

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

1. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** The Department of Virginia has reached **96.81%** in membership. We still need **273 members** to reach 100%. Sisters of Virginia you can make it happen with the three R's (Reinstate, Retain and Recruit). I know we can and I know that you will because our veterans need us.
2. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN:** Congratulations to the Auxiliaries who have completed all the requirements to earn a Department Banner for the 2007-2008 year. Sisters you have done an excellent job in all areas of participating and reporting as well as attaining 100% in membership. A job well done! Please don't stop yet as the 2007-2008 reporting year continues on. Projects in April and May that are reported could help your Auxiliary win an award at the Department Convention. Your continued reports of programs may also mean the difference in receiving monetary awards by our Department at the National Convention in August. Our Department Chairmen will continue to pursue those Auxiliaries **NOT REPORTED** since the Chairmen have until May 15, 2008 to give a final report to their National Directors.
3. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS:** Please do not "**HOLD**" new memberships! Some Auxiliaries have done this in the past so that their Auxiliary will have an easier time in meeting their membership quota for the next year. It has been several years since the Department of Virginia has achieved 100% in Membership, lets all work together to make it happen. I know that we can do it.
4. **DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES:** A list of District Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention must be sent to the District Secretary, countersigned by the Auxiliary President and affixed with the Auxiliary Seal. Your District dues must also be paid for your members to have a vote. See the March General Orders. Auxiliary audits must be current and the Auxiliary may not owe for other financial obligations or supply money to National Headquarters or fail to have the office of Treasurer bonded. All rights shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies, as stated in Section 309 of the National Bylaws.
5. **DISTRICT SECRETARIES:** If you have not received a list of Delegates and Alternates from the Auxiliary Secretary, please remind them of the requirement in order to vote in the Elections or on any motion. As their term of office is for one year, it is the District Secretary's responsibility to keep the Delegate list for a full year in case a controversial motion ever came before the District.
6. **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES:** A list of elected Department Delegates and Alternates must be sent by your Auxiliary Secretary,

countersigned by the Auxiliary President, to Department Secretary Susie DeShano, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401.

7. **NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES:** The National Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at the last regular meeting in June. A list of elected National Delegates and Alternates must be sent by your Auxiliary Secretary, countersigned by the Auxiliary President, to National Secretary-Treasurer VFW Headquarters, 406 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.
8. **DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN:** Please remember to submit your Department Year End Report to the Department Secretary by May 15, 2008. Department Chairmen are to have their Year End Report to their National Director by May 15, 2008. Please send a copy of the National Director's report to the Department President. Make sure you send your voucher by May 15, 2008 to Department Treasurer Debbie Martin for your awards to Auxiliaries for Awards Night.
9. **EXPENSES VOUCHES:** If you have not sent an expense vouchers to the Department President for the amount that has been budgeted to you. Please do so as soon as possible. The year is coming to a close and any vouchers for the 2007-2008 year not submitted by June 30, 2008 can not be paid.
10. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Please visit the Ladies Auxiliary VFW department website. Any member can read current or past General Orders, print a program report form, and check out your banner standings. Webmaster Susie DeShano has been busy updating the website so visit **YOUR** website today at [www.vfwvaaux.org](http://www.vfwvaaux.org).

**To all my Auxiliary Sisters on Mother's Day**

**A friend is... A hand when you need it, a smile when you're sad, A lift when you're weary,  
a song when you're glad, A help when you falter, a word when you're blue, A hope for the  
dreams that are special to you -- And this brings all the thanks that I can extend To you -- just  
for being that kind of friend! Happiness on Mother's Day and Always**

The DAYS are getting longer, the BREEZE is blowing warmer, and the SUN is shining brighter...  
SPRING is here! May your springtime be a wonderful blend of sunshine and flowers and joys without  
end! I can not thank you enough for all that you do for our veterans, their families and our  
organization. As a "Tradition of Caring" the members are the asset of our organization.

By Order of



Department President

Attest:



Department Secretary

Linda (Susie) DeShano  
403 Lee Jackson Highway  
Staunton, VA 24401  
(540) 886-8112 [secretary62@gmail.com](mailto:secretary62@gmail.com)

April, 2008

### **Roster Changes and Updates**

- **New meeting place:** for Floyd County Auxiliary 7854, Post Home, Epperly Mills Road, Floyd, VA, 24091.
- **New meeting time :** for Northern Neck Auxiliary 7167, The Auxiliary will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. beginning in April.

### **Calendar Updates**

- **State Convention:** June 12-15, 2008, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA, Telephone 804-285-2000. Room Rates \$89.00, through May 21, 2008.
- **National Convention:** August 16-21, 2008, Orlando, FL. The National Organization anticipates many members will take this opportunity to plan family vacations. To assist the members housing and registration has opened early. The Department of Virginia has only been assigned a block of **30 rooms**. We are in the Rosen Centre Hotel. Reservation must be booked by July 14, 2008 to get the VFW room rate but our block will definitely be full sooner than that. Please use the attached housing form to reserve a room. **Do Not** contact the hotel, you must go through VFW housing.
- **Southern Conference:** October 30, 2008–November 1, 2008. Oklahoma City, OK. Biltmore Hotel, room \$79.00 reservation line-800-522-6620 or 405-947-7681. Reservation deadline October 16, 2008. More details will be available in next month's General Orders.

# **Attention Auxiliary and District Presidents**

## **Outstanding Auxiliary Secretary**

New Award for 2007-2008 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, 2008.

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

## 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.**

<b>1st</b>	Date	5/10/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 7167
	Rep:	None

<b>8th</b>	Date	5/4/2008
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 3103, Fredericksburg
	Rep:	Mary Proffitt, Senior Vice President

<b>2nd</b>	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	Noon
	Meeting	1300 Hours (1:00 p.m.)
	Location	Tidewater Post 4809
	Rep:	None

<b>9th</b>	Date	5/4/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 1184 Pulaski
	Rep:	None

<b>3rd</b>	Date	5/10/2008
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1000 Hours
	Location	3rd District Headquarters
	Rep:	None

<b>10th</b>	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 P.M.
	Location:	Post 1503, Dale City
	Rep:	None

<b>4th</b>	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	1400 Hours (2:00 p.m.)
	Location	Clarksville Post 8163
	Rep:	None

<b>11th</b>	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.,
	Meeting	12:30 a.m.
	Location	Harrisburg Post 632
	Rep:	Ellen Stogdill, President

<b>5th</b>	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	1200 Hours
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 1115 -Hosted by Post 7569
	Rep:	Convention

<b>12th</b>	Date	5/10/2008
	Regisration	
	Meeting	1100 hours (11:00 a.m.)
	Location	Post 8979 at the High School
	Rep:	Convention

<b>6th</b>	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	14:00 Hours (2:00 p.m.)
	Location	Christiansburg Posts 5311
	Rep:	None

<b>13th</b>	Date	3/30/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 7638 Gordonville
	Rep:	Chaplain Betty Gimble

<b>7th</b>	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	Location	Post 9760 Berryville
	Rep:	None

## **Treasurer of the Year Award**

Nominations for Treasurer of the Year for the Department of Virginia will be accepted until May 15, 2008.

Treasurer is one of the most time consuming and difficult positions in the Auxiliary. It takes a person with knowledge of bookkeeping and the tenacity to get members to pay their dues in a timely manner.

Auxiliary Presidents, if you would like your treasurer to be considered for this honor, please send me a nomination letter, (no more than one page), with the reasons why you think your treasurer is number one! Other criteria for this award will be timeliness of dues received, correctness of dues report, and correctness of check.

The winner will receive a trophy and monetary award at the Department Convention Awards night June 2008.

Reminders:

Have two (2) signatures on all checks.

Please send me a copy of the letter you received from the IRS with your Auxiliary Tax ID number on it.

Thanks to all of you GREAT TREASURES!!!!

Loyally,

Debbie Martin

Date 3/17/2008	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 1**

176	Newport News	34	35	102.94%	35			68	70	20	25		
824	Grafton	18	19	105.56%	35	25		36	42	10		25	25
3219	Phoebus	246	219	89.02%	35	50	10	492	492	70	46.75	25	86
4856	Exmore	48	28	58.33%	25			96	116				50
5500	Hampton	13	14	107.69%	35	25		26	26	10		25	200
6002	Denbigh	67	54	80.60%	35			134	134	20	35	25	
7167	Warsaw	78	74	94.87%	35	100		156	156	32	159.09	25	100
8252	Gloucester	28	29	103.57%	35	685.28		56	54			25	50
Total (8)	District 1	532	472	88.72%	270	885.28	10	1064	1090	162	265.84	150	511

**District 2**

392	Virginia Beach	334	339	101.50%	35	200		668	668			100	200
993	Portsmouth	86	91	105.81%	35			172	172			25	
3160	Ocean View	293	298	101.71%	35			586	586	50			
4411	Franklin	49	51	104.08%	35			98	104	40	25	50	100
4809	Norfolk	313	331	105.75%	35			626	626	100		100	
9382	Suffolk	60	61	101.67%	35			120	120	80			
Total (6)	District 2	1135	1171	103.17%	210	200	0	2270	2276	270	25	275	300

**District 3**

1426	Midlothian	37	28	75.68%	35			74	74		8		
2239	Colonial Heights	96	96	100.00%	35			192	192	40	100		
3125	Ruther Glen	10	5	50.00%				20					
4639	Williamsburg	34	38	111.76%	35			68	70	30			
6364	West Richmond	30	30	100.00%	35			60	60	40		25	
8046	Norge	59	36	61.02%	35			118	118	30			
8356	West Point	27	27	100.00%	35	100	100	54	54	20	89.09		
9224	Richmond	29	29	100.00%				58	58	20			
9501	Central Garage	41	41	100.00%	35			82	82	20			25
9808	Mechanicsville	154	161	104.55%	35			308	308	80	200		
10387	Petersburg	40	43	107.50%	14			80	80	30		25	
10654	Richmond	33	32	96.97%	35			66	66	24		100	400
10657	Glen Allen	31	32	103.23%	35			62	62	20	11.28	10	
Total (13)	District 3	621	598	96.30%	364	100	100	1242	1224	354	408.37	160	425

