

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

1. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: THANK YOU!** As of January 10, 2008, the Department of Virginia is 94.00%. You the Sisters of Virginia are making it happen for the Department. You are reaching out to those members who had not paid their dues and getting them reinstated. You are calling members to get them involved in meetings and programs for the Auxiliary and keeping them as continuous members. You are recruiting new members to help your Auxiliaries grow. You are the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Department of Virginia and I am extremely proud of you.

2. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Losing an Auxiliary is a sad matter not only for that Auxiliary but for the Post, the District, the Department, National and all of our Veterans. Losing an Auxiliary means we have lost some of the voices that spoke out for Veterans issues, the homeless, supporting our troops, community activities, Cancer aid and research, the National Home for Children, Americanism, and our hospitalized veterans, Losing an Auxiliary means we have lost a piece of our history, a piece that we might never get back. Losing an Auxiliary means that we have not been paying attention to our Sisters. If you feel that your Auxiliary is in need of help, please have your Auxiliary President contact the District President. The District President can ask the Deputy Chief of Staff to assist your Auxiliary. Your District President can also contact me, your Department President. The Department Line Officers will be glad to assist your Auxiliary in anyway that we can, so that your Auxiliary can succeed. Don't wait until your Auxiliary is on the verge of disbanding, let us help you, and help your Auxiliary.

3. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** Now is a good time to review your Auxiliary Banner Requirements. Membership is only part of getting a Banner for the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary needs to have a report to the corresponding Department Chairman for each of the National Programs. These reports have to be in by March 31, 2008 for your Auxiliary to qualify for a Banner. If your Auxiliary fails to report and does not report by the Banner deadlines, your Auxiliary will not receive a Banner even though you may have met your membership goal. Your Auxiliary must also report in order to be considered for any Department award that will be given at the Department Convention in June. Sisters, you do the work, so please report all that you and let your Auxiliary get the recognition it deserves.

4. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES:** The fourth quarter Audit covering the months of October, November and December was to be mailed to the Department Treasurer no later than January 30, 2008. If you have not done so, your Auxiliary is in arrears. Trustees, please see that you attend to this in a post haste fashion.

5. **NATIONAL MID-YEAR CONFERENCE:** Will be held April 3-6, 2008, in Palm Springs, CA. For more information contact Department Secretary, Susie DeShano.

6. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND HOSPITAL CHAIRMEN:** If your Auxiliary has not sent in their donation of \$35.00 to the State Hospital Fund, please do so now. Send your check to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin 539 Westwood Drive, Ruckersville, and VA 22968. Make sure the check is earmarked for the **State Hospital Fund**.

7. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Support your District by attending meetings. District Meetings are Schools of Instructions and **ALL** members are urged to attend. Enclosed is the list of District meeting dates and Department Representatives assigned to attend. Just a reminder: Has your Auxiliary ordered the new 2007 National By-Laws yet? I encourage all members to do so; we need to keep abreast of the changes made by our National Organization. If members wish to have a current copy, please have the Auxiliary Treasurer order them.

8. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Community Service and Legislative Conference will be held March 2-5, 2008 at the Omni Sheraton Hotel in Washington D.C.

Sisters it is such a joy to be a part of the Department of Virginia and this great organization. I can not say **THANK YOU** enough to each of you for all you do for our Veterans and their families. Continue to go above and beyond for our cherished heroes. Always remember to pray for our active duty personnel and their families that are in harms way.

This is more than a day for celebrating romance. It's also a day for celebrating true friends of the heart, like each of you.

It's so good knowing that, even though time can bring many changes to our lives, the wonderful friendship auxiliary members share is for always.

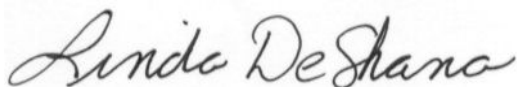
You're very special to me. Happy Valentine's Day

By order of:



Ellen Stogsdill
Department President

Attest:



Linda S. DeShano
Department Secretary

Date 1/17/2008	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
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District 1

176	Newport News	34	35	102.94%	35			68	70	20	25		
824	Grafton	18	19	105.56%	35			36	42	10		25	
3219	Phoebus	246	216	87.80%	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	100
6002	Denbigh	67	54	80.60%	35			134	134			25	
7167	Warsaw	78	75	96.15%	35	100		156	156	32	110.85		100
8252	Gloucester	28	29	103.57%	35	685.28		56	54			25	50
Total (8)	District 1	532	470	88.35%	270	860.28	10	1064	1090	142	182.6	125	386

District 2

392	Virginia Beach	334	338	101.20%	35	200		668	668			100	200
993	Portsmouth	86	87	101.16%	35			172	172			25	
3160	Ocean View	293	296	101.02%	35			586	586	50			
4411	Franklin	49	52	106.12%	35			98	104	40	25	50	100
4809	Norfolk	313	329	105.11%	35			626	626			100	
9382	Suffolk	60	61	101.67%	35			120	120	80			
Total (6)	District 2	1135	1163	102.47%	210	200	0	2270	2276	170	25	275	300

District 3

1426	Midlothian	37	21	56.76%	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	36	105.88%	35			68	70	30			
6364	West Richmond	30	24	80.00%	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	31	106.90%				58	58				
9501	Central Garage	41	42	102.44%	35			82	82	20			
9808	Mechanicsville	154	155	100.65%	35			308	308	80			
10387	Petersburg	40	43	107.50%	14			80	80	30		25	
10654	Richmond	33	33	100.00%	35			66	66	24			400
10657	Glen Allen	31	32	103.23%	35			62	62	20	11.28	10	
Total (13)	District 3	621	581	93.56%	364	100	100	1242	1224	334	208.37	60	400

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District 4

622	Petersburg	60	45	75.00%	35			120	120	20		25	25
637	Hopewell	64	52	81.25%				128					
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	76	102.70%	35			148	148	60			
7897	Blackstone	25	25	100.00%	35			50	50	10		25	
8048	Lawrenceville	29	27	93.10%		50		58	58	20			50
8163	Clarksville	67	73	108.96%	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	51	77.27%	35			132	132	10		25	
8902	Keysville	12	12	100.00%	35			24	26	10			
9855	Appomattox	16	27	168.75%	35			32	32	10	20		
9954	Victoria	198	200	101.01%	35			396	396	70	560.68		
Total (16)	District 4	862	810	93.97%	420	600	0	1724	1596	270	638.48	300	75

District 5

647	Danville	108	97	89.81%	35			216	234	30		25	200
1115	Hillsville	499	460	92.18%	35	50		998	998	100		100	
4637	Martinsville	49	52	106.12%	35			98	98			25	
7568	Galax	32	29	90.63%	35			64	64	40			
7726	Grayson	160	156	97.50%	35		15	320	320	40	305.83	25	
7800	Stuart	23	23	100.00%	35			46	46	30		25	
8243	Halifax	60	64	106.67%	35			120	130			25	
8467	Meadows of Dan	56	50	89.29%	35			112	112				
Total (8)	District 5	987	931	94.33%	280	50	15	1974	2002	240	305.83	225	200

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District 6

1033	Covington	111	97	87.39%	35	25		222	236	40	45	50	
1264	Roanoke	48	62	129.17%	35			96	106	40		20	25
1444	Dunbar Roanoke	45	39	86.67%	35			90	80	10			
1841	Fincastle	56	55	98.21%	35			112	110	10	70		
2157	Bedford	58	57	98.28%	35			116	116	20		10	
4522	Vinton	61	55	90.16%	35			122	120	20			
5311	Christiansburg	46	46	100.00%	35			92	104	20	150	25	
7854	Floyd	32	30	93.75%	35			64	58				
Total (8)	District 6	457	441	96.50%	280	25	0	914	930	160	265	105	25

