

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

1. **FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:** The Council of Administration was held on September 26, 2009 in Mechanicsville at 3<sup>rd</sup> District Headquarters. PDP Mary Profitt made two monetary presentations for cancer research. The monetary grants presented were raised during Mary's 2008-2009 year. One grant was given to Dr. Noah Schenckman at the University of Virginia Medical Center kidney/renal cancer research department and the second donation to the American Kidney Foundation. The Department Program Chairmen did an excellent job in promoting their programs. Be sure to read their promotions and new information in this month's General Orders.
2. **RECRUITING IS A MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATION:** We need to be 100% in membership by December 31, 2009. If each of you asks 5 women if they are eligible for membership, you each will end up with at least one new member. There are veteran's wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and sisters out there just waiting to be asked to joined the Auxiliary. Practicing your recruiting technique will give you confidence. Be sure to explain what the Auxiliary does and what it stands for. Be enthusiastic and sincere in your approach. Make potential members feels that they will be a vital part of this organization because they will be!
3. **AIDE-DE-CAMP:** Each Ladies Auxiliary or Post member who recruits 20 new or reinstated members from July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010, received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2010, will be named National Aide-de-Camp to the National President and will receive a special gift from National President Jan Tittle. Every member and comrade in Virginia can earn this special honor.
4. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** You can receive National Jan Tittle's "Special Pin" by achieving 100% paid-up membership for 2010 and received at National Headquarters by December 31, 2009. Make sure your Auxiliary's membership committee is working towards 100% by December 31. Ask if you can make calls or write notes. You are an integral part of the committee.
5. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** I would like to remind all members that when spending Auxiliary money, you must first have an approved motion to spend and must turn in all receipts for any money spent. Any money given to you that was not spent must be returned to the treasurer upon completion of the project. Be sure to get a receipt. The Treasurer at any level should have proper receipts to back up any checks written.
6. **ATTENTION VAVS REPRESENTATIVES AND DEPUTIES:** Please make sure that you submit a voucher to the Department President for your first quarter expenses for July 1, 2009 until September 30, 2009 for your visit to the VA Hospital. Vouchers should be submitted in the quarter in which travel was completed as this makes managing the budget and the job of the Trustees and Treasurer easier. Also, assist your Department Hospital & VAVS Program Chairman by helping her with the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer National Award.

7. **AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TRUSTEES AND TREASURERS:** If you have not sent in your Third Quarter Audit, it is now delinquent. Please send it immediately to the Department Treasurer, Mary Richards. Just a reminder that the Treasurer's role in the audit is to simply answer questions – the Trustees are to review the records and prepare the audit.
8. **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEETING** will be held November 5-8, 2009 in Corpus Christi, TX. The Omni Corpus Christi Hotel rooms are \$99.00 per night plus tax. Call (800) 843-6664 to make your reservations.
9. **VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009:** Has your Auxiliary planned a Veterans Day Ceremony? Coordinate with your Post Commander to share in the preparation, and expense of a Veterans Day Ceremony. Encourage your members to participate in honoring all veterans – those who have stood guard in peacetime, those who have seen the terrors and inhumanity of combat, and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.
10. **NATIONAL PRESIDENT JAN TITTLE VISIT:** Our National President was in Virginia from October 1-3, 2009. Jan stayed in Winchester and visited historic sites and museums with several members of the Department of Virginia. She attended a reception/dinner at the Clarke County Memorial VFW Post 9760 in Berryville on Friday night and a joint Virginia/West Virginia banquet at the Charles Town Races & Slots. Everyone who met her raved about her warm personality and sense of humor! Thanks to all the members who helped make this such an outstanding visit.
11. **WINTER COUNCIL MEETING:** January 15-18, 2010 at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia. Room rates are \$67.00 plus tax based on single/double occupancy. Call (757) 220-2250 or (800) 277-6963 to make your reservations. Rooms must be booked by December 24, 2009 to insure group rates.
12. **PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT FRAN BOOTHE.** It is with great sorrow to announce that PNP Fran Boothe, 1990-1991, has passed away. Due to her death, all Auxiliary Charters must be draped for 30 (thirty) days.


*The two words you should never forget are "Thank You". As I travel around the Department of Virginia, I have been welcomed with open arms by each of you. I thank you for your hospitality, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. You are always there to help our Veterans, their families, and our communities. Again, thank you. It is Time for America's Military Heroes and by Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom, our organization will continue to achieve its goals.*

By the Order Of,



Kathy Birch  
Department President

Attest:



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November, 2009

### **Roster Changes and Updates**

- **New Address:** for Secretary of Harold Treakle Memorial Auxiliary 993 and District 2 Chaplain, Jacki Wilson, 263 Green Point Lane, Portsmouth, VA 23702.
- **New President:** for Old Dominion Auxiliary 1184, Virgie Taylor, 5997 Wilderness Road, Lot A-2, Dublin, VA 24084.
- **New President:** for Wilkins-Edwards Auxiliary 176, Darlene Mays-Tittman, 329 Thalia Drive, Newport News, VA 23608-2718.

### **Calendar Update**

- **Southern Conference:** November 5-8, 2009, Corpus Christi, TX. Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Room rate \$99.00 Call 361-887-1600. For further information contact Department Secretary.
- **Winter Council:** January 15-18, 2010, Williamsburg, VA. Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 800-227-6963. Room Rate \$67.00 Hotel Reservation deadline is December 24, 2009.
- **Homecoming:** April 24, 2010 Department Commander Rex Faris and Department President Kathy Birch; 9:00 am – 12:00 am; Gypsy Hill Park, Staunton. Reservations at Best Western Hotel, Staunton 540-885-1112 Rate \$59.95
- **State Convention:** June 10-13, 2010, Richmond, Rate \$89.00 Reservations by May 10, 2010
- **National VFW Convention,** Aug 21-26, 2010 Indianapolis, IN

# District Meetings Assignments

District Presidents:  
 If the the date, time or place of your District meeting  
 changes, please make sure **YOU** Contact your  
 Department Representative and the Department Secretary  
 of these changes.

<b>1st</b>	Date	To Be Announced
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	To Be Announced
	Rep:	To Be Announced

<b>8th</b>	Date	1/10/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 2524, Culpeper
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

<b>2nd</b>	Date	12/5/2009
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 3160, Ocean View
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

<b>9th</b>	Date	1/17/2010
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 4667, Marion
	Rep:	Chaplain Cathy Graham

<b>3rd</b>	Date	12/5/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Location	3rd District Headquarters
	Rep:	PDP Rebecca Mason

<b>10th</b>	Date	2/21/2010
	Lunch	12:00 noon
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location:	Post 7916, Occoquan
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

<b>4th</b>	Date	11/8/2009
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 8163, Clarksville
	Rep:	Chaplain Cathy Graham

<b>11th</b>	Date	1/10/2010
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	12:30 a.m.
	Location	Post 2216, Staunton
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

<b>5th</b>	Date	11/14/2009
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 1115, Hillsville
	Rep:	Guard Ellen Carleton

<b>12th</b>	Date	1/9/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 6975, Bristol
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

<b>6th</b>	Date	11/8/2009
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	VAMC Salem, Bldg. 77
	Rep:	Chief of Staff PDP Pat Baldwin

<b>13th</b>	Date	1/24/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	To Be Announced
	Rep:	To Be Announced

<b>7th</b>	Date	12/13/2009
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 2123, Winchester
	Rep:	Guard Ellen Carleton

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	10-15-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT PAID	1-1-09 thru 3-31-09	4-1-09 thru 6-30-09	7-1-09 thru 9-30-09	10-1-09 thru 12-31-09	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID
							\$ 175.00											
176	16	34	47.06%	\$ 68.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 11.90	\$ 11.90
824	25	20	125.00%	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	X	X			\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
3219	120	205	58.54%	\$ 410.00	\$ 410.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		X	X			\$ 71.75	\$ 71.75
5500	33	33	100.00%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00	X	X	X		\$ 11.55	\$ 11.55
6002	32	61	52.46%	\$ 122.00	\$ 122.00			\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 21.35	\$ 21.35
7167	81	81	100.00%	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 54.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			X	X	X		\$ 28.35	\$ 28.35
<b>Total - District 1</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>70.74%</b>	<b>\$ 868.00</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 64.00</b>	<b>\$ 195.00</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>						
392	277	323	85.76%	\$ 646.00	\$ 646.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00		X	X	X		\$ 80.75	\$ 80.75
993	49	90	54.44%	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		X	X			\$ 22.50	\$ 22.50
3160	233	278	83.81%	\$ 556.00	\$ 556.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	X	X			\$ 69.50	\$ 69.50
4411	48	51	94.12%	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		X	X	X		\$ 12.75	\$ 12.75
4809	255	341	74.78%	\$ 682.00	\$ 682.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 115.00		X	X			\$ 85.25	\$ 85.25
8545	22	30	73.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 21.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50
9382	40	58	68.97%	\$ 116.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		X	X	X		\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50
<b>Total - District 2</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>78.91%</b>	<b>\$ 2,342.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,342.00</b>	<b>\$ 61.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 215.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>						
1426	0	25	0.00%															
2239	83	91	91.21%	\$ 182.00	\$ 186.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 150.00		X	X			\$ 31.85	
4639	37	38	97.37%	\$ 76.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 13.30	
6364	30	45	66.67%	\$ 90.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 15.75	
8046	52	58	89.66%	\$ 116.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 20.30	
8356	24	28	85.71%	\$ 56.00	\$ 58.00		\$ 110.36	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 9.80	
9224	0	23	0.00%															
9501	41	42	97.62%	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 22.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 14.70	
9808	125	157	79.62%	\$ 314.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 54.95	
10387	17	36	47.22%	\$ 72.00		\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		X	X			\$ 12.60	
10654	27	33	81.82%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.27	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X	X		\$ 11.55	
10657	17	29	58.62%	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 10.15	
<b>Total - District 3</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>74.88%</b>	<b>\$ 1,210.00</b>	<b>\$ 644.00</b>	<b>\$ 182.00</b>	<b>\$ 128.63</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 175.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	X	X				

