

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4

November 2008

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

- 1. ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** The Department proudly announces the Institution of a new Auxiliary in Scottsville, VA on September 20, 2008. We welcome the sisters of Auxiliary 8169, Scottsville, into our wonderful service organization. The enthusiasm and dedication to the veterans which these 26 new members have demonstrated make it evident that this Auxiliary will flourish. I was proud to be a part of the Institution!
- 2. FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The COA held on September 20, 2008 was very productive. The final budget for 07-08 was approved as well as the budget for 2008-2009. Also approved were draft Standing Motions which will be printed in the June 2009 Convention Book. A copy of these Standing Motions will be provided in the April or May General Orders so that your delegates can be prepared to vote on them at June Convention.
- 3. ATTENTION – WAYS & MEANS CHANGE:** A new Ways and Means Chairman has been appointed. All Ways and Means orders, checks, quilt tickets, etc should be sent to: **Mary Horne**, 1301 Thornhill Rd, Lexington, VA 24450. Her telephone is (540) 463-6798 and e-mail is hmhorne@aol.com. Do not send anything to Susan Gonzales as she has resigned.
- 4. RECRUITING IS A MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATION:** We need to be 100% in membership by December 31, 2008. Now is the time to start recruiting. If each of you asks 5 women if they are eligible for membership, you each will end up with at least one new member. When you compare the VFW membership to the Auxiliary membership, it is obvious that we are not tapping into all of our resources. There are veteran's wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and sisters out there just waiting to be asked to joined the Auxiliary. Practicing your recruiting technique will give you confidence. Be sure to explain what the Auxiliary does and what it stands for. Be enthusiastic and sincere in your approach. Make potential members feels that they will be a vital part of this organization **because they will be!**
- 5. ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND HOSPITAL CHAIRMEN:** If your Auxiliary has not sent a donation of \$35.00 earmarked State Hospital Fund, please do it now. Send to Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968.
- 6. ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** I would like to remind all members that when spending Auxiliary money, you must first have an approved motion to spend and must turn in all receipts for any money spent. Any money given to you that was not spent must be returned to the treasurer upon completion of the project. Be sure to get a receipt. The Treasurer at any level should have proper receipts to back up any checks written.
- 7. ATTENTION VAVS REPRESENTATIVES AND DEPUTIES:** Please make sure that you submit a voucher to the Department President for your first quarter expenses for July 1, 2008 until September 30, 2008 for your visit to the VA Hospital. You were advised by letter in May that vouchers should be submitted in the quarter in which travel was completed as this makes managing the budget and the job of the Trustees easier.

8. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TRUSTEES AND TREASURERS:** If you have not sent in your Third Quarter Audit, it is now delinquent. Please send it immediately to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin. Just a reminder that the Treasurer's role in the audit is to simply answer questions – the Trustees are to review the records and prepare the audit.
9. **VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2008:** Has your Auxiliary planned a Veterans Day Ceremony? Coordinate with your Post Commander to share in the preparation, and expense of a Veterans Day Ceremony. Encourage your members to participate in honoring all veterans – those who have stood guard in peacetime, those who have seen the terrors and inhumanity of combat, and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.
10. **VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT:** The fact that this program covers ten key elements makes it one of our most important programs. This program is designed to help those of all ages who have special needs. With Christmas coming soon, make a special donation to the **VFW National Home** or start gathering items for your care packages to deployed soldiers. Don't forget to call that deployed soldier's wife (or husband) to see if she or he could use a babysitter while taking a much needed respite from the children. **Operation Uplink** must supply more phone cards during the holiday season so make that donation a substantial one. And, put the **Military Assistance Program** in your campaign for public awareness as well as on you donation list. The holidays is a great time to **Adopt-A-Unit** so start to research which local units are waiting for your Auxiliary to take them under wing. **Snowball Express** dates are December 16-20, 2008 – send in your donations now and be there to send the children and their families off with a bang! And, don't forget **Wreaths Across America!** Work hard to insure that every military grave has a wreath of remembrance this holiday! After the holidays, you can start recruiting applicants for the **Continuing Education Scholarship** due to Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters by February 15, 2009 which is a great stepping stone toward a better life.
11. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND AUXILIARY PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:** In the October promotional material, the Department Chairmen listed the Auxiliaries that have NOT reported. If your Auxiliary is still listed as not reported, please send in a report right away. You do not do good works just for reporting purposes, but when you do work hard you should report it. This will ensure that your Auxiliary is given credit toward earning a banner and receives the recognition it deserves. Report, Report, Report! If you have reported and are listed as "not reported", contact the program chairman immediately.
12. **WINTER COUNCIL MEETING:** Will be January 16-19, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia. Room rates are \$69.00 plus tax based on single/double occupancy. Call 1-757-220-2250 to make your reservations. Rooms must be booked by December 24, 2008 to insure group rates.

**Wherever you find yourself Thanksgiving Day,
Whether filled with joy or wrapped in pain,
Remember to pause a moment and give thanks
For the Veterans, their families, the sacrifices they make,
So that we may be safe and of the holidays partake!
Remember I love you at Thanksgiving and always – Thank you for all you do!**

By the Order Of,



Mary Profitt
Department President

Attest:



Linda DeShano
Department Secretary

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November, 2008

Special Order # 35

By recommendation of the Department President and in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the suspension of Casey-Shortt Auxiliary 9640, Richlands, Virginia is hereby lifted and is now considered to be an Auxiliary in good working order.

By order of:
Dixie Hild
National President

ATTENTION

The Junior Girls Unit 8046 has been disbanded and dropped from the rolls at National Headquarters.

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Phone Number:** for PDP and District 10 Secretary Patricia Jurgensen, 703-754-6525.
- **New Secretary:** for Myers-Hodges Auxiliary 8644, Gertrude Sheffer, 570 Mount Solon Road, Mt. Solon, VA, 22843. Phone Number 540-886-6759.
- **New President:** for Gibson Station Auxiliary, 10310, Dennis Rosenbalm, P.O. Box 1754, New Tazewell, TN, 37825. Phone Number 423- 626-4847. E-mail address elrose1@hotmail.com.
- **New Secretary:** for United Henry County Auxiliary, 2820, Jackie Clark, 5380 Iron Bridge Road, Stuart, VA 24171. Phone Number 276-930-5082.
- **New Treasurer:** for Casey-Shortt Auxiliary, 9640, Aileen Mitchell, P.O. Box 35, Pounding Mill, VA 24637.
- **New Officers:** for Scottsville Auxiliary, 8169, President Dale Wood, 3062 Scottsville Road, Scottsville, VA 22092, Phone number 434-296-7590. Secretary Rose Farish, 278 Branch Road, Scottsville, VA 24590, Phone number 434-286-2610. Treasurer Arlene Rodriquez, 125 Riverside Drive, Palmyra, VA 22963, Phone Number 434- 589-8780. Meeting 2nd Sunday 3 p.m. at Post Home 2977 W. River Road, Scottsville, VA
- **New Mailing Address:** for Augusta-Staunton Auxiliary 2216, P.O. Box 3141, Staunton, VA 24402-33141.
- **New Officers:** for Winchester Auxiliary 2123, President Junie Miller, 1062 Greenwood Road, Winchester, VA 22602, Phone number, 540-662-2906. Secretary Brenda Baker, 605 Tomahawk Trail, Winchester, VA 22602, Phone number, 540-877-2922. Treasurer Bridget Wood, 259 John Marshall Hwy, Strasburg, VA 22657, Phone number 540-325-0900, E-mail bdpoling@yahoo.com.