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District 4

622	Petersburg	60	47	78.33%	35			120	120	20		25	25
637	Hopewell	64	57	89.06%	35			128	128			25	
2584	Cullen	39	37	94.87%	35			78	148				
5313	Nottoway	27	25	92.59%	35			54	54	6			
7059	Farmville	67	67	100.00%	35			134	134	14		50	
7166	South Hill	80	90	112.50%	35			160	162	30	25	50	
7819	Crewe	74	77	104.05%	35			148	148	60			
7897	Blackstone	25	24	96.00%	35			50	50	10		25	
8048	Lawrenceville	29	27	93.10%		50		58	58	20		10	50
8163	Clarksville	67	72	107.46%	35	50		134	136	10	32.8	25	
8228	Chase City	12		0.00%		500		24				100	
8617	Goochland	26	3	11.54%				52					
8759	Amelia	66	55	83.33%	35			132	132	10		25	
8902	Keysville	12	12	100.00%	35			24	26	10			
9855	Appomattox	16	29	181.25%	35			32	32	10	20	25	
9954	Victoria	198	199	100.51%	35			396	396	70	560.68		10
Total (16)	District 4	862	821	95.24%	455	600	0	1724	1724	270	638.48	360	85

District 5

647	Danville	108	101	93.52%	35			216	234	30		25	200
1115	Hillsville	499	460	92.18%	35	50		998	998	100		100	
4637	Martinsville	49	49	100.00%	35			98	98			25	
7568	Galax	32	30	93.75%	35			64	64	40			
7726	Grayson	160	155	96.88%	35		15	320	320	40	305.83	25	
7800	Stuart	23	25	108.70%	35			46	46	30		25	
8243	Halifax	60	63	105.00%	35			120	130	40		25	
8467	Meadows of Dan	56	52	92.86%	35			112	112	20			
Total (8)	District 5	987	935	94.73%	280	50	15	1974	2002	300	305.83	225	200

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**District 6**

1033	Covington	111	100	90.09%	35	25		222	236	40	69	50	
1264	Roanoke	48	61	127.08%	35			96	106	40		20	25
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	45	42	93.33%	35			90	80	10			
1841	Fincastle	56	55	98.21%	35			112	112	10	70		
2157	Bedford	58	56	96.55%	35			116	116	20		10	
4522	Vinton	61	58	95.08%	35			122	120	20			
5311	Christiansburg	46	46	100.00%	35			92	104	20	150	25	
7854	Floyd	32	30	93.75%	35	35		64	58				
Total (8)	District 6	457	448	98.03%	280	60	0	914	932	160	289	105	25

**District 7**

621	Luray	99	108	109.09%	35	500		198	202	40	75	15	900
1860	Front Royal	170	149	87.65%	35			340	340	40			100
2123	Winchester	63	71	112.70%	35			126	74	40	60	25	
2447	Edinburg	80	87	108.75%	35	350		160	166	40		100	
8613	Shenandoah	79	87	110.13%	35			158		20			
9292	Luray	0	31	100.00%	35				78				
9660	Broadway	74	77	104.05%	35			148	148	60	15	50	100
9760	Berryville	165	172	104.24%	35	450		330	332	20		25	400
9872	Mt. Clinton	31	30	96.77%	35			62	62	20			
Total (8)	District 7	761	812	106.70%	315	1300	0	1522	1402	280	150	215	1500

**District 8**

1177	Leesburg	11	11	100.00%				22					
2524	Culpeper	65	63	96.92%	35			130	130	30	43	25	
3103	Fredericksburg	117	105	89.74%	35	100	50	234	234	40	100	25	66
7589	Manassas	53	62	116.98%	35			106	106	40	318.69	25	100
Total (4)	District 8	246	241	97.97%	105	100	50	492	470	110	461.69	75	166

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**District 9**

1184	Pulaski	39	37	94.87%	35			78	72	20		50	50
4667	Marion	122	118	96.72%	35			244	244	40		25	100
6000	Narrows	127	113	88.98%	35			254	264	20			
7136	Tazewell	53	44	83.02%	35			106	106	40		25	75
7328	Saltville	32	29	90.63%	35			64	66	20			
7969	Bland	32	32	100.00%	35			64	64	20		10	
9640	Richlands	43	42	97.67%				86	16	20			
9696	Bluefield	141	137	97.16%	35			282	310	64			
Total (8)	District 9	589	552	93.72%	245	0	0	1178	1142	244	0	110	225

**District 10**

609	Alexandria	38	36	94.74%	35			76	76	20			
1503	Dale City	299	312	104.35%	35	200		598	600	68	75	50	200
3150	Arlington	150	155	103.33%	35			300	300	50	30	500	100
7327	Springfield	125	127	101.60%	35			250	250	80	100	150	200
7916	Woodbridge	73	90	123.29%	35			146	146	175		25	
8241	McLean	50	41	82.00%	35			100	100	20			
8815	Lorton	18	13	72.22%				36	36	20			
9274	Falls Church	57	50	87.72%	35			114	114	34	226	25	
9478	Sterling	23	22	95.65%	35			46	46	10		25	75
Total (9)	District 10	833	846	101.56%	280	200	0	1666	1668	477	431	775	575

**District 11**

632	Harrisonburg	230	211	91.74%	35	5,000.00		460	494	50		25	
1499	Lexington	71	69	97.18%	35			142	142	20		100	
2216	Staunton	128	135	105.47%	35			256	256	100		10	
2424	Waynesboro	41	41	100.00%	35		25	82	82	20		25	
3136	Mt. Solon	21	19	90.48%	35			42	42	20			
4204	Hot Springs	42	42	100.00%	35			84	84	20			
7814	Staunton	22	19	86.36%				44		20			
8279	Steeles Tavern	31	26	83.87%	35			62	58	10			
8644	Bridgewater	108	109	100.93%	35			216	216	40	50	25	
9339	Stuarts Draft	50	53	106.00%	35			100	100	10			
9480	Craigsville	23	23	100.00%	35			46	48	24			
10826	Verona	29	17	58.62%	35			58	58	12			
Total (12)	District 11	796	764	95.98%	385	5000	25	1592	1580	346	50	185	0

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**District 12**

1994	Abingdon	35	35	100.00%	35			70	70	20	28		
3782	Haysi	17	19	111.76%				34		20			

6975	Bristol	106	72	67.92%				212					
8652	Coeburn	33	30	90.91%				66					
8979	Clintwood	34	33	97.06%	35			68	68	10			
9600	Pound	56	55	98.21%	35			112	112	20		25	
9830	Damascus	28	30	107.14%	35	35		56	56	20		25	
10298	Pennington Gap	11	14	127.27%				22					
10310	Ewing	21	18	85.71%	35			42					
Total (9)	District 12	341	306	89.74%	175	35	0	682	306	90	28	50	0

**District 13**

1827	Charlottesville	70	62	88.57%	35			140	140	20			
2217	Orange	23	23	100.00%	35	100		46	46	20			
7638	Gordonsville	41	41	100.00%	35			82	96	20		21	
8436	Yancy Mills	31	30	96.77%	35			62	62	20			
8947	Louisa	63	59	93.65%	35			126	126	40			
10546	Spotsylvania	34	15	44.12%	35			68	68			30	100
10574	Colonial Beach	112	94	83.93%	35			224	224			50	
Total (7)	District 13	374	324	86.63%	245	100	0	748	762	120	0	101	100

**Member at Large**    15    54    360.00%

**Dept. Total**    8549    8,344    97.60%    3609    8630.28    200    17068    16578    3183    3053.21    2786    4112



# **Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia**

You are cordially invited to  
**Department President's**  
**&**

## **Members Luncheon**

Date: Friday, June 13, 2008

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Place: Sheraton Richmond West Hotel

### **Menu**

Prime Rib Dinner

Baked Potato

Green Beans

Green Salad

Butter & Rolls

Apple Pie

Coffee / Tea

To: District Presidents

**From: Mary Smart, Luncheon Chairman**  
**TABLE CENTERPIECES**  
**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT AND MEMBER'S LUNCHEON**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008**

*Each year at the State convention a luncheon is held in honor of our Department president. This year luncheon will be held on Friday, June 13, 2008 at 11:30 a.m., Sheraton Richmond (location to be determined). For the past several years, the district presidents have provided the centerpiece for each table at the luncheon. This has proved to be a great success. The hard work and the centerpieces that the district presidents have provided have been deeply appreciated by the officers and members. The displays are lovely on the tables and each member has the opportunity to win a centerpiece to take home.*

*As luncheon chairman, I am asking each district to bring two (2) centerpieces to this year's luncheon. If you would like to provide more than two, please do. May I count on you? Would you please let me know if you will be able to bring them for the luncheon by May 25, 2008? My phone number is (703)580-1169 or my email is [mlsmart51@comcast.net](mailto:mlsmart51@comcast.net).*

*There are many talented and creative women in our department! I am sure we will see many lovely centerpieces. I know I can count on you to help make the president and member's luncheon an enjoyable event. Start thinking about ideas for the centerpieces - start looking for talented people in your district. Bring your displays directly to the designated area (to be determined) on Friday, June 13, 2008 at 10:30 hours.*

*A suggestion: the centerpieces do not have to consist of buddy poppies. The display can be a vase with real or artificial sunflowers, our department president's chosen flower; a large candle inside a hurricane lamp : a wreath decorated with Ellen's color (green) and theme: or your own centerpieces.*

*I am looking forward to seeing you and your creation on June 13<sup>th</sup> and thank you for all you do for this department.*



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

***June 12-17, 2008 Department***

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by June 1, 2008**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

AUXILIARY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Advance Registration for the 83rd Department Convention

