

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

- 1) **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Congratulations to all Auxiliaries who have made 100% in membership and meeting the Department of Virginia Banner Requirements. **THANK YOU!** As of, February 10, 2007, the Department of Virginia is **96%**. To those Auxiliaries who did not make the 100% for your Banner, I am still so very proud of you for all that you have accomplished for the Department. Please don't stop in your efforts to reach that 100% mark. **You** the Sisters of Virginia have proven that you can recruit, retain and reinstate members. I know that we can and we will reach that 100%
- 2) **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** Please check on the status of your Auxiliaries' reports to the Department Chairmen. The Auxiliaries who have not reported are listed by each Department Chairman each month. Remind your Auxiliary Chairman to send in her reports monthly. If your chairman does not send in a report, it is your responsibility as Auxiliary President, to do so. Please verify with your Auxiliary Treasurer that all monies have been forwarded to the proper person and that a report of the same has been sent to the proper Program Chairman. The deadline for the Banner Requirements is March 31. Auxiliaries should continue to work on all National Programs and of course membership after the Banner deadline.
- 3) **INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES:** Section 105 of the National Bylaws states, each application shall be referred to a committee of three, appointed by the President, who shall make a careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application. The committee shall see proof of honorable service of the eligible veteran, unless he/she is a member of the VFW Post to which the applicant is applying for membership. The committee shall recommend election or rejection based on eligibility as set forth in Article 1, Sec. 101. The signatures of at least two persons who served on this committee are necessary. The Auxiliary shall not take action on the application until the investigating committee report is made to the Auxiliary.

THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF AN APPLICANT FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN ELIGIBILITY.

- 4) **VOTING ON CANDIDATES:** Section 106 of the National Bylaws states, after the report of the investigating committee and before voting on the applicant, members will be given an opportunity to state their objection to the admission of the applicant. Should there be no objection, several applicants for membership may be grouped and accepted by voice vote. Upon the request of one member, any applicant shall be voted on separately by written ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall decide acceptance or rejection of the applicant. In case of a tie vote, the President shall cast the deciding vote, **providing she has not previously voted.**
- 5) **NATIONAL VFW AND LADIES AUXILIARY COMMUNITY SERVICE/ LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE:** Will be held March 2-5, 2008, at the Omni Shoreham, Washington, D.C.

- 6) **NATIONAL MID-YEAR CONFERENCE**: Will be held April 4-6, 2008 at Hilton Palm Spring Resort in Palm Springs, CA. For more information contact Department Secretary, Susie DeShano.
- 7) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2008-2009**: As you conduct your election be aware of the person that you put in office for they will need your support in order for your Auxiliary and District to survive. We all have to work together.
- 8) National Bylaws Section 804 and 804A state that nominating committees shall not be permitted. No member shall be elected to office unless she is in attendance at the election or unless she submits in writing her willingness to be elected and hold office. Elective Officers shall be nominated and elected at a regular business meeting in April. Each year at the regular annual election, one Trustee shall be elected for a three-year period.
- 9) At the April meeting the President-elect must apply for the Warrant of Installation through the Department Secretary and send the name of the Installing Officer. A request form will be in the March, April and May General Orders.
- 10) **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**: Section 806A of the National Bylaws states that Auxiliary Officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting held not less than twenty (20) nor more than sixty (60) days prior the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department President is installed. The Department Convention will convene on June 14, 2007. This means that you have to have your installation between April 16, 2007 and May 25, 2007.
- 11) **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS**: Section 303 of the National Bylaws states that Delegates and Alternates to District Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected; one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates or as respective Department Bylaws may provide. The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention. The term of office for which Delegates are elected shall be for one (1) year from the date of the election, as described in this section, until the election of the new Delegates.
- 12) **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**: Section 304 of the National Bylaws states that Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention; one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of election of Delegates or as the Department Bylaws provide. The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary prior to the Department Convention.
- 13) **ANY AUXILIARY IN ARREARS** for District dues shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation at those meetings or conventions for which the dues are in arrears. Any Auxiliary in arrears for other financial obligations or supply money to National headquarters, or failing to have the office of the Treasurer bonded; failure to make quarterly audits and complying with Section 814A of the National Bylaws shall be deprived of Auxiliary representation on all levels.

All rights shall be promptly restored upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies, per Section 309 of National Bylaws.

- 14) **DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN – REMINDER 5-15-2008 DEADLINE:** Please submit your voucher for awards that you plan to give at Department Convention to the Department Treasurer by **May 15, 2008**. The voucher should have winning Auxiliary name and number along with the amount awarded. Please have your entry for our convention book to our Department Secretary by 5-15-2008. ALL Program Chairmen your year-end report must be to your National Director by the May 15, 2008 deadline. **There are no exceptions.**
- 15) **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAPLAINS:** Please make sure that the names of all deceased Auxiliary members since the last Department Convention are sent to Department Chaplain Betty Gimble. We want to make sure that all Sisters who have passed on will be included in our Department Convention Memorial Service and Department Convention Book.
- 16) **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** The Auxiliaries of Virginia have been very generous with donations to Operation Uplink but more money is always needed. Your money will be put to good use. Operation Uplink phone cards can be used by our servicemen and women to call home and listen to the cries of a newborn, a toddler who just learned the Pledge of Allegiance, a grade schooler who starred in a play, a junior high student who made the Honor Roll, or a high school student about that first date. Let's not let them down. Give what you can and send that check to the Department Treasurer earmarked for Operation Uplink.

Mid-Year Conference will be my "Night on the Town". Thanks to each of you for making the Department of Virginia 94% in membership by December 29, 2007.

