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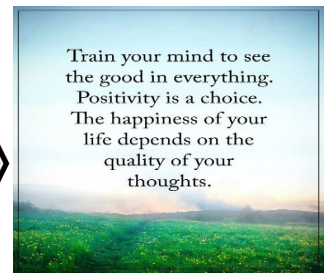


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Department President’s Theme:

“ENPOWERING VETERANS, ENRICHING COMMUNITIES”

National President’s Theme:

“FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS”

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 12:12 PM
To: ellenstogsdill@cox.net
Subject: Official Ruling on Property Ownership

Attention, Attached is an Official Ruling from the VFW Auxiliary National President Brenda Bryant. Please share with your Auxiliary members as appropriate.
Respectfully, VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters



January 14, 2025

OFFICIAL RULING – Property Ownership

At the 2024 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, the **VFW Auxiliary National Bylaw, Article IX, Sec. 920 – Property Ownership** was passed. To resolve any confusion, I have made this official ruling on the interpretation of this Bylaw.

As stated in **Sec. 920, B.**, *For the purposes of these Bylaws, personal property is defined as tangible and intangible property that is moveable, even if a small amount of disassembly is required to move. C., For the purposes of these Bylaws, real property is defined as land and permanent structures on the land.* Therefore, be it known that:

- Auxiliaries may own personal property, **per Sec. 920, A.**
- When personal property is placed in a VFW Post building, there shall be a clear understanding of who owns the property, how it will be used and disposed of if the VFW Post and/or VFW Auxiliary goes defunct.
- This understanding shall be in writing and signed by both the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.
- Any items without a clear, signed statement of ownership and usage, will be the property of the VFW Post.
- Items donated to the VFW Post prior to the Bylaw change, are the property of the VFW Post, unless there is a previously signed document stating otherwise.
- Additionally, the Auxiliary may not charge the VFW Post rent to use items purchased by the Auxiliary that are kept at the VFW Post building (e.g., tables, chairs, etc.), unless a written agreement exists between the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW Post for the rental of these items.
- Any shed or building purchased by the Auxiliary and placed on the VFW Post property shall belong to the VFW Post and not the Auxiliary. The VFW Post as owner pays the taxes and insurance on such property. Any ad valorem tax or any other taxes are the responsibility of the owner of the property.
- The exception to this is that Auxiliary specific and/or Auxiliary branded items (e.g., Auxiliary Charter, Auxiliary Flags, Color Bearer Flags, Auxiliary Banners, Auxiliary Plaques, Auxiliary Awards, etc.) remain the property of the Auxiliary.

The goal is teamwork. We encourage all VFW Auxiliaries and VFW Posts to work together. Clear communication is the key.

By Order of



Brenda Bryant
National President
BB:AP: cb

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President Dawn Kuhn



Reminder:

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

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy St. Patrick's Day!! Keep in mind you have until April 30, 2025, to get your auxiliary reported for the year 2024-2025. Anything after May 1 will be counted toward the next year. I know how hard every auxiliary works. Please share all your wonderful projects by reporting. You never know you could win an award in June.

Membership is strong in Virginia this year, but we still have some work to do. Be sure to reach out to your members and always be on the lookout for new members. Together we can be stronger and grow.

Commander and President

Homecoming

March 22, 2025, Post 2447, 100 Veterans Way, Edinburg, VA
 Hotel with Block of rooms: Holiday Inn Express
 1130 Motel Drive, Woodstock, VA. Phone: 540-459-5000
 Room rates: \$110.00 (available for Friday and Saturday night)
 The cutoff date is Saturday February 21, 2025, for the Hotel.

REMINDER

Cutoff date to RSVP is 3/10/2025 to Liz Wilson,
lizwilson3456@gmail.com We need a count to ensure we have
 enough food.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES: Please make sure that you are sending Attendance at District Meetings to the Outstanding Auxiliary Chairman Maggie Myers and Patty Baskett.

April

April is the month to elect officers and delegates for your District, Department and National Conventions. Included in this month's communications are helpful tips for selecting delegates. Department Secretary Ellen Stogsdill will be sending delegate forms to the Auxiliary Secretaries. **If you have any questions regarding delegates, please reach out to Ellen for help.**

I encourage Auxiliary President to review the program tracking report to ensure your Auxiliary has been given credit for your reports. If you find an error, please reach out to the Department Program Chairman. We are only human and sometimes we miss things. I am very proud of everyone's hard work and dedication

Thank you all for everything you do for our Veterans, their families, and your community.

ATTEST:

Ellen Stogsdill

Ellen Stogsdill
 Department Secretary
 VFW Auxiliary, Virginia

BY ORDER OF:

Dawn M. Kuhn

Dawn Kuhn
 Department President
 VFW Auxiliary, Virginia





Centennial Book

Deadline for photo Submission April 15, 2025



Please know that any photos submitted After the April 15, 2025, deadline will not be included in the centennial book.



