

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

1. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS:** If your Auxiliary was unable to elect a President in April, and cannot do so at your May meeting, you must notify the **Department President** immediately.
2. **INSTALLATION WARRANTS:** Congratulations to all newly elected Presidents!
Presidents-Elect: Please complete the Installation Warrant Request Form which was in the April General Orders and send it to the Department Secretary, Susie DeShano, at 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401. The Department Secretary will not send out an Installation Warrant until the completed request form is received. **YOU MUST HAVE THE WARRANT PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.** No warrant will be issued if an Auxiliary is not bonded nor has outstanding audits. Upon Installation, the Installation Warrant must be filled in properly by the Installing Officer and the proper sections sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer, Connie Atkinson and to the Department Secretary, Susie DeShano. **It is the responsibility of the Installing Officer to mail the Warrant.** If this is not done by your Installing Officer, your Auxiliary will not receive their Bond application nor will the Department Secretary have your Auxiliary information for the Department Roster.
3. **ATTENTION MEMBERS:** **As of April 1, 2009 the Department of Virginia stands at 97.21% in membership!** We have all worked hard but the finish line of 100% is still 239 members away. All Auxiliary Treasurers are asked to telephone any unpaid members in an attempt to collect these dues and stress the importance of sending dues in right away. Any dues received by the Treasurer should be processed immediately. Dues received after May 15th should be sent to Department Treasurer by FedEx or Overnight Mail with delivery verification requested. Continue to reinstate and recruit new members and process applications immediately.
4. **ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** A District may endorse candidates; however, this action is NOT binding since Delegates are chosen to represent the Auxiliary at the Department Convention. The Delegates elected for the Department Convention may not be the same as those elected for the District. Therefore, they are not bound to a District endorsement.
5. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS:** In accordance with the National Bylaws, **Section 306:** "If a Delegate's expenses are to be paid, a motion to do so shall be made before election. A paid Delegate is obligated to attend every business session of Conventions and make a report of same to her Auxiliary". **Sisters, this means attending business sessions from start to finish – not arriving late or leaving early.**

6. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY SECRETARIES:** In accordance with the National Bylaws, **Section 308:** “The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the respective Secretary prior to the National, Department, District, or County Council Conventions.
7. **INSTALLATIONS:** Auxiliary Officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting held not less than twenty (20) days or more than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention on Thursday, June 14, 2008. See **Section 806A** of the National Bylaws.
8. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** In accordance with the National Bylaws, **Section 309:** “Any Auxiliary in arrears for District or County Council dues shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation at those meetings or Conventions for which the dues are in arrears. Any Auxiliary in arrears for other financial obligations or supply money to National Headquarters, or failing to have the office of Treasurer bonded; failure to make quarterly audits and complying with **Section 814A** of the National Bylaws shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation on all levels. All rights shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.” Please be sure that your Auxiliary is in compliance with the National Bylaws as we do not want any Auxiliary President or Auxiliary Delegate to be upset when they are not allowed to vote at our Department Convention in June.
9. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** All monies for Cancer Pins must be sent to our Department Treasurer Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968, no later than **May 15, 2009**. All Cancer Pins must be returned to Department Cancer Chairman, **IMMEDIATELY**. If you have not sold them by now, you most likely will not – return them to Cancer Chairmen immediately!
10. **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:** June 11-14, 2009 to be held at the Sheraton West, 6624 W. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Please make your reservations by calling 1-804-285-2000. Please refer to the Convention Schedule of Events enclosed with the General Orders.
11. **DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Will be held Thursday, June 11, 2009. Auxiliary Chaplains, please be sure that you send a list of deceased members to the Department Chaplain, Robin Milewski, no later than **May 15, 2009** in order for their names to be listed in the Convention Book.
12. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** A list of announced Candidates seeking office for the year of 2009-20010 is enclosed with these General Orders.
13. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND MEMBERS:** The promotional material for the Early Bird Dues Parade during the Department Convention was included in April General Orders and also in this general order. The Early Bird Dues Parade is open to all Auxiliary Presidents-Elect whose Auxiliary has submitted renewals for **2010** continuous members. **Please keep in mind that the Early Bird Parade is for continuous members only.**

14. **DISTRICT CONVENTION**: A list of District Conventions is enclosed. Districts will not have a Department Representative at the meeting. The Department Officers will be able to attend their own District Convention unless they are specifically requested to attend a meeting by the District President. If any District President would like to request a Representative, please contact me immediately to see if arrangements can be made to send a Representative to your District. Every effort will be made to honor your request. I hope that each District has a constructive and successful Convention.