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622	55	47	117.02%	\$ 94.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 25.00	x	x	x		\$ 4.70	
637	44	74	59.46%	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 7.40	
2584	7	35	20.00%	\$ 70.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 3.50	
5313	24	34	70.59%	\$ 68.00				\$ 35.00					x				\$ 3.40	
7059	62	62	100.00%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	x	x	x		\$ 6.20	\$ 6.20
7166	66	88	75.00%	\$ 176.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 8.80	
7819	56	76	73.68%	\$ 152.00	\$ 40.00			\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 7.60	
7897	0	2	0.00%															
8048	4	27	14.81%	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 2.70	
8163	62	72	86.11%	\$ 144.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 25.00	x	x	x		\$ 7.20	
8759	36	52	69.23%	\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 5.20	
8902	9	12	75.00%	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00								x	x	x		\$ 1.20	
9855	18	30	60.00%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 125.00	x	x			\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
9954	194	198	97.98%	\$ 396.00	\$ 396.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x	x		\$ 19.80	
<b>Total - District 4</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>78.74%</b>	<b>\$ 1,618.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,374.00</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>	<b>\$ 85.00</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>	<b>\$ 275.00</b>						
								<b>\$ 89.00</b>										
647	68	103	66.02%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	x	x			\$ 36.05	
1115	234	456	51.32%	\$ 912.00	\$ 912.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 150.00	x	x			\$ 159.60	
2820	0	12	0.00%	\$ 24.00				\$ 35.00									\$ 4.20	
4637	9	51	17.65%	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00		\$ 305.96	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 17.85	
7568	8	30	26.67%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 15.00		x	x			\$ 10.50	
7726	125	159	78.62%	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 55.65	
7800	15	27	55.56%	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 9.45	
8243	29	60	48.33%	\$ 120.00	\$ 128.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 21.00	
8467	45	53	84.91%	\$ 106.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 18.55	
<b>Total - District 5</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>56.05%</b>	<b>\$ 1,902.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,094.96</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	<b>\$ 215.00</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>						
1033	51	104	49.04%	\$ 208.00	\$ 208.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	x	x			\$ 36.40	\$ 36.40
1264	63	63	100.00%	\$ 126.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x	x		\$ 22.05	\$ 22.05
1444	38	39	97.44%	\$ 78.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 20.00		x	x			\$ 13.65	\$ 13.65
1841	19	56	33.93%	\$ 112.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 19.60	\$ 19.60
2157	15	53	28.30%	\$ 106.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 50.00		x	x			\$ 18.55	\$ 18.55
4522	13	56	23.21%	\$ 112.00		\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 19.60	\$ 19.60
5311	43	46	93.48%	\$ 92.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 16.10	\$ 16.10
7854	13	30	43.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.50	\$ 10.50

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Total - District 6	255	447	57.05%	\$ 894.00	\$ 591.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	x	x		
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621	94	108	87.04%	\$ 216.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 300.00	x	x	x		\$ 54.00	
1860	96	154	62.34%	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 77.00	
2123	57	84	67.86%	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 50.00			x	x		\$ 42.00	
2447	65	83	78.31%	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00		x	x			\$ 41.50	
8613	32	77	41.56%	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 38.50	
9292	5	33	15.15%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 16.50	
9660	72	82	87.80%	\$ 164.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 41.00	
9760	102	184	55.43%	\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
9872	0	29	0.00%										x	x			\$ 14.50	
<b>Total - District 7</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>62.71%</b>	<b>\$ 1,668.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,610.00</b>	<b>\$ 310.00</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 175.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>						
2524	49	63	77.78%	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 22.05	\$ 22.05
3103	94	111	84.68%	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 38.85	\$ 38.85
7589	55	63	87.30%	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x	x		\$ 22.05	\$ 22.05
<b>Total - District 8</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>83.54%</b>	<b>\$ 474.00</b>	<b>\$ 474.00</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>						
							<b>\$ 271.00</b>				<b>\$ 50.00</b>							
1184	29	40	72.50%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x	x		\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00
4667	108	133	81.20%	\$ 266.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00		x	x	x		\$ 46.55	\$ 46.55
6000	85	113	75.22%	\$ 226.00	\$ 250.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 39.55	\$ 39.55
7136	20	59	33.90%	\$ 118.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 20.65	\$ 20.65
7328	19	30	63.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 10.50	\$ 10.50
7969	18	32	56.25%	\$ 64.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x	x		\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20
9640	19	38	50.00%	\$ 76.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00						x			\$ 13.30	\$ 13.30
9696	64	134	47.76%	\$ 268.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 46.90	\$ 46.00
<b>Total - District 9</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>62.52%</b>	<b>\$ 1,158.00</b>	<b>\$ 998.00</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>	<b>\$ 271.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>						
							<b>\$ 114.00</b>				<b>\$ 15.00</b>							
609	30	30	100.00%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 10.50	\$10.50
1503	311	358	86.87%	\$ 716.00	\$ 716.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00		x	x			\$ 125.30	\$125.30
3150	132	161	81.99%	\$ 322.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 70.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 56.35	\$56.35
7327	128	142	90.14%	\$ 284.00	\$ 284.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 49.70	\$49.70
7916	74	102	72.55%	\$ 204.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00		x	x			\$ 35.70	\$35.70
8241	27	43	62.79%	\$ 86.00				\$ 35.00					x				\$ 15.05	\$15.05
9274	46	62	74.19%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 21.70	\$21.70
9478	26	26	100.00%	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 9.10	\$9.10
<b>Total - District 10</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>83.77%</b>	<b>\$ 1,848.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,762.00</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>	<b>\$ 114.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>						

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											\$ 50.00							
632	174	224	77.68%	\$ 448.00	\$ 448.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		X	X			\$ 56.00	
1499	43	80	53.75%	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00		X	X			\$ 20.00	\$ 19.00
2216	62	142	43.66%	\$ 284.00	\$ 284.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X				\$ 35.50	
2424	28	40	70.00%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		X	X	X		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
3136	8	19	42.11%	\$ 38.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 4.75	
4204	39	42	92.86%	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 10.50	\$ 11.00
7814	6	21	28.57%	\$ 42.00				\$ 35.00					X	X			\$ 5.25	
8279	21	26	80.77%	\$ 52.00		\$ 14.00		\$ 35.00					X	X	X		\$ 6.50	\$ 6.00
8644	69	103	66.99%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 25.75	\$ 25.75
9339	37	52	71.15%	\$ 104.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 13.00	\$ 13.50
9480	13	22	59.09%	\$ 44.00	\$ 44.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X			\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50
10826	8	14	57.14%	\$ 28.00				\$ 35.00						X			\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
<b>Total - District 11</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>64.71%</b>	<b>\$ 1,570.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,414.00</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>		<b>\$ 420.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>						
1994	37	36	102.78%	\$ 72.00				\$ 35.00										
3782	24	21	114.29%	\$ 42.00				\$ 35.00					X	X				
6975	59	95	62.11%	\$ 190.00				\$ 35.00										
8652	6	31	19.35%	\$ 62.00		\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00					X					
8979	4	40	10.00%	\$ 80.00				\$ 35.00										
9600	13	54	24.07%	\$ 108.00				\$ 35.00					X					
9830	6	29	20.69%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				X	X	X			
10298	0	2	0.00%	\$ 4.00				\$ 35.00										
10310	0	23	0.00%	\$ 46.00				\$ 35.00					X	X				
<b>Total - District 12</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>45.02%</b>	<b>\$ 662.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>						

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1827	46	77	59.74%	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 26.95	
2217	10	19	52.63%	\$ 38.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 6.65	
7638	39	45	86.67%	\$ 90.00	\$ 92.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00								\$ 15.75	
8169	33	35	94.29%	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x	x		\$ 12.25	
8436	29	29	100.00%	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 10.15	
8947	35	60	58.33%	\$ 120.00		\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00			\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	x	x			\$ 21.00	
10574	46	110	41.82%	\$ 220.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 38.50	
<b>Total - District 13</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>63.47%</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 374.00</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ 175.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>						

Members at large	76	81	93.83%
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	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital			Special Project	National Military Services
	10-15-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT PAID
<b>Total - VIRGINIA</b>	<b>5,937</b>	<b>8,563</b>	<b>69.33%</b>	<b>\$ 16,964.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,163.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,616.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,458.59</b>	<b>\$ 3,745.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,765.00</b>	<b>\$ 665.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,350.00</b>

District Percentages				
Place	District	10-15-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage
1st	10	774	924	83.77%
2nd	8	198	237	83.54%
3rd	2	924	1171	78.91%
4th	4	637	809	78.74%
5th	3	453	605	74.88%
6th	1	307	434	70.74%
7th	11	508	784	64.80%
8th	13	238	375	63.47%
9th	7	523	834	62.71%
10th	9	362	579	62.52%
11th	6	255	447	57.05%
12th	5	533	951	56.05%
13th	12	149	331	45.02%

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<b>Members At Large</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>93.83%</b>
<b>Department' s Total</b>	<b>5937</b>	<b>8,563</b>	<b>69.33%</b>

*Chaplain's Report*  
*November 2009*

Cathy Graham  
9691 Lindenbrook St,  
Fairfax, VA 22031

e-mail: grahamcrouchc@msn.com

The following cards were mailed from September 11, 2009 through October 10, 2009:

SYMPATHY CARDS

Evelyn Botschen #1115 1090 Appalachian Trail Fancy Gap, VA 24382 Death of  
Daughter

Coy B. Russell #1115 1338 Main St Apt 39 Hillsville, VA 24343 Death of Wife Doris  
Family of Evelyn Vessels #9501 1379 Upshaw Rd Aylett, VA 23009

