We want to make sure that all Sisters who have passed on will be included in our Department Convention Memorial Service and Department Convention Book. Also, please send the list of names to your District Chaplain so they can be honored during your District’s Memorial Service.

14) **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Under Sec. 606A Convention Committees of National Bylaws, the Department “Resolutions Committee shall consist of a Chairman and a minimum of two (2) members and shall receive all resolutions and present same with recommendations for action.” Any Auxiliary and any of its members, Districts, Department Officers, Department Resolutions Committee and the Department Convention may submit a resolution for consideration. The Ladies Auxiliary VFW uses resolutions to set policy and to amend the National Bylaws and Booklet of Instructions, as well as for other purposes. Any resolution to be considered at the Department Convention must be sent to the Department President by May 15, 2010.

15) **CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE:** Sec. 801 of National Bylaws. “Any member in good standing in an Auxiliary shall be eligible to any office in the Auxiliary, District, Department or the National organization. No member shall hold two elective offices on the same level at the same time, but she may hold one elective and one or more appointive offices on that level.” NOTE: If any member wishes to submit her name for consideration as a candidate for a Department office, please notify Department Secretary Susie DeShano by April 10, 2010 so that your name can be announced in the May 2010 General Orders.

I have GREAT news. Childs-Gentry VFW Post 7360 in District 9 will soon have a Ladies Auxiliary! Thank you Department Chief of Staff PDP Pat Baldwin, District 9 Deputy Chief of Staff Margie Sizemore, and District 9 President Joe Ann Tolbert for making this happen.

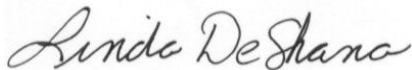
Auxiliary Presidents, Officers, and members of Virginia: you have done a wonderful job this year. I am so proud of each and every one of you. **It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes** and I thank you for **Supporting our Legacy of Freedom.**

By Order of



Kathleen K. Birch
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

**You are cordially invited to the
Department President's and Member's Luncheon
June 11, 2010**

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

The room will be in Ballroom a, same room as last year. Fill out the Registration Form in the General Orders and send it the Registration Chairman Lee Miller. The deadline for ordering the meal is June 1, 2010.

Join us in showing Kathy how much the Department appreciates her hard work and her dedication.

Luncheon Chairman

Date: Friday, June 11, 2010

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Cost: \$28.00 per Person

PLACE: Sheraton Richmond West Hotel

MENU

Prime Rib Dinner

Baked Potato

Green Salad

Butter & Rolls

Apple Pie

Coffee / Tea

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON**

JUNE 10 -13, 2010 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

**CHANCE ON TWO (2) DRAWINGS IF YOU REGISTER IN
ADVANCE**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by June 1, 2010

COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR
CHECK TO THE REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN, Lee Miller.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AUXILIARY NUMBER: _____ DISTRICT: _____

_____ \$10.00 Advance Registration for the 85th Department Convention

_____ \$28.00 Department President's Luncheon, Friday June 11, 2010

The entree' is Prime Rib Dinner:

_____ \$ Donation for gift to be presented to our Department President at her luncheon

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **THE LADIES AUXILIARY VFW, DEPT. OF VA**

Mail to:

Lee Miller, Registration Chairman
3907 Yorktown Drive
Hopewell, VA 23860

Telephone: (804) 458-8143

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are sending more than one name for registration, be sure to submit a registration form for each attendee so that badges can be prepared and money received can be better tracked.

Advance Registration and Luncheon tickets must be picked up at the Ladies Auxiliary's Registration Desk at the Department Convention. The fee for registering at the Department Convention is \$15.00 - so you can save \$5.00 by registering early. **Turn your Delegate Credentials in at the Credentials Desk at the Convention.**

THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED

Attention District President and Auxiliary President Department Convention – June 2010



Buddy Poppy Hat Parade

Remind the sisters in your auxiliaries to get their Buddy Poppy Hats ready. Let them know to start designing and creating them for our annual Buddy Poppy Hat Parade. Remember prizes are given for the most creative, patriotic, and original.



Buddy Poppy Display Contest

Let the creative minds flow! Remind your auxiliaries to start working on their Buddy Poppy display for the convention. The displays can be in one of the following categories.

Category1: Public Promotion of the Buddy Poppy Campaign

Category2: Memorial or Inspirational Display

Category3: Artistic or Decorative use of Poppies

Category4: Memorial or Inspirational Display (Jr. Girls)

Remember

1. At least one poppy using in the display must be in its original form and color with label attached.
 2. Displays should be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4"x 6" in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewer or the judges.
 3. Post name, number or location may not be visible on the display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification.
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The National and Department Presidents themes may inspire you;
Its time for America's Military Hero's
Supporting our Legacy of Freedom.
A form for each display entry will be in April's General Orders

Rhonda Leaver
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Veterans of Foreign Wars
2010 National Convention
August 21-26, 2010

INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

INTERNET: Visit the VFW web site at www.vfw.org

TELEPHONE:
 317-684-2573
 Mon-Fri, 8:30AM – 5PM, EDT.

FAX:
 317-684-2492

MAIL:
 VFW Housing Bureau
 C/O ICVA
 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 410
 Indianapolis, IN, 46204

DEADLINE
 Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail, or internet by 7/19/2010 in order to guarantee convention rates.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:
 Please review all information for accuracy. The VFW Housing Bureau system will generate an emailed, faxed or mailed acknowledgement after processing. If you do not receive your acknowledgement within 14 days, please contact the VFW Housing Bureau immediately at 317-684-2573. **Hotels receive reservation information after August 9, 2010.** All changes or cancellations must be made through the VFW Housing Bureau until August 9, 2010. After August 9, all changes will go through the hotel directly.

TAX RATE and REQUESTS
 All rates are per room and are subject to 17% tax (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed, however hotels will do their best to honor all requests based upon availability and will assign specific room types upon check-in based on availability.

ROOM DEPOSIT/GUARANTEE will be accepted in the form of a check in the amount of \$100. Make check payable to: The VFW Housing Bureau and mail to the address above. Rooms can also be guaranteed with a valid credit card, expiration date, and authorized signature of cardholder. Check will be deposited after August 9, 2010.

CANCELLATION POLICY:
 Cancellations after July 19, 2010 will be charged a \$25.00 cancellation fee. If cancellation occurs after August 9, 2010, one night's room and tax or full check deposit will be forfeited entirely to the hotel.

GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
 VIA INTERNET (www.vfw.org) **OR BY PHONE** AT 317-684-2573

Arrival Date _____ **Departure Date** _____

First Name: _____ M.I.: ____ Last Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____

If providing international numbers, please include country and city access numbers

Company: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City/State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code, Country: _____

HOTEL SELECTION

Each state/department has been assigned a hotel with an allocation of rooms. In the event the allotment has been filled, a room will be reserved at another VFW hotel based on your preference of rates or proximity and availability.

If hotel assignment is sold out, which is more important? (check one) _____ **Room Rate** _____ **Location**

State you reside in: _____

Room Type Requested: _____ **One Bed** _____ **Two Beds**
 (Submit only one room request per form. Should additional forms be needed, please make copies.)

List all room occupants:

Disability requiring special services **Smoking Room ******

******Most hotels are now non-smoking, please check with your assigned hotel for their smoking policy. We cannot guarantee smoking room requests******

Special Requests:

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

All reservation requests must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee or check **for a \$100** deposit. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Faxed requests must include a valid credit card. Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.

American Express Visa MasterCard Discover

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Cardholder's Signature* _____

*I hereby authorize The VFW Housing Bureau or any one of the participating hotels to process a charge to my credit card for each Room Deposit in accordance with the policies and information provide herein.