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	12/6/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 7167 - Warsaw
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

8th	Date	3/8/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 3103 - Fredericksburg
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

2nd	Date	11/15/2008
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	13:00
	Location	Post 3160 - Oceanview
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

9th	Date	1/25/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 4667 - Marion
	Rep:	SR Vice President Kathy Birch

3rd	Date	11/15/2008
	Lunch	follows meeting
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Location	3rd District Hq
	Rep:	Sr Vice President Kathy Birch

10th	Date	2/22/2009
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location:	Post 7916 - Occoquan
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

4th	Date	11/16/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	Post 9954 - Victoria
	Rep:	Dept Conductress Cathy Graham

11th	Date	1/11/2009
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	12:30 PM
	Location	Post 2216 - Staunton
	Rep:	Dept Conductress Cathy Graham

5th	Date	11/15/2008
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	To follow
	Location	American Legion Hall - Stuart
	Rep:	Dept Guard Laine Beckwith

12th	Date	1/5/2009
	Regisration	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Location	Post 10298 - Pennington Gap
	Rep:	Jr. Vice President Betty Gimble

6th	Date	11/16/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	2:00 PM
	Location	TBD
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

13th	Date	10/26/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 8947 - Mineral
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

7th	Date	12/14/2008
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Location	Post 2123 - Winchester
	Rep:	Dept President Mary Profitt

Date
10/12/2008
District 1

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

176	Newport News	35	17	48.57%				70		20	25		
824	Grafton	19	19	100.00%	35			38	38	10			
3219	Phoebus	223	127	56.95%	35		10	446	466				
5500	Hampton	15	28	186.67%	35			30	52				
6002	Denbigh	65	37	56.92%				130					
7167	Warsaw	74	68	91.89%				148					
Total (8)	District 1	431	296	68.68%				862					

District 2

392	Virginia Beach	351	267	76.07%	35			702	701	50	3066		
993	Portsmouth	92	62	67.39%	35			184	182				
3160	Ocean View	307	159	51.79%				614					
4411	Franklin	51	36	70.59%				102					50
4809	Norfolk	330	255	77.27%	35			660	660				
8545	Smithfield	22	5	22.73%				44					
9382	Suffolk	61	27	44.26%				122		40			
Total (6)	District 2	1214	811	66.80%				2428					

District 3

1426	Midlothian	31	8	25.81%				62					
2239	Colonial Heights	97	85	87.63%	35			194	196	40			
3125	Ruther Glen	4		0.00%				8					
4639	Williamsburg	38	12	31.58%				76				25	
6364	West Richmond	33	24	72.73%				66					
8046	Norge	42	12	28.57%				84					
8356	West Point	27	33	122.22%	70			54	54	20	280.08	25	
9224	Richmond	29	13	44.83%				58					
9501	Central Garage	41	4	9.76%	35			82	82	20			
9808	Mechanicsville	163	129	79.14%	35			326					
10387	Petersburg	43	30	69.77%				86					
10654	Richmond	32	29	90.63%	35			64	66				400
10657	Glen Allen	33	12	36.36%				66					
Total (13)	District 3	613	391	63.78%				1226	398				

Date
10/12/2008

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

District 4

622	Petersburg	47	18	38.30%	35			94	108	72		25	25
637	Hopewell	62	40	64.52%				124					
2584	Cullen	37	7	18.92%				74					
5313	Nottoway	25	24	96.00%				50					
7059	Farmville	67	52	77.61%	35			134	134	30			
7166	South Hill	90	61	67.78%				180					
7819	Crewe	76	65	85.53%	35			152	152	70			
7897	Blackstone	24	2	8.33%				48					
8048	Lawrenceville	27	4	14.81%				54					
8163	Clarksville	72	57	79.17%				144					
8759	Amelia	55	14	25.45%				110				25	
8902	Keysville	12	11	91.67%				24		10			
9855	Appomattox	29	29	100.00%	35			58	58				50
9954	Victoria	198	193	97.47%	35			396	396	30	465	10	
Total (16)	District 4	821	577	70.28%				1642					

District 5

647	Danville	103	70	67.96%	35			206	206	30		50	
1115	Hillsville	470	204	43.40%		25		940					
2820	Bassett	20	1	5.00%				40					
4637	Martinsville	49	24	48.98%				98	98		336.66		
7568	Galax	30	30	100.00%				60					
7726	Grayson	154	117	75.97%	35			308	308			32.5	
7800	Stuart	27	17	62.96%	35			54	54	20			
8243	Halifax	64	19	29.69%	35			128	128				
8467	Meadows of Dan	53	40	75.47%	35			106	106	20	27		
Total (8)	District 5	970	522	53.81%				1940					

District 6

1033	Covington	103	63	61.17%	35	25		206	206			25	
1264	Roanoke	60	31	51.67%				120		30			
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	42	39	92.86%				84					
1841	Fincastle	56	41	73.21%	35			112	112				
2157	Bedford	56	35	62.50%				112					
4522	Vinton	61	33	54.10%				122					
5311	Christiansburg	46	37	80.43%	35			92	92	20			
7854	Floyd	29	13	44.83%				58					
Total (8)	District 6	453	292	64.46%				906					

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

District 7

621	Luray	109	88	80.73%	35			218	218	40	30		600
1860	Front Royal	149	120	80.54%	35			298	298	40		25	
2123	Winchester	71	6	8.45%				142					
2447	Edinburg	87	47	54.02%				174		40			
8613	Shenandoah	87	32	36.78%				174		20			
9292	Luray	32	1	3.13%				64					
9660	Broadway	78	48	61.54%	35			156	156				
9760	Berryville	176	91	51.70%	35			352	352	100		25	
9872	Mt. Clinton	30		0.00%				60					
Total (8)	District 7	819	433	52.87%				1638					

District 8

2524	Culpeper	63	58	92.06%	35			126	126	30			
3103	Fredericksburg	107	98	91.59%	35		50	214	214	40			
7589	Manassas	62	52	83.87%	35			124	124	30			
Total (4)	District 8	232	208	89.66%				464					

District 9

1184	Pulaski	37	24	64.86%	35			74	76			50	50
4667	Marion	121	104	85.95%	35			242	242				
6000	Narrows	115	16	13.91%				230	230	20	58		
7136	Tazewell	51	14	27.45%				102					
7328	Saltville	29	21	72.41%	35			58	56				
7969	Bland	32	17	53.13%				64					
9640	Richlands	42	14	33.33%				84					
9696	Bluefield	140	50	35.71%				280				25	
Total (8)	District 9	567	260	45.86%				1134					