Cheryl Burkis #2123 118 Fairfax Dr Stephens City, VA 22655 Death of Husband Jim  
Ruby Dannenfelze P-ND 1614 Harmon Ave Bismarck, ND 58501 Death of Sister and  
Father-in-Law

Florence Taylor PNP 3411 S Camino Seco #358 Tucson, AZ 85730 Death of Grandson  
Burt Jones #392 4140 Lynnhaven Rd Rm 145 Virginia Beach, VA 23452 Death of Wife  
Monica

Helena Brower #8436 3000 Hampton Dr Waynesboro, VA 22980 Death of Husband  
Family of Roxie Shepherd #2447 902 Hilltop Dr Woodstock, VA 22664

Janet Fitzpatrick #3219 907 Loreda Ct Hampton, VA 23669 Death of Son

Audrey Smith #3219 116 Margaret Dr Hampton, VA 23669 Death of Husband

Catherine Shockley #3219 66 Cavalier Rd Hampton, VA 23669 Death of Father

Barbara Suis #3219 548 Slater Ave Hampton, VA 23664 Death of Mother Gisela Curtis

Flora Kuhrt #392 11 Windward Terrace Salem, NH 03079 Death of Father

Sandy LaMarch Dept GA 2761 Loring Rd NW Kennesaw, GA 30152 Death of Mother  
Dorothy Ward

Meredith Carter #2217 7260 Placida Circle Mechanicsville, VA 23116 Death of Wife  
Evelyn and Daughter Carolyn

Theresa Hibert #4809 636 Mile Creek Ln Chesapeake, VA 23322 Death of Mother

Bob Loy #392 3324 Kensington St Virginia Beach, VA 23452 Death of Wife Nancy

Jo-Ann Tolbert #4667 104 Montgomery St Bluefield, VA 24605 Death of Son-in-Law

Angie Marshall #2216 PO Box 522 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 Death of Husband Billy

Helen Dalton #1115 PO Box 884 Hillsville, VA 24343 Death of Sister Doris Fetts

Howard E. Smith #1115 420 Bluebell Ln Apt 206 Roanoke, VA 24012 Death of Wife  
Sue

Family of Margaret Haddaway PDP 111 Dustin Dr Lady Lake, FL 32159

June Mosley #7726 281 Independence Ave Independence, VA 24348 Death of Sister

Family of James Goldsmith PNC 2141 Hunter Dr Lapeer, MI 48446

Jane Fainter #9339 19 Knous St Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 Death of Sister-in-Law

GET WELL CARDS

Dickie Fallen #8243 3119 L.P. Bailey Mem Hwy Halifax, VA 24558 - Heart Surgery  
Melissa Spencer #9660 19731 Runions Creek Rd Broadway, VA 22815 - Accident  
Ruth Brown #7176 526 Jefferson Ave Warsaw, VA 22522 - Ill  
Betty Bunch #9382 4513 Greendale Rd Chesapeake, VA 23321 - Ill  
James Goldsmith PNC University Hospital 1500 E Medical Center Dr Ann Arbor,  
MI 48109 - Hospital  
Mary Beal #1115 115 Shelburn Ct Durham, NC 27712 - Car Accident  
Ruth Brookes #8279 6064 Lee Jackson Hwy Raphine, VA 24472 - Cancer  
Gladys Collins #7726 139 Morton Dr Independence, VA 24348 - Hospital  
Megan Millard #7726 172 Londonberry Rd Forest, VA 24551 - Surgery  
Becky Rogers #7819 338 Rogers Ln Crewe, VA - Broken Shoulder  
Sue Eckley #4809 1375 Kingston Ave Apt 3 Norfolk, VA 23503 - Hospital  
Delpha Martin #1503 12279 Darrow Ley Mews Woodbridge, VA 22192 - Ill  
Betty Martin #10574 209 Marshall Ave Colonial Beach, VA 22443 - Flu  
Carolyn Bartmess #10574 430 Circle Ln Colonial Beach, VA 22443 - Flu  
Sun Bobbitt #10574 12<sup>th</sup> St Colonial Beach, VA 22443 - Flu

THINKING OF YOU

Lois Redd #8759 13541 Dykeland Rd Amelia, VA 23002 - Cancer  
Patty Kendrick #9660 20451 Bennet Run Rd Bergton, VA 22811 - Cancer  
Virginia Allison #7176 2190 Rick Neck Rd Warsaw, VA 22572 - Cancer  
Lillian V. Price #8436 128 Miller School Rd Charlottesville, VA 22903 - Cancer  
Fran Booth PNP 3 Academy Ave Saco, ME 04072 - Cancer  
Anna Seay #8947 264 Cat's Paw Mineral, VA 23117 - Fell

MEMORIALS

Margaret Haddaway PDP #3160

For those who would like to be added to the e-mail Chaplain alert list, please send me an e-mail at the above address. All notifications should be sent to the above address. If you wish a card from the notification, addresses should be included in the e-mail alert.

An auxiliary should have the Official Altar Cloth for conducting your meetings along with a Bible. The Altar Cloth is available in the VFW supply catalog on page 10.

**The Navy Hymn**

Eternal Father strong to save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

**Americanism 2009 - 2010**  
November 2009 General Orders

To: Department President; PDP's; District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents and all Americanism Chairmen.

From: Laura Dianne Absher  
9241 Swannanoa Trail  
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116  
Phone: (804) 746-1793  
Email - [Lcabsher@verizon.net](mailto:Lcabsher@verizon.net)

"It's Time for America's Military Heroes" what better way to show them than going into the schools, clubs and other organizations promoting pride in our country, respect for the flag and appreciation of our freedom. Every citizen should feel the freedom to proudly proclaim their patriotism by displaying their flag. It is up to us the Ladies Auxiliary to help not only by voice but recognizing teachers who teach our children to care about America. The "Citizenship Education Teacher Award" is one of many ways for us to help in "Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom".

At the Fall Conference, I explained that I not only had to report to my Southern Conference Chairman and the National Director but also my reports are turned into the VFW representative. I had to make a couple of changes to the report form for additional information needed this was passed out along with a copy of the Americanism October 2009 General Orders. Also enclosed were the following "American Flag" Questions and Answers, and a copy of instructions with pictures on Flag Folding.

Calendar of Events for November and December:

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - VETERANS DAY**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> – Teacher of Year Award deadline for Posts to send to Districts**

**During November (anytime) – Veterans in the Classroom**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> – Pearl Harbor Day**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> – Teacher of the Year Award (Department deadline)**

**Bill of Rights Day:** December 15<sup>th</sup> is Bill of Rights Day, celebrating the addition of Bill of Rights to the US Constitution on that day in 1791. This holiday celebrates the freedoms and rights that the Bill of Rights, preserve for Americans. In 1941, on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the date a federal holiday.

**AWARDS:**

For each program award, unless otherwise noted:

First-place Auxiliary will receive \$15 and a citation to the Chairman;

Second-place Auxiliary will receive \$10 and a citation to the Chairman.

1. \*Citation to each District Chairman with at least 80% participation by Auxiliaries (Let's go for 100%)
2. The best overall promotion of POW/MIA awareness program.
3. The most unique promotion of teaching the youth patriotism.

The following Auxiliaries have **not reported** as of 10/10/09:

<b><u>% Reported</u></b>	<b><u>District</u></b>
67%	District 1 – 176, 6002
71%	District 2 – 392, 993
20%	District 3 – 2239, 4639, 8046, 8356, 9808, 10387, 10654, 10657
31%	District 4 – 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 8048, 8759, 8902, 9954
63%	District 5 – 4637, 7800, 8467
25%	District 6 – 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
50%	District 7 – 2123, 8613, 9292, 9760
33%	District 8 – 2524, 7589
25%	District 9 – 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640
25%	District 10 – 1503, 3150, 7916, 8241, 9274, 9478
25%	District 11 – 632, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8644, 9480, 10826
0%	District 12 – 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10310
17%	District 13 – 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 10574

The reports have been wonderful but, there are still many empty spaces in my files.

At the Fall Conference I announced there would be a drawing at Winter Conference for \$25 for the District having no less than 80% participation turned in no later than 12/31/09.

The report form to be used for this year will be found on the following page. Please make as many copies as you need and send them to me no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to show reported.

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

# Americanism Report Form 2009-2010

Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
President or Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_-\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

1. Did your Auxiliary conduct any special Patriotic Programs at schools? \_\_\_\_\_  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did your Auxiliary conduct any projects that American Flags were presented? \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of American Flags presented (at least 2 in. x 3 in. or larger): \_\_\_\_\_  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did your Auxiliary participate in a POW/MIA program? \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2 in. or 3 in. or larger): \_\_\_\_\_  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did your Auxiliary sponsor an Americanism contest (essays, posters, scrapbooks, coloring projects, etc.) preschool through grade 5? \_\_\_\_\_  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did your Auxiliary present certificates to businesses or citizens in recognition of displaying the U.S. or POW/MIA flags? \_\_\_\_\_  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Did your Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ or VFW \_\_\_\_\_ participate in a Loyalty Day program? (Check both if it was a combined program).  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did your Auxiliary participate in the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award? \_\_\_\_\_  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did your Auxiliary participate in any other Americanism activity (i.e. flag retirement program; Veterans in the Classroom programs; Pledge of Allegiance programs with youth; "Get out and Vote" program; Patriotic Literature Distributed)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any other Patriotic Program you held or participated in.

**Hours Worked** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Auxiliary Members** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Miles** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost of Program \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out any of the above that apply. Use the back of the page, and please give complete details (i.e. Mileage, Number of Members that participated, Total of Hours worked and Total Amount of \$ spent). Reports must be received no later than the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month or you will not be reported until the following month.

Send reports to: Laura Dianne Absher, Chairman  
9241 Swannanoa Trail  
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116  
Phone: 804-746-1793  
E-mail: [Lcabsher@verizon.net](mailto:Lcabsher@verizon.net)

# Patriotic Instructor

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

November 2009



**Tomb of the Unknowns**

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds, for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb.