In choosing my theme “**live a life of love while serving the needs of others**”, I sought to encompass my deep feelings for all veterans, past and present, and also for the wonderful people who comprise the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary. I sincerely thank you for making my theme come true across the hills and valleys and along the coastlines of Virginia.

Many times this past year, I was faced with difficult decisions. It is my hope that my decisions, my personal and public actions, have influenced you to do what’s right for our veterans, the Nation, and yourselves.

When choosing my Chairmen, I realized that the people who make a difference are not necessarily the ones with the right credentials (extensive education or multiple awards). My Chairmen were chosen because they truly care and each one has proven that I made the right choice for that particular program! The Department Chairmen are to be applauded for an excellent job in promoting the National Programs and helping each Auxiliary meet or exceed Department and National expectations. **Job well done, Chairmen!**

And, lastly, I want each Member to know how much I appreciate your love of the veterans and your hard work to make sure their needs are met. You have supported me, without fail, as I traveled throughout the State. Your warm welcome and sisterly love has been like a beacon of light in a storm. As my year as Department President draws to a close, I am prepared to pass the torch. However, I know that I will miss the almost daily contact with the Members and hope that you will continue to call or write to me, in friendship and love. **I truly love you and I am so very proud of you! I know you will continue to work for the veterans and Department – GO TEAM!**

By Order of



Mary Profitt
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

National President Dixie Hild Visits Virginia

May 15-17, 2009

Friday, May 15

Dixie will arrive at Dulles International Airport at 3:03 p.m. on Northwest Airlines. Everyone is invited to welcome her to Virginia. Dinner will be in Luray at the historic Mimslyn Inn.

Saturday, May 16

Luray Caverns Tour

Luray, Virginia. Tours begin each day at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person and the tour takes approximately one hour to complete.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW 621 Luray Reception

The Ladies Auxiliary of Luray VFW Post 621 will host a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

The Battle of New Market Reenactment

10:00 AM: Camp Opens to the Public. Cost: \$10 per person includes everything except food, drinks and souvenirs.

1:30-2:30 PM: The Battle of New Market.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW 1503 Dale City Reception

Following the event, we will travel to Dale City VFW Post 1503 for a reception. The reception begins at 5:00 p.m. Dixie departs from Virginia early Monday morning.



The dress for both days' events is casual with VERY comfortable shoes as you will be doing some walking. I hope you will attend one or more of these events and meet our National President. Additions or changes to the Agenda, along with the directions to the various events will be in the next months' General Orders.

Hotel information Friday & Saturday nights: Days Inn at Luray is located at 138 Whispering Hill Road, Luray near VFW Post 621 and the entrance to the Caverns. Reservations can be made by calling (540) 743-4521 or on line at daysinn.com. On April 1, room rates went up to \$75 plus tax for 2 double beds or one king bed. If you don't want to stay overnight, we hope you will take a day trip and meet Dixie on her one visit to Virginia for the year!

Call me if you have any questions about this end-of-year event. Department President Mary is very excited about the visit – share her excitement and join us for one of the scheduled events.

Kathy Birch, National President Visit Chairman
(540) 955-3311
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Linda (Susie) DeShano
403 Lee Jackson Highway
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 324-6807
Secretary62@gmail.com

May, 2009

Attention All Auxiliary Secretaries and Installing Officers

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

Section 2

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

Section 3

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

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Meeting Location:** for William T. Allen Memorial Auxiliary 5500, Northampton Community Center, 1435 A Todd Lane, Hampton, VA, 23666 at 6:30 P.M.
- **New Meeting Day and Time:** for Northern Neck Auxiliary 7167, The second Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M.
- **Address Correction:** for William I Cooper Memorial Auxiliary 10574, Secretary, Scarlette Ivory, 1038 Albrough Blvd., Colonial Beach, VA 22443.

Calendar updates

- **National President's Visit:** National President Dixie Hild will visit Virginia. She will arrive at Dulles Airport in Washington D.C. on Friday May 15th and depart Monday May 18th.
- **State Convention:** June 11-14, 2009, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-2000. Room Rates \$93.00, through May 11, 2009.
- **National Convention:** August 15-20, 2009, Phoenix, AZ. Housing form included.
- **Southern Conference:** November 5-8, 2009, Corpus Christi, Texas. Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, 900 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78401. Phone number 361-887-1600.