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Department President's Luncheon, Friday, June 13, 2008

The entrée is Prime Rib Dinner:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ Donation for gift to be presented to our Department President at her Luncheon

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAIL TO:

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

Telephone #: (804) 458-8143

PLEASE NOTE

If you are sending more than one name for registration, be sure to submit a registration form for each attendee so that badges can be prepared, and money received can be better tracked. Advance Registration and Luncheon Tickets must be picked up at the Ladies Auxiliary's Registration Desk at the Department Convention. The fee for registering at the Department Convention is \$15.00 – you can save \$5.00 by registering early. **Turn your Delegate Credentials in at the Credentials Desk at the Convention.**

**THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED**

- Pat Baldwin, Department Convention Chairman; (434) 392-4630: [pdptob@kinex.net](mailto:pdptob@kinex.net)
- Barbara Grossnickle, Co-Chairman; (757) 456-0507: [barbblonde6@aol.com](mailto:barbblonde6@aol.com)

## June 12 – 15, 2008

- **ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, Richmond, VA. Make reservations directly with the hotel (804) 285-2000. Room Rate (Single/Double) is \$89.00 plus room tax. **CHECK-IN TIME is 3:00 pm** – as such, please arrange your arrival time accordingly to prevent having to wait for your room to be available.
- **CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION TABLES:** Ballroom Foyer, Thursday - Saturday, June 12-14th. Upon arrival, credentials must be turned in at the Credentials Desk. Membership cards must be shown to register and to turn in your credentials. **Joyce Suffell**, Credentials Chairman (540) 373-6430. Registration Fee – \$10.00 in advance (postmarked by June 1, 2008) and \$15.00 at the Convention. **Lee Miller**, Registration Chairman, (804) 458-8143. **Note: Credentials/Registration Tables will close on Saturday at 2:00 pm and will not reopen for business.**
- **CANCER/WAYS & MEANS TABLES:** Ballroom Foyer, Thursday - Saturday, June 12-14th. **Phyllis Stokes**, Cancer Chairman, (757) 495-5675. **Gloria Baines**, Ways & Means Chairman, (757) 816-3623. Please read the April/May G.O. materials for any special requests/assistance needed from the auxiliaries.
- **LADIES LUNCHEON:** Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., cost is \$25.00 (location pending). Advance Registration and Luncheon Form is in the April/May G.O. Please select your choice entrée, and indicate any personal donation toward the Department President's Luncheon Gift. The Luncheon Gift is from individual members and is presented to President Ellen during the luncheon. The Luncheon gift is not to be confused with the Auxiliary's love gift donation which is presented to President Ellen on Sunday at the end of the Convention. Wear your Buddy Poppy Hat for the Parade. District Presidents please deliver the two centerpieces for the tables to the luncheon room by 10:30 a.m. Please let Mary know by May 25<sup>th</sup> the number of arrangements you plan to bring. **Mary Smart**, Luncheon Chairman (703) 580-1169.
- **PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT AND AUXILIARY FLAGS:** Ballroom BCD, Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> during the afternoon Convention session. Advance flag registration form is in the May G.O. Contact **Gail Payne**, Patriotic Instructor, (757)-631-9286 regarding the registration and presentation of the flags including the practice time.
- **BUDDY POPPY DISPLAYS:** Ballroom Foyer, Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Displays must be removed by 4:00 pm on Saturday. Rules and regulations for the Buddy Poppy Contest/Displays are in the April/May GO. **Laura Absher**, Buddy Poppy Chairman, (804) 746-1793.
- **EARLY BIRD PARADE:** Ballroom BCD, Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> during the morning session of the Convention. **Betty Gimble**, 2008-2009 Department Membership Chairman, (703) 491-9249. **The 2008-2009 Auxiliary Presidents** will participate in the parade with the incoming **2008-2009 District Presidents**. This is an entertaining and fun event.

- **BANQUET/DANCE \$40:** Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - must pre-register by June 6, 2008 to attend the Banquet/Dance. **New:** Dance tickets will be sold separately for \$10 and only dance tickets will be available at the Convention VFW registration table. 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, (540) 886-8112.
- **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 temperatures suitable for the meeting room size. Bring a jacket or sweater to wear 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 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 can be very distracting to the members.
- **HOSPITALITY ROOMS:** State (**Room 147**), 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Districts (**Room 257**); 3<sup>rd</sup> District (**George Washington Room**); 4<sup>th</sup> District (**Madison Room**); 10<sup>th</sup> District (**Room 267**); MOC (**Room 139**). Room Numbers subject to change

**Have a great time at your 2008 Convention!**

83rd Annual Convention  
Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia

*Sheraton Richmond West*

**June 12-15**

Convention Chairman – Pat Baldwin  
Co-Chairman – Barbara Grossnickle

Registration Chairman – Lee Miller  
Credentials Chairman – Joyce Suffell

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY	ROOM
<b>Thursday, June 12, 2008</b>		
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	State Officers Floor Practice (attendance 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 - 9:30 pm	Joint Presentation of Awards	Ballroom B C D
<b>Friday, June 13, 2008</b>		
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/Ladies Luncheon	(location pending)
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Registration/Credentials	Ballroom Foyer
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Flag Presentation Practice	Ballroom B C D
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Business Session</b> (Presentation of PDPs/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	Regency Ballroom
<b>Saturday, June 14, 2008</b>		
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	<b>Business Session</b> (Early Bird Parade, National Representative, Nominations)	Ballroom B C D
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	School of Instructions Secretaries (members invited) Treasurers (members invited)	Monticello A Monticello B
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	2008-2009 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
<b>Sunday, June 15, 2008</b>		
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Joint Devotional Service	Ballroom B C D
9:30 am - 1:00 pm	Business Session	Ballroom B C D

(Elections, Installation of officers)

- 2008-2009 Council of Administration following close of Convention - Ballroom B C D.
- Saturday Banquet/Dance - \$40.00 Banquet/Dance Tickets must be purchased in advance and cannot be purchased at the Convention. Only Dance tickets for \$10 will be available at the Convention . No admittance to the banquet or dance without a ticket - No exceptions. Bottles are permitted. No cash bar for either dance.
- Hospitality Rooms: State (Room 147), 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Districts (Room 257); 3<sup>rd</sup> District (George Washington Room); 4<sup>th</sup> District (Madison Room); 10<sup>th</sup> District (Room 267); MOC (Room 139).

# Early Bird Parade

"Live a Life of Love, Meeting the Needs of Others"



Join Senior Vice President Mary Proffitt  
at her 2008-2009 Membership Kick-off Event  
on Saturday June 14, 2008

To participate in this parade, please send in a continuous  
membership transmittal for 2009 dues by  
May 27, 2008 to:

Debbie Martin, Treasurer  
539 Westwood Drive  
Ruckersville, Virginia 22968

Mary looks forward to seeing every Auxiliary participate in her  
Early Bird Parade event. For more information, please contact  
Betty Gimble, 2008-2009 Membership Chairman, at  
703-491-9249 or 703-851-5819 or email her at  
[nanagimble@comcast.net](mailto:nanagimble@comcast.net).



# Craigs-McCue Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 3219

and

## Department of Virginia, District 1

Ladies Auxiliary Sisters of the Department of Virginia,

The 1<sup>st</sup> District and Ladies Auxiliary to Craigs-McCue Post 3219 in Phoebus, Virginia endorse Lorraine Beckwith for Department Guard. You may call her Laine, and know her from her love of hats. She often wears them to meetings unless she is in uniform. Laine joined the auxiliary under the eligibility of her husband, W.H. Beckwith, a Vietnam Veteran who served our country proudly for 23 years in the U.S. Air Force. In the auxiliary, she has held several offices (Guard, Senior Vice President, and President). Laine has held several chairmanships in the auxiliary – membership, publicity, legislative/PAC, community service and ways and means. Currently, she is the auxiliary treasurer handling the financial transactions for over 215 members. You know Laine loves hats...so, she is dual-hatted as our District #1 President, and has done an Outstanding job this year. At the Department level Laine has served as the Junior Girls Chairman in 2006-2007 and was awarded second place at the National Level for her work. This year Laine is serving as the Department Publicity Chairman. We are very proud of Laine, and expect her to represent her Auxiliary, District and Department well!

Laine grew up in a VFW family. When her family would go on their yearly vacation somewhere on the East Coast, Dad would pull out the phone book and find the local VFW, and they would stop by for a visit. The members were always warm, friendly and made them feel at home. On the home front, as a VFW member, Dad would get Laine to pass out Buddy Poppies each year and help the Post home with mailings and other activities. She became a Junior Girl at age 14 and served in the unit until turning 16.

Laine's work history revolved around the workings of the VFW. She began as a teacher (9 years) in the Washington, DC area where veterans and history were hand-in-hand in all lessons that were taught. She then began to work in the Federal Government serving in four different agencies. However, most of her career was with the military – Navy and Army. Laine is retired from Fort Monroe, Virginia after 25 years of service. Her exposure and direct work with these great soldiers, veterans, and other civil servants of the armed forces increased her appreciation for them. Their work ethic, dedication and mentorship molded her into an experienced leader.

Laine will serve the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Department of Virginia with the same enthusiasm and commitment that her mentors instilled. We hope you will elect Laine Beckwith as Virginia's next Department Guard.

Respectfully

Rhonda Burch, President  
Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 3219

Respectfully,

Lorraine Beckwith, President  
Ladies Auxiliary 1<sup>st</sup> District



**Veterans of Foreign Wars  
2008 National Convention  
August 16 – 21, 2008  
ORLANDO HOUSING FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

**INTERNET:** Visit the **VFW** web site at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

**TELEPHONE:**  
Toll free (US) 888-221-9425

**FAX:**  
801-355-8019

**MAIL:**  
**THE HOUSING CONNECTION**  
175 S. West Temple, Suite 140  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

**DEADLINE**

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail, or internet by **July 14, 2008** in order to guarantee convention rates.