As a group we need to start looking through our old Photos. We want to be sure we Honor our membership.

Need help submitting your photos? Let us know.
We must have enough photos to create a book.



Questions?

Where do I send the photos: Tracey Hoffman marketing@vfwva.org

What photos can I send:

1. Auxiliary Veterans
2. Auxiliary members, past presidents, past department president, past national presidents. We want to celebrate our auxiliary organization.
3. Any Gold Star, Blue Star or Silver star family entries must accompany the release from signed by the family.

What do I need to include:

1. Who is in the photo: List as many as you can.
2. What is the event and where is the event.
3. Include your auxiliary and district number
4. Please use the photo information form. It makes it easier to understand the information associated with the photo.

Together we can create a centennial book that we all can be proud of. A collection of photos that we can reminisce about the past and remember our members that built this organization. We can remember why we work hard and Honor all our past and current members.

Photo Release Form

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Department of Virginia



I, _____, hereby authorize the use of my photograph and military and or family information, to be used in the June 2025 Department Virginia Auxiliary Convention book. This information will not be used for any other social media or department of Virginia media accounts.

Attached is the photo I would like to use in the June 2025 Special Centennial convention book. The department of Virginia auxiliary turns 100 6/14/2025.

Branch of Service: _____ Rank: _____

Dates of Service: _____

District # _____ Auxiliary # _____

Are you a Gold Star, Blue Star, or White Star Family? _____

Would you like to honor the veteran in your family: _____

Name of Veteran: _____

Rank / Military Service _____

Would you like to share a photo of your honored veteran? _____

If you would please fill out this form and with Photos.

Do you have photos from the past that showcase our members who helped build our great organization and would like to share them?

Information on who, what, where and why about the photo.

Thank you for supporting us in creating a centennial convention book.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Department President Dawn Kuhn

kuhn@comcast.net 804-909-5792.

Please send photos and forms to Tracy Hoffman marketing@vfwva.org

Signature _____ Date _____

Auxiliary# _____ District t# _____

Crystal Woods - Department of Virginia Americanism Chairman 2024-2025

February 2025

Hello everyone! Hard to believe we have made it to February. They say time flies when you are having fun and this year as Americanism Chairman sure has been fun.

From our National Ambassador: As the winter season comes to an end and spring is around the corner, it's the perfect time for Auxiliaries to visit schools and other places and look at the conditions of their Flags. It may be time for their Flags to be replaced. Offer to replace the Flags and show them the proper way to retire the U.S. Flag.

She also reminds us of the importance of Flag Education in our schools and communities.

Let's not forget about the awards at the end of the year! For the Americanism Program we have awards for Auxiliaries, Departments and Department Chairman. Learn all about these awards on page 11 of the 2024-2025 National Program Book.

Forms for the Presentation of Presidents at June convention. is now available. Please complete it and return it to me by May 16,2025.

As always take a look at the tracker and feel free to reach out if you see I overlooked anything and keep up the good work!

Upcoming Holidays:

Four Chaplains Day - February 3rd

USO Birthday - February 4th

National Salute to Veteran Patients - February 9 - 15

President's Day - February 17

Coast Guard Reserve Birthday - February 19



I hope everyone is having a Happy New Year. We are currently reported just under 60%. If you need suggestions for outreach activities don't hesitate to call or email me.

Now is the time to get your Auxiliary Outreach Collages started, the Deadline is fast approaching.

Awards for Auxiliaries DEADLINE Notice

1. Most outstanding photo collage created by the VFW Auxiliary of their VFW Auxiliary Outreach partnerships during the current Program Year.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that creates the most outstanding photo collage of their VFW Auxiliary partnerships during the current Program Year.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from the National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging.

I hope your Auxiliary has a very successful year.



Robert DeChamplain. 2024-2025 Auxiliary Outreach Chairman
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"Buddy"® Poppy/National Home Program-February 2025

Department of Virginia
National Ambassador, Jodie Hollinger
Department Chair, Kathy Voss



Happy Valentine's Day! I know some of you have special plans to share the love with the veterans in your community! Remember that this is a perfect opportunity to incorporate the Buddy Poppy into your plans! They are perfect for decorating cards and look beautiful wrapped around a lollipop or on a small box of chocolates!

I have enclosed the National guidelines for the Buddy Poppy Contest, along with the department entry form. Please note: Your submissions will be judged on FRIDAY of the convention, which is a change from past years. Should you have any questions, please reach out.

Also included in this communication are the forms for awards to be given by National. Please pay close attention to the deadlines as they are rapidly approaching. The form must be sent to me for judging before sending those selected to National Ambassador, Jodie!



I asked for birthday cards and, boy oh boy, did you send me cards! Over 350 cards were mailed off in a big box wrapped in birthday paper and yet another package had to be sent off!!! I just know the staff and residents are enjoying looking at all the many cards that have been hung around the gymnasium. Thank you for making Virginia proud!