District 7

621	Luray	99	106	107.07%	35	500		198	202	40	75	15	600
1860	Front Royal	170	140	82.35%	35			340	340	40			100
2123	Winchester	63	65	103.17%	35			126	74	40	60	25	
2447	Edinburg	80	87	108.75%	35	350		160	166	40		100	
8613	Shenandoah	79	83	105.06%	35			158		20			
9292	Luray	0	31	100.00%	35				62				
9660	Broadway	74	77	104.05%	35			148	148	60	15	50	100
9760	Berryville	165	168	101.82%	35	450		330	332	20		25	400
9872	Mt. Clinton	31	30	96.77%	35			62	62	20			
Total (8)	District 7	761	787	103.42%	315	1300	0	1522	1386	280	150	215	1200

District 8

1177	Leesburg	11	11					22					
2524	Culpeper	65	60	92.31%	35			130	130	30	43		
3103	Fredericksburg	117	106	90.60%	35	100	50	234	234	40	100		66
7589	Manassas	53	62	116.98%	35			106	106	40	318.69	25	100
Total (4)	District 8	246	239	97.15%	105	100	50	492	470	110	461.69	25	166

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District 9

1184	Pulaski	39	36	92.31%	35			78	72	20			50
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4667	Marion	122	118	96.72%	35			244	224	20		25	100
6000	Narrows	127	96	75.59%				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	33	103.13%	35			64	64	20		10	
9640	Richlands	43	43	100.00%				86	16	20			
9696	Bluefield	141	129	91.49%	35			282	310	64			
Total (8)	District 9	589	528	89.64%	210	0	0	1178	1122	224	0	60	225

District 10

609	Alexandria	38	35	92.11%	35			76	76	20			
1503	Dale City	299	306	102.34%	35			598	600	68	75	50	200
3150	Arlington	150	152	101.33%	35			300	300	50	30	500	100
7327	Springfield	125	132	105.60%	35			250	250	80	100	150	200
7916	Woodbridge	73	86	117.81%	35			146	146				
8241	McLean	50	38	76.00%	35			100	100	20			
8815	Lorton	18	13	72.22%				36	36	20			
9274	Falls Church	57	48	84.21%	35			114	114	34	226	25	
9478	Sterling	23	22	95.65%	35			46	46	10		25	75
Total (9)	District 10	833	832	99.88%	280	0	0	1666	1668	302	431	750	575

District 11

632	Harrisonburg	230	205	89.13%	35	5,000.00		460	494	50		25	
1499	Lexington	71	78	109.86%	35			142	142	20		100	
2216	Staunton	128	139	108.59%	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	51	102.00%	35			100	100	10			
9480	Craigsville	23	24	104.35%	35			46	48	24			
10826	Verona	29	15	51.72%	35			58	58				
Total (12)	District 11	796	768	96.48%	385	5000	25	1592	1580	334	50	185	0

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District 12

1994	Abingdon	35	34	97.14%	35			70	70	20	28		
3782	Haysi	17	19	111.76%				34		20			

6975	Bristol	106	32	30.19%			212						
8652	Coeburn	33	22	66.67%			66						
8979	Clintwood	34	32	94.12%	35		68	68	10				
9600	Pound	56	56	100.00%	35		112	112	20			25	
9830	Damascus	28	28	100.00%	35		56	56	20				
10298	Pennington Gap	11	10	90.91%			22						
10310	Ewing	21	19	90.48%	35		42						
Total (9)	District 12	341	252	73.90%	175	0	0	682	306	90	28	25	0

District 13

1827	Charlottesville	70	59	84.29%	35			140	140	20			
2217	Orange	23	23	100.00%	35	100		46	46	20			
7638	Gordonsville	41	42	102.44%	35			82	96	20		21	
8436	Yancy Mills	31	30	96.77%	35			62	62	20			
8947	Louisa	63	56	88.89%	35			126	126	40			
10546	Spotsylvania	34	17	50.00%	35			68	68			30	100
10574	Colonial Beach	112	98	87.50%				224					
Total (7)	District 13	374	325	86.90%	210	100	0	748	538	120	0	51	100

Member at Large 15 52 346.67%

Dept. Total 8549 8,179 95.67% 3504 8335.28 200 17068 16188 2776 2745.97 2401 3652



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

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February, 2008

Special Order # 66

Upon recommendation of the Department President and action of the Auxiliary, the Spotsylvania Auxiliary 10546, Spotsylvania, Virginia is declared defunct in accordance to Article II, Section 207, of the National bylaws for failure to hold meetings due to lack of participation and health and age of members. The Department President shall forward the Charter to the National Headquarters. The Department President will recover all property of the Auxiliary and turn it over to the Department Treasurer.

By order of:
Virginia Carman
National President

Roster Changes and Updates

- **Back to the old address:** for Department Secretary, Susie DeShano. Ladies, I am again working out of State Headquarters in Staunton. The address is 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401. Phone number toll free in VA 1-800-888-3521 or 540-886-8112. The fax number at State HQ is 1-866-416-0586. My home address is 201 Hays Ave, Staunton, VA 24401. My home phone number is 540-886-7756.
- **Corrected address and phone Number:** for William T. Allen Memorial Auxiliary 5500 President, Dawn "Micki" Smith, 2206 Cherbourg Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Phone Number 757-313-3347
- **New Secretary/Treasurer:** for Mountain Empire Auxiliary 8652 is Angel Clark, 4828 Autumn Road, Coeburn, VA 24230, Phone number (276) 395-7083.

Calendar Updates

- **National Community Service and Legislative Conference:** March 2-5 2008, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC, Reservation Phone Number 202-756-5125 or 800-545-8700 (ask for VFW rate) rates \$197/\$207. Reservation cut-off date February 8, 2008.
- **2008 Mid Year Conference:** April 3-6, 2008, Palm Springs California. Hilton Palm Springs Resort, phone number 1-800-522-6900 or 1-760-320-6868 (reference Ladies Auxiliary). Room rate \$139.00 + 13.75% current tax + \$1.14 utility users fee per night. For More details concerning tentative agenda and banquet reservations please contact Susie DeShano, Dept. Secretary.
- **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.



**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

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) 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.

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	1/26/2008	8th	Date	3/2/2008
	Lunch	After Meeting		Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1100 Hours (11:00 a.m.)		Meeting	1300 hours (1:00 p.m.)
	Location	Post 3219 - Hosted by Post 824		Location	Manasas Post 7589
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Senior Vice President		Rep:	Ellen Stogsdill, President
2nd	Date	3/8/2008	9th	Date	
	Lunch	Noon		Lunch	
	Meeting	1300 Hours (1:00 p.m.)		Meeting	
	Location	Franklin Post 4411		Location	
	Rep:	Betty Gimble, Chaplain		Rep:	Convention
3rd	Date	2/9/2008	10th	Date	2/24/2008
	Lunch			Lunch	
	Meeting	1000 Hours		Meeting	
	Location	3rd District Headquarters		Location:	Post 8241, McLean
	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdill, President		Rep:	Mary Profitt, Senior Vice President
4th	Date	2/10/2008	11th	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	After meeting		Lunch	
	Meeting	1400 Hours (2:00 p.m.)		Meeting	5/18/2007
	Location	Amelia Post 8759		Location	Harrisburg Post 632
	Rep:	Robin Mileswski, Guard		Rep:	Convention
5th	Date	2/17/2007	12th	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	1230 Hours (12:30 p.m.)		Registration	
	Meeting	After Lunch		Meeting	1100 hours (11:00 a.m.)
	Location	Meadows Of Dan Post 8467		Location	
	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Senior Vice President		Rep:	Convention
6th	Date	2/10/2008	13th	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	After the meeting		Lunch	
	Meeting	14:00 Hours (2:00 p.m.)		Meeting	
	Location	VAMC Salem - Bldg 76		Location	
	Sponsored by:	Post 4920 Elliston		Rep:	Convention
Rep:	Kathy Birch, Junior Vice President				
7th	Date	3/9/2008			
	Lunch				
	Meeting	11:30 a.m.			
	Location	Post 1860, Front Royal			
	Rep:	Kathy Birch, Senior Vice President			

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars

OF THE UNITED STATES



January 7, 2008

TO: Past National Presidents, National District Council Members
Department Presidents, Department Secretaries

FROM: Connie Atkinson, National Secretary/Treasurer

RE: Community Service Conference and Legislative Conference
March 2-5, 2008

Once again, in March of 2008, the National Community Service Conference and the National Legislative Conference will meet together. The meetings will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC over the dates of March 2-5, 2008. Enclosed please find a copy of the tentative agenda.