**CONFIRMATIONS**

The Housing Connection will send you a confirmation of your reservation. Please review all information for accuracy. Email confirmations will be sent if an e-mail address is provided (preferred), or they can be faxed or mailed. If you do not receive a confirmation or have questions, please call The Housing Connection. **You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.**

**TAX RATE and REQUESTS**

All rates are per room and are subject to 13.5% tax (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed, however hotels will do their best to honor all requests. Hotels will assign specific rooms upon check-in based on availability.

**A ROOM DEPOSIT BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE IS REQUIRED TO SECURE RESERVATIONS:**

**ROOM DEPOSIT/GUARANTEE** will be accepted in the form of a check in the amount of \$119.00. Make check payable to: The Housing Connection and mail to the address above. Rooms can also be guaranteed with a valid credit card, expiration date, and authorized signature of cardholder. If the charge to the credit card is denied, we reserve the right to release your reservation.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

**Cancellations after July 14, 2008 will be subject to a \$25.00 cancellation fee. If cancellation occurs within 72 hours of arrival, one night's room and tax or full check deposit will be forfeited entirely to the hotel.**

**GUEST INFORMATION**

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION  
VIA INTERNET ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)) OR BY FAX (801-355-8019)

**Arrival Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date** \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL SELECTION**

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

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

**State you reside in:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rosen Centre & Rosen Plaza are Smoke-Free Hotels  
Peabody has 1 Floor of Smoking Rooms only**

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

List all room occupants:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Disability requiring special services  N/S room request

**Special Requests:**

**DEPOSIT INFORMATION**

All reservation requests must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee or check for a \$119.00 deposit. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Faxed requests must include a valid credit card. Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.

American Express  Visa  MasterCard  Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check deposit for \$119.00 is enclosed and made payable to The Housing Connection. Mail housing forms to: The Housing Connection, 175 S West Temple Suite 140, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Check deposits must be mailed and post marked no later than the deadline of July 14, 2008.



# STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

State Convention will be held June 12 – 15, 2008 at the

Sheraton Richmond West Hotel –  
6624 West Broad Street -  
Richmond - 804-285-2000

The banquet/dance will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

You will **NOT** be able to purchase banquet/dance tickets the weekend of the Convention.  
Dance tickets may be pre-purchased or they will be available at the registration table.

You **MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET/DANCE**

Banquet/Dance tickets are \$40.00  
Dance tickets only \$5.00

Your choice of:

**Sliced Peppercorn Encrusted Sirloin**

**Alaskan Salmon with Lemon Caper Butter**

Both Served with:

Garden Salad  
Warm Rolls and Butter  
Southwestern Potato Cakes  
Green Beans Almondine  
Strawberry Shortcake

Your choice of Iced Tea, Iced Water, Coffee, or Hot Tea

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RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY June 6, 2008 No Exceptions No Refunds after June 6th  
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post or Auxiliary number.

Name: _____	Post/Aux: _____	<b>Food Choice:</b> (circle) Sirloin or Salmon	<b>Dance Only</b> (circle)
Name: _____	Post/Aux: _____	<b>Food Choice:</b> (circle) Sirloin or Salmon	<b>Dance Only</b> (circle)
Name: _____	Post/Aux: _____	<b>Food Choice:</b> (circle) Sirloin or Salmon	<b>Dance Only</b> (circle)
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Name: _____	Post/Aux: _____	<b>Food Choice:</b> (circle) Sirloin or Salmon	<b>Dance Only</b> (circle)

Please charge my card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Pre-paid tickets **will not** be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.*

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET/DANCE – DANCE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE. No refunds!**

April/May 2008

**TO:** Auxiliary Secretaries  
**FROM:** Linda (Susie) DeShano, Department Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Warrants and Installation Reports for Auxiliaries  
**REFERENCE:** Bylaws Sections 804A and 806A – Auxiliary  
**NOTE:** Warrants are not necessary for District installations and Installation Reports are not provided.

Attached is an **Application for Installation Warrant**. Immediately following your elections at the regular meeting in April 2008, you are personally responsible for delivering this Application to the **Auxiliary President-elect**, including the current President if she is re-elected.

The **Auxiliary President-elect** is responsible for completing and mailing this Application to the Department Secretary. She is required to do this even though she may have been re-elected.

Upon receipt of the Application, the 3-part combination **Warrant and Installation Report Form** for installing Auxiliary Officers will be mailed to you as current Auxiliary Secretary. As Auxiliary Secretary you play an important role in providing accurate information on this form. This information is essential to National Headquarters and to the Department of Virginia! Based on your accurate input,

1. Your Auxiliary Officers will receive important communications and materials.
2. The Annual Dues you report will be referenced by Headquarters in the annual renewal notice mailed in October.
3. The Department Roster will be more useful.
4. Your Auxiliary President and Secretary will receive the Department's monthly General Orders and Program Promotions.

Once I receive the President-elect's Application for the Warrant and Installation Report, you will receive a letter outlining your duties and responsibilities in completing this form.

Thanks for taking care of this matter for the Department. Please call me if you have any questions.

Linda (Susie) DeShano, Secretary  
Ladies Auxiliary VFW Virginia  
403 Lee Jackson Highway  
Staunton, VA 24401  
(540) 886-7756

**APPLICATION for WARRANT TO INSTALL OFFICERS**

1. Auxiliary Officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting held not less than twenty (20) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department President is installed. The Auxiliary President-elect will select the Installing Officer. Section 806A.
2. The installation "warrant" shall be mailed to the Auxiliary Secretary and it shall be read by the Secretary at the time of installation as set out in the Ritual. If, for any reason, the installation is not held on the date originally stated, the Department Secretary must be notified immediately.
3. National and Department dues must be paid to the Department Treasurer on at least ten (10) members for the current calendar year.
4. The warrant is released by the Department Secretary upon receipt of application provided the office of Auxiliary Treasurer is bonded, the Auxiliary is current in their audits, and item #3 above is adhered to.
5. NO AUXILIARY IS PERMITTED TO INSTALL OFFICERS WITHOUT THE PROPER WARRANT.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL DIRECTLY TO YOUR DEPARTMENT SECRETARY:**

Name Linda DeShano Address 403 Lee Jackson Hwy Staunton, VA. 24401  
Department Secretary

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Installation: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Installing Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Office Held \_\_\_\_\_  
(At least Past Auxiliary President or one who has held a higher elective office)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** All Applications MUST be in the Department Office by \_\_\_\_\_

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**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE.....FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

Date Warrant Mailed to Auxiliary Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application received: \_\_\_\_\_



LADIES AUXILIARY VFW  
"In Fortitude and Loyalty"

MEMORANDUM

TO: Auxiliary Secretary  
FROM: Department Secretary  
SUBJECT: **AUXILIARY INSTALLATION REPORT 2008-2009**

The Auxiliary Secretary must complete the Report of Installation form, typing or printing all necessary information, double checking all names, addresses, phone numbers and annual Dues amount for accuracy before the Installing Officer arrives. It is the responsibility of the Auxiliary Installing Officer to sign and mail the completed report to the National Secretary-Treasurer and Department Secretary immediately following installation.

**BONDS**

The Auxiliary President shall receive the Bond application after the Installation Report has been received at National Headquarters. Minimum Bond Premium \$10.00 per \$10,000.00 insurance coverage. All Auxiliary checks require 2 signatures those being the elected President and Treasurer. Please make any changes or corrections necessary on the top portion of the application.

**CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS**

The Auxiliary Secretary shall do all correspondence notifying the National Secretary and Department Secretary of changes, or corrections, of Officers (President, Secretary or Treasurer) or Continuous Dues amounts, on Auxiliary stationery or the form enclosed. It would be helpful to include the membership number of the individual with the change. Mail to National Headquarters, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

**IF THE INSTALLATION REPORT IS NOT RECEIVED IN A TIMELY MANNER  
YOUR AUXILIARY OFFICERS WILL NOT RECEIVE IMPORTANT MATERIALS  
AND CORRESPONDENCE.**



## ***"In Fortitude and Loyalty"***

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW  
406 West 34<sup>th</sup> St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111**

### ***Auxiliary Installation Report is of Vital Importance!***

*There must be an election and installation of officers every new TERM year, even if the same officers are re-elected. All correspondence mailed from National Headquarters to the Auxiliary President, Secretary or Treasurer is taken from the information provided on the installation report.*

*In order that you receive all important materials and correspondence from National Headquarters listed below you must complete and mail in your Auxiliary Report of Installation in a timely manner.*

**TREASURER'S KITS  
BOND APPLICATIONS & RECEIPTS  
MAINTENANCE JOURNAL  
LIFE MEMBER PER CAPITA CHECKS  
SPECIAL ORDERS/CHARTERS  
CANCER INSURANCE PREMIUMS  
HEALTH & HAPPINESS CITATIONS  
OPERATION UPLINK CITATIONS  
PATRIOTIC ART CITATIONS  
ANNIVERSARY AWARDS  
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS  
SUPPLY DEPARTMENT ORDERS  
NATIONAL PROGRAM BOOK  
VFW PROGRAMS MATERIAL  
NATIONAL CONVENTION CREDENTIALS**



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Kansas City, MO 64111

### **OFFICER CHANGE OR CORRECTION**

**This form is not to be used to report Annual Elections**

Auxiliary No: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

Change from: Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Secretary or Treasurer

Change to: Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Secretary or Treasurer

Membership ID No \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **AUXILIARY DUES CHANGE OR CORRECTION**

Change of Annual Auxiliary Dues from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Copy to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW  
National Headquarters  
406 West 34<sup>th</sup> St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City Mo 64111

Copy to: Department Secretary

Article III, Section 303	<b><i>DISTRICT CONVENTION</i></b>
	Delegates and alternates to the District Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 30 days prior to the District Convention.
	One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each 15 members or fraction thereof, in good standing, in the Auxiliary at the time of election.
	The term of office for which delegates are elected shall be for one year from date of election until the election of new delegates.
	The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the delegates and alternates to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention.
Article III, Section 304	<b><i>DEPARTMENT CONVENTION</i></b>
	Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 30 days prior to the Department Convention.
	One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each 30 members or fraction thereof, in good standing, in the Auxiliary at the time of election.
	The term of office for which delegates are elected shall be just for the Department Convention.
	The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the delegates and alternates to the Department Secretary prior to the Department Convention.
<b><i>Article III, Section 305</i></b>	<b><i>NATIONAL CONVENTION</i></b>
	Delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 30 days prior to the National Convention.
	One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each 50 members or fraction thereof, in good standing, in the Auxiliary at the time of election.
	The term of office for which delegates are elected shall be just for the National Convention.
	The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the delegates and alternates to the National Secretary prior to the National Convention.