Thanks to Each of You

**Knowing people nice as you, Gives life a brighter touch,
And so, to each and all of you -- Thanks very, very much**

I will do my best to make you proud of me as I am proud to be a part of you. I shall never forget all the support that you, my sisters, have given me.

**. Wishing you all an Easter filled with favorite traditions
and happy new memories, but most of all, an Easter
that's every bit as warm and wonderful as each one of you.**

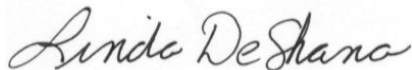
Happy Easter

By Order of



Ellen Stogsdill
Department President

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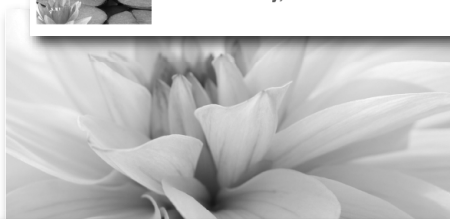
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Patriotism
is in

Bloom!

Soon you'll be
receiving colorful
spring labels
personalized with your
name and address.
Spread the joy and
beauty of spring.
And support your
Department to show
your American spirit!



Coming Soon to You!

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

March, 2008

ATTENTION

Approval has been granted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the consolidation of Hawkins-Reeve Post 7916, Woodbridge, VA and Gunston Hall Post 8815, Lorton, VA, the consolidated Post to be known as Hawkins-Reeve Post 7916. In accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 206, the Auxiliaries have been notified of the consolidation. A vote shall be taken at a joint meeting of Auxiliaries to decide the issue and report to National Headquarters before the 60 day deadline. In the event the Auxiliaries decide against consolidation, auxiliary No. 8815 shall be cancelled.

Loyally
Connie Atkinson
National Secretary Treasurer

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New address and Phone Number:** for Glen Allen Auxiliary 10657, President Peggy Strong, 19012 Teman Rd., Beaverdam, VA 23015. Phone Number 804-449-2347.
- **New Address:** for Richmond Auxiliary 6364, President, Eileen A. Alvarez, 4610 Cutshaw Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230. Phone Number 540-872-8588.
- **New Address:** for Department Senior Vice President, Mary Profitt, 28 Woodrow Lane, Lexington, VA 24450.

Calendar Updates

- **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.

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	TBA	8th	Date	3/2/2008
	Lunch			Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting			Meeting	1300 hours (1:00 p.m.)
	Location	TBA		Location	Manasas Post 7589
Rep:	Convention	Rep:	Ellen Stogsdill, President		
2nd	Date	3/8/2008	9th	Date	5/4/2008
	Lunch	Noon		Lunch	
	Meeting	1300 Hours (1:00 p.m.)		Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Franklin Post 4411		Location	Post 1184 Pulaski
Rep:	Betty Gimble, Chaplain	Rep:	Convention		
3rd	Date	5/17/2008	10th	Date	2/24/2008
	Lunch			Lunch	
	Meeting	1000 Hours		Meeting	1:00 P.M.
	Location	3rd District Headquarters		Location:	Post 8241, McLean
Rep:	Cxvention	Rep:	Mary Profitt, Senior Vice President		
4th	Date	5/18/2008	11th	Date	5/18/2008
	Lunch	After meeting		Lunch	11:30 a.m.,
	Meeting	1400 Hours (2:00 p.m.)		Meeting	12:30 a.m.
	Location	Clarksville Post 8163		Location	Harrisburg Post 632
Rep:	Convention	Rep:	Convention		
5th	Date	5/18/2008	12th	Date	5/10/2008
	Lunch	1200 Hours		Registration	
	Meeting	After Lunch		Meeting	1100 hours (11:00 a.m.)
	Location	Post 1115 -Hosted by Post 7569		Location	Post 8979 at Clintwood High School
Rep:	Convention	Rep:	Convention		
6th	Date	2/10/2008	13th	Date	3/30/2008
	Lunch	After the meeting		Lunch	
	Meeting	14:00 Hours (2:00 p.m.)		Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	VAMC Salem - Bldg 76		Location	Post 7638 Gordonville
	Sponsored by:	Post 4920 Elliston		Rep:	Chaplain Betty Gimble
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				

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

CHAPLAIN

Betty Gimble
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Woodbridge, VA 22192
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Email: nanagimble@comcast.net

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

Sympathy Cards

Susan Gonzales #2216 Loss of Baby	108 Henkel Rd.	Waynesboro, VA 22980
Claude Shifflett #632 Loss of Wife – Myrtle Shifflett	463 Rotter Power Rd.	Penn Laird, VA 22846
Tommy & Cookie Lightner #632 Loss of Mother – Myrtle Shifflett	1113 Old Sawmill Rd.	Harrisonburg, VA 22602
Vicki Jones #3219 Loss of Husband	1814 Darville Dr.	Hampton, VA 23663
Mildred Reford #7819 Loss of Brother	977 Indian Oak Rd.	Crewe, VA 23930
Mrs. Lillie Sweet #9830 Loss of Daughter – Mildred Slagle (member)	P O Box 795	Damascus, VA 24236-0795
Family of Betty Reil #1860	853 W, 14 th Street	Front Royal, VA 22630