After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

## 5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

## 6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

Any person to apply for guard duty at the Tomb must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30."

Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, (the most decorated soldier of WWII) of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

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In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.

The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God Bless and keep them.

# **BANNER**

***Kay S. Kibler, Chairman 9652 Phillips Store Rd Broadway, VA 22815  
540-896-5335 or 540-820-2331 (cell)***

Hello ladies! The holiday season is almost here. Turkeys and hams will be baking before too long. I can almost smell them. As you and your families and friends are gathering for your holiday celebrations, don't forget about our veterans. Do you know one that will be spending this Thanksgiving alone? Do you know a veteran that is struggling with finances this year? Invite them to spend the day with you. What better way to honor our veterans than requesting their presence at your table this year! We take for granted that it is our veterans that fought for our freedom to have the opportunity to gather with each other. Please remember them this holiday season.

I have lots of reports coming in from the District Secretaries and Treasurers. I have not heard from the following District's about dues.

NOT REPORTED:

Dist 3: Any Auxiliaries

Dist 11: #7814

Dist 12: #10310

Be sure you've paid those dues and the District Treasurer's received your money by the end of September. Also, when the District Secretaries are reporting on attendance at the School's of Instruction, I need to know if it was the president, secretary or treasurer that attended. It might be all of them! That's great! Just document that for me.

**Ladies, when sending me information, please remember to include what district you are reporting for. I am still learning where everyone belongs! This would be a big help to me. I thank you in advance!**

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather! And don't stuff yourselves over Thanksgiving!

*Kay*

**\*\*\* REMINDERS \*\*\***

The **BANNER PROGRAM** is strictly a Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary program with certain requirements to be completed by the Auxiliaries in a specified amount of time. A program set up to include all National Programs and contributions. These requirements were presented at the June 2009 Department Convention and accepted by the Delegates. Remember to take notice of the Banner changes. Changes in the Banner Program are on the Banner Requirements page on the back of this sheet.

**REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2009 – MARCH 31, 2010**

This time frame is the period of time the Auxiliaries have to participate in programs and report to the Department Chairmen. Get those reports to the chairmen by March 31, 2010 to count for Banner. You may still report what you are doing. Read your General Orders to see how long the chairmen will accept reports.

**AWARDS: (To be presented at the June 2010 Department Convention)**

**BANNER:** A Pennant for **2009-2010** year will be given to each Auxiliary completing **ALL BANNER REQUIREMENTS**, in the allowed time.

**CITATION:** for the **2009-2010** year will be given to all Auxiliaries who complete **ALL** Banner Requirements, except Membership.

**BANNER REQUIREMENTS 2009-2010**  
**LADIES AUXILIARY VFW – DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2009 - MARCH 31, 2010**

**MEMBERSHIP: 100% dues paid no later than Dec. 31, 2009**

All requirements are based on June 30, 2009 membership.

All dues are sent to: Department Treasurer, Mary Richards, 6351Tappahannock Dr. Norfolk, VA 23509.

**CHECK PAYABLE TO:** Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia. (postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2009)

**AUXILIARY AUDITS:** Auxiliary Quarterly Audits Reports must be conducted for the calendar quarters ending in **MARCH 2009, JUNE 2009, SEPTEMBER 2009, DECEMBER 2009, (National By-laws Sec.814A)** This report must be sent to Department Treasurer by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month following the Audit that is due: (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE). **The Department Treasurer will verify the audit report to the Banner Chairman after each Audit.**

**DISTRICT DUES:** Auxiliaries **MUST** pay District Dues (National By-laws Sec. 506) **by September 30, of current Auxiliary year.** **The District Treasurer will verify payment to the Banner Chairman.**

**ATTENDANCE:** An Auxiliary member must be present at either a District Meeting or Department Council/Conference, during the reporting period. **District and Department Secretary will verify attendance to Banner Chairman, after each meeting.** \*\*District Conventions and Election of Officers **DO NOT** count..

**DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:** An Auxiliary President, Secretary or Treasurer must attend the District School of Instruction. **The District Secretary will notify the Banner Chairman.**

**PARTICIPATION:** Each Auxiliary **must participate** in the National Programs shown below and **MUST REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2010. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

**\*Americanism/Patriotic Instructor**

**\*Cancer Aide & Research**

**\*Community Service**

**\*Hospital/VAVS**

**\*Legislative &/or PAC**

**\*VOD &/or Patriot's Pen**

**\*Veterans & Family Support**

1. VFW National Military Services  
(MAP, Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs)

2. VFW National Home for Children

3. Continuing Education Scholarship

4. Buddy Poppy

(MUST COMPLETE 3 out of 4 of V&FS)

**\*Youth Activities**

1. Snowball Express

2. Jr. ROTC Program/Sea Cadets

3. Young American Patriotic Art

4. Junior Girls Units

5. Any youth activity

(MUST COMPLETE 2 out of 5 for Youth)

**DONATIONS:**

**1. CANCER FUND: \$2.00 per member.** Based on June 30, 2009 membership. Checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia marked for **Cancer Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer no later than **MARCH 31, 2010.**

**Department Treasurer will report these donations to the Department Chairman.**

**2. STATE HOSPITAL FUND: \$35.00.** Checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia, marked **Hospital Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer, no later that **MARCH 31, 2010.**

**Department Treasurer will report this donation to the Department Chairman.**

**3. HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND: \$0.25 per member,** based on June 30, 2009 membership. New Auxiliaries based on institutional membership. Checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, marked **Health & Happiness Fund.** Send to: **NATIONAL TREASURER, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> STREET 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, KANSAS City, MO. 64111,** postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2010.**

*National Treasurer will verify report to Department Chairman.*

**4. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: (for your information if you choose)** No funds can be derived from VFW Post or Auxiliary membership dues or treasuries. Funds are obtained from individual contributions and/or fund raisers held by Post or Auxiliaries. Make checks payable to: VFW-PAC and mail to: 200 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002. Send report to: Department Legislative/VFW-PAC Chairman postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2010.**

*Department Chairman will verify to the Banner Chairman.*

Approved: DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
Chairman      **June 14, 2009**

Kay S. Kibler, Banner

CANCER AID AND RESEARCH  
2009-2010  
"It's Time for America's Military Heroes"  
"Supporting Our Legacy Of Freedom"

Date: November 2009

To: District & Auxiliary Presidents and Cancer Aid Chairmen.

Cc: Vivian Bernotas, National Director

Sherry Jiles, Southern States Director

From: Billie Jean Mull, Chairman Department of Virginia

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Take a deep breath and slowly let it out then take another deep breath and let it out. If you can do this and not stop to cough and choke and cough some more you are probably not one of the 219,440 new cases of lung cancer this year. November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in men and women. 1 in 12 men and 1 in 16 women will get lung cancer. The chance increases if you are a smoker. On November 19<sup>th</sup> we will once again celebrate the Great American Smoke-out. Encourage someone you know to stop smoking. You just may save their life.

Ladies, Thank you for all the great reports you are sending in. You are doing a lot of wonderful work. BUT!!!!!!!!! You need to be sending in the money for the cancer pins you sell. I know you would love to hold on to all the fund raising monies till the June Convention but if everyone in every state did that, there would be no monies for National to use for Cancer Grants. There will come a time when National will say I am sorry BUT we cannot give out anymore grants because we are out of money, and here we are sitting on thousands of dollars so we look good at convention. Is it about us looking good or is it about us helping ours Sisters? Ok thank you for listening and now I will get off my soap box.

Sisters I have seen great fundraising ideals happening in our Department. Luau's, dances, Mason jar change drives, quilt raffles and dime-a-day. Southern Conference Chairman, Sherry Jiles has one that is called a "draw down" which netted one athletic dept. over \$20,000.00. If you are interested please contact her at [cjiles7255@yahoo.com](mailto:cjiles7255@yahoo.com)

During Fall Council of Administration, the Program Chairmen explained their programs to the District Presidents. I have requested each district to make a "basket" it does not have to be a basket per say it can be put into anything i.e.: wagon, milk can, basket, flower pot, wheel barrow etc (you get the point) but it should be worth \$75.00 to \$100.00 and appealing. It could be a basket of chocolates, NASCAR, VA Tech Theme or other sports teams, Bath & Spa etc; they were given a list for examples. Then buy two part tickets and begin selling them. The even number districts would bring their baskets, tickets and monies they have made to Winter Conference in January 2010 and the odd number ones to the June Convention in June

2010. Ladies I Believe we can make a lot of money on these baskets. I did a small one for the Fall COA and made \$125.00. It had wine, cheese, crackers, cookies, summer sausage and wine glasses. So put on your thinking caps and let's have some fun.

\*\*\*\*\*NEW AWARD FOR WINTER CONFERENCE\*\*\*\*\*

CITATION AND AWARD FOR THE AUXILIARY FOR OVER ALL CANCER FUND-RAISING WITH REPORT TO ME, AND MONEY SENT TO MARY RICHARDS, DEPT. TREASURER. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDED PINS OR \$2.00 PER MEMBER. THIS IS FUNDRAISING ONLY.

Please don't forget to get the applications out to the hospitals, cancer centers, and VA hospitals for Two-year Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship. The deadline for the application return is March 31, 2010.

Auxiliaries not reported:

District 1 176 7167 67% reported

District 2 100% reported Congratulations, Way to go Ladies!!!!!!