Check deposit for \$100 is enclosed and made payable to The VFW Housing Bureau. Mail housing forms to: The VFW Housing Bureau, 30 S. Meridian St, Suite 410, Indianapolis, IN, 46204. Check deposits must be mailed and post marked no later than the deadline of 7/19/2010.

Linda (Susie) DeShano
403 Lee Jackson Highway
Staunton, VA 24401
(757) 575-3719 or (540) 886-7756
Secretary62@gmail.com

March, 2010

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Secretary:** for Lexington Auxiliary 1499, Josephine Brown, 309 Summit Street, Lexington, VA 24450. Phone number 540-463-2123.

Calendar Update

- **Homecoming:** April 24, 2010 Department Commander Rex Faris and Department President Kathy Birch; 9:00 am – 12:00 am; Gypsy Hill Park, Staunton. Reservations at Best Western Hotel, Staunton 540-885-1112 Rate \$59.95
- **State Convention:** June 10-13, 2010, Richmond, Rate \$89.00 Reservations by May 10, 2010
- **National VFW Convention,** Aug 21-26, 2010 Indianapolis, IN

District Meetings Assignments

District Presidents:

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

1st	Date	2/27/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 2296, Tasley
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

8th	Date	4/11/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 7589, Manassas
	Rep:	No Department Representative

2nd	Date	3/27/2010
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 4411, Franklin
	Rep:	Conductress Laine Beckwith

9th	Date	5/2/2010
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 9696, Bluefield
	Rep:	No Department Representative

3rd	Date	2/13/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Location	3rd District Headquarters
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

10th	Date	2/21/2010
	Lunch	12:00 noon
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location:	Post 7916, Occoquan
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

4th	Date	TBA
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	TBA
	Rep:	TBA

11th	Date	5/16/2010
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	12:30 a.m.
	Location	Post 632, Harrisonburg
	Rep:	No Department Representative

5th	Date	2/20/2010
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 8467, Meadows of Dan
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

12th	Date	TBA
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	TBA
	Rep:	TBA

6th	Date	2/28/2010
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	VAMC Salem, Bldg. 77
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

13th	Date	5/2/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 8947, Louisa
	Rep:	No Department Representative

7th	Date	3/14/2010
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 621, Luray
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

TREASURERS

March, 2010

From: Mary V. Richards, Dept. Treasurer.
6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA. 23509
Home Phone 757-961-5692 Cell 757-651-4813
Email - undbird@cox.net

To: **All Auxiliaries Treasurers:**

Life Membership Application Cards: ATTENTION: ATTENTION

Due to a recent audit of the National Ladies Auxiliary, VFW the auditors have requested us to have some changes in the Life membership process. Effective January 1, 2010 they will no longer accept any Life Membership application card that is not filled out completely, including the signature of the member and dated. If the Life Membership is a gift, the Auxiliary Treasurer must sign the member's name and her own signature on the signature line of the card.

Please make sure that the relationship to eligible Veterans, campaign ribbons, foreign services dates and where is also filled in. National will not take that the veteran is a member of your post.

Audits: I have been receiving your Audits and reviewing them. I see that most are doing well with their audits. Sec: 813A – Auxiliary Treasurer –An Auxiliary shall (which means must have) a GENERAL FUND, A RELIEF FUND AND NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT DUES FUND. Money in the funds shall be maintained in one checking account.

When you collect dues from you members \$9.00 must be put into a restricted fund (National-Department Dues) When you send your dues to the Department you credit that account and it should be a zero balance. I see some audits that have \$500 to \$1,000.00 in the Restricted Dues account. This cannot be correct.

Treasurer if you need help with this matter please feel free to call me and I will walk you thru the process.

When collecting money from Buddy Poppies this money must go into your Relief Fund. Some Auxiliaries does not have a relief fund on their Audit. This must change.

ATTACHED: SAMPLE OF WHAT YOUR LEDGER SHOULD LOOK LIKE.

Treasurer's the time is coming soon that we will be starting the EARLY BIRDS. EARLY BIRDS are only continuous members. This will start in April and May. Please don't send and new 2010 members to me with your 2011 EARLY BIRDS. Please put early birds on one

summary sheet and the 2010 members on another summary sheet. **Two summary sheets and two check please.**

Let's pray that this snow goes away and the sun and the birds will be out and spring is just around the corner.

Date	CK #	Description	Check Book		General Fund		Dues Fund		Relief Fund		Cancer Insurance		Restricted Fund	
			Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
		Beginning Balance	\$5,000.00		\$3,500.00		\$0.00		\$1,460.00		\$40.00			
5-Jul		Dues = Mary Jane	\$20.00		\$7.00		\$9.00				\$4.00			
		Dues = Ellen Smith	\$20.00		\$7.00		\$9.00				\$4.00			
		Buddy Poppy Money	\$500.00						\$500.00					
8-Jul	1234	LAVFW Dept - Dues		\$18.00				\$18.00						
	1235	Sue- Member Destress		\$50.00						\$50.00				
	1236	Stamps for Chaplain		\$44.00						\$44.00				
	1237	Stamps for Dues Notice		\$44.00		\$44.00								
15-Jul		Fund Raiser Cancer	\$57.25										\$57.25	Cancer
		Fund Raiser PAC	\$25.50										\$25.50	PAC
		Dues = Joyce West	\$20.00		\$7.00		\$9.00				\$4.00			
		Award from Dpt	\$25.00		\$25.00									
	1238	LAVFW Dept-Cancer		\$57.25										\$57.25
	1239	VFW-PAC		\$25.50										\$25.50
		Dues for Member NH				\$13.00	\$9.00				\$4.00			
		Sues Members 75				\$130.00	\$90.00				\$40.00			
	1240	LAVFW Dept - Dues		\$108.00				\$108.00						
			\$5,667.75	\$346.75	\$3,546.00	\$187.00	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$1,960.00	\$94.00	\$96.00	\$0.00	\$82.75	\$82.75
Difference of Debit Minus Credit			\$5,321.00		\$3,359.00		\$0.00		\$1,866.00		\$96.00		\$0.00	
Beginning Balance comes from the difference of Debit minus Credit from the previous Month.														
DEBITS ---- Money you received .														
CREDITS ----Checks that you write.														
Dues Fund -- If you use this you will know that you have sent to the Dept the \$9.00 that you have collected from the member. It will also let you know														
if you sent someone dues in that has not paid. If you as a Auxiliary have voted on paying dues for Members over 75 years old or some that														
are in nursing homes you need to move the money from you General Fund to your Dues and Cancer Insurance Fund.														
Cancer insurance - All Auxiliaries does not have Cancer Insurance. If you are an Auxiliary that has Cancer Insurance you must keep that money in a														
restricted fund. The amount the the Insurance that you have comes out of the persons annual dues.														
Example: Annual Dues is \$20.00 \$9.00 of that is National/Dept Dues \$4.00 is Cancer Insurance so you have \$13.00 that goes to your General Fund.														
Restricted Fund: This is a fund that you keep the money your Auxiliary has voted on at a meeting to a Special Project. This is money that you will														
be writing a check out of your account to the proper program.														