Miscellaneous Information

- To those Ladies Auxiliary members who are to be installed as a 2009-2010 Officer at the Department Convention Installation Ceremony on June 14, 2009. If you are interested in purchasing the official Auxiliary uniform, you can order through the **Cintas Uniform Company**. The phone number is 1-800-UNIFORM. When you are connected to a sales rep., give them the National Ladies Auxiliary's uniform account number for reference: # 3653205. The sales rep will take your order and you may pay by credit card. Or you can go to the company's website www.cintas.com.
- **2009-2010 Monthly General Orders** may be purchased by any Auxiliary member for a fee of \$15 a year. This price is subject to change at the 2009 June Convention. Subscribers will receive packets beginning in August 2009 (which includes the roster and President's Handbook) and ends in May 2010. The member must get her check to the Department Treasurer prior to July 10th, to be included in the August mailing. Your General Orders can be read and printed for free by going to the Ladies Auxiliary Department of Virginia website www.vfwvaaux.com

Convention Credentials

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

The Credentials Chairman will certainly appreciate it if you will register and turn in all your Credentials upon arrival at the Convention. The Registration fee must be paid if not paid previously. You must personally present your 2009 membership card (or life membership card) at the time of Convention Registration and personally register your Credentials at the Credentials desk.

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

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

Enclosures

- District Convention Schedule
- Tentative Schedule of Convention Events
- Convention Chairmen's Information letter
- Department President's Luncheon Flyer
- Department President's Love Gift
- Advanced Convention Registration & Department President's Luncheon – mail to Registration Chairman Mary Beal
- Department VFW Convention Banquet and Dance Pre-Registration Form

- Early Bird Parade Info
- Pre-registration for Flag Presentation
- Application for Installation Warrant-mail to Department Secretary, Susie DeShano
- District Convention Delegates and Alternates-mail to District Secretary
- Department Convention Delegates & Alternates- mail to Dept. Secretary, Susie DeShano
- National Convention Delegates & Alternates- mail to National Secretary after election at your June meeting
- Department Chaplain's Year-end Report-mail to Department Chaplain, Robin Milewski
- Department Line Officers' Slate of Candidates for 2009-2010

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	5/3/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 7167 Warsaw
	Rep:	Convention

8th	Date	5/17/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 7589 - Manassas
	Rep:	

2nd	Date	5/17/2009
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	13:00
	Location	Post 4809 - Norfolk
	Rep:	Convention

9th	Date	5/3/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	10:30 AM
	Location	Post 9696 - Bluefield
	Rep:	Convention

3rd	Date	5/9/2009
	Lunch	follows meeting
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Location	3rd District Hq
	Rep:	Convention

10th	Date	5/3/2009
	Lunch	11:30
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location:	Post 1503 - Dale City
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

4th	Date	5/17/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	Post 622 - Petersburg
	Rep:	Convention

11th	Date	5/3/2009
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	12:30 PM
	Location	Post 632 - Harrisonburg
	Rep:	Convention

5th	Date	5/23/2009
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	To follow
	Location	Post 7726 - Independence
	Rep:	Convention

12th	Date	5/9/2009
	Regisration	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 8652 - Coeburn HS, Coeburn, VA
	Rep:	Convention

6th	Date	5/17/2009
	Lunch	4:00 PM following meeting
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	Post 1033 - Covington
	Rep:	Convention

13th	Date	5/31/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 7638 Gordonsville
	Rep:	Convention

7th	Date	5/17/2009
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 9760 - Berryville
	Rep:	Convention

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Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
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District 1

176	Newport News	35	31	88.57%	35			70	70	20	25.00	50	75
824	Grafton	19	20	105.26%	35	25		38	38	10		25	50
3219	Phoebus	223	203	91.03%	35	25	10	446	466	50	165.50	10	25
4856	Exmore	27	0	0.00%									
5500	Hampton	15	33	220.00%	35	25	10	30	52	12	77.68	10	60
6002	Denbigh	65	53	81.54%	35	15		130	130	20		25	
7167	Warsaw	74	80	108.11%	35	100		148	155	30	103.84	100	50
8252	Gloucester	29	0	0.00%									
Total (8)	District 1	487	420	86.24%	210	190	20	862	911	142	372.02	220	260

District 2

392	Virginia Beach	351	302	86.04%	35			702	702	50	3066.00	25	50
993	Portsmouth	92	85	92.39%	35			184	182	30	500.00	25	
3160	Ocean View	307	275	89.58%	35			614	614	50		25	
4411	Franklin	51	51	100.00%	35			102	102	40		50	50
4809	Norfolk	330	335	101.52%	35			660	660	100	1709.20	50	100
8545	Smithfield	22	30	136.36%	35			44	50		76.00	50	
9382	Suffolk	61	58	95.08%	35			122	122	40		25	
Total (6)	District 2	1214	1136	93.57%	245			2428	2432	310	5351.20	250	200