District 3 9501 9808 10657 70% reported only 3 more to go

District 4 2584 5313 7897 8759 8902 69% reported

District 5 2820 8467 78% reported

District 6 1841 5311 75% reported

District 7 8613 9292 9872 67% reported

District 8 100% reported, Way to go Ladies!!!!!! Congratulations

District 9 1184 7328 75% reported

District 10 8241 9478 75% reported you went from 0% to 75% way to go Ladies

District 11 632 2216 3136 4204 7814 9339 10826 45% reported

District 12 1994 3782 6975 8652 8979 6900 9830 10298 10310 0% reported

District 13 7 2217 8436 10574 57% reported keep up the good work

DEPARTMENT AWARDS & CITATIONS

1. Citation and check to Auxiliary with the Best Promotion of the Post-doctoral Cancer Research Fellowship to a cancer institution
2. Citation and Award to the Auxiliary for the best promotion of the Cancer Grant Program
3. Citation and Award for the Auxiliary for over-all cancer reporting

Loyally,

Jean Mull, Chairman  
Cancer Aid and Research  
Department of VA

# CANCER AID & RESEARCH

## 2009 - 2010 REPORT

(Must be received by Department Chairman by May 10, 2010)

Department Chairman

Jean Mull

P.O. Box 5179

Fort Lee, VA 23801--0179

e-mail: [Valorsrest@yahoo.com](mailto:Valorsrest@yahoo.com)

804-731-181 cell or 804-733-1131 home

Auxiliary Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_

District # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe how your Auxiliary promoted & publicized the Cancer Aid & Research Program in your community: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Did your Auxiliary submit an application for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did your Auxiliary contribute \$2.00 (or more) for each member in your Auxiliary toward Cancer Aid & Research? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did your Auxiliary sell Cancer pins? How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Has all the money been turned in? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ ( money to be sent to Mary Richards, Dept. Treasurer)

5. Describe how your Auxiliary promoted the Cancer Grant program. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Did your Auxiliary hold a fundraiser? Describe what you did to raise money. How did you promote it. \_\_\_\_\_

How much money did you raise? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Has your Auxiliary held a Cancer Education Program and passed out literature regarding Cancer to your members? \_\_\_\_\_ Did you have a community program? \_\_\_\_\_



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***“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”***  
***“Supporting our Legacy of Freedom”***

We are fast approaching the time when we all give thanks for the wonderful things that we have the glorious people that are in our lives. For Thanksgiving, open your heart to your community. I know that many auxiliaries (along with their posts) donate food baskets to the families in their communities. Be sure to document what you do. Take pictures. Submit an article to the local newspaper. And report your activities to the Department.



Did your auxiliary plan a special event for Make a Difference Day on Saturday October 24, 2009? Please report on what you have done. Include any pictures that you have taken and any publications in the local media. Remember, certificates will be presented at the Winter Council of Administration to each auxiliary who participates in Make A Difference Day and reported on it by December 15, 2009. Remember that an award will be given at the June 2010 Department Convention for Award to the auxiliary with the most unique event and celebration of Make a Difference Day.



***Veterans History Project:*** Some auxiliaries have been reporting their submission to the Hospitalized Veterans Writing project under Community Service Veterans History Project. **The two projects are not the same thing.** Although it is fine to report that you have done the writing project. The report for the Veterans Writing Project should be sent to the VAVS Chairman on the proper form. The Veterans History Project is sent to the Library of Congress with very specific requirements and packaging. Please be sure that you report the Veterans History Project under Community Service



***Wreaths Across America:*** December 12, 2009 is the day when wreaths will be placed on graves at each national veterans cemetery across the country. Virginia has 22 national cemeteries. Wreaths are purchased from the Wreaths Across America Headquarters in Harrington, Maine at \$15.00 each. **The deadline for purchasing wreaths for this year is November 30 2009 through the Wreaths Across America organization.** To order wreaths, please have someone from your auxiliary log on to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org) then go to the sponsorship link. You will need the cemetery location ID to be sure that your wreath(s) delivery comes to the correct place.

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:** Auxiliaries are asked to place at least one PartyLite Candle order before November 15, 2009. Remember auxiliaries can raise money for WAA and their own auxiliary. The PartyLite representative who is helping the department with this wonderful fundraiser should be contacted prior to a scheduled date that you begin to take orders. Our representative is Dianna Fogel. She can be reached at 4005 Foxwood Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462-5210, 757-469-3325.

***Safety:*** This time of year is the ideal time to provide information to your community on various areas of safety. Some of these areas are: bicycle safety, home and fire safety, and driving safety. With the holidays soon approaching, use this time to help the public be aware of the precautions they should take while holiday shopping and traveling. Utilize your post newsletter or publish as special article in your local newspaper to just make the public aware, reminding them to be careful and aware of their surroundings.



**Youth:** Your Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests are now over. However, there are so many activities to do for the holidays. Most auxiliaries focus on the very young (age 10 and under), but think about the older children. Plan a special event for them this holiday season. Ask a local school group or scout group to help you in one of your functions. Bring them in to the post and get them involved. The rewards are wonderful for both you and them.

**Americanism:** Did your Post and Auxiliary do something special for Veterans Day? Election Day? Did you help drive voters to the polls? Did you work the polls? What program or honor did you do for Veterans Day? Write up a report and send it along with pictures or even a newspaper article. What you do for the community in Americanism is a great educational tool.

In order to assist you with this year's program, the following resources are available:

District President/District Program Chairman [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)  
[www.vfwdepartmentresources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org) [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)  
[www.usaweekend.com/diffday](http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday) Veterans History Project: 1-888-371-5848  
[www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) [www.wreathcrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathcrossamerica.org)

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.

*Erma Bombeck*

Loyally,

Lorraine (Laine) Beckwith, Chairman  
 41 Kings Point Drive,  
 Hampton, VA 23669  
 (757) 722-0235  
 e-mail: [Dabeck41@cox.net](mailto:Dabeck41@cox.net)

Auxiliaries **NOT** reported as of 10/5/09

District										
<b>1</b>	176	6002	<b>67%</b>							
<b>2</b>	4809	8545	<b>71 %</b>							
<b>3</b>	4639	6364	8046	8356	9501	9808	10387	10654	10657	<b>10%</b>
<b>4</b>	622	637	2584	5313	7819	8048	8757	8902	<b>38%</b>	
<b>5</b>	7800	8467	<b>75%</b>							
<b>6</b>	1444	4522	5311	7854	<b>50%</b>					
<b>7</b>	621	8613	9292	<b>63%</b>						
<b>8</b>	2524	<b>67%</b>								
<b>9</b>	1184	36000	7136	7328	7969	9640	<b>25%</b>			
<b>10</b>	609	7327	8241	9274	9478	<b>38%</b>				
<b>11</b>	632	2216	3136	4204	7814	8279	8644	9480	10806	<b>25%</b>
<b>12</b>	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10310	<b>0%</b>	
<b>13</b>	1927	2217	7638	8436	10574	<b>15%</b>				
<b>Department Total</b>			<b>61%</b>							

**REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!**

# THIS IS AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN

The Department Chief of Staff is looking for a Deputy Chief of Staff who has already contacted each Auxiliary in her District.

Her description is as follows: She is enthusiastic, well informed and loves this organization. She knows the importance of healthy Auxiliaries and happy members. She was last seen wearing a prisoner's cap and trying to earn a pardon from the Department Membership Chairman.

She is guilty of calling the Auxiliary Presidents in her District just to see how things are going. She has asked if the Auxiliary having any problems? She has checked with the President to see if all reports are being forwarded in a timely way to the Department Program Chairmen. She has offered suggestions for various projects to help an Auxiliary be 100% reported in all programs. She has checked with the President to see if a committee has been appointed to help the Treasurer collect the dues. She has checked with the Treasurer of an Auxiliary to determine why no dues have been remitted to date. She has checked with the Treasurer to see if all monies required for a Banner have been remitted. She has offered to help in any way possible. She has attended her District Meeting and approached all Commanders of Bachelor Posts to talk to them about having an Auxiliary of their own. She has started the process of getting a new Auxiliary instituted.

**The Chief of Staff is asking that each Deputy Chief submit a short report on her activities to date in order for her to begin to compile a rap sheet on her various capers.**

Let's be active in SUPPORTING OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM by taking TIME FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY HEROES. Growing the Ladies Auxiliary ensures that the organization will remain strong, loud and proud.

Happy a wonderful Thanksgiving and be safe in your travels.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of help.

Pat Baldwin PO Box 69 Rice VA 23966 434-392-4630 (H) 434-607-1155 (C)

HISTORIAN

NOVEMBER 2009

DEAR LADIES,

LET'S GET RIGHT TO BUSINESS!

COLUMBUS DAY

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO VIRGINIA

"MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"

STATUE OF LIBERTY'S BIRTHDAY

THESE ARE JUST A FEW EVENTS THAT I WILL BE GETTING PICTURES OF.  
RIGHT?

I *BELIEVE* MY MAIL BOX WILL BE FULL OF PHOTOS OF YOU GIVING

"*TIME*" TO OUR "*MILITARY HEROES*" WHILE "*SUPPORTING OUR LEGACY  
OF FREEDOM*"

PRESIDENT KATHY LOVES PICTURES!

AS I PROMISED, HERE'S THE "WANTED LIST":

DISTRICT 1- 176,5500,6002- 50%

DISTRICT 2- 993,3160,4411,4809,9382- 29%

DISTRICT 3- 2239,4639,6364,8356,9809,10387,  
10657- 30%

DISTRICT 4- 622,637,2584,5313,7059,7166,8048,8163,  
8759,8902,9855- 15%

DISTRICT 5- 4637,7568,7800,8467- 50%

DISTRICT 6- 1444,1841,2157,4522,5311,7854- 25%

DISTRICT 7- 621,2123,8613,9292,9760- 43%

DISTRICT 8- 3103,7589- 33%

DISTRICT 9- 6000,7136,7328,7969,9640-38%

DISTRICT 10- NONE REPORTED- 0%(I KNOW YOU'RE THERE!!!!)

DISTRICT 11-1499,2216,2424,3136,4204,7814,8279,8644,  
9480,10826- 17%

DISTRICT 12- NONE REPORTED- 0%(LET'S ROLL!!!)