Get Well Cards

Ann Brown #7166 Sick	284 Forest, TR1	Bracey, VA 23919
Imogene Barnes #1115 Surgery	205 Veterans St.	Hillsville, VA 24343
Georgia Alderman #1115 Broke hip	1526 Freemont Rd.	Hillsville, VA 24343
Shirley Flora #9382 Surgery	2800 Colonial Dr.	Suffolk, VA 23435
Louise Hampton #4667 Broke hip	c/o 212 Walton Rd.	Marion, VA 24354
Ruby Guy #4667 Ill	904 Hallow Rd.	Marion, VA 24354
Gloria Klinefelter #4809 Hospital	1120 Hazel Ave.	Chesapeake, VA 23325
Christine Anderson #8759 Surgery	10520 Grub Hill Church Rd.	Amelia, VA 23002

Thinking of You Cards

Jacqueline Patterson #10654	7906 Capristrano Dr.	Richmond, VA 23227
Mary Goodloe #10657	12365 Ashcake Rd	Ashland, VA 23005
Stella Creek #2524 Blood clot	321 Elmwood Dr.	Culpeper, VA 22701
Susan Bass #993 Ill	12 Vail Rd.	Portsmouth, VA 23702
Valerie Nealey #7589 Surgery	9347 Inkberry Ct.	Manassas, VA 20110
Jenn Nealey #7589 Surgery	8665 Sudley Rd #360	Manassas, VA 20111

*May FAITH sustain you,
and HOPE be your companion.
May you BELIEVE in your heart
that God loves you.
May you rise above trials
with enduring COURAGE.
May PEACE surround you,
and may you experience
God's STRENGTH
every step of the way.*

February 15, 2008

To: Past Dept Presidents, District Presidents, Auxiliaries And Members

Spring is just around the corner and Eggleston Services Camp Civitan is getting ready for their 7 week program that will start in May 2008. Thank you all for your support so far that you have given to The President's Special Project Camp Civitan. Please we need to think of some more things that we can do to raise money to support your President's Special Project. Please make sure you send to me a copy of the form when you send in a donation to the treasurer. Thank you again. Here are some more pictures of camp.



Let's change a life.

Sincerely,

Carol O. Denning, Chairman
President Special Project
Camp Civitan
1605 Lilac Ave
Chesapeake, Virginia 23325
Denning.carol@Egglestonservices.org
757-420-9387 Home
757-761-2071 Cell

Report Form for President's Special Project

Auxiliary# _____ District# _____
Date _____

Fund Raiser Amount Sent To Treasurer

Comments about the Fund Raiser and What Was
Done

Signature of President

Please forward this form to: Carol O. Denning
President Special Project
1605 Lilac Ave
Chesapeake, Va. 23325

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 do not staple checks and dues cards together.

Only one application card is needed by Department for new ANNUAL members.

Two application cards are needed by Department for ALL life members.

If new life members have not received their cards from National in two months, let me know.

Thanks to all of you GREAT TREASURES!!!!

Loyally,

Debbie Martin

Date 2/19/2008	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	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	20	35	25	
7167	Warsaw	78	74	94.87%	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	469	88.16%	270	885.28	10	1064	1090	162	217.6	125	411

District 2

392	Virginia Beach	334	338	101.20%	35	200		668	668			100	200
993	Portsmouth	86	91	105.81%	35			172	172			25	
3160	Ocean View	293	296	101.02%	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	1168	102.91%	210	200	0	2270	2276	270	25	275	300

District 3

1426	Midlothian	37	24	64.86%	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	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	29	100.00%				58	58				
9501	Central Garage	41	41	100.00%	35			82	82	20			25
9808	Mechanicsville	154	158	102.60%	35			308	308	80			
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	585	94.20%	364	100	100	1242	1224	334	208.37	160	425

Date 2/19/2008	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
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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			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	53	80.30%	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	198	100.00%	35			396	396	70	560.68		10
Total (16)	District 4	862	818	94.90%	455	600	0	1724	1724	270	638.48	350	85

District 5

647	Danville	108	97	89.81%	35			216	234	30		25	200
1115	Hillsville	499	458	91.78%	35	50		998	998	100		100	
4637	Martinsville	49	49	100.00%	35			98	98			25	
7568	Galax	32	29	90.63%	35			64	64	40			
7726	Grayson	160	154	96.25%	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	927	93.92%	280	50	15	1974	2002	300	305.83	225	200

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District 6

1033	Covington	111	98	88.29%	35	25		222	236	40	45	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	110	10	70		
2157	Bedford	58	56	96.55%	35			116	116	20		10	
4522	Vinton	61	57	93.44%	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	445	97.37%	280	60	0	914	930	160	265	105	25

District 7

621	Luray	99	107	108.08%	35	500		198	202	40	75	15	600
1860	Front Royal	170	143	84.12%	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				78				
9660	Broadway	74	77	104.05%	35			148	148	60	15	50	100
9760	Berryville	165	171	103.64%	35	450		330	332	20		25	400
9872	Mt. Clinton	31	30	96.77%	35			62	62	20			
Total (8)	District 7	761	794	104.34%	315	1300	0	1522	1402	280	150	215	1200

District 8

1177	Leesburg	11	11					22					
2524	Culpeper	65	60	92.31%	35			130	130	30	43	25	
3103	Fredericksburg	117	106	90.60%	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	239	97.15%	105	100	50	492	470	110	461.69	75	166

Date 2/19/2008 District 9	Annual	YTD	% to Date	Hospital Donations			2.00 per member		Cancer	Cancer	Special	Operation
	Membership			Banner	Other	Drug	Amount	Paid	Pins	Donations	Project	Uplink