There are a limited number of rooms available at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. These rooms are available on a **first come, first served** basis. Any reservations received after the block is filled will be handled on an availability basis only.

To make hotel reservations, please call **202-756-5125** or **(800)-545-8700** and ask for the Veterans of Foreign Wars rate. Attached is the room reservation form which you may fax or mail to the hotel. The Omni Shoreham room rate is **\$197 single/double and \$207 triple/quad plus 14.5% tax. Reservation cut-off date is Friday, February 8, 2008.** Reservations received after that date will be taken on a space available basis only.

The "Celebration of Achievement" banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. **Banquet tickets must be ordered through your Department Adjutant/Quartermaster again this year.** The Department Adjutant/Quartermasters will be receiving their allotment of banquet tickets in December. Their request for additional tickets must be received at VFW National Headquarters no later than February 8, 2008.

**National VFW and Ladies Auxiliary
Community Service and Legislative Conference
March 2-5, 2008
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC**

**Tentative Agenda
(Meetings subject to change)**

Sunday, March 2, 2008

National Veterans Service	8a-9a
Political Action Committee Board	9a-10a
Budget & Finance Committee	10a-11:30a
Council of Administration	2p-4p
National Legislative Committee	5p-6p

Monday, March 3, 2008

General Session	8a-11:30a
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<u>Committee/Workshop Meetings</u>	1p-2:30p
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National Youth, Education & Community Service
Military Assistance
National POW/MIA
National Homeless Veterans, Employment & Training
National By-Laws Review

VFW Membership Briefing

<u>Committee/Workshop Meetings</u>	3p-4:30p
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Buddy Poppy
Veterans Care
National Security
National Military Affairs
VFW Foundation
National Home
Grants Workshop 2007
VFW Membership Briefing

Parade of Winners	6:15p
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Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Commander-in-Chief Testimony (Room #245 – Hart Senate Office Building)	9:30a
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Celebration of Achievement Banquet	6p-10p
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OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL

In an ideal world...

Our nation's capital is rich in history and diversity, and the Omni Shoreham Hotel is no exception. Since opening in 1930, the Omni Shoreham Hotel has been central to many important events in the diplomatic, social and official lives of Washington. Inaugural balls of presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt through George W. Bush have been held here at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. In addition to being a favorite gathering place for presidents, the hotel has featured some of the greatest figures in the entertainment world including Judy Garland, Maurice Chevalier, Marlene Dietrich, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne, and Bob Hope.

The Omni Shoreham is located on eleven picturesque acres in Rock Creek Park. It is one hundred yards from the Woodley Park Metro station, connecting you to the many attractions of our nation's capital. The Smithsonian, the White House, Capitol Hill, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the boutiques of Georgetown are all just minutes away.

To reserve your guest room at the special conference rate, please call (202) 756-5125 or (800) 545-8700 and ask for the **Veterans of Foreign Wars** rate. You may also complete the bottom of this page and fax it to 202-756-5145 or you can mail this form in an envelope and send it to: Reservations Department, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. NW, Washington DC, 20008.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008

Veterans of Foreign Wars/Community Service & Legislative Conference March 2-5, 2008

Please print or type

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Arrival Date (Check-in time is 3 PM): _____

Departure Date: (Check-out time is 12PM): _____

Special Requests: Non-smoking Room
(Please Circle) Handicap Accessible Room

Rooms: Single \$197 Triple \$207
(Please Circle) Double \$197 Quad \$207

**Room rates do not
include 14.5 % sales tax

One night's room and tax deposit must accompany this reservation request. A personal check, money order or a valid major credit card number and expiration date is acceptable. Upon check out you will be charged for all nights confirmed above. Your reservation will not be confirmed until we receive your deposit.

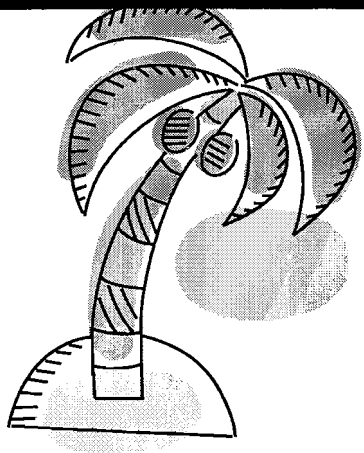
Should you cancel your reservation, the deposit is refundable if notice is received at least 24 hours prior to arrival, and a cancellation number is obtained.

Method of Payment: American Express Visa Master Card Diners Club Discover
(Please circle)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

*Please allow the Reservations Department a minimum of 48 Hours to
Complete your Faxed Reservation Request before calling for confirmation*



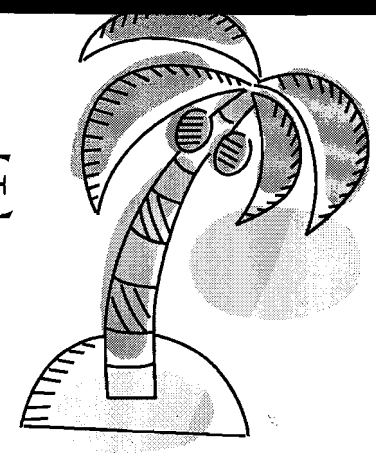
2008 MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

April 3-6, 2008

Hilton Palm Springs Resort

400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way

Palm Springs, CA 92262



Room Rate: SINGLE/DOULBE \$139.00 + 13.75 % Current Tax +
\$1.14Utility Users Fee Per Night. (Room reservations must be made 30 days prior to the date of arrival
and the first night stay must be guaranteed. Check-in time is 3:00 pm and arrivals will be accommodated, as rooms become available.
There is an early check-out fee (one night room rate) to any guest who checks out prior to their stated departure dates. Please check
with the hotel if your plans change.)

Reference "*LADIES AUXILIARY*" when making reservations

Phone: 1 (800) 522-6900 or Hotel Switchboard 1(760) 320-6868

2007-2008 District President Report

District President: Please complete this report and mail to Becky Mason by 5-1-07:
Becky Mason
121 Graham Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

1. Total Number of Auxiliaries in your District as of 7-1-2007: _____

2. Number of Official Visit to Auxiliaries by you: _____

3. Number of Council of Administration Meeting you Attended: _____

4. Number of District Meeting Held: _____

5. Did you contact Your Department Representative before your meeting to:

Let her know what you would like her to speak on? ____

See if she needed directions to the meeting? ____

Appoint an Aid to assist her during the visit? ____

6. Date of School on Instructions: _____ # of members in attendance: ____

7. List types of School of Instruction held during your District meeting:

8. How did YOU as District President work toward receiving 100% in membership?

9. Please tell me how you feel your year as District President went:

10. How did you as District President promote our National Programs?

11. What kind of Problems did you have this year, how have you handled them and what was the out come

12. Did you utilize your Deputy Chief of Staff? _____ , If so HOW

13. Total number of Auxiliaries as of 4-1-2008: _____

District President: _____

If needed, please feel free to use additional pages to explain any of the above.

Please limit additional pages to two pages.