DISTRICT 13- 1827,7638,8436- 57%

LOYALLY, JUNE TUCKER

5102 TIFFANYWOODS CT. HENRICO,VA 23223-2713

## HOSPITAL & VAVS 2009 - 2010

### NOVEMBER 2009 GENERAL ORDERS

**To: Department President; PDPs; District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents; Secretaries; Hospital & VAVS Chairmen and members**

**From: Ellen Carleton, Department Hospital & VAVS Chairman  
13440 Pinwheel Court Phone: 703-878-1019  
Dale City, Va. 22193 Email: [elcvfw1503@msn.com](mailto:elcvfw1503@msn.com)**



**When President Kathy Birch asked me to take over the Hospital & VAVS Chairmanship, I was delighted to once again get an opportunity to work with the wonderful group of ladies who volunteer in our organization. I was especially happy to be working on the second national program adopted by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW in 1928.**

**Carol Vangi has been forwarding any reports she is still receiving, first via email and then via the post office, so my auxiliary status should be fairly accurate up to the date given.**

**Quick quiz - What does VAVS stand for?? We say it all the time, but do we really know? Answer at end of report.**

### **Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project (HVWP)**

**The following is a direct quote from the Veterans' Voices website:**

In 1952, M. Sally Keach and Gladys Helzberg, with assistance from the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Women in Communications, Theta Sigma Phi, established *Veterans' Voices* to provide hospitalized veterans an outlet for writing. What started as an outreach program for veterans returning from World War II has become a respected component of the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center recreation and rehabilitation program. Now, with the return of injured veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, the project is more important than ever.

**If you have ever felt unsure of how you can help our hospitalized veterans, here is a great opportunity to serve as a veteran writing aide. Whether it be capturing the experiences of our quickly dwindling number of WWII veterans, or of the ever increasing number of newly injured, this program helps veterans work through traumatic or life-changing events. See the October General Orders for more details on the HVWP program. For information on submission guidelines, go to [www.veteransvoices.org](http://www.veteransvoices.org) or contact your VA medical center.**

**Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are all just around the corner. Start now with your plans to make or donate items to our veterans or to visit veterans in any of the many facilities throughout the state. *It's Time for America's Military Heroes* to be remembered each and every day, but especially on the holidays. Please continue volunteering and *Supporting our Legacy of Freedom*.**

**Please note that I have changed the report form a bit and that I am changing the awards that will be offered at the June convention.**

**The new report form is included with these General Orders or it can be found online at the Department of Virginia website (<http://www.vfwvaaux.org>). Just click on 'Forms' and then on 'Hospital' (either *word* or *pdf* format).**

### **Award at Winter Conference**

**There will be a \$10 drawing from those who have paid their \$35 Hospital & VAVS Fund contribution and have submitted at least one report.**

### **Department Awards June Convention**

**Department awards at the June 2010 Department Convention will be a citation and check (amounts will be listed next month) to:**

- 1. Auxiliary with the best overall Hospital Program**
- 2. Auxiliary with the best overall promotion to recruit regularly-scheduled volunteers**
- 3. Auxiliary with the best reported Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project**

### **Additional Awards**

- A check for \$100 will be given to the Department of Virginia's Outstanding Hospital & VAVS Volunteer of the Year.**
- I will present a special citation to each Auxiliary that submits an application for either the Outstanding Hospital & VAVS Volunteer of the Year or for the National Advisory Committee's (NAC) Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year.**

**Auxiliaries not reported as of 10/10/09 (%reported in parentheses):**

**District 1:** 176, 6002 (67%)

**District 2:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!

**District 3:** 6364, 9808 (80%)

**District 4:** 2584, 5313 (83%)

**District 5:** 2820 (89%)

**District 6:** 1841, 4522, 7854 (62%)

**District 7:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!

**District 8:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!

**District 9:** 7136, 9640 (75%)

**District 10:** 8241 (87%)

**District 11:** 632, 3136, 7814, 8279, 10826 (58%)

**District 12:** 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 10298, 10310 (11%)

**District 13:** 2217, 8436 (71%)

**The Department currently has 79 auxiliaries reported and is at 74 %.**

**VAVS - means Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (program)**

*Remember our veterans on Veterans Day and have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Ellen*



HOSPITAL & VAVS Report Form 2009-2010  
(May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010)

**Send completed report forms to:**

Ellen Carleton, Hospital & VAVS Chairman  
13440 Pinwheel Court, Dale City, VA 22193-3902  
Email: [elcvfw1503@msn.com](mailto:elcvfw1503@msn.com) Telephone: (703) 878-1019

**VA MEDICAL CENTERS**

# of members volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_ # of hours spent volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of members making donated items: \_\_\_\_\_ # of hours making donated items: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount/Value of donated items: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # miles driven: \_\_\_\_\_

**NURSING HOMES, OUTPATIENT CLINICS, COMMUNITY OR OTHER HOSPITALS**

# of members volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_ # of hours spent volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of members making donated items: \_\_\_\_\_ # of hours making donated items: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount/Value of donated items: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # miles driven: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUXILIARY SPONSORED NON-MEMBER VOLUNTEERS (IN VA MEDICAL CENTERS, NURSING HOMES, OUTPATIENT CLINICS AND HOSPITALS)**

# of non-members volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_ # of hours spent volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of non-members making donated items: \_\_\_\_\_ # of hours making donated items: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount/Value of donated items: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # miles driven: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUXILIARY MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN HOSPITALIZED VETERANS WRITING PROJECT (OR DONATION TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS WRITING PROJECT)**

# of volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of hours spent volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_

**# OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT FOR JUDGING OF THE NAC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: \_\_\_\_\_**

Additional monies sent to the Department Treasurer earmarked for Hospital and VAVS:  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a separate piece of paper with a complete description of any special projects or events in which you have participated.**

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Auxiliary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary President** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact information: phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact information: phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

## LEGISLATIVE – PAC

Irene Peters, Chairman  
Department of Virginia  
804-328-2464  
[ipeters@bww.com](mailto:ipeters@bww.com)

November 2009

**“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”** to be taken care of and protected with legislative issues for **“Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom”!!!**

**Thanks** for the hard work of our Washington Office and all those who have worked diligently on the Legislative Priority Goals. **VFW Helps Block TRICARE Co-payment Increase:** VFW swung into action last week when TRICARE announced an intention to increase inpatient co-payment fees from \$535 to \$645 per day for retirees, family members and survivors covered under TRICARE Standard. The VFW National Legislative Service wrote congressional leaders as well as the Secretary of Defense to block the plan. The effort paid off as House and Senate leaders prohibited the increase in the FY 2010 National Defense Authorization Act

. The **Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act (H.R. 1211)** remains a top priority of the VFW for the benefit of our female veterans. This bill will expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, including studies in barriers to care, mental health services for PTSD, MST, and extended health care to newborns of female veterans immediately following birth.

The House on Tuesday approved the Conference Report for the FY2010 National Defense Authorization Act. While there are plenty of things about the authorization to be pleased about, there are several noteworthy disappointments as well. Some of the highlights of this legislation are:

- A 3.4% pay raise for active duty, Guard and Reserve members.
- Prohibiting the Pentagon from implementing any TRICARE inpatient care co-payment increase for FY2010.
- Authorizing premium-based TRICARE coverage for "gray area" Reserve retirees who are under age 60.
- Authorizing special compensation on behalf of caregivers of severely wounded warriors while on active duty.
- Requiring a medical examination before administrative separation of members affected by traumatic brain injury or PTSD.
- Protecting absentee voting rights for military members and families.
- Expanding active-duty TRICARE eligibility for activated Guard/Reserve members and their families.

Citing lack of funding, House and Senate conferees did remove some important items from the final report, however, including:

- A House plan to phase out the disability offset to retired pay for medically retired (Chapter 61) members. This is a particularly devastating setback because, for the first time, the President's budget had included concurrent receipt, and House leaders had found funding for the first year. Unfortunately, Senate conferees objected to the specific funding sources identified by the House, and leaders could not find other offsets to comply with Senate budget scoring rules.
- The Senate initiative to repeal the deduction of VA survivor benefits from military SBP annuities, again for lack of funding offsets.
- A Senate-approved provision to authorize retroactive Reserve retirement age credit for active duty service since Sept. 11, 2001 (current law credits only service since Jan. 28, 2008), again for lack of funding offsets.

**VISIT, PHONE, OR EMAIL your Representatives and Senators!** A personal visit carries the greatest impact to members of Congress, with phone calls and emails following close behind. Remember to **educate** your members and community on the legislative process!

**Keep up the good work and REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!**

**DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** Phone each of your Auxiliaries. Urge them to get their reports in EARLY. Be the first District to be 100% reported!!!

**AWARDS** will be presented at the Department Convention to the Auxiliary with the Best Overall Promotion of Legislative issues and process, and to the first District to be 100% reported.

**AUXILIARIES NOT YET REPORTED: (as of 10/10/09)**

<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>176, 3219, 6002, (50% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>392, 993, 3160, 4411, 4809, 8545 (14% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501, 10387, 10657 (30% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 8048, 8759, 8902, 9954 (23% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>1115, 4637, 7726, 8467 (50% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>1264, 1444, 1841, 4522, 5311, 7854 (25% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>621, 8613, 9292, (62% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>3103, 7589 (33% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>1184, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640, (25% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>3150, 7327, 7916, 8241, 9274, 9478 (25% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>632, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826 (8% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10310 (0% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>1827, 2217, 7638, 8169, 8436, 10574 (14% reported)</b>

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**NOVEMBER 2009**

To: District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Treasurers, and Membership  
Chairmen and Auxiliary Members

CC: Susan Eveland, National Membership Director  
Helen Bell, Southern Conference Chairman

From: Robin Milewski, Department Membership Chairman  
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"It's Time for America's Military Heroes"  
"Believe ... and you will receive; doubt ... and you do without"  
"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom"

Rioting has ensued!!! Virginia is in the state of LOCKDOWN! We are looking for qualified members everywhere (and I mean everywhere - I found one on the beach this weekend - WHERE DID YOU LOOK!). There is only 2 months to make our December deadline. (Don't forget to contact the local bases Family Readiness Groups - I have found that they have been looking for us - DON'T WAIT MAKE CONTACT!!!)