1184	Pulaski	39	36	92.31%	35			78	72	20		50	50
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4667	Marion	122	118	96.72%	35			244	224	40		25	100
6000	Narrows	127	109	85.83%	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	33	103.13%	35			64	64	20		10	
9640	Richlands	43	43	100.00%				86	16	20			
9696	Bluefield	141	134	95.04%	35			282	310	64			
Total (8)	District 9	589	546	92.70%	245	0	0	1178	1122	244	0	110	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	88	120.55%	35			146	146	175		25	
8241	McLean	50	39	78.00%	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	835	100.24%	280	0	0	1666	1668	477	431	775	575

District 11

632	Harrisonburg	230	209	90.87%	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	21	72.41%	35			58	58	12			
Total (12)	District 11	796	778	97.74%	385	5000	25	1592	1580	346	50	185	0

Date 2/19/2008	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 12

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

6975	Bristol	106	64	60.38%			212						
8652	Coeburn	33	28	84.85%			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	290	85.04%	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	44	107.32%	35			82	96	20		21	
8436	Yancy Mills	31	30	96.77%	35			62	62	20			
8947	Louisa	63	58	92.06%	35			126	126	40			
10546	Spotsylvania	34	17	50.00%	35			68	68			30	100
10574	Colonial Beach	112	98	87.50%	35			224	224			50	
Total (7)	District 13	374	329	87.97%	245	100	0	748	762	120	0	101	100

Member at Large 15 53 353.33%

Dept. Total 8549 8,276 96.81% 3609 8395.28 200 17068 16556 3163 2780.97 2726 3712

MARCH 2008

To: Department Chairmen, District President, District Secretaries, District Treasurers, Auxiliary Presidents.

Auxiliary Chairmen and Members

From: Linda Ryman, Dept. of Va. Banner Chairman – 2376 Stoney Creek Rd., Edinburg, Va. 22824
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Well Ladies, you are down to your last month – make the most of it!!!!!!!!!!!!

It is now time to make a complete review of the things you have done or not done in your Auxiliary and whether you have reported all you HAVE done to the right Department Chairman.

- Have you done all your Audits and sent them to the Department Treasurer
- Was your District Dues paid by September 30, 07 and reported
- Did you attend at least 1 District Meeting since June 07 (your District Convention/Election
- of Officers for 2008 **DOES NOT COUNT**)
- Follow through with all of the programs to see that you have done something in each program
- and reported it to the right Department Chairman. These Chairmen really DO enjoy getting these reports.
- Read your General Orders/Promotionals. They will tell you whether you have reported or not. If you have reported and are listed as NOT REPORTED, call the Department Chairman for that program
- (or email if possible)
- Have all monetary donations been made and sent to the right places
 - Cancer Fund
 - State Hospital Fund
 - Health & Happiness (National Home)

The President's Special Project, Operation Uplink, Unmet Need, Snowball Express, are also good programs to donate to. Although, these **ARE NOT** Banner Requirements, give them some thought. They are very worthwhile projects. The Auxiliaries, as a whole, are very supportive of these programs.

You only have **1 month** to get all of this accomplished....but **NOT** impossible!!!!!!!!!!!!

MARCH 31, 2008 is the deadline for ALL Banner requirements except Membership. That date has already passed. To the Auxiliaries that have made the 100% required by December 31 this year.....

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! HIGH FIVES!!!! ATTA BOY!!!! WAY TO GO!!!!
GREAT JOB!!!! You have accomplished much!!!!!!!!

REVIEW EVERYTHING LADIES.....THIS IS YOUR LAST MONTH!!!!!!!!!!!!

BANNER REQUIREMENTS ON BACK OF THIS SHEET.

Good Luck to Everyone!!!!

Linda

Patriotic Instructor

March, 2008

I am the Flag by Ruth Apperson Rous

I am the flag of the United States of America.

I was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia.

There the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag.

My thirteen stripes alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

Today fifty stars signal from my union, one for each of the fifty sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known.

My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country.

My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all.

My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty, and faith.

I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice, and humanity.

I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home.

I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers - the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at James town and Plymouth.

I am as old as my nation.

I am a living symbol of my nation's law: the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism.

I am displayed in every schoolroom throughout my nation; every schoolyard has a flag pole for my display.

Daily thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country.

I have my own law—Public Law 829, "The Flag Code" - which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations.

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow.

I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity.

If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate, if I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots.

Eternal vigilance is your price of freedom.

As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are - no more, no less.

Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth.

Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty.

God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and the home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Old Glory," the flag of the United States of America.

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AMERICANISM REPORT

MARCH 2008

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Chairmen,

The reports I have received are wonderful! You have shown me how committed you are to promoting Americanism to the public. Dept. Pres. Ellen's theme "Keeping Faith, Hope, and Love in our service to all" is a great example of what you are doing for Americanism.

Don't forget Spring is just around the corner. Parades will be starting. What a great idea to hand out pencils, small flags, flag etiquette brochures for the kids. Make a float promoting POW/MIA flag or get your veterans to ride the float.

I hope everyone has been collecting worn or soiled flags. Get with a local business and see if you can put a collection box there for people to drop off their worn flags. Put an article in the local paper informing them that they can drop off their flags there. Then start planning your retirement ceremony with a Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop. This is great way to teach the youth about the "Tradition of Caring". Please remember this is to be a private ceremony only invited guests.

The awards this year will be;

1st Place - \$50.00 -Best Patriotic Program Over-All
2nd Place - \$25.00 - Most POW/MIA Flags Flying
3rd Place - \$25.00 - Best Flag Retirement Ceremony

Auxiliaries Not Reported as of Feb.12th.

Dist.1 - 4856, 6002, 8252

Dist.2 - 100%

Dist.3 - 3125, 8046, 8356, 9224, 9808

Dist.4 - 622, 637, 8048

Dist.5 - 100%

Dist.6 - 7854 Almost There!