Chaplain's Report
March 2010

Cathy Graham
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Fairfax, VA 22031

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The following cards were mailed from January 10, 2010 through February 10, 2010:

SYMPATHY CARDS

Lorraine Anders #9478 10118 West Alberta Ct Chesterfield, VA 23832 Death of Mother-in-Law
Family of Dorothy Baker #3219 1333North Mallory St Hampton, VA 23663
Family of Barbara Ann Stenger #7589 143 Polk St Manassas Park, VA 20111
Family of Lenorah Chitwood #1115 PO Box 265 Hillsville, VA 24343
Louise Thomas #1115 1284 Just Trail Rd Laurel Fork, VA 24352

GET WELL CARDS

Mary Parrish #4809 4700 Masters Ave Virginia Beach Virginia 13462
Pamela Case #4809 8452 Woodcock St Norfolk, VA 23503 – Broken Ankle
Pat Cornwell #7589 8993 Meadowview Dr Manassas, VA 20110 – Hospitalized
Frieda Beamer #1115 PO Box 152 Fancy Gap, VA 24328 – Cancer
Lillian Hamsher #8169 170 Hardware Rd Scottsville, VA 24590 – Ill
Cora Honts PDP 3507 Julep Dr Colonial Heights, VA 23834 - Hospitalized

THINKING OF YOU

Shirlene Harper #8545 13315 Lawness Ct Smithfield, VA 23430 – Auto Accident
Debbie Martin PDP 539 Westwood Rd Ruckersville, VA 22968 – Husband in hospital
Betty Spitzer #9660 6340 Brocks Gap Rd Broadway, VA 22815 - Cancer
Margaret Williams #4809 Southport Ave Chesapeake, VA 23324 – Surgery
Lara Hardway #4809 5072 Janet Ct Virginia Beach, VA 23464 - Hospitalized

FLOWERS

Cora Honts - PDP

For those who would like to be added to the e-mail Chaplain alert list, please send me an e-mail at the above address. All notifications should be sent to the above address. If you wish a card from the notification, addresses should be included in the hard copy and e-mail alert.

The Navy Hymn

Eternal Father strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Americanism 2009 - 2010
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA.

March 2010 General Orders

To: Department President; PDP's; District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents and all Americanism Chairmen.

From: Laura Dianne Absher
9241 Swannanoa Trail
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116
Phone: (804) 746-1793 Email - Lcabsher@verizon.net

Congratulations to District 13 for winning the \$25.00 Drawing at Winter Conference!

We had 5 Districts eligible for the drawing they were 1,2,5,7 and 13. I was given more reports at Winter Conference and several more arrived via mail and email. We now have 3 Districts at 100% and 5 showing over 80%. If you Auxiliary is one of the 26 remaining (on the last page of this report) as not being reported please gather your notes on Americanism activities and send a report. You Ladies have worked too hard not to let us know about it. Remember send these in before the end of April, it only takes a few minutes be sure to show your Auxiliary and District number on the report.

There is still time for those who are still trying to find new ways for "Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom" through our Americanism program and here are a few ideas:

1. Have a speaker from your VFW speak about Veteran's Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, the American Flag, constitutional amendments or other Americanism topics. (listed also in February General Orders)
2. Loyalty Day (May 1st). Do you have any plans? See about getting a proclamation signed. We need to remember those who gave all "Memorial Day".

These are only a couple of ideas to help you to promote public awareness.

Note:

Running out of ideas as to what your Auxiliary can do to promote "It's Time for America's Military Heroes". At winter conference each District President received a packet containing more ideas and suggestions. Be sure and give her or your district Americanism chairman a call if you were unable to attend and ask for suggestions.

Awards:

For each program award, unless otherwise noted:

First-place Auxiliary will receive \$15 and a citation to the Chairman;

Second-place Auxiliary will receive \$10 and a citation to the Chairman.

1. *Citation to each District Chairman with at least 80% participation by Auxiliaries (Let's go for 100%)
2. The best overall promotion of POW/MIA awareness program.
3. The most unique promotion of teaching the youth patriotism.

The following Auxiliaries have **not reported** as of 01/10/10:

<u>% Reported</u>	<u>District</u>
83%	District 1 – 176
100%	District 2
100%	District 3
61%	District 4 – 637, 2584, 8048, 8759, 8902
88%	District 5 – 7800
63%	District 6 – 1444, 2157, 7854
88%	District 7 – 9292
100%	District 8
88%	District 9 – 7328
75%	District 10 – 8241, 9478
50%	District 11 – 2424, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826
25%	District 12 – 1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9830, 10310
86%	District 13 – 2217

The reports have been wonderful but, there are still many empty spaces in my files.

Sisters, remember to keep all our Military and their Family's in your Prayers!

Laura Dianne



Patriotic Instructor

March 2010

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?



Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.



The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."



The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that They pledge allegiance to the flag of the United! States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.



The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.



The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.



The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.



The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust".



After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom"

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BANNER

**Kay S. Kibler, Chairman 9652 Phillips Store Rd Broadway, VA 22815
540-896-5335 or 540-820-2331 (cell)**

Alright ladies.... To quote the late Michael Jackson.....

“THIS IS IT”!

We are in the last month of reporting for Banner. Do what you have to do to get your reports written and sent to the proper chairman. From time to time I talk to Auxiliary Presidents. I hear that they have been doing awesome events! **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**...check your stats when this gets in your hands. If you are not showing reported, **CALL THE CHAIRMAN** and find out what's going on. Remember this, if you are not showing reported and you talk to the chairman for whom you are not showing reported, that chairman will mark you as reported but it will not show up until after the March 31st deadline. **NOW, with that said**...I will be sending a form to each Program Chairman soon. This will be the last report I will receive from each chairman. If you reported to the chairman by March 31, your auxiliary will be in the running for a Department Banner this year.

I hope to give out LOTS of banners at convention in June! As I have been saying, don't hesitate to call me if you want to be sure where your auxiliary stands. I do not mind getting the calls. I have really enjoyed talking to you ladies.

One more thing, just because the March 31st deadline is here, don't stop reporting!!! The Chairmen are still accepting reports to make final decisions on awards for convention.

OK, make President Kathy proud, of your auxiliary, as you accept your banner this year.

***** REMINDERS *****

AWARDS: (To be presented at the June 2010 Department Convention)

BANNER: A Pennant for **2009-2010** year will be given to each Auxiliary completing **ALL BANNER REQUIREMENTS**, in the allowed time.

CITATION: for the **2009-2010** year will be given to all Auxiliaries who complete **ALL** Banner Requirements, **except Membership.**

BANNER REQUIREMENTS 2009-2010
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW – DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2009 - MARCH 31, 2010

MEMBERSHIP: 100% dues paid no later than Dec. 31, 2009

All requirements are based on June 30, 2009 membership.

All dues are sent to: Department Treasurer, Mary Richards, 6351 Tappahannock Dr. Norfolk, VA 23509.

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia. (postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2009)

AUXILIARY AUDITS: Auxiliary Quarterly Audits Reports must be conducted for the calendar quarters ending in ***MARCH 2009, JUNE 2009, SEPTEMBER 2009, DECEMBER 2009***, (**National By-laws Sec.814A**) This report must be sent to Department Treasurer by the 30th of the month following the Audit that is due: (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE). **The Department Treasurer will verify the audit report to the Banner Chairman after each Audit.**

DISTRICT DUES: Auxiliaries **MUST** pay District Dues (National By-laws Sec. 506) **by September 30, of current Auxiliary year.** **The District Treasurer will verify payment to the 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 and Election of Officers **DO NOT count..

DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION: An Auxiliary President, Secretary or Treasurer must attend the District School of Instruction. **The District Secretary will notify the Banner Chairman.**

PARTICIPATION: Each Auxiliary **must participate** in the National Programs shown below and **MUST REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2010. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

***Americanism/Patriotic Instructor**

***Cancer Aide & Research**

***Community Service**

***Hospital/VAVS**

***Legislative &/or PAC**

***VOD &/or Patriot's Pen**

***Veterans & Family Support**

1. VFW National Military Services
(MAP, Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs)
2. VFW National Home for Children
3. Continuing Education Scholarship
4. Buddy Poppy

(MUST COMPLETE 3 out of 4 of V&FS)

***Youth Activities**

1. Snowball Express
2. Jr. ROTC Program/Sea Cadets
3. Young American Patriotic Art
4. Junior Girls Units
5. Any youth activity

(MUST COMPLETE 2 out of 5 for Youth)

DONATIONS:

1. CANCER FUND: \$2.00 per member. Based on June 30, 2009 membership. Checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia marked for **Cancer Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer no later than **MARCH 31, 2010.**

Department Treasurer will report these donations to the Department Chairman.