The bars are rattling! The PRISONERS are getting restless! LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THERE WILL BE LENIENCY (and lunacy) FOR ANY DISTRICT PRESIDENT THAT STARTS A NEW AUXILIARY IN THEIR DISTRICT. (Contact those bachelor posts!)

**RETAIN - RECRUIT - REINSTATE**

As the Chairman for the Department of Virginia Parole Board, I am expecting a mass release at the Winter Council of Administration Meeting in January. Please note that there will be no time off for GOOD BEHAVIOR. Release will only come after a completed sentence of 100% Membership. Keep reviewing your monthly General Orders, as there will be an opportunity to obtain a much-coveted and quite elusive "BUS PASS" only eligible PAROLEES will be entered for this drawing.

### Reminder Membership Deadlines:

#### Auxiliary:

- **100% Membership - Auxiliaries 151-250 members: Received at Nat'l Hq by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - \$75 award.** Auxiliary 3219 in District 1 has 120/205 for 58.54%; Auxiliary 9808 in District 3 has 125/157 for 79.62%; Auxiliary 7726 in District 5 has 125/159 for 78.62%; Auxiliary 1869 in District 7 has 96/154 for 62.34%; Auxiliary 9760 also in District 7 has 102/184 for 55.43%; Auxiliary 3150 in District 10 has 132/161 for 81.99%; Auxiliary 632 in District 11 has 174/224 for 77.68% and the closest to our goal is **Aux 9954 in District 4 has 194/198 for 97.98% only 4 more members - impressive!**
- **100% Membership - Auxiliaries 251 or more members: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 - \$75 award.** Auxiliary 392 in District 2 has 277/323 for 85.76%; Auxiliary 3160 in District 2 has 233/278 for 83.81%; Auxiliary 1115 in District 5 has 150/456 for 32.89%; and the closest to our goal is **Auxiliary 1503 in District 10 has 311/358 for 86.87% - keep up the good work!**
- **100% Membership - Special Award Auxiliary Presidents: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 - Special Pin from the Nat'l President.** *We already have 9 Auxiliaries qualified for this award!* (There are 9 more Auxiliaries that have above 90% - almost there!)

#### District:

- **90% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31, 2009 - "America's Pride" Pin from the National President for the District President and Membership Chairman.** *(We have 2 Districts already above 80% and 4 more above 70% - keep those memberships coming in!)*
- **100% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - \$100 to the District and an "It's Time For America's Heroes" Plate for the District President and the Membership Chairman.**
- **105% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 - \$200 award.** (We already have Aux 824 with 125%; 622 with 110.64%; and Aux 3782 with 114.29%.)

#### As of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Department of Virginia is at 67.10% in Membership.

District 10 is in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 83.23% in Membership.

District 8 is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 82.28% in Membership.

District 2 is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 77.97% in Membership.

#### Congratulations to:

Dist 1 Aux 824 with 125%

Dist 12 Aux 3782 with 114.29%

Dist 4 Aux 622 with 110.64%

Dist 12 Aux 1994 with 102.78%

Dist 1 Aux 5500 with 100%

Dist 1 Aux 7167 with 100%

Dist 10 Aux 609 with 100%

Dist 10 Aux 9478 with 100%

Dist 13 Aux 9436 with 100%

Honorable Mention: 7059; 9954; 9501; 4639; 8169; 4204; 1444; 1264 and 2239.

President's Special Project  
Fisher House

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Greetings Fellow Sisters:

**As the holidays are soon approaching think of how you can Support our Legacy of Freedom by giving to Fisher House. Many families that stay in a Fisher House over the holidays are struggling. They are glad to be with a loved one while they are receiving treatment, but are saddened to maybe miss out on a Thanksgiving meal or Christmas dinner with extended family. Here are just a few ideas to brighten their spirits. Get the ladies in your auxiliary to send Christmas cards to each Fisher House in Virginia, just to let these Military Heroes know that we appreciate all they have done and are thinking of them during this time of year. Go to one of the homes and decorate for Fall or the holiday season. Rake the leaves in the front yards. There are tons of "little" things you can do to remember Americas Military Heroes.**

**I am happy to say that reports have been coming in at a fairly steady pace. Don't let up now!!!! I would like to have some great reports to read, as the weather is getting colder. Don't forget to send me a report when you send in a monetary donation to Dept Treasurer Mary Richards. That goes for the Districts too!!**

Blessings,

**Ashley Crider**

Auxiliaries NOT Reported

1	176,6002
2	993,3160,4411,4809,8545,9382
3	2239,4639,6364,8046,8356,9501,9808,10387,10654,10657
4	622,637,2584,5313,7059,7166,7819,8048,8163
5	1115,4637,7726,8467
6	1444,1841,4522,5311,7854
7	621,8613,9292,9660
8	2524,3103,7589
9	1184,6000,7136,7328,7969,9640
10	609,1503,3150,7327,8241,9274,9478
11	632,2216,2424,3136,4204,7814,8279,8644,9339,9480
12	1994,3782,6975,8652,8979,9600,9830,10310
13	1827,2217,7638,8169,8436,10574

## ***Veteran & Family Support***

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### ***It's Time for America's Heroes.***

#### ***Banner requirements***

***You must complete 3 out of 4,***

***1. VFW National Military Service***

***(Military Assistance Program (MAP) Operation Uplink, Adopt-A-Unit, Unmet needs)***

***2. VFW National Homes for Children***

***3. Continuing Education Scholarship***

***4. Buddy Poppy***

**Remember Report, report, report**

**Reporting Period: May 1, 2009- April 30, 2010**

**I must have my reports by the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, so I can have my report in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

**I will be giving Citations to the Auxiliary that contributes 25 cents of more per member to the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund based on the June 30, 2009 membership**

**Also I will be having a drawing of \$25.00 .How Many Auxiliaries who have done a farewell/ home coming's you report your name is put in the drawing. This will be in June at convention. Please get out there and show these people we care. Please report.**

### **NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES**

There are three main efforts of the National Military Services department: Military Assistance Program (MAP), Operation Uplink and Unmet Needs. Each program provides its own focus of support for military service members and their families.

**All donations must be sent to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, earmarked for the National Military Services. The funds used by the VFW where they are needed most. Copies of the donations (checks) and a report on how the programs were promoted go to the Department Chairman. Money is not collected by the**

**Department Treasurer.** The Military Assistance Program (MAP) provides support for the Post, District and Department interaction with the local military community, bringing the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary to active duty, guard and Reserve military units. Map offers grants to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries who participate in military unit functions such as sponsoring farewell and welcome home activities, Adopt-A- Unit and Family Readiness Group events. Another aspect of MAP is the Memorial Commendation for a service member killed in action. This commendation intended to be presented by a VFW representative, is an example of the continued support this organization provides. *Operation Uplink* connects active-duty troops and hospitalized veterans with their families and friends. The connections include both international and domestic phone cards and Free Call days, one scheduled for every month of the year, where troops can call home- at no charge- from internet cafes throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. All card requests, which must include the unit designation, head count and a point of contact, are submitted through Department Chairmen. Through Unmet Needs the VFW provides grants up to \$2,500 to eligible service members and their families facing a hardship due to deployment or military service. This grant is available to the five branches of service, as well as members of the Reserves and National Guard. With funding from corporate sponsors and individual donations, the VFW Foundation administers and promotes the Unmet Needs program. Eligibility criteria and expenses eligible for consideration of payment are listed on the VFW Web site along with a new application to accelerate processing. National Military Service programs

**.VFW National Home for Children** located on 629 acres in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is the most unique community in the nation. Established in 1925, the National Home is a multi-faceted facility created to care for the developmental, social and spiritual needs of the children and families of the VFW and active military personnel. A neighborhood of custom homes, service buildings and recreational land, the National Home stands as a tribute to the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members who have supported and continue to support the home today through contributions. The VFW National Home receives no government funding, so contributions are critical to maintain

the programs and campus. The Ladies Auxiliary promotes funding through the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund with a **donation of 10 cent per member based on Auxiliary June 30 membership quota**. Other methods of giving include the Campbell's Labels for Education Program, the new Online Giving Option, Tribute Giving and Life Membership. For information on all funding options available for individual donors, refer to the National Home's Web site, [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org), or call their toll-free number, (800)424-8360. Our commitment to the mission of the National Home remains to provide

#### **Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship**

A primary objective of this Ladies Auxiliary is support to the members and their families. Education is one of these goals. The continuing Education Scholarship is available to members, their spouse or children who have reached 18 years of age to pursue a college degree or technical trade. One scholarship of \$1,000 will be given to a candidate from each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary for one year prior to application is required to qualify. The newly revised one- page application is available to download at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org) and **must be received** at National Headquarters by February 15, 2010. Prior winners are not eligible.

#### **Buddy Poppy**

The Buddy Poppy, an integrals part of the VFW community since 1922, is the official memorial flower representing the bloodshed by Americans service members and reiterates that their sacrifices will not be forgotten. Today, as in the past, men and women veterans in VA hospitals, domiciliary and state veteran's homes assemble poppies and are paid by the VFW. The proceeds from a Buddy Poppy distribution are placed in the **Ladies Auxiliary Relief Fund** and used solely for veteran's welfare or the well-being of their needy dependents or the orphans of veterans. A listing of accepted expenditures from this Relief Fund can be found in the Ladies Auxiliary Booklet of Instruction.

A successful Buddy Poppy Campaign requires planning and enthusiasm. Choose your campaign dates, publicize the event and select your volunteers wisely. Their enthusiasm and smiles create a friendly atmosphere which projects a good image; winning combinations. The "*It's About Service- How to have a Successful Program Year 2009-10 Program Guide*" has tips for a successful campaign and contest details. New in 2009, the Buddy Poppy Program offered an additional opportunity to distribute poppies. Along with Memorial Day and Veterans Day, March 3 was deemed the All American Star Spangled Bonus Day. This Buddy Poppy date marks the anniversary of VFW's victory in sealing "The Star Spangled Banner" as the national anthem. The additional of an official day for a Buddy Poppy Campaign reinforces the two- fold importance of the Buddy Poppy that has not changed since its inception: our continued commitment to "veterans helping veterans" and the VFW's motto of "Honor the Dead by helping the living."