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District 3

1426	Midlothian	31	25	80.65%	35			62	62	20			
2239	Colonial Heights	97	91	93.81%	35			194	196	40	77.00		
3125	Ruther Glen	4	0	0.00%				8					
4639	Williamsburg	38	38	100.00%	35			76	76	45		25	
6364	West Richmond	33	42	127.27%	35			66	66		405.15	402.50	
8046	Norge	42	57	135.71%	35			84	84	30			100
8356	West Point	27	28	103.70%	70	100		54	54	20	280.08	25	25
9224	Richmond	29	23	79.31%	35			58	50	20		25	
9501	Central Garage	41	42	102.44%	35			82	82	20		50	
9808	Mechanicsville	163	153	93.87%	35			326	326	60	300.00		
10387	Petersburg	43	36	83.72%	35			86	86	30		25	100
10654	Richmond	32	33	103.13%	35			64	66	30		100	400
10657	Glen Allen	33	28	84.85%	35			66	66	20			
Total (13)	District 3	613	596	97.23%	455	100		1226	1214	335	1062.23	652.50	625

District 4

622	Petersburg	47	47	100.00%	35	25		94	108	72		25	25
637	Hopewell	62	74	119.35%	35			124	124				
2584	Cullen	37	35	94.59%	35			74	72				
5313	Nottoway	25	34	136.00%	35			50	50	10			
7059	Farmville	67	60	89.55%	35			134	134	30		25	50
7166	South Hill	90	87	96.67%	35	200		180	188	30	200.00	100	200
7819	Crewe	76	76	100.00%	35			152	152	70		50	
7897	Blackstone	24	2	8.33%				48					
8048	Lawrenceville	27	27	100.00%	35			54	58	20		25	
8163	Clarksville	72	72	100.00%	35	15		144	144	26	48.46		
8617		3	0	0.00%									
8759	Amelia	55	52	94.55%	35			110	110	10		25	
8902	Keysville	12	12	100.00%	35			24	24	10			
9855	Appomattox	29	30	103.45%	35			58	58	30		25	50
9954	Victoria	198	198	100.00%	35			396	396	30	465.00	10	100
Total (16)	District 4	824	806	97.82%	455	240		1642	1618	338	713.46	285	425

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District 5

647	Danville	103	103	100.00%	35			206	206	30	1000.00	50	
1115	Hillsville	470	454	96.60%	35	75		940	940	80			100
2820	Bassett	20	12	60.00%				40					
4637	Martinsville	49	50	102.04%	35			98	98	10	336.66	25	
7568	Galax	30	30	100.00%	35			60	60	30		10	
7726	Grayson	154	159	103.25%	35		15	308	308	30		32.5	
7800	Stuart	27	27	100.00%	35		78	54	54	20		25	100
8243	Halifax	64	58	90.63%	35	100		128	128	30		25	100
8467	Meadows of Dan	53	53	100.00%	35			106	106	20	27.00		
Total (8)	District 5	970	946	97.53%	280	175	93	1940	1900	250	1363.66	167.50	300

District 6

1033	Covington	103	104	100.97%	35	25		206	206	30		25	
1264	Roanoke	60	62	103.33%	35			120	126	30		20	
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	42	39	92.86%	35			84	84	10		17	
1841	Fincastle	56	56	100.00%	35			112	112	12		25	
2157	Bedford	56	53	94.64%	35			112	112	22		25	
4522	Vinton	61	56	91.80%	35			122	122	20		25	
5311	Christiansburg	46	45	97.83%	35			92	92	20		25	
7854	Floyd	29	30	103.45%	35			58	58	10		10	
Total (8)	District 6	453	445	98.23%	280	25		906	912	154		172	

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District 7

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

621	Luray	109	108	99.08%	35			218	218	40	30.00	100	600
1860	Front Royal	149	153	102.68%	35	75	25	298	298	40	106.00	25	100
2123	Winchester	71	73	102.82%	35			142	142			65	35
2447	Edinburg	87	83	95.40%	35	100		174	174	40		25	100
8613	Shenandoah	87	76	87.36%				174		20			
9292	Elkton	32	32	100.00%	35			64	66	10			
9660	Broadway	78	80	102.56%	35			156	156	50		1596.73	205
9760	Berryville	176	178	101.14%	35			352	352	100		25	70
9872	Mt. Clinton	30	29	96.67%				60	60	20			
Total (8)	District 7	819	812	99.15%	245	175	25	1638	1466	320	136.00	1646.73	1110