CHAPLAIN

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

The following cards were mailed during the period of December 16-January 15

Sympathy Cards

Katherine Black #8436 Loss of Husband	555 Miller School Rd.	Charlottesville, VA 22903
Carla Groseclose #7969 Loss of Husband	1770 Nebo Rd.	Ceres, VA 24318
Les Loyd #2217 Loss of Wife – Catherine Loyd, member of Auxiliary 2217	19595 Constitution Hwy	Orange, VA 22960
Donna Collins #2217 Loss of Mother – Catherine Loyd, member of Auxiliary 2217	18604 Brick Church Road	Orange, VA 22960
Holley Hall #7328 Loss of Mother-Margaret Burkett, member of Auxiliary 7328	23809 May Lane	Athens, AL 35613
Laura Poe #7328 Loss of Mother-Margaret Burkett, member of Auxiliary 7328	21588 Cairo Hollow Rd.	Athens, AL 35614

Get Well Cards

Dee Guillory PDP Surgery	7984 Croydon Lane	Gloucester, VA 23061
Peggy Grimes PDP Pneumonia – hospital	11 Afton Parkway	Portsmouth, VA 23702
Heather Gimble #1503 Surgery	2606 Salem Church Road	Fredericksburg, VA 22407
Rosemary Mazer PNP Hospital with ulcers	c/o Pam Johnson 903 Autumn Path Way	Snellville, GA 30078
Nancy Dazzo #7589 Sick	72 Meeker Ct.	Manassas, VA 20111
Bettie Keyton #7589 Surgery – knee replacement	8918 Virginia Ave.	Manassas, VA 20110
Alma Allen PDP Pneumonia	4 Haley Dr.	Hampton, VA 23661
Nell Looney #392	829 Benjamin Place	Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Thinking of You Cards

Gussie Abernathy #9954 Surgery-lung cancer	2530 Fletcher Chapel Rd.	Kenbridge, VA 23944
Jacki Wilson #993 Not feeling well	4318 County St.	Portsmouth, VA 23707

HAPPY DAY RECIPE

1 cup friendly words
2 heaping cups understanding
Pinch of warm personality
4 heaping cups time and patience
Dash of humor
Plenty of spice of life

Measure words carefully. Add heaping cups of understanding. Use generous amounts of time and patience. Cook keeping temperatures low – do not boil. Add a dash of humor and a pinch of warm personality. Season to taste with plenty of spice of life. Serve in individual molds.

Serves any number.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

AMERICANISM
February 2008

Deborah Whitmer
9 Nelson Street
Luray, Va. 22835
540-743-7459

Ladies,

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are having a great New Year!

Reminder---Please remember to promote POW-MIA awareness. Visit your government office buildings, businesses, and schools to talk to them about flying the POW/MIA flag. You can give certificates of appreciation for those that are displaying this flag as well as the U.S. flag. You can do the presentations at City Council or Chamber of Commerce meetings and take the pictures to your newspaper. Better yet, call the newspaper and have them take a picture and write an article about the presentation.

Hope you are planning some patriotic programs with students in the classrooms. You can get the junior or high schools students to help you visit the grade school students. They could help with flag etiquette and help teach the Pledge of Allegiance. The grade students always look up to older students and like doing what they do.

Showing patriotism is our way of keeping our "Tradition of Caring". We are teaching our children the respect for the flag, for our country, and for our veterans.

Thank you for promoting Americanism and your dedication to our Veterans.

Auxiliaries Not Reported as of Jan.13, 2008

Dist. 1 - 4856,6002,8252
Dist. 2 - 100%
Dist. 3 - 3125,8046,8356,9224,9808
Dist. 4 - 622,637.8048,8617,8759,8902
Dist. 5 - 8467 Almost There!
Dist. 6 - 1444,4522,7854
Dist. 7 - 2123,8613 Keeping Working!
Dist. 8 - 1177 You can do it!
Dist. 9 - 1184, 4667,7328,9640
Dist. 10 - 100%
Dist. 11 - 2424,4204,7814, 9339, 10826
Dist. 12 - 1994,6975,8652,8979,9600,10298
Dist. 13 - 1827,7638,8947,10546,10574

If your number is on this list and you have sent a report, please call me.
I have several reports without Dist or Aux. or name. I have no idea who they belong to.

BUDDY POPPY 2007 - 2008
February 2008 General Orders

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

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

Awards for the Winter Conference

I regret there was no citation awarded to a District being 100% at the end of 2007. We had four Districts missing only one report – District 2, 5, 8 and 9.

Congratulations to Auxiliary 7916 in District 10 the winner of the \$10 drawing from the Auxiliaries that had submitted reports by 1/15/08.

Awards for the Convention

Awards will be given for the following categories:

1. Auxiliary with the overall best reporting.
2. 1st and 2nd place awards to the Auxiliaries with highest total of Poppies used and or distributed.
3. 1st and 2nd place awards to the Auxiliaries with the best report on **Buddy Poppy Public Awareness**. (i.e. a drive that utilizes other groups; literature that promotes awareness of Buddy Poppy; and or publicity for your drive)

We will be having a Buddy Poppy Luncheon and the Buddy Poppy Display Contest. Details on each of these events will be in the future General Orders.

District Presidents:

We need your help, I would like for you to bring one or more centerpieces for us to use at the luncheon. In the past we have had such creative and beautiful displays, I hope we so as well this year!

Please email or call me to tell me how many you will be able to supply.
Remind your ladies to be sure and get busy on the “Hats” for the parade.
Thank you in advance for your 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.

Auxiliaries **not reported** as of 01/15/08: (the percent is reported parentheses at the end)

District 1 –6002, 8252 (71%)
District 2 –9382 (83%)
District 3 – 2239, 8046, 9224, 10387 (67%)
District 4 – 622, 2584, 7897, 8163, 8228, 8902 (64%)
District 5 –7568 (88%)
District 6 –1444, 7854 (75%)
District 7 –2123, 8613 (75%)
District 8 – 1177 (75%)
District 9 – 1184 (88%)
District 10 –8241, 9274 (67%)
District 11 –2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826 (50%)
District 12 – 3782, 6975, 9830 (67%)
District 13 – 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 10546, 10574 (14%)

The Department is 62% reported at this time. Good work, ladies! Remember keep the reports coming. The report form to be used will be found on the following page. Please keep in mind we don't have much time left to meet your banner requirements.

Sisters, working together I know we will have a great year!

Peace Be With You!
Laura Dianne

BUDDY POPPY

REPORT FORM 2007-2008

Date _____ Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

President or Chairman _____ Phone # _____

1) Number of entries in Buddy Poppy Display Contest: _____

Number of Poppies used: _____

2) Number of Junior Girls Unit entries in display contest: _____

Number of Poppies used: _____

3) Number of youth groups and other organizations recruited to assist with drives: _____

List other groups (i.e. Girl Scouts, Organizations) _____

Describe any other way you promoted this program: _____

Send your reports:

Laura Dianne Absher, Chairman
9241 Swannanoa Trail
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116
Phone: 804-746-1793
E-mail: Lcabsher1949@yahoo.com

**CANCER AID & RESEARCH
FEBRUARY, 2008**

Phyllis Stokes
1009 Grassland Ct.
Va. Beach, Va. 23462
Phone: (757) 495-5675
Email: pjsces@cox.net

Greetings Ladies:

In the “**TRADITION OF CARING**” let this be the year we find a **cure** for **cancer**. It is going to take a lot of money ladies, but I know the Department of Virginia can do it, because we have the best ladies ever.

Coins for Cancer: Put a jar out at your meetings, at your dinners, anytime you can.

VFW POST MEMBERS:

Educate your VFW *post members* about the importance of early detection in cancer. Tell them to be tested for colon cancer, prostate cancer, etc. Let them know that even men can get breast cancer.

Cancer Grants: Inform your auxiliary members about the *cancer grant*. The Junior Girls are now eligible for a *cancer grant*.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE, with these three little words, and prayer, we will one day find that cure for *cancer*.