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

District 10

609	Alexandria	36	21	58.33%	35			72	72				
1503	Dale City	328	252	76.83%	35			656	656	100			
3150	Arlington	158	128	81.01%	35			316	316	55		250	
7327	Springfield	130	127	97.69%	35			260	260	140		200	
7916	Woodbridge	105	58	55.24%	35			210	210				
8241	McLean	43	28	65.12%				86					
9274	Falls Church	56	46	82.14%	35			112	112	30	23.95	50	
9478	Sterling	22	26	118.18%				44					
Total (9)	District 10	878	686	78.13%				1756	1626				

District 11

632	Harrisonburg	216	196	90.74%	35	5000		432	434	40		25	
1499	Lexington	71	60	84.51%	35			142	142	20	44.6	200	
2216	Staunton	136	66	48.53%	35			272	272	60		10	
2424	Waynesboro	41	40	97.56%				82					
3136	Mt. Solon	19	11	57.89%	35			38	38				
4204	Hot Springs	42	40	95.24%	35			84	84				
7814	Staunton	19	1	5.26%	35			38	40				
8279	Steeles Tavern	26	19	73.08%	35			52	52	10		10	
8644	Bridgewater	109	82	75.23%	35	215		218	218				
9339	Stuarts Draft	53	32	60.38%				106					
9480	Craigsville	23	11	47.83%				46					
10826	Verona	17	7	41.18%				34					
Total (12)	District 11	772	565	73.19%				1544					

Date
10/12/2008

Annual Membership	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer Pins	Cancer Donations	Special Project	Operation Uplink
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District 12

1994	Abingdon	35	70	200.00%	35			70	70			
3782	Haysi	19	22	115.79%				38				
6975	Bristol	71	35	49.30%				142				
8652	Coeburn	32	5	15.63%				64				
8979	Clintwood	36	43	119.44%				72				
9600	Pound	55	4	7.27%				110				
9830	Damascus	30	9	30.00%				60		25		
10298	Pennington Gap	14	1	7.14%				28				
10310	Ewing	18	19	105.56%				36				
Total (9)	District 12	310	208	67.10%				620				

District 13

1827	Charlottesville	73	32	43.84%				146				
2217	Orange	23	9	39.13%	35			46	44			
7638	Gordonsville	42	27	64.29%	35			84	88			
8169	Scottsville	0	26	100.00%								
8436	Yancy Mills	30		0.00%				60				
8947	Louisa	59	34	57.63%				118				
10574	Colonial Beach	110	32	29.09%				220				
Total (7)	District 13	374	160	42.78%				674				

Member at Large 51 60 117.65%

Dept. Total 8505 5,495 64.61%

TREASURERS CORNER

Please remember to send **PART 3** of the membership card to me when sending in Auxiliary membership. This is especially needed when you send in a new member. If you look at the back of the membership cards they are marked. Sometimes it is very hard to read the membership applications and I do not want to make a mistake in the new members name or address.

Please do **NOT** make check payable to Debbie Martin. Checks should be made out to **LAVFW Department of VA**.

I have received a few checks from National for dues, cancer and hospital. Please remember that those checks need to come to the Department treasurer first. National does not send those to the department as soon as they get them. Your Auxiliary may not get credit for these for over a month.

Sisters, please make sure that all correspondence is sent to me at 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968. There is a Westwood Road in Ruckersville also but my address is Westwood Drive.

Treasurers, please check the report National sends out at the end of each month to make sure that your membership is correct. It is easier to try to fix any discrepancies sooner than later.

Keep those dues rolling in!

Loyally

Debbie

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

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General Orders November

*Meet the needs of others through living a life of love
Our dreams become rainbows*

Election Day: the Tuesday following the first Monday of November is Election Day (**Nov. 4, 2008**), The first presidential election to occur simultaneously on this day took place in 1848, and the House of Representatives election was moved to take place on the same date in 1872. **Report** the number of members who exercised their civic duty by participating in the elections.

Veterans Day - occurs on November 11. A brief history of Veteran's Day was in last month's program information. Celebrate on this day the veterans who have given us our freedom and report!

THOUGHTS ON VETERANS DAY General Douglas MacArthur

It is the SOLDIER, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the SOLDIER, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the SOLDIER, not the campus organizers, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.
It is the SOLDIER, who salutes the flag, who serves the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag. AMEN.

“Never in the field of human conflict was
so much owed by so many to so few.”
— Winston Churchill of Britain's fighter pilots

God and the Soldier, we adore,
In time of danger, not before.
The danger passed and all things righted,
God is forgotten and the Soldier slighted
— Rudyard Kipling

Commemorate the birthday of the **Marine Corp** which was created 233 years ago on **November 10, 1775** by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine". In memory of them it is fitting that we should call to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (*half-staff*) - On **December 7, 1941**, our Nation was attacked at Pearl Harbor, America's Pacific Fleet was battered and broken, and more than 2,400 American lives were lost. America honors those brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our homeland on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and we recognize those veterans who with strength and resolve defended our Nation and advanced the cause of freedom during World War II.

Bill of Rights Day on December 15th celebrates the addition of the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution in 1791. This holiday celebrates the freedoms and rights preserved for Americans. On the 150th anniversary (1941) of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the date a federal holiday.

Support your Post in helping to promote the **Citizenship Education Teacher Award** for grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Deadline for applications is **January 15, 2009**. It is never too late to send the information to the schools.

What better way to honor our fallen veterans than to join in "Wreaths Across America" 2008 at any of the wreath-laying ceremonies to be held concurrently on **Saturday, December 13th, 2008 at 12:00 noon EST**. **Sponsor** one or more wreaths to be laid at one of the participating locations all across the Nation, or participate in a **fundraiser** for your Auxiliary. Join in their mission to Remember; Honor; and Teach about the service and sacrifices of our veterans. Go to the website at <http://www.wreaths-across-america.org/getstarted.html> - choose on the left sponsorship or fundraising.

And remember, we are all responsible for our own publicity...continue to educate others, be good role models and "***Our Dreams will become Rainbows.***"

Awards: best Americanism program, Patriotic Instructor education, and Loyalty Day program.

REPORT: the number of members attending the Statue of Liberty birthday celebration, honoring Navy veterans, and other promotions of Americanism and patriotism.

Report forms are in President's Handbook AND online. WAY TO GO!
Remember: reporting began in June ~ so, let's get those reports in.
Districts 2 & 5 are on the way to 100%! Districts 3, 9, & 12, where are you?