NOTE: If a delegate's expenses are to be paid, a motion to do so shall be made before the election of delegates begins. A paid delegate is obligated to attend every business session of the conventions and make a report of same to her Auxiliary.

Any Auxiliary who owes District dues shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation at all the District meetings, and the District Convention.

Any Auxiliary who owes for other financial obligations or supply money to National Headquarters; fails to have the Treasurer bonded; and/or fails to make quarterly audits shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation on all levels.







## CHAPLAIN

Betty Gimble  
12604 Harbor Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
H: 703-491-9249 C: 703-581-5819  
Email: [nanagimble@comcast.net](mailto:nanagimble@comcast.net)

The following cards were mailed during the period of February 16-March 16

### Sympathy Cards

Mrs. Kathy Kromoff #3219	126 Beach Rd.	Hampton, VA 23664
Loss of Father		
Ruth Brown #7167	52 East Jefferson St.	Warsaw, VA 22572
Loss of Husband		
Gloria Smith, Kristen & Megan #7167	1603 Blacksmith Ln	Herndon, VA 20170
Loss of Father and Grandfather		
Linda Brown, Blair & Ashley #7167	9350 Sentry Station Rd	Mechanicville, VA 23116
Loss of Father-in-Law and Grandfather		
Margaret Burke #2524	11375 Dutch Hollow Rd.	Culpeper, VA 22701
Loss of Husband		
Grace Fathbaucher #7819	610 E. Tenn. Ave.	Crewe, VA 23930
Loss of Sister		
Shirley Coceano #8644	6196 Faughts Rd.	Mt. Crawford, VA 22841
Loss of Sister		
Wanda Puffenbarger #8644	4892 Spring Creek Rd.	Bridgewater, VA 22812
Loss of Son		
Ruth Brown #7167	52 East Jefferson St.	Warsaw, VA 22572
Loss of Husband		
Sue Eckley #4809	1375 Kingston Ave., Apt #3	Norfolk, VA 23503
Loss of Son		
Frances Deals #2524	10628 Rixeyville Rd.	Culpeper, VA 22701
Loss of Brother		
Doris Earhart & Family #7589	8409 Sunset Dr.	Manassas, VA 20110
Loss of Husband		
Bob & Bonnie Hughes #9808	7217 Mayetta Dr.	Mechanicville, VA 23111
Loss of Son		
Sue Evans #993	415 Biltmore Place	Portsmouth, VA 23702
Loss of Brother-in-Law		

### Get Well Cards

Gloria Klinefelter #4809	1120 Hazel Ave.	Chesapeake, VA 23325
Hospital		
Georgetta Wells #993	81 Channing Ave.	Portsmouth, VA 23702
Triple bypass surgery		
Joyce Elliott #9808	7416 Ewell Rd.	Mechanicville, VA 23111
Stroke and in therapy		

Eva Jones #9808 Pneumonia	6450 Thrush Way	Mechanicsville, VA 23111
Carolyn Glass #7819	212 E. VA. Ave.	Crewe, VA 23930
Mildred Redford #7819	977 Indian Oak Rd.	Crewe, VA 23922
Stella Creel #2524 Blood clot in leg	321 Elmwood Dr.	Culpeper, VA 22701
Charlene Spollen #3150 Pneumonia	P O Box 3428	Warrenton, VA 20188
Lousie Jones #10654 Surgery	1710 Avondale Ave.	Richmond, VA 23222
Dorothy Wilkerson #9808 Surgery	3171 Newman Rd.	Mechanicsville, VA 23116
Juanita Crowe-Durbino PNP Pneumonia	1004 William St.	Maryville, TN 37803-1489

*Thinking of You Cards*

Angela Fromm #7589 Surgery	10295 Abbott Rd.	Manassas, VA 20110
Neale Harpene #9660	12535 Hampler Rd.	Broadway, VA 22815
Joyce Clark #8356 Dialysis	P O Box 1081	West Point, VA 23181

**Ladies, please remember to send me your list of deceased members by May 10<sup>th</sup> in order for their names to appear in the year end report.**

**Sometimes the people who touch you the most  
are the ones you thank the least. I am  
thankful for you, and for all you do.**



## **Patriotic Instructor**

**MAY 2008**

### **FLAG PRESENTATION AT JUNE CONVENTION**

The presentation of flags at the June Convention will be held on Friday, June 13, 2008 during the afternoon session. At this time the District and Auxiliary Presidents will enter the room with their Colors and Banners.

The District President will lead with her colors, followed by her Auxiliary Presidents with their colors.

The registration sheet is attached to this promotion but will also be available at the Registration Desk. Please be sure to register your colors as soon as you arrive.

Practice will be held on Friday after the President's Luncheon.

A diagram is on the reverse for those of you who have not participated in the past.

During the Business Session, President Ellen will order those with flags to leave the room. Please do so quietly and line up according to District number, with auxiliaries also lined up by number behind their District President. All flags will be left against the wall until after the Business Session.

For those who have not previously participated, there are no words to describe the sight of all our flags and banners as they line each side of the room. I encourage every auxiliary president to be present with her colors and banner.

**Gail M. Payne**  
**Department Patriotic Instructor**  
**3709 Palace Place**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23452**  
**757-438-4689**  
E-mail address: [Gpayne@specialtyproducts.net](mailto:Gpayne@specialtyproducts.net)



***BUDDY POPPY 2007 - 2008***  
**LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA.**  
**April 2008 General Orders**

To: Department President; PDPs' District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents and all Buddy Poppy Chairmen.

From: Laura Dianne Absher  
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Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116  
Phone: (804) 746-1793  
Email: [Lcabsher1949@yahoo.com](mailto:Lcabsher1949@yahoo.com)

**“Tradition of Caring – We stand upon the patriotic traditions of those who have gone before us, particularly those who fought to protect those traditions”. - National President Virginia Carman**

**“Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All” – is the “Tradition of Service” - Department President Ellen Stogsdill**

***Convention Information***

The Buddy Poppy Luncheon will be on Friday, 6/13 with the Buddy Poppy Parade – Do you have your Buddy Poppy Hats ready? Check your supplies and make sure you have plenty for your Memorial Day campaigns. Now is the time to order your poppies from the Department Quartermaster to allow time for delivery. (try to place your order 90 days in advance) Ladies, your creations so far have been fantastic! I can hardly wait for the Convention to see you all have in store for us.

***Buddy Poppy Display Contest***

Now is the time to start working on your Buddy Poppy displays for the convention. Again keep in mind, the more poppies that are used, the more our members are being helped, veterans and their dependents.

The following are the categories for the displays:

- **Category 1** Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)
- **Category 2** Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)
- **Category 3** Artistic or Decorative Uses of Poppies (Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)
- **Category 4** Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Jr. Units)

**Points to remember:**

1. At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.
2. Displays may be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4 inches by 6 inches in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewer or the judges.
3. Post name, number or location **may not be visible** on the display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification.

**Our National or our Department Presidents' Themes may inspire you.**

The following is a special report form that you may submit if you plan to enter a display in June at the Convention. Please send the report form to me by 5/10 if you are planning to enter a display.

**BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY ENTRY FORM**

**AUXILIARY #** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Poppies used in display** (If not completed, please give best estimate) \_\_\_\_\_

**Cut Here**-----

**District Presidents:**

Reported last month we need your help, I would like for you to bring one or more centerpieces for us to use at the luncheon. Please email or call me to tell me how many you will be able to supply.

Thank you in advance for you help.

You find listed below the list of Auxiliaries not reported, if your Auxiliary is listed in error or you have any question please email me or give me a call.

There are still 16 auxiliaries that are not reported! We have 5 Districts 100% reported and 5 Districts needing only one Auxiliary left to report. Many of you have utilized Buddy Poppies in some way or maybe held a joint drive with your VFW Post and yet I do not have a report. Please take a moment and to complete the report and send to me. You may email me the report.

Auxiliaries **not reported** as of 03/15/08: (the pre-cent is reported parentheses at the end)

- District 1 – (100%)
- District 2 – (100%)
- District 3 – 9224 (92%)
- District 4 – 622 (93%)
- District 5 – (100%)
- District 6 – 7854 (88%)
- District 7 – 8613 (88%)
- District 8 – (100%)
- District 9 – (100%)
- District 10 – 8241 (88%)
- District 11 – 2424, 7814, 10826 (75%)
- District 12 – 3782, 6975, 9830 (67%)
- District 13 – 1827, 2217, 10546, 10574 (43%)

The Department is 86% reported at this time. Good work, ladies! Remember keep the reports coming! Although the Banner deadline will have passed by the time you get these General Orders please submit your reports to me no later than May 10, so the Department of Virginia will be eligible for a National award. Sisters, please don't let President Ellen down.

Sisters, working together I know we will have a great year!  
Peace Be With You!  
Laura Dianne

## **CANCER AID & RESEARCH APRIL, 2008**

**PHYLLIS STOKES**  
**1009 GRASSLAND CT.**  
**VA. BEACH, VA. 23462**  
**PHONE: (757) 495-5675**  
**EMAIL: [pjsces@cox.net](mailto:pjsces@cox.net)**

Greeting Ladies:

This is the last General Orders for the year ladies. I hope everyone has sent in their \$2.00 per member.