Here is a list of auxiliaries who are **NOT reported** as of January 14th

- DISTRICT 1: 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- DISTRICIT 2: 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- DISTRICT 3: 3125 637, 8228,
- DISTRICT 4: 637, 8228
- DISTRICIT 5: 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- DISTRICT 6: 7854
- DISTRICT 7: 8613 JUST ONE MORE
- DISTRICT 8: 1177 ONE MORE
- DISTRICT 9: 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- DISTRICIT 10: 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- DISTRICIT 11: 100%!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- DISTRICIT 12: 6975 JUST ONE TO GO

DISTRICT 13: 10574 ONE TO GO

Augusta-Staunton Ladies Auxiliary 2216 Cancer Fundraiser

All proceeds go to the Cancer Fund



- 🎀 Easy Care 60/40 cotton/poly blend
- 🎀 Stain Release
- 🎀 Wrinkle Resistant
- 🎀 Curl Free Collar
- 🎀 6.7 Ounces
- 🎀 V-neck
- 🎀 Pink in color

These are in a Ladies Cut and run true to size.

Men's are a slate blue 3 button polo shirt without the ribbon.

Size	Quantity	Cost	Shipping & Handling (each)	Total
Small		\$25.00	\$5.00	
Medium		\$25.00	\$5.00	
Large		\$25.00	\$5.00	
X-Large		\$25.00	\$5.00	
XXL		\$25.00	\$5.00	
Men's Small		\$25.00	\$5.00	
Men's Med		\$25.00	\$5.00	
Men's Large		\$25.00	\$5.00	
Men's XL		\$25.00	\$5.00	

**Please make checks payable to:
Ladies Auxiliary 2216**

**Please remit form w/ payment to:
Susan Gonzales
108 Henkel Rd
Waynesboro, VA 22980
540-942-9261
sus28u@gmail.com**

Send Shirt(s) to:

Name: _____ Aux/Post: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Shipping Confirmation to: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Phone: (434) 792-4497
E-mail: desiabbott@comcast.net
General Orders No. 7: February

Happy Valentine’s Day in the “Tradition of Caring” with “Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to ALL”

Auxiliary Committee Chairmen: Remember this information is for **YOU to SHARE** with the Auxiliary members at your meeting when the President asks for “Reports of Committees”; please read it...

“Outstanding Community Volunteer” Entries due by **February 14, 2008.** In the **“tradition of caring”**, your auxiliary has at least one member who goes above and beyond in volunteering in their community. Recognize that person for a job well done and sponsor her nomination.

During inclement weather, and we do have inclement weather at times into March, check on your shut-in members other veterans to make sure they are well stocked in supplies, help to shovel sidewalks, take them their mail from curbside mailboxes, phone them to give them a pleasant conversation...these little things can make their day. Through **“faith, hope, and love”**, support the members, veterans, and their family members who may otherwise be alone.

Many troops are returning from active duty...locate those in your area and make them feel appreciated...greet them as they return, have a dinner for them and their families, invite them to your Post’s activities, invited them and eligible women to join your Post and Auxiliary membership...

Many auxiliary members volunteer for other organizations...have your auxiliary approve/sponsor their activities and report them. Don’t forget, you need to **report number of volunteers, hours, mileage, and expenditures.** This information is included in the Department reports to VFW State and National.

According to State Community Service Chairman, Rex Farris: Posts and Auxiliaries reported for the first six months totals of 225,274 volunteers hours and expenditures of \$947,344.21; **NOTE:** this is **down** from last year...we need your reports and figures so that the Department of Virginia can **exceed** last year’s totals...send in reports of ALL of your great service to others!

Dist. No. No. of Aux. Auxiliaries NOT Reported as of January 15 % Rpt’d

Dist. No.	No. of Aux.	Auxiliaries NOT Reported as of January 15					% Rpt’d
1	8	4856					88
2	6				100%		100
3	13	3125	8046	9224	9808		69
4	16	622	637	2584	5313	8048	8647 69
5	8				100%		100
6	8	1444	4522	5311	7854		50
7	8	621	2123	8163			63
8	4	1177					75
9	8	6000	7136	9640	9696		50
10	9	8241	8815				78
11	12	2424	4204	7814			75
12	9	6975	9830				78
13	7	1827	2217	7638	8947	10546	10574 14

70% Dept. Avg

Loyally, Beverly Abbott

Community Service Chairman

EXTENSION

February 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

My National Chief of Staff and Extension Director has given me some important information on being a GOOD AUXILIARY MEMBER.

"Ingredients for being a good Auxiliary Member"

***You have to have a passion for our Veterans, and be willing to donate time,
You have to have a "HEART" for our Veterans.
Remember we are helping because we care not to receive glory.
Accept the Auxiliary decisions.
Once a motion is made and accepted we must accept the majority decisions.
Attend the meetings and don't be afraid to speak up for what you think is right.
NEW MEMBERS SHOULD BE ACCEPTED
AND LISTENED TO.***

So when you are listening to somebody, completely, attentively, and you are listening not only to the words, but also to the feeling of what is being conveyed, to the whole of it, not part of it.

There is a lesson to learn from Our National Chief of Staff. If we have "**Faith, Hope, Love**" "**Our Traditions of Caring**" can make the deepest significance for our Veterans.

District Deputy Chief of Staff: I have sent out letters to all Bachelor Post. I have given you copies of the letter and ask you to contact each Post Commander about starting a new auxiliary. Please report to me your results.

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 name in this drawing.

DEAR LADIES,

WE ARE COMING DOWN THE STRETCH. WE ARE JUST ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR. MY FILES ARE GETTING FILLED VERY NICELY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF YOU THAT I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM AT ALL.

AREN'T STILL WE KEEPING UP WITH THE "*TRADITION OF CARING*"? AND SHARING "FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE" WITH OUR BELOVED MANKIND? I BELIEVE THE ANSWER IS "YES". WHY NOT REPORT. PRESIDENT ELLEN WOULD LOVE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE DOING THESE ACTIVITIES, IN WORDS AND PICTURES!

CLICK!CLICK!CLICK! AND REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED---

DISTRICT 1-4856,8252(75%)

DISTRICT 2-3160,9382(67%)

DISTRICT 3-6364,8046,8356(75%)

DISTRICT 4-622,637,2584,5313,7059,8048(60%)

DISTRICT 5-647(88%)

DISTRICT 6-5311(88%)

DISTRICT 7-2123,8613(75%)

DISTRICT 8-1177(75%)

DISTRICT 9-7136,7328(75%)

DISTRICT 10-3150,7916,8241,8815(56%)

DISTRICT 11-100% REPORTED. CONGRATULATIONS!!

DISTRICT 12- NONE REPORTED!!(0%)

DISTRICT 13-1827,7638,8436,8947,10546(29%)

LOYALTY,

JUNE FUEKER, HISTORIAN, VA.

5102

TIFFANYWOODS

CT.—RICHMOND, VA. 23223-2713

To: Department President, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Hospital and VAVS Chairmen
From: Sandra Baker, Hospital and VAVS Chairman, 718 Senseny Road, Berryville, VA 22611, (540)955-3254 sandbake60@aol.com
CC: Rosalie King, National Director, JoElla Menn, Southern Conference Chairman

February 2008

The reporting year is winding down, but there is still time to report your VAMC, hospital, and nursing home activities. This month you have an excellent opportunity to show how much we value our veterans by participating in the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. In March you have St. Patrick's Day and Easter; both being excellent opportunities to do something special for our Veteran and those folks in hospitals and nursing homes. This is an excellent way to involve elementary school or Sunday school children in your activities by having them make special cards for any of these special occasions.

I am so very pleased with the many excellent reports I have received. Many Auxiliaries have gone the extra mile to demonstrate our **Tradition of Caring** by bringing **Faith, Hope, and Love in their service to all**. Keep up the good work! I do enjoy reading your reports.