Dist. No.	No. of Aux.	Auxiliaries ~ NOT ~						Reported as of Oct. 10				% Rptd
1	7	176	824	6002	8252							43
2	7	4411	8545	9382								57
3	12	1426	2239	4639	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	9808		0
			10387	10654	10657							
4	14	637	2584	5313	7059	7166		7897	8048	8163		21
			8759	8902	9855							
5	9	2820	4637	7800	8467							56
6	8	1444	1841	2157	4522	5311	7854					25
7	9	1860	2123	2447	8613	9292	9660	9760	9872			11
8	3	2524	7589									33
9	8	1184	4667	6000	7136	7328	7969	9640	9696			0
10	8	609	7916	8241	9274	9478						38
11	12	632	1499	2216	2424	3136	4204	7814	9480	10826		25
12	9	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310		0
13	6	2217	7638	8436	8947	10574						17
Total	112										25	

Ladies with several patriotic days behind us, we should be 100% reported...Ladies, get your reports in...and keep up the great work of your Auxiliary by promoting patriotism in your community and REMEMBER to **REPORT ALL THAT YOU DO!**

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

Gail M. Payne Department Patriotic Instructor
3709 Palace Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

I have been asked to republish this promotion:

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"

BANNER

Kay S. Kibler, Chairman
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November 2008

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Ladies, Can you believe it's November already! Auxiliaries across the state of Virginia, are working hard to support our veterans. Be sure to report all that you are doing. Remember, District dues are a Banner Requirement that should have been paid by September 30. The following districts have not reported on District dues. Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 13.

REMEMBER

- The **BANNER PROGRAM** is strictly a Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary program with certain requirements to be completed by the Auxiliaries in a specified amount of time. This program is set up to include all National Programs and contributions.
- Do those reports as projects are completed. Do it while it's still fresh in your mind. You'll be glad you did! Keep a copy of those reports in a three-ring binder or somewhere that you can find them easily.
- **REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2008 – MARCH 31, 2009 NO EXCEPTIONS!** This time frame is the period of time the Auxiliaries have to participate in programs and report to the Department Chairmen.
- **AWARDS: (To be presented at the June 2009 Department Convention)**
- **BANNER:** Pennant for **2008-2009** year will be given to each Auxiliary completing **ALL BANNER REQUIREMENTS** in the allowed time.
- **CITATION:** for the **2008-2009** year will be given to all Auxiliaries who complete **ALL** Banner Requirements, **except Membership.**

REQUIREMENTS 2008-09
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW – DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2008 - MARCH 31, 2009

MEMBERSHIP: 100% dues paid no later than Dec. 31, 2008

All requirements based on June 30, 2008 membership. All dues are sent to Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Rd., Ruckersville, Va. 22968. **CHECK PAYABLE TO:** Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia. (postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2008)

AUXILIARY AUDITS: Auxiliary Quarterly Audits Reports must be conducted for the calendar quarters ending in **MARCH 2008, JUNE 2008, SEPTEMBER 2008, DECEMBER 2008, (National By-laws Sec.814A)** This report must be sent to Department Treasurer: (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) The Department Treasurer will verify audit report to Banner Chairman after each Audit.

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

ATTENDANCE: An Auxiliary member must be present at either a District Meeting or Department Council/Conference, during the reporting period. **DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT SECRETARY WILL VERIFY ATTENDANCE TO BANNER CHAIRMAN – AFTER EACH MEETING.**

District Conventions/Election of Officers **DOES NOT count.

PARTICIPATION: Each Auxiliary must participate in the National Programs shown below and MUST REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2009. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Americanism	Youth Activities (any)	Veterans & Family Support	
Cancer Aid & Research	Patriotic Art	1. Unmet Needs	7. Operation Uplink
Community Service	Jr. Girls	2. MAP	8. Adopt a Unit
Hospital/VAVS	(report in at least2)	3. Buddy Poppy	9. Fisher House
Legislative/VFW-PAC	VOD/Patriots Pen	4. VFW National Home	10. Wreaths Across America
(either one or both)	(either one or both)	5. Snowball Express	
		6. Continuing Education Scholarship	
		(must complete at least 5 of the 10 listed)	

DONATIONS:

1. CANCER FUND: \$2.00 per member. Based on June 30, 2008 membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia marked for **Cancer Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer no later than **MARCH 31, 2009. 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, 2009. DEPARTMENT TREAUSRER WILL REPORT THESE DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

3. HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND: \$0.25 per member, based on June 30, 2008 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, 2009. 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 mailed to 200 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002 and report to Department Legislative/VFW-PAC Chairman

postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2009.** **DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILL VERIFY TO BANNER CHAIRMAN.**

Kay S. Kibler, Banner Chairman

CANCER AID and RESEARCH

TO: All District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and Members

FROM: Lee Miller, Dept. C.A.R. Chairman
3907 Yorktown Drive
Hopewell, VA 23860

November 2008

This General Order is primarily about the men in our lives. I said early on that we would try to cover all types of Cancer and not only are women affected by this dreaded disease, but so are the men. Most all of us have husbands, sons, fathers and other men in our lives that are so important to us. Most all of them are veterans and have been in foreign countries. Some of the Cancers that effect men are different than those that effect women.

Typically the same ones that effect both sexes are Lung Cancer, Colon Cancer and Skin Cancer.

Lung Cancer is found in people who smoke and they are at the greatest risk of developing this disease. But, you so not have to ever been a smoker to develop this disease. By being in the environment that involves being exposed to asbestos or radon can be a factor. More than 80% of lung cancers are caused from smoking. If you are a smoker, QUIT. If you don't smoke. DON'T START!

Colon Cancer is usually found in people over 50 (which includes most of us). Diets high in fat, being overweight, smoking and lack of exercise can increase your risk for this disease. Colon cancer always starts with a polyp. By changing your diet and eating low-fat foods, fruits and vegetables and exercise you can reduce your risk for this disease.

Skin Cancer risks can be reduced by avoiding prolonged exposure to the sun and getting severe sunburns. People who are light complected, with blond or red hair are especially susceptible and have a greater risk than people who have darker coloring. Some helpful preventive measures are; wearing hats with brims, long-sleeved shirts and using sun screen. Check you skin often and have a skin exam when you have your regular check-up.

In my next General Orders we will concentrate on Prostrate Cancer.

In this General Order I am going to begin listing those Auxiliaries that have not reported as yet. Remember to send in your \$2.00 per member and *REPORT* it to me. When you send in your money for your cancer pins, report that to me also. I am looking forward to hearing from you about all that you are doing to fight and promote this most worthy program. There are a lot of Auxiliaries that have not reported, but I know you have all started on your Cancer Programs for this new year. Please REPORT them to me.

Those Auxiliaries NOT reported are as follows:

Dist. 1:	176, 824, 3219, 6002,
Dist. 2:	993, 4809, 8545, 9382
Dist. 3:	1426, 2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10654, 10657
Dist. 4:	637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 8048, 8163, 8759, 8902, 9855, 9954
Dist. 5:	647, 1115, 2820, 4637, 7568, 7726, 7800,
Dist. 6:	1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
Dist. 7:	621, 2123, 2447, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9872

Dist. 8: 2524
Dist. 9: 1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640
Dist. 10: 609, 3150, 7916, 8241, 9274, 9478
Dist. 11: 632, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826
Dist. 12: 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310
Dist. 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10574

I hope that in my next General Orders there will be some 100% reported Districts.