Dist.7 - 2123, 8613 Keep Working

Dist.8 - 1177 Almost There!

Dist.9 - 4667, 7328, 9640

Dist.10 - 100%

Dist.11 - 4204, 9339, 10826

Dist.12 - 1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 10298

Dist.13 - 1827, 7638, 8947, 10546, 10574

BUDDY POPPY 2007 - 2008
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA.

March 2008

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

From: Laura Dianne Absher
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Convention Information

Awards were listed in the February General Orders, please review and report!

We will be having a Buddy Poppy Luncheon on Friday, 6/13 with the Buddy Poppy Parade – you may wear buddy poppy outfits or hats! We will have lots of fun, there will be prizes awarded based on creativity and originality.

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. If you are planning to enter a display I will need the details know before 5/15 so that I can report to the National Director.

The following are the categories for the displays:

- **Category 1** Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign
- **Category 2** Memorial or Inspirational Displays
- **Category 3** Artistic or Decorative Uses of Poppies
- **Category 4** Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Jr. Units)

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

“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

District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:

*At Winter Conference I announced a contest that offered one embroidered tote to one Auxiliary in each of the 14 Departments in the Southern Conference that ordered Buddy Poppies. **This Contest and Prize offer has to be Retracted.** Due to the following rules set forth by National:*

"It has been the practice of the National Organization to not allow Directors or Conference Chairmen to offer incentives (prizes) in the promotion of their program. We feel it is in the best interest of the organization to only allow the gifts and monetary awards as outlined in the National Program Book".

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. 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 you 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.

We have 2 Districts 100% reported with 6 Districts needing only one more 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 02/15/08: (the present is reported parentheses at the end)

District 1 – (100%)
District 2 –9382 (83%)
District 3 –9224 (92%)
District 4 – 622, 2584, 8902 (79%)
District 5 –7568 (88%)
District 6 –7854 (88%)
District 7 –8613 (88%)
District 8 – 1177 (75%)
District 9 – (100%)
District 10 –8241, 9274 (75%)
District 11 –2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826 (50%)
District 12 – 3782, 6975, 9830 (67%)
District 13 – 1827, 2217, 7638, 10546, 10574 (29%)

The Department is 77% 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. Even if you are unable to receive a banner, 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

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:

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CANCER AID & RESEARCH MARCH, 2008

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Hello Ladies:

March is **Colorectal Awareness Month:**

Signs and Symptoms:

Bleeding from the rectum or blood in the stool
A *Change* in bowel habits, such as diarrhea or constipation for more than a couple of weeks.
Narrow stools
Feeling like you have to have a bowel movement even after you already had one.
Cramping or gnawing stomach pain.
Unexplained weight loss

Sometimes *symptoms* do not appear until late, when the disease is already far along. Even if you don't feel any of these symptoms you should get screened for *colorectal cancer*. Starting at age **50** (or younger in patients with a family history of colorectal cancer), men and women at normal risk of colorectal cancer should be screened regularly.

Risk Factors:

Over **90%** of people diagnosed with colorectal cancer are older than 50.
People with a Family History before age **60**, or two or more close relatives who had the disease at any age, are at a higher risk.

Try to stay away from foods that are **high in fat**, especially from animal sources. Eat plenty of **fruits, vegetables and whole grain foods**.

CANCER GRANTS VS CANCER INSURANCE

Cancer grants are made possible by all the auxiliaries' *donations*. Only you and your physician see the application. Apply as soon as your treatment starts. The cancer insurance is only available if your auxiliary has the plan and pays the premium.

A two year **Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship** is awarded annually for cancer research.. I have sent out multiple applications and I hope there will be a lot of applicants to take advantage of this scholarship. You can get the applications at www.ladiesauxvfw.org.

Auxiliaries **NOT REPORTED** as of February 17, 2008:

I am happy to say we are 100% in all auxiliaries

Still keep those reports coming in, and if you have not paid you \$2.00 per member please do so as soon as possible.

In the **“TRADITION OF CARING” FAITH HOPE AND LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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General Orders No. 8: March

Happy St. Patrick's Day in the "Tradition of Caring" with "Faith, Hope, and Love in our Service to ALL"

Spring is around the corner - check on your shut-in members and other veterans – help with **spring clean-up**, phone them to give them a pleasant conversation...these little things can make their day. Sponsor a **bicycle safety rodeo** for the children. Through "**faith, hope, and love**", support the members, veterans, and their family members who may otherwise be alone.

Thanks to those Auxiliaries that submitted entries for the Outstanding Community Volunteer of the Year. Each auxiliary has outstanding volunteers who promote our programs through the **tradition of caring**.

Don't forget the *Veteran's Oral History Project* (VOHP) which honors American War Veterans and civilian workers who supported them by preserving their stories about their service to our country. The VOHP archives its collections at the Library of Congress and they depend on organizations such as the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W. to submit the first person narratives by the wartime veterans. The field kit which contains the five steps for participating in the VHP is available by calling 1-888-371-5848, e-mail at vohp@loc.gov, or go to the website at www.loc.gov/folklife/vets.

Don't forget: we need your reports and figures so that the Department of Virginia can **exceed last year's totals** which are reported to National. You need to **report number of volunteers, hours, mileage, and expenditures**. Send in reports of ALL of your great service to others!