Auxiliaries that have not hit a home run as of January 7:

District 1	4856	Rounding 3 rd (-\$10 hosp. fund)	District 7	100%	A home run!
District 2	100%	A Home Run!!	District 8	100%	Another home run!
District 3	1426, 3125, 9224		District 9	9640	So close
District 4	637, 5313, 8048, 8617		District 10	8241, 8815	Stuck on second
District 5	100%	A home run!	District 11	7814	Stick to it!
District 6	7854	Head for home!	District 12	3782, 6975, 8652, 10298,	
			District 13	10564	

Each of the unreported Auxiliaries could be removed from this list if the required Hospital Fund donation were made.

I am including this month a suggestion from Mrs. Rosalie King, the National Director for the Hospital and VAVS program. For those of you who are handy with the sewing machine, this might be an excellent opportunity to do something different for our Veterans, residents of nursing homes or long term care facilities. Mrs. King also suggests a good idea for presenting toiletries in a more serviceable container. Maybe your Auxiliary would find either or both of these suggestions something new and different for special occasions.



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

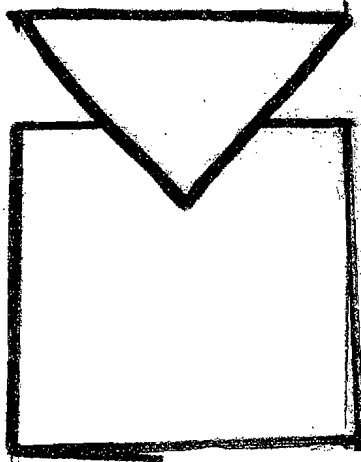


Fig 4

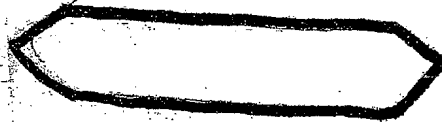


Fig 5

Nipkin (Bib-Bandana)

mom.wps

Materials

1. Bandana 20" x 20" (fig 1)
2. Standard washcloth
3. Thread to match bandana

1. Cut the bandana in half diagonal (fig 2)

2. Hem the cut edge $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam (fig 3)

3. Layout the bandana - place washcloth under point of bandana. Zig Zag the bandana to washcloth (fig 4)

5. Lay flat after connecting both pieces. Roll from bottom of washcloth to top of scarf.

6. You can tie ends around the neck or unwind to use as a bib. Print side out. (fig 5)

Another suggestion:

1. Purchase plastic pencil boxes $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 5"
(available in school supplies for about 50 cents.)
2. Place label depending on what occasion that it is being used for (e.g. Merry Christmas or Salute to Hospitalized Veterans)
3. Place items (e.g. comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, disposable razor, shaving creme)
4. Utilize travel sizes to place in box
5. Afterwards maybe used to store other items

JUNIOR GIRLS

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

February 2008

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

REMEMBER: Close your eyes and travel back to the time when you were five years old. Do you **remember** how excited you were when you learned you would be joining the Junior Girls Unit in your area. Do you **remember** the enthusiasm you had for making Christmas and Valentine Cards for our troops and veterans. You marched in parades and proudly showed your patriotism by waving the American Flag and promoting Flag etiquette. With your Unit you visited nursing homes, the VA Hospital, helped raise funds to fight cancer, and help distribute Buddy Poppies. You were always eager and ready to help your Post and Auxiliary in any way possible. Do you **remember** helping plan programs for Veterans Day, and honoring our veterans on the “National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week ?” Do you remember helping with Halloween and Christmas parties for the children in your town? Do you **remember** how you enjoyed being with the other Junior Girls? It was a time of growing, learning and doing fun activities.

REMEMBER: Time has a way of moving forward but it brings with it challenges and opportunities. Do you **remember** the day you were installed as president of your Junior Girls Unit? You had so many plans for your Unit and your Mother could not have been prouder. Do you **remember** entering the Patriots Pen Essay Contest and later the Voice of Democracy. Do you **remember** working so hard on your art in school and entering the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest . Do you **remember** your Unit going to New York to help Lady Liberty celebrate her birthday? You helped with Operation Uplink so our military could keep in touch with their families. You helped promote Veterans and Family Support programs and Adopt-A-Unit.

REMEMBER: Time continued to move forward and you soon celebrate your 16th birthday and are eligible to join the Ladies Auxiliary. You leave childhood behind as you graduate from high school and prepare to leave for college. **Remember** the scholarship you received when you were a Junior Girl? That scholarship opened doors for you that you never dreamed possible. There was a world of knowledge and learning and it was yours for the taking.

REMEMBER: Remember how you felt the day your daughter turned five and was eligible to join the Junior Girls? Now is the time to give back. At the 1935 National Convention of the VFW, permission was given to the Ladies Auxiliary to form youth groups which would be known as the Daughters of the VFW. Later the name was changed to Junior Girls Units with the Ladies Auxiliary as sponsor. With 73 years of Junior Girls behind us let’s all do what those who came before us did. Sponsor a Junior Girls Unit and be a mentor. We are all a mentor to someone. Our Junior Girls are our future. By sponsoring a Junior Girls Unit we will be **DEVELOPING OUR LEADERS OF TOMORROW THROUGH OUR TRADITION OF CARING.**

REMEMBER: The Junior Girls Scholarship

The Student Deadline is March 11, 2008. Participants must submit entries to the Ladies Auxiliary Junior Girls Chairman by this date. First-place winner from each auxiliary will be sent to the Department Chairman for judging.

Department Deadline: Unit entry must be received by the Department Chairman by March 25, 2008

National Deadline: Department entry in the national contest must be received at National Headquarters by April 7, 2008.

Linda Richardson, Chairman
2307 Carsonville Road
Elk Creek, Va. 24326
276-655-4144 Carl@ls.net

Legislative/VFW PAC

Ladies

At your next Auxiliary Meeting, please pass the attached letters to Senators around your meeting for each member to sign and then mail them to each Senator and a copy of each letter to Legislative/PAC Chairman Barbara Alice.

The Honorable Senator John Warner
United States Senate
225 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner:

As a United States Senator you will be asked to consider legislation on a variety of issues...none more important than that affecting our veterans.

As a registered voter in Virginia, I am writing to inform you that I am a staunch supporter of veterans and all legislation which affects them and their dependents. Veterans' benefits are a solemn promise made by the United States Government to service members. We must exercise vigilance to insure these promises are not broken!

The Veterans of Foreign Wars-Political Action Committee (VFW-PAC) monitors legislation which is focused on 2007-2008 VFW Legislative Priority Goals, VA Budget, VA Benefits and Compensation, Veteran Education, Military Retirees, and National Security and Defense. I would like to suggest that you familiarize yourself with the function of this worthy organization and develop a working relationship with VFW-PAC so that sufficient importance is placed on legislation benefiting our veterans.

I ask that you recognize the importance of these critical veteran and national security/defense issues. I ask that you vote favorably for veteran's benefits and other legislation which affect veterans.

Since you are an elected representative of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I charge you with the responsibility to insure that veterans' benefits and national security/defense issues are not jeopardized due of lack of interest of our legislators.

Show our veterans that their sacrifices are appreciated – **vote PRO-VETERAN!**

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MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM February 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
304 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611
email: katbirch@comcast.net

“Using Faith, Hope and Love in Our Service to All” The Ladies Auxiliary VFW will continue its “Tradition of Caring”

Congratulations to the two (2) Districts and fifty-seven (57) Auxiliaries in **ELLEN’S GARDEN** who were celebrated and honored at the Winter COA/Conference in Williamsburg for achieving 100% in membership by December 31, 2007! **District 7** (102.89%) and **District 2** (101.76%) each won \$15 for achieving 100% by December 31, 2007. Auxiliaries who achieved 100% membership were entered into the drawing for three \$10 awards - winners will be announced in the March Promotion.

According to our Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, the Department has achieved 94% in membership as of December 31, 2007! We have five months to achieve 100% -WE CAN DO IT.

District 1: #176 Newport News, #824 Grafton, #5500 Hampton, 8252 #Gloucester

District 2: **All 6 Auxiliaries achieved 100%!** #392 Virginia Beach, #993 Portsmouth, #3160 Ocean View, #4411 Franklin, #4809 Norfolk, #9382 Suffolk.