2. STATE HOSPITAL FUND: \$35.00. Checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia, marked **Hospital Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer, no later that **MARCH 31, 2010.**

Department Treasurer will report this donation to the Department Chairman.

3. HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND: \$0.25 per member, based on June 30, 2009 membership. New Auxiliaries based on institutional membership. Checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, marked **Health & Happiness Fund.** Send to: **NATIONAL TREASURER, 406 W. 34th STREET 10th Floor, KANSAS City, MO. 64111,** postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2010.**

National Treasurer will verify report to Department Chairman.

4. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: (for your information if you choose) 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. Make checks payable to: VFW-PAC and mail to: 200 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002. Send report to: Department Legislative/VFW-PAC Chairman postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2010.**

Department Chairman will verify to the Banner Chairman.

**Approved: DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
June 14, 2009**

Kay S. Kibler, Banner Chairman

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District 1							\$ 374.00			374						
176	28	34	82.35%	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 90.00	x	x	x	\$ 11.90	\$ 11.90	
824	27	20	135.00%	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	x	x	x	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	
3219	216	205	105.37%	\$ 410.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 113.75	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	x	x	x	\$ 71.75	\$ 71.75	
5500	33	33	100.00%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	x	x	x	\$ 11.55	\$ 11.55	
6002	53	61	86.89%	\$ 122.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	x	x	x	\$ 21.35	\$ 21.35	
7167	85	81	104.94%	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 85.00	x	x	x	\$ 28.35	\$ 28.35	
District 1	442	434	101.84%	\$ 868.00	\$ 868.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 678.75	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 285.00						
392	329	323	101.86%	\$ 646.00	\$ 646.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 200.00	x	x	x	\$ 80.75	\$ 80.75	
993	91	90	101.11%	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	x	x	x	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.50	
3160	271	278	97.48%	\$ 556.00	\$ 556.00	\$ 70.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	x	x	x	\$ 69.50	\$ 69.50	
4411	54	51	105.88%	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 12.75	\$ 12.75	
4809	342	341	100.29%	\$ 682.00	\$ 682.00	\$ 70.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	x	x	x	\$ 85.25	\$ 85.25	
8545	32	30	106.67%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	
9382	66	58	113.79%	\$ 116.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50	
District 2	1185	1171	101.20%	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 351.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 375.00						
1426	0	25	0.00%													
2239	92	91	101.10%	\$ 182.00	\$ 182.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 31.85	\$ 31.85	
4639	38	38	100.00%	\$ 76.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 13.30	\$ 13.30	
6364	46	45	102.22%	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 15.75	\$ 15.75	
8046	58	58	100.00%	\$ 116.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 20.30	\$ 20.30	
8356	28	28	100.00%	\$ 56.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 112.36	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 200.00	x	x	x	\$ 9.80	\$ 9.80	
9224	0	23	0.00%													
9501	42	42	100.00%	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 14.70	\$ 14.70	
9808	154	157	98.09%	\$ 314.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 54.95		
10387	36	36	100.00%	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 12.60	\$ 12.60	
10654	34	33	103.03%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.27	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 11.55	\$ 11.55	
10657	31	29	106.90%	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 26.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	\$ 10.15	\$ 10.15	
District 3	559	605	92.40%	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 338.00	\$ 161.63	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00	x					

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622	57	47	121.28%	\$ 94.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 4.70	\$ 4.70
637	74	74	100.00%	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 7.40	\$ 7.40
2584	34	35	97.14%	\$ 70.00	\$ 68.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x		x	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
5313	34	34	100.00%	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x			\$ 3.40	\$ 3.40
7059	62	62	100.00%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	x	x	x		\$ 6.20	\$ 6.20
7166	67	88	76.14%	\$ 176.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 8.80	\$ 8.80
7819	77	76	101.32%	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 7.60	\$ 7.60
7897	0	2	0.00%													
8048	25	27	92.59%	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 200.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.70
8163	70	72	97.22%	\$ 144.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 7.20	\$ 7.20
8759	46	52	88.46%	\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 5.20	\$ 5.20
8902	10	12	83.33%	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00						x	x	x	x	\$ 1.20	
9855	31	30	103.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
9954	198	198	100.00%	\$ 396.00	\$ 396.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 684.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 19.80	19.8
District 4	785	809	97.03%	\$ 1,614.00	\$ 1,616.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 766.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 335.00						

District 5																\$ 154.50	
647	104	103	100.97%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 36.05	\$ 36.05
1115	420	456	92.11%	\$ 912.00	\$ 912.00	\$ 140.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 85.00	x	x	x		\$ 159.60	\$ 159.60
2820	0	12	0.00%												\$ 4.20		
4637	40	51	78.43%	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00			\$ 305.96	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 17.85	\$ 17.85
7568	25	30	83.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.50	
7726	157	159	98.74%	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 55.65	\$ 55.65	
7800	24	27	88.89%	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 9.45	\$ 9.45	
8243	55	60	91.67%	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00	
8467	53	53	100.00%	\$ 106.00	\$ 106.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 18.55	\$ 18.55	
District 5	878	951	92.32%	\$ 1,878.00	\$ 1,878.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 1,168.46	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 85.00							

1033	104	104	100.00%	\$ 208.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 36.40	\$ 36.40
1264	67	63	106.35%	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.05
1444	40	39	102.56%	\$ 78.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 13.65	\$ 13.65
1841	48	56	85.71%	\$ 112.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 19.60	\$ 19.60
2157	46	53	86.79%	\$ 106.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 18.55	\$ 18.55
4522	56	56	100.00%	\$ 112.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 19.60	\$ 19.60
5311	48	46	104.35%	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 16.10	\$ 16.10
7854	29	30	96.67%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.50
District 6	438	447	97.99%	\$ 894.00	\$ 898.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 70.00						

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621	102	108	94.44%	\$ 216.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00
1860	139	154	90.26%	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 77.00	\$ 77.00
2123	94	84	111.90%	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			x	x	x	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
2447	75	83	90.36%	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 41.50	\$ 41.50
8613	54	77	70.13%	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 38.50	\$ 38.50
9292	33	33	100.00%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.20	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 16.50	\$ 16.50
9660	82	82	100.00%	\$ 164.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00
9760	190	184	103.26%	\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x		\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
9872	0	29	0.00%								x	x			\$ 14.50	
District 7	769	834	92.21%	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 155.20	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 125.00						

District 8								\$ 234.00									
2524	56	63	88.89%	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 138.33	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.05	
3103	99	111	89.19%	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 150.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 38.85	\$ 38.85	
7589	64	63	101.59%	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 22.05	\$ 22.05	
District 8	219	237	92.41%	\$ 474.00	\$ 474.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 872.33	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 150.00							

District 9								\$ 271.00									
1184	35	40	87.50%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 16.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	
4667	131	133	98.50%	\$ 266.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 46.55	\$ 46.55	
6000	110	113	97.35%	\$ 226.00	\$ 226.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 39.55	\$ 39.55	
7136	45	59	76.27%	\$ 118.00	\$ 118.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 5.00	x	x			\$ 20.65	\$ 20.65	
7328	30	30	100.00%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.50	
7969	34	32	106.25%	\$ 64.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20	
9640	25	38	65.79%	\$ 76.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00				x	x		\$ 13.30	\$ 13.30	
9696	138	134	102.99%	\$ 268.00	\$ 268.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 223.08	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 46.90	\$ 46.00	
District 9	548	579	94.65%	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 236.00	\$ 518.08	\$ 280.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 5.00							