Thanks to all who participated in the Birthday Bash we had at mid-winter for the National Home. It was a lot of fun, a little loud and I heard from many of you the cake was yummy! The giant card we signed was hand delivered to National Home staff.

UPDATE: Thank you so much for embracing the "Hearts4theHome" Initiative! To date, we have raised over \$8000.00 for the National Home because of your efforts. What a wonderful, hardworking department we have! I am so proud of all the work you are doing to support our veterans and their families, spread the word of what they do and especially honoring our VFW National Home as they celebrate 100 years of service. Keep it up!

As a reminder...the Virginia House Fund at the National Home is a little lower than we would like to see. If your auxiliary is blessed with funds in your general or relief fund that are available for use, please consider making a donation to the fund by earmarking your donation for the Virginia House and sending it to the VFW National Home – 3573 Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. I am confident that with your help we will get our fund up to where it needs to be to ensure the needs of the family living there are met!

I just arrived home from Michigan after my husband and I attended the VFW National Home 100th Birthday Gala held at the Doubletree Hotel in Lansing. What a fun evening we had visiting with friends from across the country and getting a

peek at all the exciting events that are upcoming at the home. I even had the opportunity to share a bag of goodies with our National Home Ambassador, Jodie Hollinger. Samples of our "hearts and homes", along with creative uses for the metal poppy and our new pin which will be given out to winners at our convention, were included! She even received a duplicate of part of my "costume" for awards this year! "Mary Poppy" will be on vacation so... the "Queen of Hearts" will make an appearance! Looking forward to a strong finish for this year and so appreciative of the wonderful and creative members in our department!

In Service to veterans, everywhere!

Kathy Voss

919-264-7839



“Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home

National Program Award No. 1 2024-2025 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event using the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event using the VFW “Buddy”[®] to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event using the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Ambassador Jodie Hollinger by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.



“Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home

National Program Award No. 2 2024-2025 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to recognize and celebrate the VFW National Home’s 100th Birthday.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to recognize and celebrate the VFW National Home’s 100th Birthday.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that recognized and celebrated the VFW National Home’s 100th Birthday. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Ambassador Jodie Hollinger by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman: _____
Signature

Date: _____

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Extension and Revitalization

March 2025

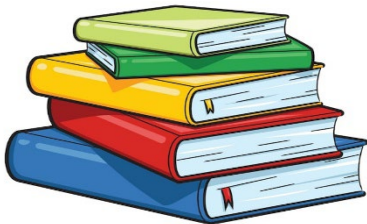
Extension – Department Chief of Staff working with VFW Post to form a new Auxiliary.

Revitalization – Helping Auxiliaries working to become and to continue to be a healthy Auxiliary.

The program year will soon be ending but there is still plenty of time to reach your goals. Utilize Members Resources in MALTA not only for Extension and Revitalization but for all the programs.

This is an opportunity to succeed this year and to build and grow for the ensuing year.

Mentoring is a big part of Revitalization. We look to our experienced members for guidance, but you can be your own mentor.



A quote from Dr. Seuss

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” From: I Can Read with My Eyes Shut

The Department Line Officers and District Presidents are here to assist your Auxiliary to continue our mission for serving our Veterans, their Families, and the community. Please do not hesitate to reach out for assistance.



sunflower

Let us cross the finish line together as a winner!!



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HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS

Chairman: Jamie Stewart
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King George, Va 22485
757-897-5521

As we are getting closer to the end of the program year, now is the time more than ever to send in your reports!

We have 6 districts that are 1 Auxiliary away from 100%! Remember, if you send photos or tag me on Facebook I will share on the Department Page!

100% Reported!

Congratulations to District 1 and 13!

A reminder from our National Historian

Auxiliary Historians are the members in your Auxiliary who reach out to all the media outlets in your area. This is how we spread the word, and the National organization has given us a multitude of resources that can be utilized to help Historians. These resources can be found in MALTA Member Resources, Historian & Media Relations.

PREPARATIONS BEFORE MAKING NEWS MEDIA CONTACT TO COVER AN EVENT:

Is your event occurring within the next month? Be prepared to answer any questions the media may have about the event and ensure that everyone involved knows their part. Will your community be interested in the event?

The more interesting you make the event, the more community participation you will get. Will your event assist your local community? A lot of what our Auxiliaries do helps our communities in some way. All our communities have veterans, their families, our members and youth groups.

VALENTINES For Vets



DEPARTMENT OF VA



Auxiliaries around Virginia participating in Valentines for Vets! In the collage are members and items from Aux1841, Aux 1994, Aux 1033, Aux 392, Aux 4809 and Aux 12202

National Award Information

Most outstanding promotion of the VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through social media sources.

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with the most outstanding promotion.

Find the form under member resources in Malta.

Due by March 31, 2025



Happy Valentines Day to all! Hopefully, you been able to reach out and share some love with a Veteran this month.