<i>Auxiliaries NOT Reported</i>			
Dist. No.	No. of Aux	as of February 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

HISTORIAN

MARCH 2008

DEAR LADIES,

WE ARE ROUNDING INTO THE HOME STRETCH. ARE YOU IN FRONT OR ARE YOU BRINGING UP THE REAR? WHAT POSITION ARE YOU HOLDING? I AM USING RACING LANGUAGE BECAUSE THERE WILL BE AN ENDING FOR REPORTING. TIME IS DRAWING NEIGH. LET'S GO LADIES, LETS ALL CROSS THE FINISH LINE AND BE 100%!! THE "*TRADITION OF CARRYING*" AND "FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL" IS DEFINITELY STILL IN EFFECT.

DON'T FORGET YOUR "TRUSTED FRIEND" AS WE CARRY ON OUR DEVOTION AND SERVICES TO OUR VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY. DO I HEAR CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!? MY MAIL BOX WILL TELL. LET'S GET BUSY!!

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED:

DISTRICT 1- 100% GREAT!!

DISTRICT 2- 3160,9382(67%) ALMOST!!

DISTRICT 3- 8046(92%)JUST ONE!

DISTRICT 4- 622,637,5313,7059,8048(69%) OVER HALFWAY!!

DISTRICT 5- 647.(88%)ONE MORE!!

DISTRICT 6- 100% FANTASTIC!!

DISTRICT 7- 8613.(88%)WHERE ARE YOU??

DISTRICT 8- 1177(75%)LETS GO!!

DISTRICT 9- 7136,7328(75%)2 IS THE MAGIC NUMBER!

DISTRICT 10- 7916,8241,8815(67%)I KNOW YOU CAN!!

DISTRICT 11- 100% GREAT JOB!!

DISTRICT 12- 1994,6975,8652,9600,9830,10310(33%)LET'S ROLL!

DISTRICT 13- 1827,7638,(67%) 2 CLICKS WILL DO IT!!

*LOYALTY,
JUNE FUEKER HISTORIAN, DEPT OF VA.*

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

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

JUNIOR GIRLS

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

March 2008

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

It's hard to believe that time is passing so quickly and that the auxiliary year of 2007-2008 will soon be behind us. Let's not end this year with regrets of what could have been. We still have time to look at our communities and at the young girls who would benefit from being a member of a Junior Girls Unit. By organizing a Junior Girls Unit you will be helping young girls to develop their fullest potential, and you will be **“DEVELOPING OUR LEADERS OF TOMORROW THROUGH OUR TRADITION OF CARING?”** We currently have two Junior Girls Units in the Department of Virginia. We, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars have the potential to do so much better than this. We each have the ability to make a difference in a young girl's life. Let's all look at organizing a Junior Girls Unit in our auxiliary. If all the ladies in our Department would work together we could **“Move a Mountain.”** And what a legacy we would leave for future generations of young girls.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A UNIT: The Ladies Auxiliary must receive a majority vote of the members present at a stated meeting in order to sponsor a Junior Girls Unit. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the membership in writing at least ten days prior to such meeting. The National President must authorize the organization of a Unit upon application of not less than ten members, all of whom must meet the membership eligibility requirements. Membership in the Junior Girls Unit is open to girls from ages 5 through 16 who are daughters, foster daughters, stepdaughters, granddaughters, sisters, half sisters, foster sisters and stepsisters of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or of men and women eligible for membership in the VFW.

DID YOU KNOW: The Junior Girls were formed in 1935 and in the beginning they were called Daughters of the VFW Units. Our National President at that time was Winifred Toussaint. The following year 78 units were formed. In 1942 the name was changed to Junior Girls Units. In 1947 the Junior Girls were renamed Youth Activities but in 1961 they were split from Youth Activities due to increased interest.

Junior Girls of Units 4809 and 8046: I am very interested in hearing from you. I have received only one report and that was from Tidewater 4809. I know you have been involved in a lot of activities this past year so let me hear from you. Take the time to send in your reports and brag on yourself. You deserve the recognition. Did you have a special event in honor of Veterans Day? Did you help with the distribution of Buddy Poppies? What did you do for our veterans at Christmas? We recently celebrated the “**National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week**” and this is an event that is very dear to my heart. Did you visit a hospitalized veteran and take a valentine? I did. My Post and Auxiliary visited a local nursing home and took balloons and valentines to twelve veterans. How many of our national programs have you helped your auxiliary with? Did you participate in the Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen Essay Contest? Are you currently working on an art project to be entered in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest? Did you raise funds for Operation Uplink; Unmet needs or support the Snowball Express? **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**, send me your reports. I will be eagerly awaiting the delivery of my mail each day in hopes that I will hear from each of our Units.

You cannot win an award unless you **REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.**

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MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM March 2008

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

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

Congratulations again to all our Auxiliaries who achieved 100% membership by December 31, 2007. The three Auxiliaries who won the drawing at Winter Conference were mailed \$10 each. The winning Auxiliaries were #1264 in Roanoke; #4809 in Norfolk, and #7969 in Bland.

Department Treasurer Debbie says that Virginia needs approximately 400 additional paid members by June 30, 2008 to achieve 100%.

The winner of the “Treat you like a Queen dinner”, sponsored by President Ellen, was Auxiliary 392. In May 2008, Ellen and her Line Officers will prepare a meal for the members because they recruited at least two new members and two reinstated members in one month during September, or October or November!

As of January 17, 2008, according to our Department Treasurer, the District percentages were:

<u>District 1:</u>	88.35%	<u>District 5:</u>	94.33%	<u>District 10:</u>	99.88%
<u>District 2:</u>	102.47%	<u>District 6:</u>	96.50%	<u>District 11:</u>	96.48%
<u>District 3:</u>	93.56%	<u>District 7:</u>	103.42%	<u>District 12:</u>	73.90%
<u>District 4:</u>	93.97%	<u>District 8:</u>	97.15%	<u>District 13:</u>	86.90%
		<u>District 9:</u>	89.64%		

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. Many Auxiliaries only need 2 or 3 or 4 members to reach 100%.