You can download all forms for all programs at [www.vfwdepartmentsources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentsources.org).

Ladies lets have a fun year and help the veterans and their families in time of need. Or just be there for them, when they just need a friend or some one to talk to.

**"Remember we have Veterans among us."**Please keep all troops away in safe hands and keep them in your prayer, that they come home safe.

#### **I have to get your report by the 1st of the month to be reported for the next general orders.**

##### **Has NOT Reported**

District1:176,, 6002

District2:993, 4809, 9382

District3:2239 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501,9808, 10657

District4: 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 8048, 8759,8902,9954

District5:647, 4637,7800,8467

District6:1033, 1444, 1841, 2157,4522,5311,7854

District7:621, 1860,8613,9292,9660

District8:2524, 3103, 7589

District9:1184, 6000,7136,7969,9640

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District12:1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600,9830, 10310

District13:1827, 2217, 7638,8169,8436,10574

# VFW National Home for Children

## Press Release

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**For Immediate Release**  
October 12, 2009

## National Home - 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** – The VFW National Home for Children celebrates 85 years of helping children and families of our nation's veterans this coming January. The 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be commemorated with a special project spearheaded by 2009-10 National President Jan Tittle and the Ladies Auxiliary.

At her recent homecoming celebration President Tittle announced the project asking Ladies Auxiliary Departments, Conferences, Auxiliaries and members to join together to help purchase a wonderful 85<sup>th</sup> birthday gift to take care of a very special need for a **29 passenger Mini-Bus**.

In December 2010, a new state law will prevent the National Home from using the 11 passenger vans to transport children, therefore, the National Home needs a Mini-Bus.

Throughout the year, the National Home transports larger groups of children for educational field trips, sporting events, recreational activities and to do community service work. During the summer, the Education and Recreation Departments transports larger groups of children several times weekly.

The Mini-Bus will meet or exceed all State and federal laws for transporting children and a Commercial Driver License will be required for drivers of the bus. The goal is \$60,000 for the mini-bus project.

President Tittle asks members and auxiliaries to join in and **send a birthday card to the National Home and if possible, enclose a donation for the Mini-Bus**. The Home will display the cards prominently during the celebration by using them to fill in a large outline of a mini-bus. President Tittle will visit the National Home in January for the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday party, and hopes the outline of the bus is filled by then.

The ladies have wasted no time in making this project happen. Dept of Ohio President Meg Klaameyer challenged her fellow members at the homecoming celebration who raised \$479.25 on the spot!

At her homecoming, President Tittle also surprised National Home Executive Director Green with a donation of \$5,000 to get this project off to a great start.

Another fun part of the mini bus special project is an 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mini-Bus Keychain Contest. Those who wish can send in a fun and special key chain to the National Home. The children will vote for their favorite keychain which will then become the official mini-bus keychain.

Notice: The 7 passenger mini-vans the Home has received from the Campbell label program are still very much needed to transport small groups of children. So please keep the Campbell UPC codes coming in!

With your generous help, the children will have reliable transportation to educational, social, and community service activities, helping their young minds and souls to flourish.

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has provided Help, Hope and Honor for the children and families of our nation's military and veterans. For more information please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org).

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# VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN PROGRAM

November 2009

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## **Voice of Democracy--"Does America Still Have Heroes" Patriot's Pen -- "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes"**

November 1, 2009 is the local deadline for the Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Program. It is now time to contact your schools and home-schooled students regarding their entries in this scholarship program. November 1<sup>st</sup> is an ending, but it could also be a great beginning. What better time would there be to talk to our students about this program for next year. Students should learn early that by participating in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Program they will be **"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom"**.

Have you selected your judges and are they ready to begin? The judges should be prominent members of your community, such as educators, members of the media or local government. Have they been supplied with the judging criteria?

### **Voice of Democracy**

**Originality** is worth 30 points. Treatment of the theme should show the student's imagination and human interest.

**Content** is worth 35 points. The student should clearly express their ideas in an organized manner, fully develop their theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

**Delivery** is worth 35 points. The student should speak in a clear and credible manner.

Prizes and scholarships are awarded at the local, district, state, and national level. The top scholarship being \$30,000.

## **Patriot's Pen**

**Knowledge of the Theme** is worth 30 points. The student must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in their work and demonstrate how they researched the issue extensively.

**Theme Development** is worth 35 points. The student must answer all relevant facts about the theme such as who, what, where, when, and why, and relate the theme to their own experiences.

**Clarity of Ideas** is worth 35 points. The student must write their essay in an easy-to-understand format. They must leave the reader with a clear understanding of their explanation of the theme.

On the National level various amounts of U. S. Savings Bonds are awarded with first place being \$10,000.

Now that the deadline is behind us all we need to do is REPORT, REPORT, REPORT and REPORT.

Make sure reports sent regard the Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen program. I have received some that do not. Make sure your report will be counted and your auxiliary is taken off the list as not being reported..

Auxiliaries **Not** Reported as of October 7, 2009

District 1	176, 824, 6002 ,7167
District 2	392, 993, 3160, 4411, 4809, 8545 ,9382
District 3	2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501, 9808, 10654, 10657
District 4	637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819,8048, 8163, 8759, 8902
District 5	647, 1115, 4637, 7726, 7800, 8467
District 6	1033, 1264, 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
District 7	621. 2123, 2447, 8613, 9292
District 8	2524, 3103, 7589
District 9	1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640
District 10	609, 1503, 3150, 7327, 7916, 8241, 9274, 9478
District 11	632, 1499, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814,8644, 9339, 9480, 10826
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**“IT’S TIME FOR AMERICA’S MILITARY HEROES” BECAUSE WE ARE  
“SUPPORTING OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM”**

# Ways & Means

## November 2009

*The purpose of the Ways & Means Program is to raise funds for the Department of Virginia's budget. Monies raised will be used to promote our programs and give monetary awards to our Auxiliaries at the June 2010 Awards Ceremony.*



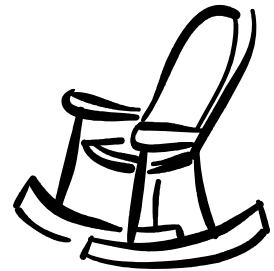
### Department Shirts

Long-sleeved button-down blue denim shirts in sizes Small through 2X. Logo on front right side. \$25.00

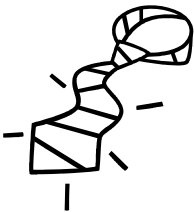
### Raffles & 50/50

Magestic Eagle lighted figurine: Chances \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Winning ticket will be drawn in January 2010 at the Winter COA/Conference.

White Rocking Chair with cushions (compares to chairs at Cracker Barrel): Chances \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winning ticket will be drawn in June 2010 at the Department Convention in Richmond.



Winter 50/50: Chances \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winning ticket to be drawn in Williamsburg.



### Available at the Ways & Means Table

RADA Knives  
Ladies Auxiliary Bears  
Scarves  
Ties  
Miscellaneous Items



### National Ladies Auxiliary VFW Labels/Notepads Program

Every time you send money in support of the National Label program, the Department receives a percentage of the amount collected. Please support the program.

### 2008-2009 Department Red Polo Shirt

A few inquiries have been made asking if the red shirts, with PDP Mary's logo, could be purchased. If you are interested in purchasing the shirt, please call Mary Horne or PDP Mary Profitt at (540) 463-6132.

### For More information

Mary Horne, Ways & Means Chairman

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## Youth Activities

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“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”  
It is only because of them we are  
“Supporting our Legacy of Freedom”

**Snowball Express IV** will be held in Dallas, Texas December 9th-13th, 2009. So get your donations in and if you can volunteer in some way, that would be great. Report your hours. Send Donations to: Snowball Express 3575 Lone Star Tower, Fort Worth TX. 76177.

**Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award:** This is open to students ages 12 to 15 who have provided outstanding volunteer service to his or her community from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. This is no longer done at the National level. Student Deadline is February 3, 2010. Department Deadline is March 3, 2010. Entry forms to follow.

**Youth Supporting our Troops:** National citation, and a personal letter from the National President will be awarded to the student for their efforts in support of our troops serving overseas, or who helped their families left behind.

Please get out to your schools with the information for the **Young American Patriotic Art Contest:** Student Deadline- March 31, 2010.

The number of Junior Girls is dwindling down. Please take the How to Organize a Junior Girls Unit sheet and pass it around your Auxiliary meeting. You might be surprised. There might be some future members on that list.

### Department Awards

Patriotic Art winners  
1<sup>st</sup>- \$150    2<sup>nd</sup>- \$100    3<sup>rd</sup>- \$75

Youth Awards  
\$50 to the Auxiliary with the best overall youth program  
\$25 for the best participation for a youth in Youth Supporting Our Troops  
\$25 for the Auxiliary with the best participation in the Patriotic Art Contest

Youth Volunteer of the Year Award - \$75  
Junior Girls Unit  
\$50 for the best participation by a Junior Girls Unit  
Junior Girls Achievement Award - \$75

The hour glass is ticking. It's Time to get your reports in.

The following Auxiliaries are reported.

	1 of 5	2 of 5
District 1:		824, 3219, 5500, 7167
District 2:	3160	392, 4809
District 3:	None	
District 4:	7819, 9855	622
District 5:		7568, 8243
District 6:	1033	1264
District 7:		1860, 2123, 2447
District 8:	7589	
District 9:	9696	
District 10:	None	
District 11:		1499
District 12:	None	
District 13:	8436, 8947	

Sisters, let's **Get our Youth Involved.**

**Love,**  
*Shema Peppers*