Continuing further into the rest of this year, I know with Spring coming we will all be busy please do not forget our Veterans. If your Auxiliary cannot visit those cards and notes are still an amazing way to keep the veterans spirits up. Does not need to be a special holiday, thinking of your cards dropped off at a VA Hospital, nursing home or a Vet center or even your neighbor down the street. Along with visits if possible that ALWAYS brings a smile to their face!



E aster is coming up, imagine getting some Easter Baskets or Bags together and giving them to a veteran and seeing the smile on their face, knowing someone cares for them! The Auxiliary can contact the activity director of any facility that you want to help with and find out what their needs are. It does not have to be cards and goodie bags it could be Basic items such as Shampoo, Shower Gel, Shaving Cream, or socks, these are just a few examples. The Director will know about what is needed. Consider a donation drive to get what is needed. It is the little things that can make the biggest impact.



I hope all Auxiliaries are looking at their members who deserve recognition for National State awards. Please, if you have any questions let me know and



Also, if any Auxiliaries have any pictures of visits or events that you all have done, please send them to me. I would love to send them to the national Ambassador to show her the amazing work you all do for our veteran's,



To all Auxiliaries: 118 members,845 hours, 643 miles and \$11,563.95, this is what we as VA Auxiliaries have accomplished so far this year. Do not stop now! **Let us finish the year strong!**

Martha Braunshausen msswusn@aol.com or 757-289-1686

VFW Auxiliary State Hospital Chairman



Chairman: Beverly Abbott
 130 Brookview Rd • Danville, VA 24540-3408
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As National President Brenda Bryant says, *From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans*. We do this by supporting the bills that are before our Representatives and Senators.

November elections resulted in voters **electing 11 candidates to serve in the U.S. House** from each of the state's 11 U.S. House districts. Be sure you know who your Representative is. Also, results for Virginia State Senate and House of Delegates results, go to

<https://enr.elections.virginia.gov/results/public/Virginia/elections/2024NovemberGeneral>

If your District was involved in the January Special Election (Districts 10, 26 & 32), the link is

<https://enr.elections.virginia.gov/results/public/Virginia/elections/2025-January-7-Specials>

National Award:

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event that collaborated with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers.

National Legislative award for Auxiliaries No. 1, due to me before March 31, 2025. If you need the form, please contact me.

Department awards:

- \$50 to the Auxiliary having the most MEMBERS respond to the VFW Action Alerts
- \$25 awards to two members for reaching out to their legislators
- \$25 to an Auxiliary that collaborated with their Post on reaching out to lawmakers

I want to thank all the auxiliaries that have reported, keep the wonderful reports coming. I want to leave you with an Irish blessing:

“ May peace and plenty bless your world with a joy that long endures and may all life’s passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.”

Remember to REPORT!!!
 For each report, add the new items that your Auxiliary members have done to let your voice be heard.
 Include your District and Auxiliary numbers!!!

Loyally,
Beverly Abbott





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From “**Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans**” begins with a positive and proactive step towards: **Finding**, **Engaging** with, and **Activating ALL** qualifying individuals.

Right now, somebody in your Auxiliary is going to lose their membership because they can't afford to pay their annual dues... Be their “**Pal-entine**”! For less than the cost of a fast-food meal deal, you can show them the **LOVE** by helping to pay their dues renewal for them! **Recruit♥Retain♥Rejoin**

Share the **LOVE** for our Veterans by growing our Auxiliary membership.

Membership Recruiter Awards:

National Award- 5 new/rejoin members- Recruiter Pin

National Award- 20 or more new/rejoin members- National Membership Achievement Award

Department Award- 10 or more new/rejoin members- Department Recruiter Award **** New****

When you sign up a new member, make sure to include your membership number on the recruiter line of the application to get credit for **Department and National Membership Recruiter Awards**.

#SouthernConference #VFWAUX #VARocksMembership



Membership QR Code

****New Item in VFW Store: ****

Take the Membership QR Code with you everywhere with the Red Auxiliary Keychain. \$4- add one or more to your next VFW Store order!

Product Code: 01096

<https://www.vfwstore.org/products/32640>

Growing Auxiliary Membership

With Love



Facts about The Blue Mountain: www.barnsatbluemountain.org

They are a 501c3 non-profit, they are a self-sustaining organization that relies on fundraising, donations, and grants to pay staff, care for their horse partners, monthly rent for their facilities, and all other expenses. They do work with Blue Mountain Therapy to provide quality services with their amazing staff. Their services are not billable to insurance companies currently. They are part of an army of equine assisted service providers working hard to supply hard data and results that will push companies to recognize the benefits and pay for these services. This is why they Fundraise so much! Their staff, board members, and volunteers work hard on raising funds all year to help cover the cost of services and care for their horse partners. They ask for no more than 1/3 of the cost of providing an equine assisted service from the family they serve. They have a sliding scale that can take the cost down to as low as \$5 per session. So fundraising and your support makes it possible to provide a trained & healthy equine partner, an equine specialist &/or certified therapeutic riding instructor, a therapist or counsellor in some cases, volunteers or added staff for aid, and the equipment and facility to those benefiting from our programs in your community.