Auxiliary Treasurers, you can help your Auxiliary reach 100% by leading a mini-membership drive.

- Send another dues renewal notice to those members who haven't paid their 2008 dues. Let them know that our organization needs their support in order to better serve our Veterans.
- 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 your special activities. Even better, send a letter to the 2006 non-paying members as well!

Auxiliaries, challenge your members to recruit two more members for your Auxiliary before June 30, 2008. Everything you do for membership is important. With your help, the Department of Virginia can reach 100% by June 30.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

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

- Three awards of \$15.00 to the Auxiliaries who retained, recruited and 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)
- \$25.00 to the winning Auxiliary who sponsored the most successful recruiting event in their community. (Send me a written report of the event.)
- Certificate of Merit to every Auxiliary who achieved 100%

NATIONAL AWARDS:

The National awards for individual members, Auxiliaries, Districts and the Department of Virginia were listed in the February 2008 promotion and are printed in your National President's Guide. Every member, District and Auxiliary in Virginia can enter the contests sponsored by the National organization. Once you have filled out the form, send it to your 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!

Happy Easter
Happy Spring

Kathy Birch
Department Membership Chairman

PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY 2007-2008

MARCH 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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Winter Conference Information

The winner of the \$10 drawing from all auxiliaries that had submitted an acceptable report for either VOD or Patriotic Art (83 Auxiliaries) was Grayson Auxiliary 7726, Independence, District 5. Congratulations!

Unfortunately, I had no winner for my contest since not even one auxiliary submitted a sample entry picture. I had many reports stating that there would be recognition ceremonies for their students who enter the competition, but unfortunately there was no one report that stood out from the others.

I will be able to give you information on the national placement of our VOD winner Samantha Roth in next month's orders after the National Community Service and Legislative Conference is held in Washington, DC from March 2-5. (after the date that I submit this set of General Orders to our Department Secretary).

I would like to thank Samantha for a very inspiring rendering of her winning speech at the conference banquet and wish her great success in the national competition.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art

Be sure to check all artwork to be sure it conforms to all of the rules in the patriotic art brochure in terms of:

- **student grade and eligibility; art medium and size of paper or canvas; must be matted in WHITE if not on canvas; NO FRAMES; use of the American flag must conform to Federal Flag Code.**
- **Be sure the entry form is completed and LEGIBLE and contains all required signatures. Please package the art and ship to ME to meet the deadline and to prevent any damage to the artwork.**

Don't forget these important Deadlines

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

June Convention

As stated last October, the following department chairman awards will be presented at the June convention:

\$25 to the Auxiliary with the best overall promotion and/or participation in the Voice of Democracy Program.

\$25 to the Auxiliary with the best overall promotion and/or participation in the Young American Creative Art Program.

\$15 to the Auxiliary with the best overall program for recognizing participation in the Voice of Democracy Program. This may include judges, teachers and all who submitted entries, as well as the winning students.

\$15 to the Auxiliary with the best overall program for recognizing participation in the Young American Creative Art Program. This may include judges, teachers and all who submitted entries, as well as the winning students.

Auxiliaries not reported as of 2/15/08:

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

District 2: **Congratulations!**

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

District 4: 622, 637, 2584, 8617, 8902 **hopefully you are working on the Patriotic art competition!**

District 5: **Congratulations!**

District 6: 1444, 4522 **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: 3136, 4204 **only 2 to go!**

District 12: 3782, 6975, 9830, 10298, 10310 **hopefully you are working on the Patriotic art competition!**

District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, ~~10546~~, 10574 **hopefully you are working on the Patriotic art competition!**

The Department of Virginia is currently 77% reported.

Please, Sisters, in our best "Tradition of Caring", 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.

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

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

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March 2008

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

OK by now it is pretty clear that the best way to advertise and get the word out about our programs is through the print media. I have received so many great articles in the post/auxiliary newsletters and the local newspapers. The work you are doing is commendable. Great Job!

Now, it's time for you and your auxiliary to help me choose a local newspaper that has done the best job for your auxiliary in covering the events, programs, and activities of our organization. You have been able to get your local newspaper to provide coverage of your activities, fund-raisers, and programs. The events from Veterans Day, the announcements of the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Patriotic Art programs, along with the award ceremonies, not to mention the various community service projects and veterans assistance are all areas that you were able to get the local media to cover and provide the shout out that we need for our great works.

Please complete the following form to nominate the BEST newspaper for covering our programs.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2008. – I must receive the submission by this date.

NAME OF NEWSPAPER: _____

ADDRESS OF NEWSPAPER: _____

BEST NEWS ARTICLE: TITLE: _____

DATE PUBLISHED: _____

(Enclose the article – provide the entire page(s) where article is printed.)

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SUBMITTING: _____

PROVIDE A SHORT SUMMARY WITH YOUR SUBMISSION ON WHY YOU
SUBMITTED THE ARTICLE.

Now, you may have already sent me the article that you want to submit for the best news article. If this is so, try and contact the newspaper to see if they can give you another copy of the article. If not, please fill out the form and let me know which date and which article you want to be considered for the recognition. I will try to locate it among the many that I have already pasted into a scrapbook.

I have begun to assemble President Ellen’s memory book with all the articles, newsletters, flyers, programs, and other items. It is quite full – thank you. Of course, my mailman thinks I am the most popular person on the block since I receive envelopes of all sizes from all over the state. I just love telling him why I get so much mail every day. Keep it coming ladies.