Sisters, as we go through life's journey, take the time to stop and smell the roses because time and Cancer wait for no one. See the Rainbows, find the cure!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!

Loyally,

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Community Service

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November, 2008

Our Dreams Become Rainbows Live a Life of Love While Serving The Needs Of Others Educate – Communicate - Participate

Disaster Preparedness and Safety: Organize a safety seminar with the aid of local police or fire departments to cover weather preparedness and home safety. For those members of the Post, Auxiliary or neighbor who may need assistance provide contact information so they know there is someone they can call on in times of need. For more information go to www.citizenscorps.gov , www.ready.gov. or www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

National Family Volunteer Day – November 22, 2008: This is a day for families to work together on a project to make a difference in their community. The following are some suggestions from www.familycares.org: These are some great ideas for the Auxiliaries or Jr. Girl units to do as a project during the year as well.

Animals: Contact a local shelter or rescue group to see what items they are in need of and start a collection drive.

Arts, Music & Children: Organize a sing-a-long at a children's hospital or nursing home. Collect art supplies or assemble activity kits for children in shelters or hospitals.

Environment: Organize a clean up neighborhood streets, playgrounds, beaches or community gardens. Check with your local city or county government to see if they will donate supplies.

Homeless & Hungry: Collect food for your local soup kitchen or food pantry. Contact local shelters to find out what items they are in need of and organize a collection drive.

Literacy: Organize a read-a-thon for children at your local community center or after school programs. Donate funds or collect new books for schools, libraries or community centers.

Seniors: Play bingo, celebrate a holiday or host a birthday for nursing home residences. Visit a Veterans home or senior residence, offer to interview them about their lives, take pictures and post them on a bulletin board in a common area.

Sick, Recuperating or Chronically Ill: Make meals or buy groceries for a local Ronald McDonald House or Fisher House.

There will more ideas in the coming months.

Outstanding Community Volunteer: Remember the volunteer must be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for at least five years, cannot be nominated for the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in the same year as nominated for this award and

former national winners are not eligible to compete again. The nomination forms are available at our department website, www.vfwvaaux.org or I will be happy to mail you the forms.

Awards Information: At the Winter Council meeting in January, 2009, I will present each Auxiliary with a certificate who submits a publicity item promoting your Community Service Event. Entries must be received by December 1, 2008. A drawing will be held from the entries for a \$25.00 award.

Congratulations to District 2...first to make 100%

REMEMBER: Community Service is anything a person does that they DO NOT receive compensation, is done in the name of Auxiliary, with Auxiliary approval and is voted on so that it is a part of the minutes and official Auxiliary business. There is no value on time that can be reported. It is most helpful to use the reporting form and complete the summary on the reporting form. Don't forget to count mileage in the cost of the project. \$.14 per mile for each member that participates in the project. You can e-mail the reports or send by mail. Reporting forms are available on the department website. www.vfwvaaux.org Don't forget one project maybe counted for more than one banner category. Keep those reports coming.

Dist No.	No. of Aux	Auxiliaries > NOT < Reported as of									% Rptd
		Nov 10									
1	7	176	824	7167	8252						43%
2	7										100%
3	12	1426	2239	6364	8046	8356	9224	9501	9808	10387	
		10657									17%
4	13	637	2584	5313	7166	7897	8048	8163	8759	8902	
		9855									30%
5	9	2820	7800	8467							67%
6	8	1444	2157	5311	7854						50%
7	9	621	2123	2447	8613	9292	9660	9872			22%
8	3	2524	7589								33%
9	8	6000	7136	7969	9640	9696					38%
10	8	609	7916	8241	9478						50%
11	12	632	1499	2216	2424	3136	4204	7814	8644	9480	25%
12	8	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10298	10310	0%
13	6	1827	2217	7638	8436	8947	10574				0%

Department of Virginia
Hospital & VAVS
General Orders - November 2008

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Dear Sisters,

I want to thank all of you for the support, cards, flowers, and telephone calls that I received during my heart attack. Words can not express how much it meant to me to hear from so many of my sisters and to know that my family and I were not alone! God bless you all!

I have some truly exciting news. The *Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project* (a therapeutic writing program designed to acknowledge veterans' experiences and build self-esteem through creative expression) gives the opportunity of publication in **Veterans' Voices**. I encourage you to contact your area VA Medical Center or HVWP Headquarters, 5920 Nall, Room 105, Mission, Kansas 66202-3456 or visit www.veteransvoices.org. **Veterans' Voices** is published in March, July and October.

I also want every Auxiliary (yes – I mean EVERY AUXILIARY) to write to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111 to request **their** copy of the **VAVS AND HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER GUIDE** (the pink booklet). NOTE: National will not accept requests over the telephone or fill requests for more than 1 copy at a time. It is a very informative booklet and as I know that all of our Auxiliaries are passionate about our hospitalized veterans, it will assist us all.

As I know that many of our ladies spend numerous hours volunteering at the VA Medical Centers and hospitals, I would like the Auxiliary Presidents to start working on their choice for the VAVS National Advisory Committee's (NAC) Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year. Please submit your nomination to me (Department Chairman) by January 1st, 2009. Nominations must be typed and not exceed 300 words. I will judge them and the Department winner will then be submitted to National. Remember, we have many sisters that volunteer every day and each is deserving of recognition. I must have entries in order to forward a deserving individual to National.

Please contact your VAVS Representative to get a copy of your VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Needs List. It provides information on different programs that could use our support and lists patient comfort items that are needed. It is definitely helpful when trying to decide how best to help.

Sisters, I need to stress the importance that all of our Auxiliaries send at least the required \$35.00 for the Hospital Program to the State Treasurer, Debbie Martin, as soon as possible. This money is needed to keep our VFW Ladies Auxiliary Hospital Program

running. To provide aid and comfort to our hospitalized veterans is a core reason that we exist, and this token is to ensure that our VAVS Representatives are able to perform the duties to our veterans that we have at times taken for granted. We need to keep this Program's heart beating, **our heart beating**, for the good of **our veterans**.

REPORTING:

Please use the report forms provided in the President's Handbook.

This is a reminder, there will be a drawing at the Winter Council in Williamsburg for \$25, for the auxiliaries that have turned in the banner requirement of \$35 to the Department Treasurer (Debbie Martin), earmarked for the Hospital & VAVS Program and turned in at least one completed report. At the State Convention, all Auxiliaries that have turned in their banner requirement and completed at least one project/event will receive a certificate. Auxiliaries that have gone above and beyond will be recognized and will participate in a drawing for \$50.

Our National President, Dixie Hilde's theme "Our dreams become rainbows" can not be incorporated in a better way than by supporting our Hospital & VAVS program. The smiling face of a volunteer shows our veteran's that their dreams are not just possible, but they are within their reach. Commitment, dedication and caring by our volunteers, is the true example of the Department of Virginia's President Mary Profitt's theme "Live a life of love while serving the needs of others".

A kind word and a smile can make all the difference in the world to a veteran. Start early and report often!

Thank you,
Robin Milewski
Hospital & VAVS Committee Chairman
Department of Virginia

It is amazing that love can transform your life forever.