District 3: #2239 Colonial Heights, #4639 Williamsburg, #8356 West Point, #9224

Richmond, #9501 Central Garage, #9808 Mechanicsville, #10387 Petersburg, #10654 Richmond, #10657 Glen Allen.

District 4: #7059 Farmville, #7166 South Hill, #7819 Crewe, #7897 Blackstone, #8163 Clarksville, #8902 Keysville, #9855 Appomattox, #9954 Victoria

District 5: #4637 Martinsville, #7800 Stuart, #8243 Halifax

District 6: #1264 Roanoke

District 7: #621 Luray, #2123 Winchester, #2447 Edinburg, #8613 Shenandoah, #9292 Elkton, #9660 Broadway, #9760 Berryville

District 8: #7589 Manassas

District 9: #7969 Bland, #9640 Richlands

District 10: #1503 Dale City, #3150 Arlington, #7327 Springfield, #7916 Woodbridge

District 11: #1499 Lexington, #2216 Staunton, #2424 Waynesboro, #4204 Hot Springs, #8644 Bridgewater, #9339 Stuarts Draft, #9480 Craigsville

District 12: #3782 Haysi, #9600 Pound, #9830 Damascus

District 13: #2217 Orange, #7638 Gordonsville

RETAIN AND RECRUIT AND REINSTATE

Every Auxiliary can reach 100% by June 30, 2008 if the members continue their efforts in retaining, recruiting and reinstating. Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries, please make sure your members are aware of the awards available to all members, Auxiliaries, Districts and the Department of Virginia. Our National Membership Director, Kathy Schreiber, wants to reward you for all your efforts in keeping Virginia strong by achieving 100% membership. See the list of great awards below:

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

June 2008 Convention: An additional drawing for \$25 will be held for all Auxiliaries who achieve 100% in membership by June 1, 2008. (Department Awards to be announced in March)

NATIONAL AWARDS: (Forms Included)

Individual Member's Awards: July 1, 2007 through June 15, 2008, received by June 30, 2008:

- Stars and Stripes Recruiter Award 1: Any member who signs up one new or reinstated member will be entered in a drawing to win \$100.
- Stars and Stripes Recruiter Award 2: Each member collecting dues for 10 continuous members will be entered into a drawing to win \$100.
- National Aide-de-Camp Award: Each Auxiliary member who secures 20 new or reinstated members will be named National Aide-de-Camp to the National President and an award will be given at National Convention and entered in a drawing for \$100.
- Award for VFW Members: A Special Gift to each VFW member who recruits a minimum of 3 members for the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. Must be verified by Department Treasurer.

Auxiliary Awards

- June 30, 2008
 - All Auxiliaries obtaining 100% and received at National Headquarters by June 30, 2008 will be entered in the Bonus Drawing for **ten \$100 Awards!**
 - \$25 to each Auxiliary that increases NEW Life Memberships by **10%** between July 1, 2007 and June 15, 2008, received by National Headquarters by June 30.

District Awards:

- May 31, 2008
 - All Districts obtaining 100% and received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2008 will receive \$100 and the District President and Membership Chairman will receive a "Tradition of Caring" Plate. (Awards will be mailed to the Department Presidents to be presented at Department Convention.)

Department Awards:

- May 31, 2008
 - \$300 to each Department attaining 100% of 2008 membership received at National Headquarters by May 31.

You, the Members, are the backbone of the Department of Virginia. Thank you for all your hard work in helping your Auxiliary retain, recruit and reinstate members!

Happy Valentines Day

Kathy Birch
Department Membership Chairman

PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY 2007 - 2008

FEBRUARY 2008 GENERAL ORDERS

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

From: Ellen Carleton, Department Chairman Phone – 703-878-1019

13440 Pinwheel Court

Email – elcvfw1503@msn.com

Dale City, Va. 22193

Voice of Democracy

By the time you receive this set of General Orders, the winter conference will have ended and Samatha Roth will be preparing for her trip to Washington, DC to compete for a National award. I have again listed the top 3 2007-2008 winners in Virginia for you.

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Samatha Roth Sponsor: District #1 #10 Douglas Hogge/Allen M. Tate Memorial #824 in Yorktown	Jessica Ibinson Sponsor: District #13 Spotsylvania #10546 in Fredericksburg	John T. Goodwin Sponsor: District # 8241 McLean in McLean

Congratulations to all who entered the competition and again, please extend special thanks to all of the teachers and educators who joined in our "tradition of caring" for these wonderful students.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Department of Virginia Voice of Democracy Chairman Earle P. (Buddy) Weekley, Jr. for sending me a complete listing of all Auxiliaries that participated with their Posts in the Voice of Democracy Program. The banner standings reflect his report. All who are now showing as non-reported must participate in the Patriotic Art Competition in order to earn their 2007-2008 banner.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art

Deadlines

<u>Student deadline to the Ladies Auxiliary Chairman</u>	<u>March 31, 2008</u>
District deadline (optional)	to meet department deadline
Department deadline (no exceptions)	<u>April 15, 2008</u>
National - must be received by	<u>May 5, 2008</u>

By the time you receive this, we will have less than 2 months to the student deadline. The students must complete their artwork prior to 3/31 to give them time for matting and proper mailing, so please be sure they are well aware of the deadlines.

At the winter conference, each District President received a packet for each of her Auxiliary Presidents containing information on the Federal Flag Code and a Judge's Scoring Sheet. Please make additional copies as needed.

Be sure to refer to the "Patriotic Art Helpful Hints" form in your handbook or on the National Auxiliary website under documents to ensure that no artwork is disqualified.

Sisters, I am still receiving many reports marked "did not participate" across the entire page. Please send me a report once you participate in the Young American Patriotic Art Competition so that you will be eligible for your banner. Remember, even if you do not have any students compete (either in VOD or Patriotic Art), if you have contacted the schools and promoted either of the competitions, you may report that and receive credit for your efforts.

Auxiliaries not reported as of 1/15/08:

District 1: 6002 only 1 to go!

District 2: 9382 only 1 to go!

District 3: 2239, 6364, 8046, 9224

District 4: 622, 637, 2584, 8617, 8902

District 5: Congratulations!

District 6: 1444, 4522

District 7: 2123, 8613 (No change)

District 8: 1177 only 1 to go!

District 9: Congratulations!

District 10: 8815 only 1 to go!

District 11: 3136, 4204

District 12: 3782, 6975, 8652, 9830, 10298, 10310

District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 10546, 10574 (only 2 posts and 1 aux. participated in VOD, I hope you are busy contacting the schools about our Patriotic Art competition!)

The Department of Virginia is currently at 73% reported.

With Faith, Hope and Love in our Service to All

Please be sure you have thanked all of your participants in the VOD competition. Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day! Ellen

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
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February 2008

Tradition of Caring

Using Faith Hope and Love in our Service to All

Wow! February! It may be the shortest month of the year, but is a month full celebrations, remembrances, events and special occasions. What a great time to plan for an event and announce it to the community through publicity!

This year is also **leap year**. You know you can plan to make February 29th very unique. Have a Leap Year party for the families of deployed veterans and help them to "leap" forward till their loved one comes home. Play tidally winks with the kids and try to get them to "leap" over their opponent. While all this is going on, don't forget to take pictures and get a story that you can submit for the newspaper or your newsletter.

Don't forget about the **different observances** throughout February. It is Black History Month and there are so many programs and events that you can have member organize or attend. Write up an article of what the program was about and how the Ladies Auxiliary participated. Make sure you get that article to a local newspaper. Hey, in fact, you might even get local radio or television coverage. All you have to do is call your contact at the station and tell them about the event.

You can do the same thing for **President's day**. Both Washington's and Lincoln's birthday are celebrated this month. Contact a local school and pass out patriotic material to the children with a message about the Presidents. Take some pictures.