District 10								\$ 114.00									
609	30	30	100.00%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x		\$ 10.50	\$ 10.50	
1503	361	358	100.84%	\$ 716.00	\$ 716.00	\$ 85.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	x	x	x	x	\$ 125.30	\$ 125.30	
3150	161	161	100.00%	\$ 322.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 56.35	\$ 56.35	
7327	143	142	100.70%	\$ 284.00	\$ 284.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 49.70	\$ 49.70	
7916	94	102	92.16%	\$ 204.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 35.70	\$ 35.70	
8241	27	43	62.79%	\$ 86.00				\$ 35.00			x				\$ 15.05	\$ 15.05	
9274	56	62	90.32%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 126.40	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 21.70	\$ 21.70	
9478	26	26	100.00%	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 9.10	\$ 9.10	
District 10	898	924	97.19%	\$ 1,848.00	\$ 1,762.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 255.40	\$ 280.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 100.00							

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	2-13-10 Totals	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	1-1-09 thru 3-31-09	4-1-09 thru 6-30-09	7-1-09 thru 9-30-09	10-1-09 thru 12-31-09	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID
632	191	224	85.27%	\$ 448.00	\$ 448.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 56.00	\$ 56.00
1499	81	80	101.25%	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 20.00	\$ 19.00
2216	77	142	54.23%	\$ 284.00	\$ 284.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 35.50	\$ 35.50
2424	31	40	77.50%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
3136	19	19	100.00%	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.75
4204	40	42	95.24%	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x		\$ 10.50	\$ 11.00
7814	21	21	100.00%	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 26.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x			\$ 5.25	
8279	24	26	92.31%	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 14.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.00
8644	89	103	86.41%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 25.75	\$ 25.75
9339	48	52	92.31%	\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.50
9480	22	22	100.00%	\$ 44.00	\$ 44.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50
10826	14	14	100.00%	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			x			\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
District 11	657	785	83.69%	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ -						
1994	37	36	102.78%	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x		\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
3782	34	21	161.90%	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.50
6975	85	95	89.47%	\$ 190.00				\$ 35.00							\$ 47.50	\$ 47.50
8652	26	31	83.87%	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 15.50	\$ 15.50
8979	16	40	40.00%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
9600	52	54	96.30%	\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x		\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00
9830	27	29	93.10%	\$ 58.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50
10298	0	2	0.00%												\$ 1.00	
10310	24	23	104.35%	\$ 46.00	\$ 46.00		\$ 4.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 11.50	
District 12	301	331	90.94%	\$ 658.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 245.00	\$ -						

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District 13							\$ 331.00									
1827	80	77	103.90%	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x		\$ 26.95	\$ 26.95
2217	18	19	94.74%	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.65
7638	46	45	102.22%	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			x	x	\$ 15.75	\$ 15.75
8169	37	35	105.71%	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x		\$ 12.25	\$ 12.25
8436	29	29	100.00%	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x	x	\$ 10.15	\$ 10.15
8947	60	60	100.00%	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x	x	x		\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
10574	114	110	103.64%	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		x		x		\$ 38.50	\$ 38.50
District 13	384	375	102.40%	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 417.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 35.00						

Members at	104	81	128.40%
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Total - VIRGINIA	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital		
	2-13-10 Totals	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER
	8,167	8,563	95.38%	\$ 16,778.00	\$ 16,450.00	\$ 3,201.00	\$ 5,100.85	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 1,765.00

District Percentages				
Place	District	2-13-10 Totals	6-30-09 Total	Percentage
1st	13	384	375	102.40%
2nd	1	442	434	101.84%
3rd	2	1185	1171	101.20%
4th	6	438	447	97.99%
5th	10	898	924	97.19%
6th	4	785	809	97.03%
7th	9	548	579	94.65%
8th	8	219	237	92.41%
9th	3	559	605	92.40%
10th	5	878	951	92.32%
11th	7	769	834	92.21%
12th	12	301	331	90.94%
13th	11	657	785	83.69%
Members At Large		104	81	128.40%
Department' s Total		8167	8,563	95.38%

CANCER AID AND RESEARCH
2009-2010

“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”
“Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom”

Date: March 2010

To: District & Auxiliary Presidents and Cancer Aid
Chairmen.

Cc: Vivian Bernotas, National Director

Sherry Jiles, Southern States Director

From: Billie Jean Mull, Chairman Department of Virginia

HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY, MAY THE LUCK OF THE IRISH BE WITH THEE

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU goes out to District 1, District 2, District Ladies 4, and District 8 these Auxiliaries who brought in their "Baskets" for the Raffle. District 1's Basket is a very loaded beach basket and is still available, they got theirs finished and started selling tickets early. We also had the Love quilt handmade by Brenda Patterson from Aux. 2239. We also had beautiful jewelry donated by a friend of Pam Braithwaite's 8th District President. Ladies, for the Winter Conference we took in \$2168.68 from the table and march. Keep up the good work but we are not done yet, we have a long way to go to reach our goal of at least one dollar more than we made last year.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colon and rectal cancers are one of the most preventable cancers. Some of the known risk that increase the chance of the getting colon cancer are: smoking, diets high in red meats and processed meats like bologna, hot dogs, frying grilling or baking meats at very high heats or extended heat (releases a chemical that cause cancer), very poor diet habits (no fruits & veggies) only eating junk foods, if you have a family history of colon cancer then you should get colonoscopies earlier in life and more frequently. Being overweight and lack of exercise. So shall we get started ladies and help our husbands eat right and really "Support our Legacy of Freedom" by keeping them free of cancer.

When I received our January 2010 CAR Report we had 38 ladies that had already received Cancer Grants from National. Nationwide there had been 1917 grants given out for a total of \$830,000.00. Last year 3,299 ladies received grants

that mean we are already more than half of last year's total. Ladies please help us, the need is real and the need is now. I told the Ladies at Winter Conference, please get up off you're your best intentions and give from your heart. Help us hold fundraisers, raffles, donut sales, Chinese auctions or car washes. We are running out of time for the 2009- 2010 year. We only have April, May and June left to raise money for this year.

Congratulations to Auxiliary 9954 in Victoria, VA for the Overall Cancer Fundraising with report to me and money sent to Mary Richards, Treasurer. They raised \$684.00, sent it in to Mary and reported it. Thank you ladies for your hard work.

Loyally,

Jean Mull, Chairman
Cancer Aid and Research
Department of VA

DEPARTMENT AWARDS & CITATIONS

1. Citation and check to Auxiliary with the Best Promotion of the Post-doctoral Cancer Research Fellowship to a cancer institution
2. Citation and Award to the Auxiliary for the best promotion of the Cancer Grant Program
3. Citation and Award for the Auxiliary for over-all cancer reporting

11 Districts are 100% reported; only 3 auxiliaries are not reported.

District 1 100 % reported!!!! District 8 100 % reported!!!!

District 2 100 % reported!!!! District 9 100 % reported!!!

District 3 100 % reported!!!! District 10 8241 88% reported

District 4 100 % reported!!! District 11 100 % reported!!!!

District 5 100 % reported!!!! District 12 6975 10310 75% reported

District 6 100 % reported!!!! District 13 100% reported!!!!

District 7 100 % reported!!!!

HISTORIAN

MARCH 2010

DEAR SISTERS,

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO TAKE "*TIME FOR OUR MILITARY HEROES*" AND "*SUPPORTING OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM*" IN MY ABSENCE.

OUR WORK IS NEVER DONE.

WE ARE SOON COMING DOWN THE HOME STRETCH.