Status: (not reported as of 10 Oct 08)

Dist 1: 176

Dist 2: 4411, 8545, 9382

Dist 3: 1426, 2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 9224, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10657 Dist 4: 2584, 5313, 7059, 7819, 7897, 8048, 8163, 8759, 8902, 9855, 9954

Dist 5: 647, 1115, 2820, 7568

Dist 6: 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 7854

Dist 7: 621, 2123, 2447, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9872

Dist 8: 100% Congrats!

Dist 9: 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640

Dist 10: 609, 8241, 9478

Dist 11: 632, 1499, 2216, 2424, 4204, 7814, 9339, 9480, 10826

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Legislative and VFW Political Action Committee
2008-2009
Our Dreams Become Rainbows
(As we) Live a Life of Love While Serving the Needs of Others

Deborah J. Branham
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Sisters,

I have been bombarded with reports from so many auxiliaries. I have enjoyed reading your comments. I am amazed at the imagination and determination of you all to get to legislators and candidates to see to it that they know some of the issues near and dear to our hearts as listed in our VFW Legislative & Security Priority Goals.

I appreciate the hard work you have put in to get voters registered in your areas. You amaze me! One auxiliary wrote how they handed out literature about registering to vote at a popular football game. Another wrote about polling people at a political rally to see if they or family members were registered to vote.



Well, has passed to register any more voters. We must now concentrate on Getting Out The Vote. Have you got your phone tree established to call people to remind them to vote or to see if they might need transportation to the polls. Have you contacted a candidate's campaign office to see if you can volunteer in some way? There is still



. You can work a phone bank. There will be a script for you to read. Easy! You can distribute campaign literature. You can work in the campaign office answering



the phone, stuffing envelopes, so much to do! Take and call to volunteer.



has run out to call the local registrar's office to ask to work inside the polls. The registrar has to conduct training classes for the poll workers but consider working

inside the polls in the future. Our own Madame President Mary Profitt will be working



inside the polls this year. Her first . Good luck to you, Mary! Let me



know of any of you who also are working inside for the first . Also, don't forget how important working the outside of the polls can be. You may hand out sample ballots, assist with how to vote once inside, or simply hand out coffee to those standing in line. Voting is one of those rights that our veterans worked so hard for us to achieve and it is one of the important differences that sets us apart from other countries as a democracy.



We are on a schedule here. November 4th is fast approaching.



is sifting through our hands so let's get those hands busy.

Auxiliaries reporting thus far:

District 1: 824, 5500, 7167

District 2: 392, 993, 4809, 9382, and Jr. Girls

District 3: nothing yet

District 4: 622

District 5: 1115, 4637, 7568

District 6: 1033, 1264

District 7: 1860, 2447, 9660, 9760

District 8: nothing yet

District 9: nothing yet

District 10: 609, 1503, 3150, 7327, 9274

District 11: 2424

District 12: 1994, 8979

District 13: 8947

I am sure the other auxiliaries have been busy with campaigning to send in their reports. I will expect loads of reports next month.

Cash reward of \$20.00 will go to the auxiliary that was most active.

Cash reward of \$15.00 will go to the auxiliary that is second most active.

Cash reward of \$10.00 will go to the auxiliary that comes in third most active.

Cash reward of \$20.00 will go to the auxiliary contributing the most to VFW-PAC.

Cash reward of \$10.00 will go to the auxiliary who GOTV most.

Cash reward of \$10.00 will go to the auxiliary who contacted the most legislators.

A drawing of the auxiliaries numbers will break any ties.

I look forward to hearing from you, Sisters. And remember if I can help in any way, contact me. In the meantime, keep up the good work.

Deborah Branham

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

November 2008

**To: District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Treasures, Membership Chairmen
and Auxiliary members.**

**CC: Colette Bishop, National Membership Director
Susan Simmons, Southern Conference Chairman**

**From: Betty Gimble, Department Membership Chairman
12604 Harbor Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192
Email: nanagimble@comcast.net 703-491-9249**

**“Live a life of love while serving the needs of others” and
“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”**

Ladies, I hope you have a successful recruiting campaign scheduled for November. Please e-mail me or drop me a note about your campaign. Also, in order for Debbie to get our membership into National by the end of November she must have your transmittal by **Saturday, November 22nd**. She must have time to process the dues and mail them to National Headquarters.

I joined Auxiliary 7589, Manassas, at their recruiting booth on October 4th. We talked to several ladies and handed out membership applications. They had their booth decorated with posters and had attained pamphlets from National Headquarters to pass out to the prospects. Valerie Neeley, President of Auxiliary 7589, had an information sheet that she handed out with the application form. A copy of this sheet is attached. I thought it was worth passing on to you.

It is very important that we also retain and reinstate our members. We need to contact our annual members and get them to renew. Are there ladies who are no longer coming to your meetings? Have you called them to see if there is a problem or maybe they are ill or cannot afford to pay their dues? If one of your members is having a difficult time maybe the Auxiliary can pay her dues for her. Let them know that they are missed and we would love to have them come back. Without our membership, we cannot afford to carry out our programs.

The Department will be mailing out due notices about the middle of November. We hope this will help you collect your 2009 dues. Be sure and mail your transmittals to Debbie in a timely manner so that she will have an up to date list of members who have not paid.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING



LADIES AUXILIARY TO VFW POST 1503

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- **APPLICATION CARD** – Information for “Name of Campaign Ribbons or Medals” and Foreign Service” can be obtained from the veteran’s DD-214 (discharge form) or other proof of service. Sign and Date front and back of card. If the Veteran is NOT a member of a VFW Post, include a COPY of DD-214 or other proof of service with application and mail to address below.
- The amount to join for an annual member is **\$25.00** and then the dues will be \$20.00 for each following year. If you would like to join as a life member a copy of the fee schedule is attached. **Make check payable to “Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 1503”.**
- **MAIL** application and payment to Betty Gimble, Treasurer, 12604 Harbor Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192. You will be notified by mail when your application has been accepted.
- **Meetings:** First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Post home – 14361 Minnieville Rd., Dale City, VA
- **QUESTIONS:** Please call 703-491-9249.



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PRESIDENT MARY'S –SPECIAL PROJECT
NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION

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Dear Sisters

I want to tell you a story of a man by the name of Benny Voss who was diagnosed at the age of 18 with kidney disease. He was told about the age of 50 or 60 he would have to have a kidney transplant. He would have to watch his diet and exercise daily. At the age of 34 he took a regular blood test and found out that his potassium level was so high that there must have been a false reading, they took another test and Benny was rushed to the hospital. Benny thought his twin brother would be able to donate a kidney, but to their surprise his twin brother had high blood pressure was and was not a suitable donor. His wife Linda turned out to be an appropriate match and within six weeks Benny had her kidney. The surgery took place on November 2005 and they are both to this date have been healthily and both returned to work.