Remember the key word is “*Early Detection*”. Be sure and have your *mammogram* every year, also your *pap smears*. Watch out for moles that may be discolored or bother you.

Ladies be sure your husbands, fathers, and brothers be tested for *Prostate* Cancer.

Keep collecting those *coins* for cancer, and sending in those reports, every dime and every dollar counts in finding that cure one day.

You have all been sending in some great reports and doing some great work.

### **AWARDS for JUNE CONVENTION:**

**Best Promotion on Cancer education**  
**Auxiliary with the most per cent over their \$2.00 per member**  
**Best promotion of the Cancer Program to the VFW Post Members**

In the “*TRADITION OF CARING*” and with *FAITH HOPE AND LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL* we can make a difference one day with finding that *cure* for Cancer.

Remember keep sending in those **REPORTS** and I will see you in June.

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE***

Beverly B. Abbott  
 130 Brookview Rd  
 Danville, VA 24540-3408

Phone: (434) 792-4497  
 E-mail: desiabbott@comcast.net  
 General Orders No. 9: April

**Keep the “Tradition of Caring” going with “Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to ALL”**

Remember that many of the other programs supported by the V.F.W. and its Auxiliaries are also reportable for community services ... include in this report your work in Americanism, Youth Activities, Safety, Patriotic Holiday Programs, Aid to Other Organizations, etc. Report your donations of food, money, visits through Veterans & Family Support.

Events to consider:

- 1) Many organizations begin fundraising with “runs” in the spring...have your auxiliary sponsor a runner; provide water along the course; or snacks at the end.
- 2) To aid our youth, the state standardized tests begin in May...as auxiliary members, volunteer to tutor those students in need of extra help in English, math, social studies and science.
- 3) Check out the American Cancer Society website for the date of the “Relay for Life” in your locality: start a team of **auxiliary members**; join a team or enter as an individual; or best of all participate in the **survivor lap**. Honor or memorialize someone with a luminaria and watch as “the night is brightened by the glow of lighted bags.”
- 4) Give the gift of good vision: donate old eyeglasses to Lions clubs or VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity). Or, if your Auxiliary collects eyeglasses, bring them to me at convention.

**Don’t forget:** we need your reports and figures and the Department of Virginia **will** exceed last year’s totals in our report to National. You must **report number of volunteers, hours, mileage, and expenditures**. I send in my annual report by May 15 and want to count your auxiliary’s totals. Send in reports of ALL of your great service to others! *Let’s get these last few reports in.*

Auxiliaries <i>NOT</i> Reported			
Dist. No.	No. of Aux	as of March 15	% Rpt’d
1	8	100%	100
2	6	100%	100
3	13	3125	92
4	15	637	93
5	8	100%	100
6	8	7854	88
7	8	100%	100
8	4	1177	75
9	8	100%	100
10	9	8241	89
11	12	100%	100
12	9	6975	89
13	7	10574	83

**93 % Dept. Avg**

Loyally, *Beverly Abbott*  
 Chairman

Community                      Service

# EXTENSION

April 2008

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

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

ATTENTION: Sec. 816 -Duties of Deputy Chief of Staff: "A Deputy Chief of Staff shall have charge, under supervision of the Department Chief of Staff, of the organization and extension of new Auxiliaries within her area."

I sent letters out to all Bachelor Post and have heard back from two Post Commanders that are interested in getting an Auxiliary started. They are in District 13 and District 5. We have appointed people in the areas near the Post to work with the Commander to get it started. Starter Kits have been delivered. Deputy Chief of Staff I am sending you a copy of this letter for you to contact the Bachelor Posts about an Auxiliary.

We can't forget the auxiliaries that we presently have. Check with your District President and see if any auxiliary need your help. Elections are this month and we must elect our New Officers for the 2008-2009 year.

District Deputy Chiefs Of Staff please send to me what you have been doing to help your Auxiliaries to stay in good working order. I will be giving out 3 awards to the top Deputy Chief of Staff at the State Convention in June 2008 (Form sent separately)

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW, Dept of Virginia

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

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

Name of New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Number \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Auxiliary Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Does not include New Auxiliaries**

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

To: Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, and Hospital and VAVS Chairmen

From: Sandra Baker, Hospital and VAVS Chairman, Department of Virginia,  
718 Senseny Road, Berryville, VA 22611 (540) 955-32354 [sandbake60@aol.com](mailto:sandbake60@aol.com)

CC: Rosalie King, National Director and JoElla Menn, Southern Conference Chairman

March 2008

March is here! Can Spring be far behind? It has been a very different Winter this year. However, that doesn't seem to have stopped most of our Auxiliaries from bringing **Faith, Hope, and Love** to our hospitalized Veterans, and those members of their Posts, Auxiliaries, and communities who are or have been hospitalized this year. I marvel at the creative ways you have served these very special people.

I am so disappointed that no one has yet nominated a member for Hospital Volunteer of the Year. Several Auxiliaries filed 5-6 reports and many named those volunteers who were so involved with the planning and preparation for activities at your nearest VAMC or at nursing homes or hospitals in your communities. I have enjoyed your reports, and the pictures added a special touch. You have done more good than you will ever know.

When I make my Year-End Report for our efforts this year I must account for miles traveled, hours spent in preparation for the activity, hours at the facility, the number of members involved, miles traveled, cost of the items, etc. A number of your reports were incomplete, and so, while you reported that you did the activity, you did not always complete all the requested information. Consequently, the Department will be under-reported in several areas.

Have you planned an Easter parade as a special activity this month? Create a really outlandish Easter bonnet, wear a springy dress, get somebody to dress up as the Easter bunny, and visit your nearest community hospital or nursing home, a VAMC, or the Veterans Care Center. Take your Easter baskets with some goodies for the residents. Have the local school children make Easter cards for you to distribute—or take the children with you on a Saturday! You will banish any winter doldrums that are hanging around. Try it and see!

Auxiliaries that have not hit a home run as of February 8:

District 1 100% A home run!

District 7 100% A home run!

District 2 100% A Home Run!!

District 8 100% Another home run!

District 3 9224 Go for it!

District 9 100% Another home run!!

District 4 8048 Swing for the fences!

District 10 8815 Rounding third!

District 5 100% A home run!

District 11 100% Another home run!

District 6 100% A home run!

District 12 3782, 6975 Go for it!!

District 13 10574 Rounding third!

***Only 6 Auxiliaries are preventing the Department from being 100% reported in this very important area!***

***Sisters, we must continue the Tradition of Caring with Faith, Hope, and Love. Please continue the great work you have done this year.***

HISTORIAN

APRIL 2008

DEAR LADIES,

NOW THAT THE BANNER REQUIREMENTS DEADLINE HAS HENCE PASSED, SENDING PHOTOS FOR PRESIDENT'S ELLEN BOOK(S) IS STILL IN EFFECT. I WILL BE LOOKING AT REPORTS, JUDGING THEM FOR THEIR CONTENT AND CLARITY.

AS I HAD MENTIONED EARLIER IN THE YEAR THREE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN. FOR THIS, YOU WILL HAVE UNTIL APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2008. IN THE MEANTIME KEEP THE PICTURES COMING IN. THE "*TRADITION OF CARING*" WITH "*FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE in our SERVICE to ALL*" IS FOR EVER ONGOING. THERE IS ALWAYS A LOT TO DO!! AND CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! WHILE YOU'RE WORKING!! THANKS!!

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED:

DISTRICT 1-100%

DISTRICT 2-3160,9382(67%)

DISTRICT 3-8046(92%)

DISTRICT 4-637,5313,8048(81%)

DISTRICT 5-100%

DISTRICT 6-100%

DISTRICT 7-8613(88%)

DISTRICT 8-1177(75%)

DISTRICT 9-7136(88%)

DISTRICT 10-7916,8241,8815(67%)

DISTRICT 11-100%

DISTRICT 12-1994,6975,8652,9830,10310(44%)

DISTRICT 13-1827,7638(67%)

THIS IS MY LAST PROMOTION. IT'S BEEN GREAT!!!!!!

*LOYALLY,*

*JUNE FUECKER, DEPT. OF VA. HISTORIAN*

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# JUNIOR GIRLS

TRADITION OF CARING”  
FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL”

April 2008

TO: Department President, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Chairmen and Members.

Spring has finally arrived and hopefully the cold weather, snow, and wind are behind us. Spring brings with it warm weather and the promise of new life as everything begins to grow and bloom. This is the time of year that makes us want to look back over our auxiliary year and see all the projects that have been accomplished and those yet to be done. **HAS YOUR AUXILIARY ORGANIZED A JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT YET?** Time is running out for the year 2007-2008.

I did not receive an application for a Junior Girls Scholarship this year. This could be a great opportunity for a Junior Girl from the Department of Virginia to further her education. Time is passing so quickly and graduation from high school could be just around the corner for several of our Junior Girls. This is an opportunity to further their education and be able to meet the world with confidence. Do you know what the word education means? **Education means – schooling, training, culture, learning, study, cultivation, reading, information, teaching, discipline, knowledge, development, refinement, enlightenment, scholarship and wisdom.** Only with an education can a young girl be ready to meet the world and succeed. I would like to ask that the scholarship application be put on the priority list for your Unit for the year 2008-2009 and by doing so we will be **“DEVELOPING OUR LEADERS OF TOMORROW THROUGH OUR TRADITION OF CARING.”**

At the present time the Department of Virginia has two Junior Girls Units and I am sure they would love to hear from all the auxiliaries across our state. You can send your encouragement and best wishes to:

Junior Girls Unit 4809		Junior Girls Unit
	8046	
1415 Elder Avenue		2639 Lake
	Powell Road	
Chesapeake, Va. 23325		Williamsburg, Va.
	23185	

Linda Richardson, Chairman  
2307 Carsonville Rd.  
Elk Creek, Va. 24326-2018 carl@ls.net

Legislative/VFW-PAC  
Barbara Alicie  
119 Sugarleaf Drive  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Congratulations to all the districts that have made 100%!!