REMEMBER TO ACTIVATE YOUR CAMERA WHEN YOU ARE BUSY CARRYING ON YOUR DUTIES TO OUR PRECIOUS VETERANS AND OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY. THIS IS A REMINDER THAT AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE STATE CONVENTION.

SO LET'S GET BUSY LADIES!!!

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED:

DISTRICT 1-6002(83%)

DISTRICT 2-993,3160,4411,9382(43%)

DISTRICT 3-2239,6364,8356,9808(70%)

DISTRICT 4-622,637,5313,8048,8163,8902,9855(46%)

DISTRICT 5-4637,7800(75%)

DISTRICT 6-2157,7854(75%)

DISTRICT 7-8613,9292(75%)

DISTRICT 8-3103,7589(33%)

DISTRICT 9-6000,7136,7328,9640(44%)

DISTRICT 10-7327,7916,8241,9478(50%)

DISTRICT 11-2216,2424,3136,4204,7814,8279,8644,
9480,10826(25%)

DISTRICT 12- 0% NONE REPORTED!!!!!!!!!!!!

DISTRICT 13-1827,8436(71%)

LOYALTY, JUNE TUCKER

5102 TIFFANYWOODS CT -HENRICO VA. 23223-2713

HOSPITAL & VAVS 2009-2010

MARCH 2010 GENERAL ORDERS

To: Department President; PDPs; District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents; Secretaries; Hospital & VAVS Chairmen and members

**From: Ellen Carleton, Department Hospital & VAVS Chairman
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***"It's Time for America's Military Heroes"
"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom"***

Congratulations to our Winter Conference \$10 drawing winner - Charlottesville Auxiliary #1827. A total of 60 auxiliaries were eligible for the drawing, having submitted a written report in addition to their \$35 donation to the hospital fund.

I enjoyed showing all those in attendance a sampling of the great pictures I have been receiving from around the state - showing the wonderful projects and amazing amount of effort being put forth for our veterans. Thank you so much sisters, for all of your hard work.

On a sad note, I was very disappointed that I received no applications for the National Advisory Committee (NAC) Volunteer of the Year award.

I know that we have many volunteers out there who were eligible and deserve the recognition for their efforts on behalf of our veterans.

The only way that we can know how much any one individual contributes is by having someone else tell us. So.....

I am attaching a copy of the "Outstanding Hospital and VAVS Volunteer of the Year" form that must be completed and received by me by April 30, 2010.

You can also find the form on our website at <http://www.vfwvaux.org/Forms.htm>.

Remember, the nominee can be *any* Auxiliary member who serves as a Ladies Auxiliary VFW Hospital volunteer in *any* of the medical facilities in the state of Virginia (VA Medical Centers; Clinics; Nursing Homes; Military, Community and Children's Hospitals; Therapy Centers etc.). This includes the VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives for the Department of Virginia.

So please, get together with the members of your auxiliary and complete the form for that special volunteer that you know. They put in so much time and effort, can't we take a little time to complete the form so that they can be recognized??

I hope that you have been working on those St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) items by **THINKING GREEN**. I look forward to seeing the pictures of all the shamrocks of all shapes and sizes, in all types of media - cards, decorated bags, shamrock nametags, pillows etc. that you brought to cheer up our veterans' rooms.

It is also not too early to begin working on items for Easter. It comes on April 4th this year. A small plant with a note or card is always appreciated. (check with the facility first prior to bringing in live plants, but artificial ones should be welcome)

Auxiliaries not reported as of 2/10/09 (%reported in parentheses):

District 1: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 2: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 3: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 4: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 5: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 6: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 7: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 8: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 9: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 10: 8241 (87%) (no change)
District 11: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!
District 12: 6975 (89%) Almost there!
District 13: 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!

As of 1/31 there are still 3 auxiliaries who have not donated their \$35 to the Hospital & VAVS fund. Please send your donation to the Dept. Treasurer as soon as possible so that we can maintain our programs for our hospitalized veterans and so that you will be eligible to receive a banner. (deadline for banner is 3/31) Thank you, sisters.

The Department currently has 104 auxiliaries reported and is at 98%.



*Please offer a warm Irish blessing to our Veterans,
wherever you may find them. Ellen*

OUTSTANDING HOSPITAL and VAVS VOLUNTEER of the YEAR

The "Hospital Volunteer" may be any Auxiliary member who serves as a Ladies Auxiliary VFW Hospital Volunteer, in **ANY** of the Medical Facilities in the Department (VA Medical Centers, Military, Community, Children's Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Therapy Centers, Clinics, etc.) This also includes the VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives.

This entry must be sent to:

Ellen Carleton
13440 Pinwheel Court
Dale City, VA 22193

Department Chairman must receive Entry Form by April 30, 2010

THE CRITERIA MUST BE FROM JUNE 1, 2009 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2010.

Name of Outstanding Hospital Volunteer _____

Address (city, state and zip code) _____

Auxiliary name and number _____

Medical Facility where she serves _____

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

2. Total volunteer hours served during 2009-2010? _____

3. Total hours served as Hospital Volunteer? _____

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

5. What are her volunteer assignments? _____

Comments: Please attach a separate sheet with detailed information on "Why this Auxiliary member is an outstanding Hospital Volunteer." **This is very important!**

LEGISLATIVE – PAC

Irene Peters, Chairman
Department of Virginia
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March 2010

Our Washington VFW representatives have been very busy “**Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom**” and reminding all that it is indeed “**Time for American’s Military Heroes**” to be recognized and remembered. Some of the recent accomplishments are:

1. The Administration on Monday released its budget requests for Fiscal Year 2011, which begins Oct. 1. VFW Commander-in-Chief Thomas Tradewell applauded the increases provided for the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense and Homeland Security, saying "The president's vision tracks with key VFW legislative goals that advocate for a strong and secure America, and for ensuring that those who serve in uniform are properly cared for by a grateful nation." Budget highlights include:

For VA:

- \$5.2 billion to provide specialized care for PTSD and TBI injuries, and other mental health programs
- \$3.3 billion in Information Technology funding to automate GI Bill and disability claims processing, as well as to create a single electronic military service and medical record to ease the transition of military personnel into the VA
- \$2.5 billion for VA Medical Center construction and improvements
- \$800 million to help reduce veterans' homelessness
- \$250 million to improve access to care for veterans residing in rural areas
- \$218 million to increase women veterans' care
- In addition, \$50.6 billion was requested in Advanced Funding for FY 2012 (this includes expanding healthcare eligibility to some Category 7 & 8 veterans by 2013)

For DOD:

- \$30.9 billion for military medical care
- \$12 billion for military family support programs that include counseling and other services for families dealing with deployments, and childcare and youth programs
- \$250 million for PTSD, TBI, and mental health research and treatment programs

For DHS:

- \$4.6 billion to strength U.S. border security
- \$4 billion to bolster state and community emergency first responder programs
- \$1.6 billion to expeditiously identify and remove illegal aliens who commit crimes

- \$788 million to modernize transportation system security screening equipment and processes
- \$150 million to procure and deploy next-generation biological, radiological and nuclear detection equipment

2. **House VA Subcommittee Hearings:** The FY 2011 budget submission was not the only topic of discussion among House VA Committee members this week.

- **The Subcommittee on Health** reviewed VA's Project HERO program, which is a pilot program designed to improve the purchasing of contract care for veterans who need a specialized service or who reside in extremely rural areas. VA currently spends more than \$2 billion annually on contracted care, but there is no consistent process. The committee had just recently learned VA was implementing more HERO pilot programs in VISNs 8, 16, 20 and 23. Subcommittee Chairman Michael Michaud (D-ME) stressed the need for more transparency, and asked VA

provide improved access, quality and cost effective care, and to keep those in the veterans' community (mainly VSOs) informed and involved in the on-going process.