Last year for the first time the Visas got involved with the Kidney Walk and they exceeded their goal of \$1,000. The couple raised \$4,100 to support the National Kidney foundation. Their fund raising goal for this year is \$5,000, so you see ladies we can reach a goal of \$5,000. This is why I'm asking every auxiliary to please donate to such a worthy cause, if one family can obtain a goal of \$5,000, just think how much we can raise.

I mentioned in my last promotion of the Kidney Walks here in Virginia. This is how the Voss family raises their donation for the Kidney Foundation. You can have a bake sale, craft fair, and have a Kidney Walk in your city. Please ladies if you or your auxiliary can find it in your hearts, send in your donations today.

I want to thank all the auxiliaries who have already sent in their donations.

Please send your donations into Debbie Martin the Department Treasurer and then send me your report or e-mail me your report.

Loyally Yours
Mary Smart

For: Department President, PDPs, Line Officers, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, V&FS Chairmen, Members, National Program Director and Southern Conference Program Chairman

**“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”
“Live a Life of Love while Meeting the Needs of Others”**

Bottom Line Up Front

November is a time when the leaves have changed, the temperatures drop and we begin to think of the holidays. Plan some special events to honor the veterans and their families. Don't forget about the veterans in the hospitals and nursing homes.

Auxiliaries should consider/vote on activities and donations for events that are coming up. Here are some highlights for this newsletter:

- **Become A Star Donor for the National Home**
- **Wreaths Across America (December 13 – DEADLINE - December 1);**
- **Snowball Express (December 16-20 – DEADLINE December 9, 2008). See section for special Valentine's gifts that benefit Snowball Express – Deadline November 28, 2008.**

Don't forget to **publicize what you have done or are planning to do** for our Veterans and their families. Print flyers, and publish in the local newspaper! I have been getting some very nice articles that show that our auxiliaries are doing some great things in their communities for our veterans. Keep it up Ladies!

Veterans & Family Support

Just a reminder - If your auxiliary does not want to be specific in sending monies to MAP, Operation Uplink, UNMET Needs or Adopt-A-Unit, donations can be made to:

VFW National Military Services
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
406 West 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111.

Checks made out to VFW National military Services allows the VFW Foundation to utilize the funds where needed and to transfer monies to the various funds. **If auxiliaries utilize this method, they will receive credit for 2 of the areas for banner requirements.**

- **Assistance to veterans and their families.**
The holidays are approaching and we are beginning to think of days filled with family, friends and

great food. This can be a time when you can assemble Thanksgiving Baskets for the local families and especially our veterans. Perhaps there is a family of an active duty soldier who is deployed. Wouldn't it be wonderful to provide them with all the ingredients for a great Thanksgiving dinner? You might even get your local grocery store to donate to provide items at a discount if you tell them what you are doing.

Don't forget about the retired veterans and their families in your own community – and those who are in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Do you have members that take them to the doctor, to buy groceries, or to get their medications? Keep track of these hours and trips, and then report on them. Let me know of the generosity and helpfulness of the sisters to our comrades and their families.

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

Map applications can be submitted in conjunction with you post, another auxiliary or even another organization. Please take the time to look over the MAP program and to consider working with another group to complete the application and receive a MAP grant.

UNMET Needs Program

Many of us know of the separation and feeling of isolation when our husband, father, mother, and/or son/daughter have been deployed for an extended period of time. For many of the ones left behind, it can be very difficult and costly. Sometimes the bills add up and getting assistance can be time consuming

If you know of a veteran family who is experiencing some difficult times, talk to them about UNMET Needs. Let them know that they can get financial assistance to help with some of the expenses that may be piling up. Some of the areas that UNMET Needs help in are:

- Infant formula
- Eyeglasses
- Prescriptions
- Groceries
- Toiletries
- Diapers
- Vehicle repair/maintenance
- Home repair
- Transportation expenses
- Appliance repair
- Mortgage Assistance
- Rent

If you know of a military family that could use assistance in one of these areas or others, please

contact you District POC, the Department Chairman or your Post Quartermaster for the forms.

Donations to UNMET Needs can go so far to help those who have and are sacrificing so much for our freedom.

Operation Uplink

Please consider donating as much as you can to Operation Uplink. This program also includes the Internet Café. Our brave men and women serving for our freedom really enjoy and appreciate the few minutes and times that they can communicate with their loved ones back home. National is giving a citation to every Auxiliary, District, Department, and Junior Girl Unit that give at least a \$100.00 one-time donation. Make Operation Uplink an on-going donation. So, get those donations in.

Adopt-A-Unit Program

I know there are National Guard and service Reserve units throughout Virginia and at least one is probably in your district. Many of these units are deployed either overseas or to a base/post in the country to serve during the War on Terrorism. Please think seriously about adopting one of these units. Team up with another Post/auxiliary or even do it as a District. **Your District POC has the forms for adopting a local unit.** For the families of the unit that you adopt, invite them to Post/Auxiliary functions or host a special dinner or lunch for them. This will make them feel special and know that you are supporting them.

When you send any care packages to the deployed units, please remember that many women are serving and that they will need some feminine hygiene items also.

Buddy Poppy



You know the history of the Buddy Poppy, but do you know that for more than 75 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well being of their dependents.

When you wear the Buddy Poppy, **WEAR IT PROUDLY!** That's the motto on each and every one of our Buddy Poppies. We are proud of our veterans and proud of what they have given us for our freedom.

VFW National Home for Children



BECOME A STAR!!!

Are you a Star? Generous contributors to the National Home are formally recognized through the Star Donor Program. This annual program is just one way of

saying thank you for supporting the unique and important mission of the National Home. Recognition levels are based on either individual or organizational giving.

Organizational Giving Levels

- Bronze - \$500-\$999
- Silver - \$1,000 - \$1,999
- Gold - \$2,000 - \$4,999
- Platinum - \$5,000 or more

All cash and stock donations made in either an individual's name or by an organization are counted towards a Star Donor level. Life Membership fees, souvenir purchases, annuities, gifts-in-kind and intended pledges are not included.

The Star Donor Program for organizations runs on the VFW/Ladies Auxiliary year from July 1-June 30. VFW Posts and their Ladies Auxiliaries, Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tents and their Auxiliaries, Districts and Departments and other organizations all qualify for recognition. Recognition is presented to qualifying organizations at the VFW National Convention each summer. Otherwise, the recognition will be presented by a National Home representative or mailed directly to the organization.

Individual recognition is based on the standard calendar year from January 1 - December 31. At the end of each month, the National Home will determine who has met a new Star Donor level based on their year-to-date giving. At this time, a notification and recognition pin will be sent to the individual. As the donor moves up the levels in the Star Donor program, they will be awarded subsequent pins.

To find out more about the VFW National Home and the Star Donor Program the Campbell's product labels and much more, visit www.vfwnationalhome.org or contact your District Chairman.

Fisher House

A Fisher House is **"a home away from home"** for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available.

Fisher Houses are given to the U. S. Government as gifts. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes.

Donations are needed for the upkeep and maintenance of each house and to supplement the stays of the families that come there.