District 8

1177		11	0										
2524	Culpeper	63	63	100.00%	35			126	126	30	84.40	25	
3103	Fredericksburg	107	107	100.00%	35	100	50	214	214	40	100.00	25	
7589	Manassas	62	61	98.39%	35			124	124	40	75.00	25	
Total (4)	District 8	243	231	95.06%	105	100	50	464	464	110	259.40	75	

District 9

1184	Pulaski	37	40	108.11%	35			74	76	40		50	50
4667	Marion	121	132	109.09%	35			242	242	40		100	
6000	Narrows	115	104	90.43%	35			230	230	20	58.00	30	
7136	Tazewell	51	49	96.08%	35			102	102	40		25	
7328	Saltville	29	28	96.55%	35			58	58	20			
7969	Bland	32	32	100.00%	35			64	64	20		15	
9640	Richlands	42	32	76.19%	35			84	84	20		20	
9696	Bluefield	140	128	91.43%	35	50	50	280	300	50	50.00	25	88.5
Total (8)	District 9	567	545	96.12%	280	50	50	1134	1156	250	108.00	265	138.5

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District 10

609	Alexandria	36	28	77.78%	35			72	72		10.00	25	
1503	Dale City	328	341	103.96%	35			656	656	100		25	100
3150	Arlington	158	160	101.27%	35			316	316	55	30.00	250	
7327	Springfield	130	140	107.69%	35			260	260	140	1000.00	400	
7916	Woodbridge	105	97	92.38%	35			210	210				
8241	McLean	43	39	90.70%	35			86	86	34			25
9274	Falls Church	56	58	103.57%	35			112	112	30	173.95	50	
9478	Sterling	22	26	118.18%	35			44	46	10		25	
Total (9)	District 10	878	889	101.25%	280			1756	1758	369	1213.95	775	125

District 11

632	Harrisonburg	216	219	101.39%	35	5,000		432	434	40		25	
1499	Lexington	71	75	105.63%	35			142	142	20	44.60	200	
2216	Staunton	136	119	87.50%	35			272	272	60		100	
2424	Waynesboro	41	40	97.56%	35			82	82	20		25	
3136	Mt. Solon	19	19	100.00%	35			38	38	20			
4204	Hot Springs	42	42	100.00%	35			84	84	20			
7814	Staunton	19	21	110.53%	35			38	40	20			
8279	Steeles Tavern	26	26	100.00%	35			52	52	10		10	
8644	Bridgewater	109	103	94.50%	35	215		218	218	30			300
9339	Stuarts Draft	53	52	98.11%	35			106	108	40			
9480	Craigsville	23	22	95.65%	35			46	44	20			
10826	Verona	17	13	76.47%	35			34	34	7			
Total (12)	District 11	772	751	97.28%	420	5,215		1544	1548	307	704.60	360	300

84th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JUNE 2009

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

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

ELECTIVE OFFICE	CANDIDATE	MEMBER OF Auxiliary District #
PRESIDENT	KATHLEEN BIRCH	9760, Berryville 7
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	BETTY GIMBLE	1503, Dale City 10
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT	ROBIN MILEWSKI	824, Grafton 1
TREASURER	DEBORAH MARTIN	1827, Charlottesville 13
CHAPLAIN	CATHY GRAHAM	3150, Fairfax 10
CONDUCTRESS	LORRAINE BECKWITH	3219, Phoebus 1
GUARD	ELLEN CARLETON	1503, Dale City 10
	IRENE PETERS	2239, Colonial Heights 3 1503, Dale City 10

REFERENCE: BYLAWS LADIES AUXILIARY, ARTICLE VIII, OFFICERS

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

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

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

Attention Auxiliary and District Presidents

Outstanding Auxiliary Secretary

Award for 2008-2009 **Auxiliary** Secretaries

Auxiliary Presidents give your Secretaries the praise and recognition they deserve. Nominate them for this award to be given by the Department Secretary, Susie DeShano at the June Convention.

Nominations may be made by only the Auxiliary or District President. The award will be based on outstanding job performance, loyalty to the Auxiliary at every level and acts above and beyond the call of duty. Nominations will be accepted in the form of a letter outlining why you feel they qualify for this award. Submit the letter to the Department Secretary by May 1, 2009.