- **The Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs** discussed the status of the Veterans' Benefit Improvement Act (P.L. 110-389). VFW supported the passage of the legislation in 2008, as it provides provisions designed to modernize VA's claims processing system, to include expediting ready- to-rate claims and providing veterans a claims checklist to ease the paperwork process. The law also created the Disability Advisory Commission. Improving the claims process is a top legislative priority for VFW.

3. Vietnam MIA Identified: The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced the identification of Army Spec. Lawrence L. Aldrich of Fort Worth, Texas. On May 6, 1968, Aldrich was on a search-and-clear mission in South Vietnam's Binh Dinh Province. He was last seen engaged in a battle manning a M-60 machine gun position with two others. An air strike was called in, but one of the bombs inadvertently landed on Aldrich's position, killing all three. Their unit recovered remains of the other two, but Aldrich could not be found. In 1992, a local citizen took a joint U.S.-Vietnamese investigation team to a location where he thought the remains were buried, but an excavation revealed nothing. In 2006, Vietnamese officials unilaterally investigating the case interviewed two other villagers, who recalled finding the body of an American and burying it where it lay. A second joint investigation recommended another excavation, which occurred in March 2009. That excavation unearthed human remains and other non-biological evidence, which led to Aldrich's identification. He was buried Jan. 31 in his hometown of Fort Worth.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS: I receive a report from the PAC office in Washington listing all donations received by them from the Auxiliaries. I have given these Auxiliaries credit for having reported for Banner purposes. However, there are 12 Auxiliaries that have not reported to me. **I must have these reports from the Auxiliaries for purposes of awards to be presented at our Department Convention in June. This includes the following Auxiliaries: Dist #3 - 10657; Dist #4 - 622, 637, 2584, 7819; Dist #5 - 7726; Dist #6 - 5311, 7854; Dist #9 - 4667; Dist #11 - 9480, 10826; and Dist #12 - 9830.**

The end of the year is coming soon – KEEP REPORTING!!!

AUXILIARIES NOT YET REPORTED: (as of 2/10/10)

DISTRICT 1	176, 6002, (67% reported)
DISTRICT 2	(100% reported)
DISTRICT 3	(100% reported)
DISTRICT 4	5313, 8902, (84% reported)
DISTRICT 5	(100% reported)
DISTRICT 6	(100% reported)
DISTRICT 7	9292, (88% reported)
DISTRICT 8	(100% reported)
DISTRICT 9	7136, (88% reported)
DISTRICT 10	7327, 7916, 8241, 9478 (50% reported)
DISTRICT 11	2216, 2424, 4204, 7814 (67% reported)
DISTRICT 12	1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 10310 (38% reported)
DISTRICT 13	8436, (86% reported)

Membership
March General Orders

Robin Milewski
Membership Chairman
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Yorktown, Virginia 23693
(757) 223-5763

Sisters,

The Auxiliary Presidents (and District Presidents) are making PAROLE in great numbers. It is with great pride that I say THANK YOU to everyone in the Department of Virginia for accomplishing the National Goal of 90% Membership by the 31st of December 2009.

I also announced at the Winter Council Meeting that every Auxiliary President (and District President) that made PAROLE (100% Membership) by the 28th of February 2010, would be invited to a Department of Virginia's first ever "President's Night Out on the Town". PLEASE NOTE: THIS DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 15th, 2010 (the weather has not cooperated and we want every Auxiliary to reach the final goal of 100%).

I truly appreciate the efforts of all the Auxiliaries in Virginia to accomplish the goals set by National. And I do want to let everyone know that we are only about 400 members short to complete our goal of 100%. This means that every new, continuous or reinstated member helps us reach for a "COMPLETE PRISONER BREAKOUT". I would love to tell our Department President Kathy Birch that we have no more PRISONERS. At which time, I am positive that she will FIRE ME!!!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! (Please do what you can to try to get just 1 more member! If we can all try together, we will all succeed together!)

*****THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL BONUS at the State Convention FOR ANY AUXILIARY MEMBER THAT RECRUITS 5 NEW OR REINSTATED MEMBERS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 15TH AND MARCH 15TH*****



President's Special Project
Fisher House

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March 2010

Fellow Sisters,

Hopefully by now you are all planning to put away the heavy winter coats and get into some spring time clothes. I know in the northern part of the state, we sure are!!! I've been seeing a steady increase in reports coming in, but I know there are still some auxiliaries that have sent in money for Fisher House. Ladies, please check the list and if your auxiliary is on it make sure you HAVEN'T sent in money and simply forgot to report on it.

As I stated in October's general orders I will be accepting reports through May 15th, remember ladies the President's Special Project is NOT a banner requirement so PLEASE PLEASE plan a fundraiser for this spring and report it!!!! I would love for President Kathy to be able to present a big fat check to the Fisher House Foundation and share all the hard work you've done this year with the families staying there. I'm hoping that since only one district (Thank you District 2) is 100% reported that the rest of you have your fundraisers in the works!!! Maybe you are all working together??? Keep up all the great work you do for this great department and GREAT organization!!!!

Auxiliaries NOT reported: As of 2.09.10

Dist 1- 6002	For 83%
Dist 2- All Reported!!!!	For 100%
Dist 3- 9808,10657	For 80%
Dist 4- 622,637,2584,5313,7059,8163,8902,9855	For 38%
Dist 5- 1115,4637	For 75%
Dist 6- 1444,1841,4522,7854	For 50%
Dist 7- 9292	For 88%
Dist 8- 3103	For 67%
Dist 9- 7136,7328	For 75%
Dist 10- 8241	For 88%
Dist 11- 2216,2424,3136,7814,8644,9339,9480	For 42%
Dist 12- 1994,3782,6975,8652,8979,9830,10310	For 13%
Dist 13- 2217,8436	For 71%

Veteran & Family Support

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It's Time for America's Heroes.

Ladies you are doing a wonder reporting on these programs. We need more Auxiliaries to report.

I know you are doing this work. We are having several Auxiliaries doing Farewells.

This means a lot to these people.

Banner requirements Due to me by March 31, 2010

You must complete 3 out of 4,

1. VFW National Military Service

(Military Assistance Program (map), Operation Uplink, Adopt-A-Unit, Unmet needs)

2. VFW National Homes for Children

3. Continuing Education Scholarship

4. Buddy Poppy

Remember Report, report, report.

Reporting Period: May 1, 2009- April 30, 2010

I must have my reports by the 1st of every month, so I can have my report in by the 10th of each month.

I will be giving Citations to the Auxiliary that contributes 25 cents of more per member to the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund based on the June 30, 2009 membership

Also I will be having a drawing of \$25.00. how many Auxiliaries who have done a farewells/ home coming. As you report your name is put in the drawing. This will be in June at convention. Please get out there and show these people we care. Please report.