They work closely with Physical, occupational, and speech therapists, as well as, behavior technicians, mental health professionals, and social workers from Blue Mountain Therapy. They collaborate and work closely with Emory & Henry College and their equine, psychology, and therapy departments to both put the most up to date methods into practice and to train upcoming equine assisted services professionals.

Programs they have:

Healing Hooves is a therapeutic riding program serving ages six & up with a variety of physical & mental disabilities, or cognitive delays.

Changing Strides is an at-risk youth program serving ages 6-19. They work with DSS, foster care agencies, juvenile courts, and mental health agencies to provide a safe space for healing and growth. They work on personal growth, healthy relationships and communication, and self-sufficiency.

Serve a Purpose Program serves our veterans, active military, and their families with both community engagement & support, and equine assisted psychotherapy with a mental health professional.

Pony Power Reading Program is for all ages and promotes reading and literacy while being in the calm realm of horses that is judgement free.

Pony Pals Program is an all-inclusive group class that is open to the ages of 6-15. This group learns horse safety, handling, behavior, communication, independence, teamwork, social skills, emotional regulation, and leadership.

Barn Buddies Program is for adults with disabilities or cognitive delays to enjoy outdoor and social activities while learning social skills, emotional regulation, and independence.

Please Send donations to Department Treasurer: Cathy Graham 9691 Lindenbrook Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22031-1132.



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SCHOLARSHIP

2024-2025



- ❖ To The Department Recipients of The Patriot's Pen And Voice Of Democracy
- ❖ To the District & Auxiliary that won the drawing at the Winter Conference

Please report your Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen entries.
 That information is forwarded to the National Headquarters
 Thank you



The Young American Creative Patriotic Art 2-D and 3-D Are Two Separate Contests!!!

Open to students in grades 9-12 by March 31, 2025 deadline

Both categories have the same rules:

- ✚ If the American Flag is used, you it must conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, number of stars and stripes and other pertinent rules of the code.
- ✚ Complete typed explanation of the entry (250 words or less) along with application with parent or guardian signature and include it with the entry.
- ✚ Entry must be completed during the current school year

A. Two Dimensional: National Scholarships First place - **\$15,000**

- ❖ Entry must be on canvas or paper, watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used.
- ❖ Entries may not be smaller than 8" x 10" and not larger than 18" x 24", **INCLUDING** mat.
- ❖ **Digital art and photography are not accepted.**



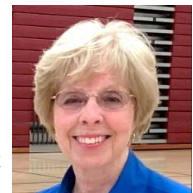
B. Three Dimensional: National Scholarships First place - **\$2,500**

- ❖ Entry may be paper, papier mâché, pottery, sculpture, fabric, wood, metalwork, etc.
- ❖ Entry may not be larger than 18" in any direction and may not weigh more than 5 pounds.
- ❖ **Digital art, photography, weapons, art generated by a 3-D printer and jewelry are NOT accepted.**



Deadlines for Art Entries received by:
 Participating VFW Auxiliary – **March 31st**
 VFW Auxiliary Department Chairman – **April 15th**

Mary Corkhill
 P.O. Box 1912
 Manassas, VA 20109
 703/361-8950
mcorkhill@comcast.net





**VETERANS & FAMILY
SUPPORT
2023-2025 Reporting Form**

Bettina Lane
285 Deerfield Pl
Mineral, VA 23117-4758
540-287-1454
Presidentauxvfwpost8947@gmail.com



**Don't forget to report.
The deadline for reporting is the 10th of
each month.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Happy Valentine's day to all. How many of the Post Auxiliaries have provided cards to Veterans?



We have passed the half year mark, and I am so proud to be part of the extraordinary organization, and the hard work that all of you are doing in your auxiliaries.

In this month's communication, I am posting a few excerpts from the VFS Embassadors contribution to our National Presidents Book.

Did you know that you can find a wealth of resources on the VFW Auxiliary page for the Department of Virginia, (<https://vfwauxva.org>) and the National Website (<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources>)

Veterans and Military Support Programs and National Veterans Service



It is our duty to ensure that our veterans and their family members are aware of the aid available to them in times of need, such as financial assistance with mortgage or rent payments, vehicle expenses, utilities, food or clothing.

Now more than ever, we need to guide our veterans and their family members in their efforts to obtain their VA benefits by pairing them with our VFW Accredited service officers. As Auxiliary members, it's important that we educate ourselves about Veterans benefits as well. Auxiliaries are encouraged to meet with VFW accredited service officers to get a better understanding of how they can help, or perhaps even invite one to an Auxiliary meeting.