Job well done ladies!!

Just a quick review of Legislative/VFW-PAC for this year.

The two have been combined, so if you have sent a report for one, you don't have to send one for the other. Monies for PAC cannot be taken out of the auxiliary treasury. Have a fund raiser, send your money to: VFW Washington Office, 200 Maryland Avenue N. E. Washington, D. C.20002. Then please send me your report, and remember" Faith, Hope on our Service to All."

In our "Tradition of Caring" it is our mission to keep our elected officials informed. Auxiliaries that have not reported as of March 5, 2008

District One--100%

District Two--100%

District Three--6364,8046 Ladies, only two !!!

District Four-- 637 Only one more!!

District Five--100%

District Six ---100 %

District Seven ---8613 Only one more!!

District Eight--1177 One more ladies!!!

District Nine-100%

District Ten--100%

District Eleven--4204,7814,10826 Three more ladies !!

District Twelve---6975,9830 Two more---to be 100%

Thirteenth---100%

Ten more Auxiliaries need to report , so ladies come on, I know you have done the work, now report it so you can get credit for it, just remember this is a Banner Requirement.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Alicie  
Legislative/ VFW PAC Chairman

**MEMBERSHIP**  
***“Program of Priority”***  
**April 2008**

To: District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Treasurers, Membership Chairmen and Auxiliary members.

CC: Kathryn Schreiber, National Membership Director  
Linda Butler, Southern Conference Chairman

From: Kathy Birch, Department Membership Chairman  
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**“Using Faith, Hope and Love in Our Service to All”**  
**The Ladies Auxiliary VFW will continue its**  
**“Tradition of Caring”**

President Ellen’s Garden will soon be celebrating its one-year Anniversary of retaining, recruiting and reinstating members. This year has been exciting; every month brought in more members, achieving 85% by December 31- then 90% by January 31<sup>st</sup>! Ellen and the Department of Virginia’s Ladies Auxiliary members have worked so hard – and continue to work hard - to achieve 100% by June 30. National percentages are listed below – Virginia is at 96.95% as of March 13, 2008. Only 251 more members needed to be at 100%. **WE CAN DO IT!!!!**

<u>District 1:</u>	88.16%	<u>District 5:</u>	94.12%	<u>District 10:</u>	100.48%
<u>District 2:</u>	103%	<u>District 6:</u>	97.16%	<u>District 11:</u>	96.60%
<u>District 3:</u>	95.17%	<u>District 7:</u>	106.31%	<u>District 12:</u>	89.74%
<u>District 4:</u>	94.66%	<u>District 8:</u>	97.97%	<u>District 13:</u>	86.63%
		<u>District 9:</u>	92.19%		

**RETAIN AND RECRUIT AND REINSTATE**

Many Auxiliaries only need 2 or 3 or 4 members to reach 100%. The Department is mailing one more 2008 annual dues renewal notice. We hope our unpaid members will support the Veterans of Virginia through continuing their membership in this organization. Auxiliary Treasurers, please let me know if you receive any additional 2008 dues.

Auxiliary Treasurers, you can help your Auxiliary reach 100% by leading a membership reinstatement effort. Send a letter or note to those members who didn’t pay in 2007. Ask if they want to rejoin this organization because they are missed at the meetings and at special activities. Even better, send a letter to the 2006 non-paying members as well!

**Auxiliary Presidents:** challenge your members to recruit at least one more member for your Auxiliary before June 15, 2008. Everything we do for membership is important. With your help, the Department of Virginia can reach 100% by June 30.

**Auxiliary Treasurers:** compare the list of paid members received monthly from National HQ against your own list of paid members. If there is a discrepancy, make a copy of proof of membership (copy of the transmittal form with a copy of part 3 that was mailed to the Department Treasurer, and your Auxiliary check#) and send to Debbie Martin Department Treasurer immediately. Follow up with a telephone call or email. Debbie’s telephone number is: (434) 985-7987 and her email is [deb0506@embarqmail.com](mailto:deb0506@embarqmail.com).

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS:**

**June 2008 Convention:** A drawing for one \$25 award will be held for all Auxiliaries who achieve 100% in membership by June 1, 2008.

- Three awards of \$15.00 to the Auxiliaries who recruited or reinstated the most members in their respective membership groups
  - Auxiliaries with 10-50 members (55 Auxiliaries)
  - Auxiliaries with 51-125 members (40 Auxiliaries)
  - Auxiliaries with 126 + members (16 Auxiliaries)
- \$15.00 to the Auxiliary who sponsored the most successful recruiting event in their community. (Send me a written report of the event before May 1, 2008.)
- Certificate to every Auxiliary who achieves 100% by June 10, 2008

#### **NATIONAL AWARDS:**

- **Auxiliary Award #7 Bonus Drawing:** All Auxiliaries obtaining 100% and whose dues are received at National HQ by June 30, 2008, will be entered into a bonus drawing for ten \$100 awards.
- **Auxiliary Award #8:** \$25 to each Auxiliary that increases NEW Life Memberships by 10% of their June 30, 2007, total membership between July 1, 2007 and June 15, 2008, and received by National HQ by June 30, 2008. Auxiliaries with membership of 300 or more will only be qualified to secure 300 new Life Members to qualify.
- **Member Award #1 & #2:** Stars & Stripes Recruiter awards I and II. Awards for new, reinstated and the collection of continuous members. See Page 23 of the National Program Book for requirements and forms.
- **#3 National Aide-de-Camp Member Award:** Each member who secures 20 new or reinstated members from July 1, 2007 through June 15, 2008, will receive an award presented at National Convention and entered in a drawing for ten awards of \$100. Must be at National HQ by June 30, 2008.

These awards supplement treasuries and benefit individual members!!

Once you have filled out the forms, send them to Department Treasurer Debbie Martin. Don't send the form directly to National Headquarters! Without the Department Treasurer's signature, verifying your information, the form will be returned to her and will delay your entry from being included in the national drawings.

Thank you again for all your hard work in helping your Auxiliary retain, recruit and reinstate members! Membership is the heart of this organization – and is a continuous program without time limits. Each member counts; we never know when a member will become a key individual to an Auxiliary, District, and/or Department.

On behalf of President Ellen and myself, thank you for all you have done this year to achieve 100% in membership. Your hard work and continued efforts have helped the Department of Virginia continue its "Tradition of Caring"! **We can attain 100% by June 30!**

Kathy Birch  
Department Membership Chairman

## **PUBLICITY**

**TO:** Department President, PDPs, Line Officers, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents Publicity Chairmen, and Members

**CC:** National Director, Publicity Chairman  
Southern Conference, Publicity Chairman

**FROM:** Laine Beckwith, Publicity Chairman, Department of Virginia  
41 Kings Point Drive, Hampton, VA 23669  
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**April 2008**

### *Tradition of Caring Using Faith Hope and Love in our Service to All*

Well our year is almost over and I have received some wonderful and interesting articles, flyers, pamphlets, and newsletters from just about every auxiliary in the state. Thank you Lades – you are definitely carrying on the “Tradition of Caring” while “Using Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to all.”

As we approach our Department Convention, don’t stop now. Still get your great works displayed out there through publicity. I know you still have plenty of events and activities coming up that you can advertise and promote your good deeds.

Some of the auxiliaries sent me a report, but there was nothing attached to it. In order for me to give you the credit and acknowledgement, I must have actual newspaper article (or copy), newsletter (entire newsletter) or script (for radio or television).

To the Publicity chairmen in the auxiliaries, I want to commend you for your efforts. You have not only sent me reports, you have gathered the information and pictures and contacted your local media to GET THE WORD OUT! You have been the beacon for your auxiliary. **THANK YOU!** I know your VFW Post appreciates your good work and they thank you for all that you do. As I have been preparing the scrapbook for President Ellen, I am amazed at the activities and events that the auxiliaries have done this year. The work with the community and for our veterans has been outstanding. If I could, I would give an award to each of you.

At the June Convention awards will be given for the following:

1. Award to the auxiliary with the best promotion of Membership recruiting through Publicity channels.
2. Award to the auxiliary with the best promotion of Junior Girls Units through Publicity channels (any form of media).
3. Award to the auxiliary for the best promotion of Ladies Auxiliary VFW Programs. Covering the most programs in the most types of media.

4. Special Award – one newspaper will be selected to receive a citation for the best coverage given to a local auxiliary. Auxiliaries must submit the nomination by April 15, 2008. Details for submission will be in Department General Orders.
5. Award to the auxiliary with the best coverage of Auxiliary programs in their home Post/Auxiliary newsletter.

Don't stop now – here are some ideas that you can use for publicity in April and May.

Some events to plan for April and May:

**April 1** – April Fool's Day

**April 7** – World Health Day

**April 13 – 19** – National Library Week

**April 13** - Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

**April 15** – Tax Day

**April 20** – Pineapple Upside Down Day – Great day to bake a cake!

**April 22** – Earth Day

**April 23** – Administrative Professionals Day

**April 25** – Arbor Day – Plant a tree at the Post home or in the community

**April 27 – May 3** – National Volunteer Week

**May 2 & 3** – Cinco De Mayo

**May 6** – National Teacher Day

**May 7** – School Nurse Day

**May 9** – Military Spouses Day

**May 17** – Armed Forces Day

**May 26** – Memorial Day

Also, maybe you can plan something special for these!