The Outstanding Auxiliary Secretary will receive a Trophy and a check for \$50 from the Department of Virginia.

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

Treasurer of the Year Award

Auxiliary Presidents, do you think that your treasurer has done a bang up job for your Auxiliary?

Please

“shoot” me the reasons why! I need the “low down” no later than May 15, 2009.

The Treasurer of the Year will receive a trophy and monetary award, Thursday night at the Department

Convention in June.

See YA there.

Auxiliary Treasurers, if you have not been able to file the 990N for your Auxiliary, please let me know as soon as possible.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S AWARD DEADLINE NEAR

FROM: PDP Glendon Webb, District President's Award Chairman
4974 Danville Pike
Hillsville, VA 24343

As the end of the year draws close, all of the District Presidents need to begin compiling information for two very important documents:

- 1) District President's Award Form – due May 10th to Dept President
- 2) Year End Report for Convention Book – due May 15th to Dept Secretary

At Winter Council you were given explicit criteria for the award and an opportunity to ask questions.

Enclosed with this General Order is the District President's Award Form which you must complete and mail to Department President Mary Profitt for her review. Her address is 28 Woodrow Lane, Lexington, VA 24450

Upon review, Madam President will forward to forms to me for my review and decision.

Only one award will be given this year for top performance. However, a citation will also be awarded to one President who has overcome extraordinary obstacles to achieve a measure of success within her District. I feel strongly, as does our Department President, that all District Presidents work hard and strive to be the best. We want to see that credit is given where it is due.

Wishing you every success and I look forward to reviewing your award forms. See you at June Convention!

Glendon

**Ladies Auxiliary, VFW, Department of Virginia
District President's Leadership Award**

**Please send report form to Mary Profitt
28 Woodrow Lane, Lexington, VA 24450**

Due by: 5-10-2009

District _____

District President Name: _____

1. No. Of Auxiliaries in the District as of July 1, 2008: _____
2. Number of Council of Administration Meeting attended: _____ If unable attend, did you contact the Department President? _____. If not why:

3. District Membership as of June 30, 2008: _____
District Membership as of April 30, 2009: _____
How did you work with your Auxiliaries on membership? _____
4. Number of Council of Administration Meeting attended: _____ If unable attend, did you contact the Department President? _____. If not why:

5. District Membership as of June 30, 2008: _____
District Membership as of April 30, 2009: _____
How did you work with your Auxiliaries on membership? _____
6. How did you work with your Auxiliaries to help them be reported in our Programs?

7. After each inspection did you send your Auxiliary Inspection Form and Travel Voucher to the Department President within two week following your Inspection? _____.
8. After Convention, did you hold a formal School of Instruction to distribute information to your Auxiliaries Department and National Programs? _____
Date: _____ # of Attendees: _____ Name of Instructor: _____

9. At your District Meeting did you appoint an Aide for the Department Representative? During your District Meeting, did you have a formal School of Instructions? If so, please give the following information for each District meeting held:

Date of Meeting: _____ Dept Representative: _____
Who did you appoint for a Aide for the Representative: _____
Subject at School Of Instruction: _____
Why did you choose this Subject?

Name of Instructor's: _____

Date of Meeting: _____ Dept Representative: _____
Who did you appoint for a Aide for the Representative: _____
Subject at School Of Instruction: _____
Why did you choose this Subject?

Name of Instructor's: _____

Date of Meeting: _____ Dept Representative: _____
Who did you appoint for a Aide for the Representative: _____
Subject at School Of Instruction: _____
Why did you choose this Subject?

Name of Instructor: _____

7. Please list all things you did help the Auxiliaries in your District above the regular duties as District President.

Please attached a summary of your activities as District President and please limit the summary to no more than two pages, 12 point font.

**84th Annual Department Convention
Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia
Sheraton Richmond West
June 11-14, 2009**

Convention Chairman – Patricia Jurgensen
Convention Co-Chairman – Pat Baldwin

Registration Chairman – Mary Beal
Credentials Chairman – Joyce Suffell

Thursday, June 11

EVENT/ACTIVITY

ROOM

8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration/Credentials	Ballroom Foyer
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Council of Administration Meeting	Ballroom B C D
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Ladies Auxiliary Convention Opening	Ballroom B C D
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Officers Floor Practice (attendance by officers required)	Ballroom B C D
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Joint Memorial Services	Ballroom B C D
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Joint Presentation of Awards	Ballroom B C D