As Auxiliary members, we can help provide the comforts of home when we adopt units and send care packages to our deployed troops. While it's important to remember those serving far away, it is equally important to remember them and their families prior to and post deployment. The VFW has financial grants that are available to help with events held by our Auxiliaries and Posts to support and recognize our troops. For more information, visit the VFW website at: vfw.org/assistance.

Child Care for Active-Duty Service Members



As we serve diligently toward our mission of serving veterans, we often overlook those the veterans support themselves - their children. A special focus on this year's Veterans & Family Support Program is giving back to these families. Maybe it's babysitting for a few hours each week, providing diapers for the babies and toddlers or maybe just being emotional support for the spouse left behind to take care of the family.

By being a confidant for service member's family, our members are providing that much more peace for our active-duty military.

So, now begs the question, how will YOU keep moving forward this year for the Veterans & Family Support Program?

You can find more information on the above websites.

Again, thank you to all the VFW Auxiliaries for all the hard work.

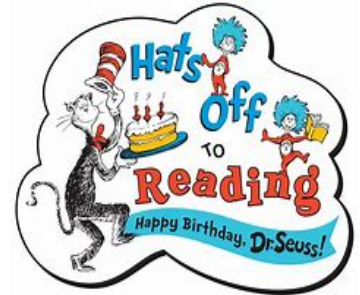


YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Hello Brothers and Sisters! I hope everyone is doing well. The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go. (Dr. Seuss).

Upcoming Dates:

- March 2- Dr. Seuss Day (Read Across America Day)
- March 31- Illustrating America due to local Auxiliary
- March 31- Youth Activities Auxiliary Award No. 1 due to Department Chairman
- April 15- Illustrating America due to Department
- April 30- Youth Activities Auxiliary Award Winner due to National Ambassador
- May 5- Illustrating America due to National Headquarters



Dr. Seuss Day, another opportunity to host a reading day or check with your local schools and libraries to see if veterans can go in and read to the youth. Read Across America Day is held annually on a school day close to March 2nd each year. The day promotes reading for children. The popular children's author Dr. Seuss had his birthday on March 2nd thus original planners of the holiday wanted it to be near his birthday. The National Education Association (NEA) was one of the main backers of this idea to have a special day to promote reading among the population and especially children.

Reminder: The following information can also be found on MALTA under Member Resources- Youth Activities: Most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention. VFW Auxiliaries must send the completed entry form to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging



As of February 10th, we are 49 percent reported. If I can help you in any way, please contact me. Please keep those reports coming!

Dinah Doyle
3449 Crimson Holly Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23453
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District Presidents, Please review, any corrections please let Department President/Secretary and the Representative know ASAP.



District Meetings



SECTION 810A – Auxiliary President, Bullett J, Page 72 Podium Edition By-laws & Ritual 2024:

Assure that the President or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.

REMINDER District Secretaries: Please send the Attendance at 2024 -25 District Meetings to the OA Chairmans Maggie Myers & Patty Basket. It is an Outstanding Auxiliary Requirement for a member from each Auxilliary to attend District and Conventions Meetings.

5/3/2025 Distict 1 Convencion	
Lunch	TBA
Meeting	10:00 AM
Place	VFW 3219, Phoebus 122 E Mellen ST Hampton, VA 23663
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

5-17-2025 District 7 Convention	
Lunch	11:30 AM
Meeting	After Lunch
Place	Post 9660, Chimney Rock 14450 Runions Creek Rd, Broadway, VA 22815
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

5/10/2025 District 2 Convention	
Date	5/10/2025
Lunch	No Lunch
Meeting	9:00a.m.
Place	Post 3160, Ocean View 111 A View Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

4/5/2025, District 8 Convention	
Date	4/5/2025
Lunch	TBA
Meeting	10:00:00 AM
Place	Post 3103 . Fredericksburg 2701 Princess Anne St Fredericksburg, VA 22401
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

5/3/2025, District 3 Convention	
Date	5/3/2025
Lunch	After Meeting
Meeting	10:00 AM
Place	Post 9808, Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Ln Mechanicsville, VA 23111
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

5/10/2025 District 9 Convention	
Date	5/10/2025
Lunch	TBA
Meeting	10:00 AM
Place	Post 4667, Marion 861 Goolsby St Marion, VA 24354-1707
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

5-10-2024, District 4 Convention	
Date	5-10-2024
Lunch	TBA
Meeting	11:00 AM
Place	POST 7166, South Hill 1472 N Mecklenburg Ave South Hill, VA 23950
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

3/8/2025 District 10 Meeting	
Date	3/8/2025
Lunch	
Meeting	10:00 AM
Place	Post 9274, Falls Church 7118 Shreve Rd Falls Church, VA 22043
<u>Auxiliary Representative: JVP Kathy Voss</u>	
VFW Representative: SVC Doug Hoffman	