<b>April is also:</b>	<b>May is:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal Cruelty Prevention Month</li> <li>• Child Abuse Prevention Month</li> <li>• Garden Month</li> <li>• Keep America Beautiful Month</li> <li>• Poetry Month</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military Appreciation Month</li> <li>• Asian Pacific American Heritage Month</li> <li>• Historic Preservation Month</li> <li>• Teacher Appreciation Month</li> </ul>

Reports received as of 14 March 2008:

<b>Dist</b>	<b>Auxiliaries Not reported as of March 15, 2008</b>						
<b>1</b>	<b>100% REPORTED!!!!!!</b>						<b>100%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>100% REPORTED!!!!!!</b>						<b>100%</b>
<b>3</b>	2239	8046	8356	9808	10387	10657	<b>50%</b>
<b>4</b>	637	2584	5313	8617			<b>74%</b>
<b>5</b>	647						<b>88%</b>
<b>6</b>	1444	4522	7854				<b>63%</b>
<b>7</b>	2123	8613					<b>75%</b>
<b>8</b>	1177						<b>75%</b>
<b>9</b>	4667						<b>88%</b>
<b>10</b>	7916	8241	8815	9274			<b>56%</b>
<b>11</b>	2424	4204	7814				<b>75%</b>
<b>12</b>	1994	3782	6975	8652	9830	10298	<b>33%</b>
<b>13</b>	1827	7638	8947	10574			<b>33%</b>
<b>TOTAL Percentage for the Department</b>							<b>70%</b>

## ***PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY 2007-2008***

### **APRIL 2008 GENERAL ORDERS**

**To: Department President; PDPs; District Pres.; Auxiliary Pres. and All VOD/ Patriotic Art Chairmen**

**From: Ellen Carleton, Department Chairman  
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### ***Voice of Democracy***

**I am thrilled to announce that the Department of Virginia VOD winner Samantha Roth placed ninth in the national competition held during the National Community Service and Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. I have been told this is the highest we have ever placed!**

**Samantha will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$3000. This will be in addition to the \$1000 from the Department of Virginia VFW, \$ 500 from the Commanders' Club and \$200 from the Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary already presented at the winter conference. If you would like to send a congratulatory note, her address is 319 Patriot Way, Yorktown, VA 23603.**

### ***Young American Creative Patriotic Art***

- **By the time you read these General Orders, you should have received all auxiliary entries and should be working on your judging. As I stated last month, please be sure to pack all items carefully when you send them to me (it is highly recommended that you have a professional mailing store package the artwork, as I will not be able to accept damaged packaging).**
- **Be sure that the entry form is complete and legible. It must include the signature of the parent/guardian *and* the section requesting the source of the idea must be completed (even if only to say "original idea").**

### ***Don't forget these important Deadlines***

**Student deadline to the Ladies Auxiliary Chairman  
District deadline (optional)  
Department deadline (no exceptions)  
National deadline - must be received by**

**March 31, 2008  
to meet department deadline  
April 15, 2008  
May 5, 2008**

**Auxiliaries not reported as of 3/15/08:**

**District 1:** 6002 still only 1 to go!

**District 2:** Congratulations!

**District 3:** 6364, 9224 still only 2 to go!

**District 4:** 637, 2584, two more to go!

**District 5:** Congratulations!

**District 6:** 1444, 4522 still only 2 to go!

**District 7:** 8613 still only 1 to go!

**District 8:** 1177 still only 1 to go!

**District 9:** Congratulations!

**District 10:** 8815 still only 1 to go!

**District 11:** Congratulations!

**District 12:** 3782, 6975, 9830, 10298, 10310 **No change.** Hopefully you are working on the Patriotic art competition!

**District 13:** 1827, 2217, 7638, 10574 **No change.** Hopefully you are working on the Patriotic art competition!

**Sisters, if you contacted and brought literature to the schools, but they did not submit any entries for the competition, please let me know that you did try. If you submit a report saying "no participation", I cannot tell if that means the auxiliary did not participate or that the schools did not have any participants.**

**The Department of Virginia is currently 80% reported.**

***One final reminder, Sisters! Please show all of our students, teachers and judges how much we appreciate their participation in our competitions. If you cannot have a special recognition ceremony, then please send certificates of appreciation or personal thank you notes to show our gratitude in our very best "Tradition of Caring".***

***With Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All.***

*Ellen*

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA  
VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

April 2008

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REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES BY DISTRICT

***ONLY 5 AUXILIARIES IN STATE TO PAY THEIR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS***

DISTRICT	AUXILIARY #
1	100%
2	100%
3	100%
4	100%
5	100%
6	100%
7	100%
8	1177
9	100%
10	100%
11	100%
12	1994, 6975, 8652, 10298
13	100%

**Ladies, each day I'm receiving reports for the fantastic projects you are doing for National Home.**

**I hope some of you were able to participate in the "AWARENESS WEEK", National was late in sending out kits. Please send reports on your activity.**

**All final reports have to be sent to me by May 1st, as judging for rewards have to be into the State Secretary. Keep the reports coming the month of April.**

**I'm looking for the Outstanding Project for National Home --**

**Most Campbell Soup Labels --**

**Best Promotion for Life Membership Program for National Home.--**

**As we wind down out year, this has been truly a a rewarding Chairmanship for me. Your response has been overwhelming and I know that National Home is grateful for their Virginia sisters.**

*Using Faith, Hope and Love in Our Service to All we will continue Our Tradition of Caring*

**God Bless**

**Nancy Lee Shifflett  
VIRGINIA NATIONAL HOME CHAIRMAN**

**VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT**  
**APRIL 2008**

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**“Tradition of Caring”**  
**“Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to All”**

**ATTENTION to all Auxiliaries who are shipping care packages to the troops. As of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, a new larger Priority Mail Flat Rate Box is available. The new box will allow you to ship 50% more than the current box. There will be a special version of the box for military mailings with a \$2.00 discount if shipped to an Army PO or Fleet PO (APO/FPO) address. Military Shipping APO/FPO address - \$10.95; Domestic Shipping Priority Flat Rate - \$8.95.**

**WANT LIST FROM TROOPS: Protein bars, trail mix, beef jerky, body lotions, baby wipes (travel size), liquid hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, flashlights, board games, playing cards, movies/videos, stationary, magazines, frisbees, baseballs, dry soup mix, ramen noodles, peanuts, cheese and crackers packs, cookies, oatmeal packets, individual cereal boxes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, lip balm/chapstick, tissues (individual packs), sunblock, bug spray, batteries (AA, AAA, and C), pens, word search, suduko puzzles, dominoes, nerf footballs, small toys and school supplies for Iraqi and Afghani children.**

**Listed below are a few Auxiliaries who have not reported. Please take a moment to do so. If you prefer not to fill out the report form, just write a note, call or e-mail me.**

**I will not be accepting reports after May 01, 2008. This will allow me time to complete reports for the National Chairman and Convention. Thanks you for your continued support of our veterans.**

**NOT REPORTED: As of 03/15/08**

<b>District 1 - 100% REPORTED</b>
<b>District 2 - 100% REPORTED</b>
<b>District 3 - 100% REPORTED</b>
<b>District 4 - 100% REPORTED</b>
<b>District 5 - 100% REPORTED</b>
<b>District 6 - 4522, 7854</b>
<b>District 7 - 100% REPORTED</b>
<b>District 8 - 1177</b>
<b>District 9 - 100% REPORTED</b>
<b>District 10 - 100% REPORTED</b>
<b>District 11 - 4204, 10826</b>
<b>District 12 - 6975</b>
<b>District 13 - 1827, 8947, 10574</b>

*From the Nest of*  
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Youth Activities/Patriot's Pen

April 2007

***We have ruffled many feathers and created quite a stir!***

**We still have important work – Keep stirring the coop!**

Many of the activities that our VFW Ladies Auxiliaries participate in involve children/youth. When writing your reports please remember the various events such as Read Across America, the Saint Patrick's Day Parades, and the Dare to be Drug Free programs that many of our Sisters have run/supported/ participated in or donated to. Showing our support in various local activities is just one reason why the VFW Ladies Auxiliary is a cornerstone of our communities. Be proud, but mostly be a part – continue this fine tradition (and while you are at it send me another report!!!).

#### **BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD AWARDS FOR GIRL SCOUTS**

I have received the names of five more deserving young ladies that have earned Girl Scout Awards, 4 Bronze and one Gold. The names have been forwarded to National for recognition.

Auxiliaries are still encouraged to contact local Girl Scout Troops and inquire if any girls have earned the Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards. Request the date of presentation and complete the necessary request form for the Girls Scouts Awards from National Headquarters. The Auxiliary must present these awards. (Remember that these girls have done the work, it is only right that they receive the recognition due them.)

#### **SNOWBALL EXPRESS**

**Virginia has been quite successful in this program!** Remember, we are still accepting donations for the SNOWBALL EXPRESS. All donations are to be sent to the NATIONAL TREASURER (not to me). The check should be written out to the **National VFW Ladies Auxiliary** with **SNOWBALL EXPRESS** noted in the memo section. ***Please send me a report – not a check!***

I receive monthly a listing from National on which Auxiliaries have sent donations for the SNOWBALL EXPRESS Program. Do not forget to give them the pertinent information

(Auxiliary information, Department, and include a point of contact (always) if they should need more information.

### **YOUTH SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS**

Deadline was March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Ten deserving applicants had paperwork sent to National! Congratulations to each and every one of them!

As our National President Virginia Carman is starting her “**Tradition of Caring**” year, we have a great many opportunities this year to “**focus on getting out there and doing what we do best**” by “**engaging our youth with scholarship contests and activities**”. Our Department of Virginia President Ellen Stogsdill’s theme of “**Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All**” will certainly be an inspiration to us all, especially in our Youth Activities and Patriot’s Pen Programs.

**Well some of you kept me waiting – but we got there in the end.  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES IS 100% REPORTED  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA!**

**DON’T FORGET THAT ALL THE AUXILIARIES ARE  
COMPETING FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS GOLDEN RUBBER  
CHICKEN AWARDS!**

**KEEP THOSE FEATHERS FLYING!**

Sincerely,  
Robin Milewski  
Youth Activities /Patriot’s Pen Chairman

**The Rubber Chickens are starving for your reports!**