Friday, June 12

8:30 am - 11:00 am	Registration/Credentials	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Joint Opening Session	Ballroom B C D
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Department President/Member's Luncheon	Ballroom A
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Flag Presentation Practice	Ballroom B C D
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Registration/Credentials	Ballroom Foyer
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Business Session (Presentation of Past Department Presidents/Convention Reports/Presentation of District and Auxiliary Flags)	Ballroom B C D
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	MOCA Meeting	Tidewater Room
9:00 pm - 1:00 am	MOC Dance (no admittance without a ticket)	Regency Ballroom

Saturday, June 13

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Past Department Presidents/Commanders Breakfast	Tidewater Room
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	Registration/Credentials (last day - not open on Sunday)	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Business Session (Early Bird Parade, National Representative, Nominations)	Ballroom B C D
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	School of Instructions Secretaries (all members invited) Treasurers (all members invited)	Monticello A Monticello B
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	2009-2010 Program Chairmen's Meeting	Potomac Room
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception	Monticello
7:00 pm - 1:00 am	Banquet/Dance	Ballroom B C D

Sunday, June 14

9:00 am - 9:30 am	Joint Devotional Service	Ballroom B C D
9:30 am - 1:00 pm	Business Session (Elections, Installation of Officers)	Ballroom B C D
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	2009-2010 Council of Administration Meeting (immediately following close of Convention)	Ballroom B C D

Saturday Banquet/Dance Ticket \$40 – ticket must be pre-purchased by June 5th through the VFW. Banquet ticket cannot be purchased at the Convention. Only the Saturday night \$5.00 dance ticket can be purchased at the Convention, VFW Registration Table. No admittance to the banquet or dance without a ticket - No exceptions. Bottles are permitted for both dances. No cash bar for either dance.

Hospitality Rooms: State (Room 147), 1st & 2nd Districts (Room 139); 3rd District (George Washington Room); 4th District (Room 267); 10th District (Room 257); MOC (Madison Room).

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SUMMARY INFORMATION

Sheraton Richmond West, Richmond, Virginia
June 11 – 14, 2009

Department Convention Chairman, Patricia Jurgensen, (703) 574-6525: email:

pjurgy@aol.com

Convention Co-Chairman, Pat Baldwin, (434) 392-4630: email: pdptob@kinex.net.

- **ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA. Make reservations directly with the hotel (804) 285-2000. Room Rate (Single/Double) is \$93.00 plus room tax. **CHECK-IN TIME is 3:00 pm** – as such, please arrange your arrival time to prevent any delay checking into your room promptly.

- **CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION TABLES:** Ballroom Foyer, Thursday - Saturday. Upon arrival, Delegate/Alternate Credentials must be turned in at the Credentials Table. The Advance Registration Fee is \$10.00 (postmarked by May 25, 2009): Registration Fee at the Convention is \$15.00. The Advance Registration and Luncheon Form is in the April/May G.O. Membership cards must be shown to **(1)** register and to **(2)** turn in your credentials. **Note:** The Credentials/Registration Tables will close on Saturday at 2:00 pm and will not reopen for business.
 - Mary Beal, Registration Chairman, (919) 477-5970: email: muribeal@yahoo.com
 - Joyce Suffell, Credentials Chairman, (540) 373-6430.

- **CANCER AND WAYS AND MEANS TABLES:** Ballroom Foyer, Thursday - Saturday. Please read the April/May G.O. materials from the chairmen for any special requests/assistance they need for/during the Convention from the Auxiliaries. Please volunteer to help.
 - Lee Miller, Cancer Chairman, (804) 458-8143.
 - Mary Horne, Ways & Means Chairman, (540) 463- 5793.

- **PRESIDENT'S AND MEMBER'S LUNCHEON:** Ballroom A, Friday, June 12th ,11:30 a.m., \$28.00. The Advance Registration and Luncheon Form is in the April/May G.O. The deadline date to register is May 25, 2009. Please select your choice entrée, and any personal donation for the President's Luncheon Gift. **Note:** The Luncheon Gift is from the individual members and the gift is presented to the President during the Luncheon. Do not confuse the Luncheon gift with the Auxiliary's monetary love gift which is presented to President Mary on Sunday at the conclusion of the Convention.
 - ▶ **Buddy Poppy Hats:** Wear your creative Buddy Poppy Hat for the Parade held during the Luncheon. Remember prizes are given for the most creative, patriotic and original hat.
 - ▶ **Table Centerpieces:** District Presidents, please bring the centerpieces directly to the Luncheon Room, Ballroom A. Let Mary Smart know by June 1st the number of arrangements you plan to bring.