2-15-2025, District 5 Meeting	
Date	2-15-2025
Lunch	After Meeting
Meeting	10:00
Place	Post 647, Danville 275 VFW Drive Danville, VA 24541
<u>Auxiliary Representative: President Dawn Kuhn</u>	
VFW Representative: Surgeon Randy Coker	

5/10/2025 District 11 Convention	
Date	5/10/2025
Lunch	No Lunch
Meeting	10:00 AM
Place	VFW Post 8644 , Bridgewater 118 Dry River Rd. Bridgewater, Virginia 22812.
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

4-5-2025 District 6 Meeting	
Date	4-5-2025
Lunch	TBA
Meeting	TBA
Place	VFW Post 1264, Roanoke 4930 Grandview Ave NW Roanoke, VA 24012-7202
<u>Auxiliary Representative: Conductor Cara Buckley</u>	
VFW Representative: : State Inspector Ken Shannon	

2-22-2025, District 13 Meeting	
Date	2-22-2025
Lunch	11:00 AM
Meeting	12:00 AM
Place	Post 8947, Louisa 201 Mineral Ave Mineral, VA 23117
<u>Auxiliary Representative Conductor Cara Buckley</u>	
VFW Representative: St. Judge Advocate Charles Bush	

District Presidents: Please review the schedule and confirm to the Department Secretary, your Representative and me that the date, time and location is correct. If is not correct, please let the Department Representative and I know as soon as possible any changes
Additionally, if your meeting should be cancelled, please let your Department Representative and I know as soon as possible.
Dawn Kuhn, Department President

- **All Members need to make sure that your Profile Information in Malta is correct. The Department and National use information for your Name, Address, Phone Number and E-mail to send you information.**
- IF you *are not receiving* the Department Communication you either have unsubscribed or your email is wrong in Malta. Contact the Department Secretary if you have any questions.
- Department Officers: According to our by-laws any member in **good standing can run for the office of President, SVP, JVP, Treasurer, Conductor and Guard at June Department Convention.** Nomination will be on 6-20-2025 and the election/installation of officers will be 6-21-2025. Please see insert in this communication on members and the office they are seeking. ***If you would like to run for any of these offices, please contact the Department Secretary, so she can include you in the next communication.***
- All National Events are available at www.vfwauxiliary.org



Check our website [VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia \(vfwauxva.org\) Weekly Membership & Financial Tracker](http://VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia (vfwauxva.org) Weekly Membership & Financial Tracker), for National Awards Calendar, Communications and Reporting forms. If your Auxiliary is having an event and would like it added to our Calendar any questions concerning our website, contact Vicki Butler, Webmaster vickibutler@hotmail.com

Audit Information

DUE DATE

Quarter	Months Covered	Audit Completed by	Accepted Audit sent to Department Treasurer no later than
First	January, February, March	April 30, Annually	May 31, Annually
Second	April, May, June	July 31, Annually <i>NOTE: Invite outgoing Treasurer and outgoing Trustee to the Audit.</i>	August 31, Annually
Third	July, August, September	October 31, Annually	November 30, Annually
Fourth	October, November, December	January 31, Annually	February 28, Annually

Commander and President Homecoming

March 22, 2025

Post 2447, 100 Veterans Way, Edinburg, VA
Hotel with Block of rooms: Holiday Inn Express
1130 Motel Drive, Woodstock, VA
Phone: 540-459-5000

Room rates: \$110.00 (available for Friday and Saturday night)

Cutoff date is Saturday February 21, 2025.

June Convention 2025

June 18 – 22, 2025 State Convention

Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center
710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA
Phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$129.00 per night.

Cutoff Date is Thursday, May 22, 2025.

VFW State Commander & Auxiliary President's Homecoming
Saturday, March 22nd, 2025
VFW POST 2447 100 Veterans Way, Edinburg, VA 22824



This is a FREE EVENT. We encourage everyone to join us in celebrating our year.

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn Express

11300 Motel Drive, Woodstock, VA 22664 540-459-5000

\$110.00 a night, special rate rooms blocked until February 21st, 2025, regular rates will start after the 2/21/2025

Call now to reserve a room while they last.

Arrivals: Can begin on Friday, March 21st, 2025, and Depart on Sunday, 23rd, 2025

Dress: Casual– Black & Gray Shirt, if you have one.

Cocktail Hour: 3:00-4:00 pm (hors D'oeuvres will be served)

It will be a Cash Bar - 2 free drink tickets will be issued for attendance.

Dinner: 4:00-6:00pm

Menu: Ribs, Chicken, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Rolls, Dessert.
Tea, Water, Soda, and Lemonade

DJ: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Please contact Liz Wilson by email lizwilson3456@gmail.com by March 10, 2025, to register for this event. We appreciate your help in this enables us to have a head count for the food.