Wreaths Across America

December 13, 2008 is not really very far away. Orders for the wreaths for placement on the graves of our veterans must be made by December 1, 2008.

Members who would like to have wreath to be placed on a Veteran's grave that is NOT buried in a Veterans Cemetery can still order a wreath to be delivered to a home. Family can then place the wreath on the grave themselves. Use the form from the website (www.wreathscrossamerica.com) to order your wreath and indicate the address you want it sent to.

Sponsor a wreath and spread the word. If you would like to get involved, you can help by sponsoring a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave, or bringing this information to other individuals and businesses. **Each wreath sponsorship is just \$15.00.**

Now is a good time to start collecting the names of the individuals who will be helping out with the wreaths on December 13th. Contact your local cemetery location leader and coordinate the list with them. Some cemeteries appreciate refreshments for the participants. Perhaps your auxiliary (along with another organization) can provide drinks, snacks, and memorabilia for the event. What a wonderful way to support this program.

VFWS Service Officer Education

Have you scheduled an education session with your Post or District Service Officer? If not, talk to your Service officer and plan the topics and areas that you would like to see covered. See if you can have a session in conjunction with a District Meeting.

Your Post Service Officer is an invaluable tool to the families of our veterans. The Service officer can provide assistance with eligibility and helping with the VA system for benefits. They have a wealth of knowledge. Set up an "Education luncheon" for your auxiliary and the Post Service officer. Perhaps, you can have him/her speak at one of your meetings. Find

out what you can do to help him/her with obtaining the benefits and the VA Healthcare System.



Remember that December 16-20, 2008 is when the planes will be rolling. The children and families that will participate are signing up fast. If you know of any children who have lost a military loved one since 9/11/02, they are eligible to participate. Contact your District Chairman for the information and details.

NOTICE:



Order now for **Valentine's Day 2009** and benefit Snowball Express in 2008! Yes, for each bouquet of twelve 18" Long Stemmed Roses for \$30.00, Floral Express will donate \$10.00 to Snowball Express. Bouquets must be ordered in multiples of 8. The orders for this special promotion must be made by Friday November 28th, 2008 to qualify for the donation to Snowball Express. Bouquets will arrive at your location by Friday February 13, 2009 via FedEx. The order form indicates a business, but your local VFW Post can serve as the delivery location. Your District V&FS Chairman, or Department Chairman has a copy of the form or you can download the order form at http://www.snowballexpress.org/downloads/lavfw_order_form.pdf.

Scholarship Program

Haven't you or your spouse ever thought how great it would be realtor or a teacher's assistant. Perhaps you would like to complete your degree or certificate in a particular specialty. The National Ladies Auxiliary VFW will be offering four Continuing Education Scholarships in each Membership Conference. Members, their spouses and their children are eligible for one of four \$1,000 scholarships. **Applications can be obtained from your District Chairman.**

Deadline for submitting an application to the Department is February 1, 2009.

Loyally,
Lorraine (Laine) Beckwith
Veterans and Family Support Chairman, Department of Virginia
41 Kings Point Drive, Hampton, VA 23669
(757) 722-0235, e-mail: Dabeck41@cox.net

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OK FOLKS – LET’S GET THOSE REPORTS IN!!
 DON’T FORGET THAT THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
 IS 25 CENTS PER MEMBER
 BASED ON YOUR JUNE 30, 2008 MEMBER COUNT

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/JUNIOR GIRLS
YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART
NOVEMBER 2008

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**“OUR DREAMS BECOME RAINBOWS”
“LIVE A LIVE OF LOVE WHILE SERVING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS”**

**To: DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS, DISTRICT
PRESIDENTS, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS**

This year establish a goal to reach as many of our youth as possible. We must get them involved in our programs. Youth are the leaders of tomorrow. We can teach them their responsibilities as citizens in a democracy and inform them of the opportunities available for awards and scholarships offered by our organization. Publicize our programs through flyers in areas that youth gather such as churches, public meeting areas, scout meetings or your schools classrooms. If possible place a small advertisement in your local newspaper.

A review of our programs is:

- ☺ Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year – Students age 12 – 15
Deadline – February 1, 2009
\$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond and Plaque
- ☺ Youth Supporting Our Troops – Citations from National President – Deadline April 10, 2009
- ☺ Young American Creative Patriotic Art – Students 9 – 12 grades
Scholarships from \$10,000 for 1st place to
\$500 for 5th – 7th place winners
- ☺ Citations to all Youth who collect at least 100 UPC codes for Campbell’s Labels for Education
Deadline for requests – May 15, 2009
- ☺ Junior Girls - Girls age 5 – 16 are eligible for membership. Scholarships of \$10,000 & \$5,000 are available to girls ages 13 – 16. Deadline – April 7, 2009.

I would like to encourage all Auxiliaries to begin a Junior Girls Unit if possible. We need these young ladies in our organization. Consider the possibility of mentoring young minds and teaching them about the Ladies Auxiliary and VFW. The rewards far outweigh the time and energy that you put into this project.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT REPORT REPORT REPORT

Auxiliaries Not Reported as of Oct. 9, 2008:

District 1: 176, 824, 5500, 6002
District 2: 4411, 8545, 9382
District 3: 1426, 2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10654, 10657
District 4: 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 7897, 8048, 8163, 8759, 8902, 9855, 9954
District 5: 647, 1115, 2820, 4637, 7726, 7800, 8243, 8467
District 6: 1264, 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
District 7: 621, 2123, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9872
District 8: 2524, 3103, 7589
District 9: 1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640, 9696
District 10: 609, 1503, 3150, 7916, 8241, 9478
District 11: 632, 1499, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826
District 12: 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310
District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10574

COMING SOON!

Details are being worked out for an upcoming fundraiser event

SteinMart Stores in Richmond, Virginia Beach and Roanoke

will be holding three evening fundraisers

to raise awareness of Virginia National Guard Family Programs

Proceeds from the sale of tickets to these events

will be donated to the National Guard's

Family Readiness Groups and the ChalleNGe Program
(ChalleNGe program works with at-risk youth across the Commonwealth)

ATTENTION AUXILIARIES IN

DISTRICT 1

DISTRICT 2

DISTRICT 3

DISTRICT 4

DISTRICT 5

DISTRICT 6

DISTRICT 11

You will be asked to help sell tickets to these events.

As soon as tickets are printed, you will be contacted by:

Irene Peters, Auxiliary Coordinator

ipeters@bww.com

Telephone: (804) 328-2264

WAYS AND MEANS REMINDER

Just a reminder that Ways and Means Chairman is now:

**Mary Horne
1307 Thornhill Road
Lexington, VA 24450**

**Telephone: (540) 463-5793
E-mail: hmhorne@aol.com**

Shirt orders, quilt raffle tickets and monies should be sent to the above address.

Quilt will be given away at Winter Conference so all tickets and money must be sent in no later than January 10th.

Ways and Means will have available by popular request:

**Sunshine Dish Clothes
RADA Knives and Implements**

If the members have any other suggestions for sale items, please let me know right away.

**Mary Horne
Chairman**