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES

There are three main efforts of the National Military Services department: Military Assistance Program (MAP), Operation Uplink and Unmet Needs. Each program provides its own focus of support for military service members and their families. **All donations must be sent to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, earmarked for the National Military Services. The funds used by the VFW where they are needed most. Copies of the donations (checks) and a report on how the programs were promoted go to the Department Chairman. Money is not collected by the Department Treasurer.** The Military Assistance Program (MAP) provides support for the Post, District and Department interaction with the local military community Bridging the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary to active duty, guard and Reserve military units. Map offers grants to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries who participate in military unit functions such as sponsoring farewell and welcome home activities, Adopt-A- Unit and Family Readiness Group events. Another aspect of MAP is the Memorial Commendation for a service member killed in action. This commendation intended to be presented by a VFW representative, is an example of the continued support this organization provides. *Operation Uplink* connects active-duty troops and hospitalized veterans with their families and Friends. The connections include both international and domestic phone cards and Free Call days, one scheduled for every month of the year, where troops can call home- at no charge- from internet cafes throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. All card requests, which must include the unit designation, head count and a point of contact, are submitted through Department Chairmen. Through Unmet Needs the VFW provides grants up to \$2,500 to eligible service members and their families facing a hardship due to deployment or military service. This grant is available to the five branches of service, as well as members of the Reserves and National Guard. With funding from corporate sponsors and individual donations, the VFW Foundation administers and promotes the Unmet Needs program. Eligibility criteria and expenses eligible for consideration of payment are listed on the VFW Web site along with a new application to accelerate processing. National Military Service programs **.VFW National Home for Children** located on 629 acres in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, the National Home stands as a tribute to the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members who have supported and continue to support the

home today through contributions. The VFW National Home receives no government funding, so contributions are critical to maintain the programs and campus. The Ladies Auxiliary promotes funding through the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund with a **donation of 10 cent per member based on Auxiliary June 30 membership quota**. Other methods of giving include the Campbell's Labels for Education Program, the new Online Giving Option, Tribute Giving and Life Membership. For information on all funding options available for individual donors, refer to the National Home's Web site, www.vfwnationalhome.org, or call their toll-free number, (800)424-8360. Our commitment to the mission of the National Home remains to provide

Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship

. The newly revised one- page application is available to download at www.ladiesauxvfw.org

Buddy Poppy

There is a flyer on buddy poppies.

“Remember we have Veterans among us .”Please keep all troops away in safe hands and keep them in your prayer, that they come home safe.

I have to get your report by the 1st of the month to be reported for the next general orders.

District	0 of 3	1 of 3	2 of 3	3 of 3
1	176		6002	824,3219,5500,7167
2				392,993,3160,4411, 4809,8545,9382
3	10657	6364,10387,10654	8046,9501,9808	2239,4639,8356,
4	637,2584,8048,	8163,9954	622,5313,7166, 7819,8759,9855,	7059,8902,
5	4637	7800	1115,8467	647,7568,7726,8243
6	1444,2157,4522, 7854			1033,1264,1841 5311
7	9292		8613	621,1860,2123 2447,9660,9760
8			3103	2524,7589
9	6000,7136,	7328	9696	1184,4667,7969, 9640,
10	1503,8241,9478,	3150,9274	7916	609,7327,
11	2216,2424,4204, 7814,9480,10826	8279	632,3136,9339	1499,8644
12	1994,6975,8652, 8979,9600,10310		3782,9830	
13	2217,	1827,8947,10574	7638,8169,	8436

If you see that I don't have you report, please resend it. I may not have gotten it.

**Veteran & Family Support
Monthly report
2009-2010**

(Must be received by Department Chairman by the 1st of every month)

Department Chairman

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District: _____2_____

Auxiliary: _____3160_____

Number of member Participating: _____

1. How Many Members participated in Veterans & Family Support activities? _____

National Military Service programs activities? Donated \$100.00 8/11/2009

(Farewell/ Welcome Home, Adopt-a- unit, Family Readiness Group activities)

Aid to veterans (meals, transportation): _____

Cards/ notes to veterans: _____

Personal visits to veterans in nursing homes: _____

2. Hosted/ co-hosted with VFW Post a fundraising project for a National Military Service Program? _____

Briefly describe an exceptional idea:

3. How did you publicize the National Military Service Program? _____

4. How did you publicize the Continuing Education Scholarship Contest? _____

5. Describe ways Buddy Poppies were used: _____

How many members participated in your Buddy Poppy Program? _____

Signed: _____

Auxiliary Chairman

e-mail: _____

Address: _____

City, ZIP _____

Phone: _____

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN PROGRAM

March 2010

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The 2009-2010 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's year is coming to a close. Our Auxiliary, District and Department winners have been announced. It is now time to give these deserving students media attention and recognition at school and youth assemblies. This recognition builds excitement for the programs and let's our winning students know how important they are to the future.

It's also time to show our appreciation to the teachers and guidance counselors who may have helped our auxiliary this past year. What better way to get a head start on the 2010-2011 year then recognizing them for their contribution to the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program.

Voice of Democracy theme for 2010-2011 is:

“DOES MY GENERATION HAVE A ROLE IN AMERICA'S FUTURE?”

Patriot's Pen theme for 2010-2011 is:

“DOES PATRIOTISM STILL MATTER?”

Start now by promoting these new theme's. Get a head start for next year. November 1, 2010 is the deadline for both programs to be submitted to the Post level. By supporting this program you are showing our youth that **“It's Time for America's Military Heroes”** because we are **“Supporting our Legacy of Freedom”**.

Now, I am still in need of reports. Our deadline is just around the corner. Don't lose out on your **“Banner”** because your auxiliary did not report. Let me know what your auxiliary did from beginning to the end of this program. I do need for your reports to be on the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program because I received some that wasn't. I also received some reports that simply stated they did not participate. I appreciate you letting me know but it will not go toward earning a Banner.

Auxiliaries **NOT** reported as of February 10, 2010

District 1	176, 6002	67%
District 2	Congratulations 100% reported	100%
District 3	10654,	90%
District 4	637, 2584, 5313, 8902	69%
District 5	Congratulations 100% reported	100%
District 6	1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 7854	38%
District 7	9292	88%
District 8	2524, 3103	33%
District 9	Congratulations 100% reported	100%
District 10	8241, 9274, 9478	63%
District 11	632, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826	33%
District 12	1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9830, 10310	25%
District 13	2217, 8169,	71%

Youth Activities

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"It's Time for America's Military Heroes"
"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom"

Banner Requirements 2009 -2010
Youth Programs must be reported to me by
MARCH 31, 2010

Complete 2 out of 5

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Junior Girls | 4) Snowball Express |
| 2) Young American Patriotic Art | 5) Any other Youth Activity |
| 3) Jr. ROTC | |

Please let me know how much you donated, the hours worked, money spent, # of schools, churches, and other youth groups you helped or if they helped you. Let me know how many students were involved in the Patriotic Art contest, # of schools contacted and any award programs that you do.

REMINDER - Junior Girls Scholarship	Deadline	March 11	To me
March 25			
Patriotic Art	Deadline	March 31	To me
April 15			
Outstanding Young Volunteer	Deadline	April 3	To me
April 17			

I don't want anyone to miss out so get your items to me ahead of time. I would like to see everyone at 100%. You are all doing the work so just report. If you have any questions call me. If you think there is an error in your standings call or email me.

	Not Reported	1 of 2	100%	%
District 1	176, 6002		824, 3219, 5500, 7167	67%
District 2	Congratulations		392, 993, 3160, 4111, 4809, 8545, 9382	100%
District 3		10657	2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10654	90%
District 4	637, 2584, 5313, 8048, 8759, 8902, 9954	7059, 7819	622, 7166, 8163, 9855	31%
District 5	Congratulations		647, 1115, 4637, 7568, 7726, 7800, 8243, 8467	100%
District 6	2157, 7854	1841	1033, 1264, 1444, 4522, 5311	75%
District 7		8613, 9760	621, 1860, 2123, 2447, 9292, 9660	75%
District 8		2524	3101, 7589	67%
District 9	1184, 6000, 7136, 7328		4667, 7969, 9640, 9696	50%
District 10	7916, 8241, 9478	9274	609, 1503, 3150, 7327	50%
District 11	632, 2216, 2424, 4204, 7814, 9339, 9480, 10826	8279	1499, 3136, 8644	38%
District 12	1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9830, 10310		3782, 9600	25%
District 13	2217		1827, 7638, 8169, 8436, 8947, 10574	86%

If you can get through all the **SNOW**.

Please get reports in by MARCH 31, 2010. Let's be 100%

Love,
Shema Pepper