February is also American Heart Month, Wedding Month, Back For Family Fun Week, International Boost Self-Esteem Month, International Expect Success Month, National Bird Feeding Month, National Caffeine Addiction Awareness Month, National Cherry Month, National Children's Dental Health Month, National Hot Breakfast Month, National Single and Searching Month, Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month, Publicity for Profit Month, Potato Lover's Month, Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month, Spiritual Teachers Month and Wise Health Care Consumer Month.

With all of these observances, you can really have some great publicity items. For instance, since it is Potato Lover's Month, your auxiliary could hold a potluck dinner where every dish **HAS to have** potatoes in it. I'm sure that there will be some interesting, tasty and unique dishes that would come out of that. And, of course you will take pictures and get it publicized.

Don't forget that during February, **Mardi Gras** is also happening. Make the Fat Tuesday celebration into a fun raiser for one of the Auxiliary Programs like Cancer Aid and Research or VFW National Home. It will definitely be an event to remember and to get publicized.

Ladies, you are doing great things. I see it in every report and article that you send me. I am proud of the things that you are doing. Keep it up.

I haven't heard from some of you. I know that you have been busy. But, send me a report, let me know how well you are doing and that you are getting the word out through Publicity.

Start thinking about March – plan for events around:

National Nutrition Month, Red Cross Month, Social Worker's Month, Women's History Month and Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and Umbrella Month, Peanut Month, Noodle Month, Spring Month, Hoops Madness, Poetry Month, Umbrella Month, Youth Art Month, Academy Awards Month, Ethics Awareness Month, Help Someone See Month, Social Worker's Month, Women's History Month, National Nutrition Month, Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Honor Society Awareness Month, Humorists Are Artists Month, International Listening Awareness Month, International Mirth Month, Irish-American Heritage Month, Music in Our Schools Month, National Collision Awareness Month, National Craft

Month, National Kite Month, National Nutrition Month, Optimism Month, Play the Recorder Month, and Poison Prevention Awareness Month

Ok Ladies, Let's get those reports in and make 100% for the Department.

Dist	Auxiliaries Not reported as of January 17, 2008						%	
1	8252						86%	
2	100% REPORTED!!!!!!						100%	
3	2239	8046	8356	9808	10387	10657	50%	
4	637	2584	5313	8617			74%	
5	647	4637	7800				63%	
6	1444	4522	5311	7854			50%	
7	2123	8613					75%	
8	1177						75%	
9	4667						88%	
10	7916	8241	8815	9274			44%	
11	2424	4204	7814				75%	
12	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9830	10298	22%
13	1827	7638	8947	10546	10574		29%	
TOTAL Percentage for the Department							63%	

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
February 2008

Fran Simmons, Chairman
76 Eldridge Drive
Front Royal, VA. 22630

E-Mail: simmonss@shentel.net
Phone: 540-636-9235

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

We must continue to educate, communicate, and participate to help our veterans and their families. Make your membership aware of the entitlements due our servicemen/women. Plan programs to get the word out in your communities. Open your Post and hold a “Supermarket of Veterans Benefits.” Working with your Service Officer, you could include workforce recruiters, educational facilities, legal resources and many others. You can and do make a difference in the lives of our veterans and their families.

Awards presents at the June Convention:

- \$25.00 - Best participation in Adopt-A-Unit**
- \$25.00 - Best “Supermarket of Veterans Benefits”**
- \$25.00 - Best overall support to Veterans and their families**
- \$25.00 - Best StandDown for Homeless Veterans**

We are approaching our reporting deadline for your banner. Please remember to send me your reports as quickly as possible.

NOT REPORTED: As of 01/14/08

District 1 - 100%
District 2 - 100%
District 3 - 4639, 8046, 8356
District 4 - 622, 637, 5313
District 5 - 1115, 7726, 7800
District 6 - 1444, 4522, 7854
District 7 - 2123
District 8 - 1177
District 9 - 4667, 7328
District 10 - 8241
District 11 - 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 10826
District 12 - 6975, 9830
District 13 - 1827, 7638, 8947, 10574

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

February 2008

Nancy Lee Shifflett
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Luray, Virginia 22835
Phone: 1-540-743-6709
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REPORTS OF

AUXILIARIES BY DISTRICT

Congratulations to District 1,2, 5, 7 & 13 for being 100%
AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE NOT REPORTED

DISTRICT	AUXILIARY #
1	100%
2	100%
3	1426
4	622, 637
5	100%
6	7854
7	100%
8	1177
9	4667
10	8241
11	7814
12	1994, 6975, 8652, 9600, 10298,
13	100%

NATIONAL HOME AWARENESS WEEK

The VFW National Home for Children Awareness Week is March 23 – 29, 2008.

In the past years, they asked that you spread the word about the National Home by holding fundraisers and writing letters to your local newspapers.

This year, they are asking you to celebrate Awareness Week differently. The National Home mission is to serve families of our nation’s veterans who are in need. For National Home Awareness Week 2008, **they are offering assistance to you to help your Post or Auxiliary do what it does best. Help children and families of our nation’s veterans.**

Not only does the National Home help families of VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members, but they also assist active-duty military who are deployed overseas (regardless of membership status).

For **Awareness Week 2008, the National Home** is going to help your Post or Auxiliary in spreading the word in your own communities about the life-changing services that the National Home offers to families of VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members.

In late February, all Posts will receive a packet of National Home information. To save on expenses, they are sending the packets to the attention of the Post and ask they share the information and material with their Auxiliary. (Ladies, please ask your National Home Chairman for the Information). Upon request, however, additional packets or specific materials can be sent (call National Home or go online.)

The packet will include a poster to be hung in the post, sample press release you can send to local newspapers. Informational rack cards will be for distribution throughout your community. Take them to military bases, family and child services, welfare offices, etc.

The press release will be written for you to customize. It will depict a situation in which the National Home can help complete with contact information.. Please send this to newspapers in your community.

Participating in Awareness Week 2008 will be a heartwarming experience helping VFW Posts and Auxiliaries all across America reach out to our honored veterans and active-duty military.

Thank you Ladies for your wonderful participation this year with your collection of Labels, Life Memberships, and donations. For those who haven't sent reports or had a project for National Home we still have several months.

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

God Bless

**Nancy Lee Shifflett
National Home Chairman**

From the nest of
Robin Milewski
Youth Activities/Patriot's Pen Chairman
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Sisters,

February 2007

THE FEATHERS HAVE BEEN FLYING AT THE Department of Virginia

Youth Activities/Patriot's Pen

Reminders!

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Student entry deadline is February 1st, 2008. I have handed every District President a copy of the entry form at the Winter Council Meeting. You can also retrieve it from the Internet! I do have a fax machine – remember that it is important to get these in **on time!**

YOUTH SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Deadline is March 15th, 2008.

BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD AWARDS FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Auxiliaries are 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

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.

I know that you have been working – send me a report; let me know what your auxiliary is doing. I have received numerous reports from some Auxiliaries (I love it!!!) and nothing from others (☹), please report, report, report!

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.

NOT Reported as of January 15, 2007

District 1: **100% Reported – Great Job!**
District 2: **100% Reported – Great Job!**
District 3: 1426, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9501 **for 50% - no change**
District 4: 622, 637, 2584, 7166, 7897, 8759, 8902 **for 50% - halfway**
District 5: **100% Reported – Great Job!**
District 6: 1444, 4522, 5311, 7854 **for 50% - no change**
District 7: 621, 2123, 8613 **for 66.7% - no change**
District 8: 1177 **for 75% – one more to go!**
District 9: 4667, 7136, 7969, 9640 **for 50% - halfway**
District 10: 3150, 8241, 8815, **for 66.6% - 2/3 of the way**
District 11: 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 10826 **for 50% - big improvement!**
District 12: 1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298, **for 22.2% - improving**
District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 8947, 10574 **for 16.7% - stepping in the right direction**

KEEP THOSE FEATHERS FLYING!

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

The Rubber Chickens are starving for your reports!