For March here are some suggestions:

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

Some special days in March:

- 2 – Vietnam War Began (1965); Dr. Seuss’ Birthday
- 3 – Anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner becoming our national Anthem (1931)
- 8 – International Women’s Day
- 9 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 12 – Girl Scouts Founded (1912)
- 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- 23 – Easter Sunday
- 24 – Harry Houdini’s Birthday\

OK – let’s get the department to 100% in reporting.

I want to hear from the following auxiliaries--

Dist	Auxiliaries Not reported as of February 15, 2008						%
1	100% REPORTED!!!!!!						86%
2	100% REPORTED!!!!!!						100%
3	2239	8046	8356	9808	10387	10657	50%
4	637	2584	5313	8617			74%
5	647	7800					75%
6	1444	4522	5311	7854			50%
7	2123	8613					75%
8	1177						75%
9	4667						88%
10	7916	8241	8815	9274			56%
11	2424	4204	7814				75%
12	1994	3782	6975	8652	9830	10298	22%
13	1827	7638	8947	10574			29%
TOTAL Percentage for the Department							67%

LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

March 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	!00%
12	1994, 6975, 8652, 10298
13	100%

THANKS LADIES FOR THE WONDERFUL RESPONSE FOR THE STATE OF VIIRGINIA IN DONATIONS FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Please review last months General Orders for the “Awareness Week” March 23 – 28th. Check with your post for their packets or go on line and get the information. There is a Awareness Week Feedback form online to be completed with your information.

As we wind down the year, please review your special projects for National Home.

All your Special Project Reports should be sent to me for judging to determine outstanding Auxiliary Porject.

Also, most Campbell soup labels, will receive monetary award.

Listed below are programs previously submitted in our General Orders for your review.
What Can you Do?

- ❖ Health Care - Send gift designated for “Health Care”
- ❖ Go to Amazon.com Wish List – Buy Something National Home Needs
- ❖ Soup Labels – 270,000 needed for Van
- ❖ Tyson Project A+ go to www.tysoncom/projectaplus for info
- ❖ Graduation – gift for graduation students send check payable to “VFW National Home for Children” and note on it “For Graduates.”
- ❖ Life Membership - 25, 50, 250, 500, 750 and 1,000 levels
- ❖ Star Donors - Individuals who donate money in the calendar year are awarded

Ladies, let’s finish the year 2007 – 2008 with a bang for Virginia.

Send me your reports and make your donations to National Home and send checks to National Home.

God Bless

Nancy Lee Shifflett

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
MARCH 2008

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

Have you filed your report? Please remember that this is a banner requirement and our reporting year is quickly drawing to a close. I know that you have completed many worthwhile projects. Take a moment and send your report today.

We can and do support our veterans and their families in so many ways. We visit the shut-ins, send cards, make calls, lend a supporting hand in times of bereavement, drive them to appointments, pick up things at the store and so many more. The list could go on and on. We do these things because we care.

Our troops and their families need our support. We can help with donations to Operation Uplink, MAP, and Unmet Needs. Many Auxiliaries send packages to our troops. I'm sure they are greatly appreciated.

Have you considered holding a “Supermarket of Veterans Benefits”? What a wonderful way to reach out to our veterans. This information fair could possibly help someone enroll in college or find a job. Perhaps someone would like information on filing a VA claim, opening a small business or assistance with credit/debt relief.

NOT REPORTED: As of 02/14/08

District 1 - 100% REPORTED
District 2 - 100% REPORTED
District 3 - 100% REPORTED
District 4 - 637
District 5 - 1115
District 6 - 4522, 7854
District 7 - 100% REPORTED
District 8 - 1177
District 9 - 4667, 7328
District 10 - 100% REPORTED
District 11 - 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 10826
District 12 - 6975, 9830
District 13 - 1827, 7638, 8947, 10574

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

March 2007

We have ruffled many feathers and created quite a stir!
Wind up those programs and get those reports in to me!

We still have important work – Keep stirring the coop!

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

*I have received the Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year paperwork – Congratulations to all the deserving young people. The applications will be forwarded to National Headquarters for judging. **Good luck to all!***

YOUTH SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Deadline is March 15th, 2008. I would love to see many deserving applications!

BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD AWARDS FOR GIRL SCOUTS

I have received the first Gold Award from National for Natalie M. Popsuy to be given at her Court of Honor on February 10th, 2008. Sponsoring her Gold Award is Auxiliary 7589 (in District 8) Francis Cannon Post in Manassas with Valerie Nealey as President. **Congratulations Natalie! (Ans Kudos Aux 7589!)**

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

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.

REPORTING IS KEY – we know that you are working, so show us how successful the Ladies Auxiliary truly is!

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 February 15, 2007

District 1: **100% Reported – Great Job!**

District 2: **100% Reported – Great Job!**

District 3: **100% Reported – Great Job!**

District 4: 622, 2584 for **87.5%**

(An auxiliary had a wonderful project involving a fundraiser for a child born with a birth defect – let me know which auxiliary - that is a youth activity I want to make District 4 at 92.8%.)

District 5: **100% Reported – Great Job!**

District 6: 4522, 5311 for **75%**

District 7: **100% Reported – Great Job!**

District 8: 1177 for **75%**

District 9: **100% Reported – Great Job!**

District 10: **100% Reported – Great Job!**

District 11: 3136, 7814, 10826 for **75%**

District 12: 1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10298 for **22.2%**

District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 8947, 10574 for **16.7%**

KEEP THOSE FEATHERS FLYING!

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

The Rubber Chickens are starving for your reports!