- Mary Smart, Luncheon Chairman (703) 580-1169/email: mismart51@comcast.net.
- **PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY FLAGS:** Ballroom BCD, Friday, June 12th during the afternoon Convention session. The Advance Flag Registration Form is in the May G.O. Questions regarding the registration of the flags may be directed to Gail Payne. Practice time will be directly after the President's Luncheon at 1:15 pm. Please bring your flags and participate.
 - Gail Payne, Patriotic Instructor, (757)-631-9286/email: gail101@cox.net
- **BUDDY POPPY DISPLAYS:** Ballroom Foyer, Saturday, June 13th, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Displays must be removed by 4:00 pm on Saturday. Rules for the Buddy Poppy Contest/Displays are in the April/May GO, under Veterans and Family Support. Please complete the Buddy Poppy Display Entry Form by June 1, 2009 and send to Lorraine Beckwith, Chairman, 41 Kings Point Drive, Hampton, VA 23669 or send the information by email.
 - Lorraine Beckwith, Chairman, (757) 722-0235: email: Dabeck41@cox.net.
- **EARLY BIRD PARADE:** Ballroom BCD, Saturday, June 13th during the morning session of the Convention. June 1, 2009, is the deadline date for getting your Early Bird Dues Transmittal to the Department Treasurer. **Note:** The 2009-2010 Auxiliary Presidents will participate in the membership parade with the incoming 2009-2010 District Presidents. This is an entertaining and fun event.
 - Robin Milewski, 2009-10, Membership Chairman, (757) 223-5763: email: vmilewski@msn.com.
- **BANQUET/DANCE TICKET - \$40:** Saturday, June 13th – ticket must be **pre-purchased** by June 5, 2009, through the VFW, State Headquarters. The Banquet Pre-Registration Form is in the April/May GO. Send the form directly to the VFW Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401, phone: (540) 886-8112. No admittance to the banquet/dance without a ticket - No exceptions.
- **SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE TICKET - \$5.00:** Only the Saturday night dance ticket can be purchased at the Convention, VFW registration table. No admittance to the dance without a ticket. Bottles are permitted. No cash bar. Hotel will provide ice and mix.
- **MOC FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, June 12th –** Cost of ticket \$5.00. No admittance to the dance without a ticket. Bottles are permitted. No cash bar. Hotel will provide ice and mix.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ROOM TEMPERATURES:** Announcements must be in writing, signed, and given to the Department Secretary; or to any Page, to be given to the Department Secretary. The Convention rooms are kept at a temperature suitable for the size of the meeting room. Bring a jacket or sweater for your comfort during the meetings.

- **SANDWICH COUNTER:** A fast sandwich lunch will be available in the lobby area between 11:15 am and 12:30 pm on Friday and Saturday.
- **COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE** will be provided on Saturday, June 13th for your enjoyment.
- **NOISE COURTESY:** A lot of activity is scheduled around the meeting hall - so please be respectful at all times. Talking/laughing noises can be heard through the meeting doors and is very distracting to the members in the meeting.
- **HOSPITALITY ROOMS:** State (Room 147), 1st & 2nd Districts (Room 139); 3rd District (George Washington Room); 4th District (Room 267); 10th District (Room 257); MOC (Madison Room).

Have a great time at your 2009 Convention!



**Department of Virginia
Veterans of foreign wars
Ladies Auxiliary**

State Convention

June 12 – 15, 2009

**Department President's & Members
Luncheon**

Date: Friday, June 12, 2009

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$28.00 per person

Place: Sheraton Richmond West
Hotel

Menu

Prime Rib Dinner

Baked Potato

Green Beans

Green Salad

Butter & Rolls

Apple Pie

Coffee / Tea

*You are cordially invited to the
Department President's and Member's Luncheon
June 12, 2009, 11:30 a.m.
Sheraton Richmond West Hotel*

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 get 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 determined and I will put it in the May General Orders to let everyone know where the luncheon will be held. Fill out the Registration Form in this month's General Orders and send it to the Registration Chairman Mary Beal. The deadline for ordering the meal is June 7, 2009.

Join us in showing President Mary how much the Department appreciates her hard work and her dedication. I am requesting District Presidents to arrange to each to bring (2) two centerpieces for our tables. The centerpieces add tremendously festivities and they need not to be limited to Buddy Poppy arrangements. The centerpieces must be delivered by 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2009. Thank you.

*Mary Smart
Luncheon Chairman*