VFW NATIONAL HOME

Virginia House

Sponsored by the VFW Dept. of Virginia and its Auxiliary



- Built in 1935
- 1933 Sq. Ft.
- 3 Bedrooms
- Full Basement
- 1.5 Bathrooms
- Central Air

Current House Fund Balance as of the 2nd Quarter: \$14,771.34

Ideal House Fund Balance: \$25,000

Typical Yearly Sponsorship cost: \$8000

Projected Work

During Transitions:

- Flooring
- Blinds
- Paint
- Duct Cleaning

Currently Housing: Veteran Family of 2 Estimated Transition Date: 11/08/26

VFW National Home Contact: Brian Daniels
 PH: 517-663-7024 EM: Bdaniels@vfwnationalhome.org
 Revised: 01/28/2025

Outstanding Auxiliary

Hope everyone is staying safe and warm during this cold winter weather!

Membership is coming along great, still have to continue working on getting those last few. We can celebrate some hard work with 21 Auxiliaries making **OVER 100%! With 10** more reaching **100%** and just needing that *One More Member*, reach deep for that momentum, we know you can do it!

More Celebrations:

- 41 Auxiliaries have Completed the Program Reporting Requirement. *No Hospital Volunteer of the Year entries yet, don't forget about them*
- 20 Auxiliaries needing only 1 report to be fully reported. In most cases it is Americanism! **Get real folks, this has got to be the easiest report to do.**
Flags on Memorial day, flags on 4th of July, flags displayed at Veterans day events and countless other times.... we only have 62.3 % of Auxiliaries reported in Americanism.
- 56 Auxiliaries reported in VA Medical Center Donations.
- 61 Auxiliaries reported in Health and Happiness.

Any questions about this report or anything on it - feel free to reach out to Patty or I for clarification. Reporting continues to come in.

Patty Baskett - pbaskett85@yahoo.com

Maggie Myers - magmyer@yahoo.com



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Dist	Auxiliary	Membership		Install.	Bond	Dist.	Officer	Donations		990	Audits				District Meetings				SOI Training			Amer.	Hosp.	VFS	+1 Prog	Hosp.
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Aux	1994	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	0			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA01	176	-4	90.91%	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	Dec.	X	X	0	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA01	3219	6	102.41%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA02	392	20	103.52%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA02	2582	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA02	2894	-1	97.06%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA02	3160	3	100.99%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA02	4411	-2	98.10%	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA02	4809	2	100.62%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA03	622	-5	85.71%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA03	637	-28	92.69%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	1	1	1	1	
DVA03	2239	-13	81.94%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA03	4639	-4	92.31%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA03	6364	-6	96.69%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA03	7167	-2	96.30%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	WAV		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA03	8046	-3	93.18%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA03	8529	-8	90.36%	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X					
DVA03	9501	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA03	9808	-6	96.89%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA03	10387	-15	61.54%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	



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DVA03	10654	-5	84.85%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA03	10657	2	106.67%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA04	7059	2	103.23%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA04	7166	-3	91.67%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA04	8163	5	109.43%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA04	8759	-1	97.30%	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA04	9855	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	0		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA04	9954	4	103.57%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA05	647	-1	98.67%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA05	7854	-2	92.31%	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA05	8243	1	103.23%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA06	776	1	104.76%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		W	0			X	X	X	1		1	1	
DVA06	1033	-1	98.21%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	0			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA06	1264	-2	97.89%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	0			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA06	1841	3	109.09%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	0			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA07	621	1	100.93%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA07	2447	7	101.29%	X	X	X	X	X	X	XX		X	X		X	W			X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA07	8613	3	102.91%	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA07	9292	-1	92.31%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		1		1	
DVA07	9660	-1	97.37%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	



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DVA07	9760	-16	95.84%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA08	3103	-35	84.65%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA08	7589	3	102.86%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA08	12202	-1	97.92%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA09	1115	-7	96.55%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA09	1184	-6	81.25%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA09	4667	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	N/A	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA09	6000	-1	97.67%	X	X	X	X	X	X	0		X	X		N/A	X	0		N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1	1	1	
DVA09	7136	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		N/A	X	X		X	X	X	1			1	
DVA09	7726	-3	96.81%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		OCT	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1		
DVA09	7969	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		N/A	X	0		X	X	X					
DVA09	9696	-4	93.65%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA10	609	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA10	1177	1	102.33%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA10	1503	6	100.54%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA10	3150	-2	98.80%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA10	7327	-3	97.87%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA10	7916	9	103.88%	X	X	X	X			X		X	Dec.	X	X	X			X	X	X					
DVA10	8469	1	102.44%	X	X	X	X			X		X		X	X	X			X	X	X					
DVA10	9274	1	103.57%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		1	1	1	



As of		1/14/25		Outstanding Auxiliary - Report Card																						
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		Dues	Dues			HH	VA Med	1	2		3	4	1	2	3	4	Pres	Sec	Tres	Vol.						
DVA11	632	-10	94.51%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	0	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA11	3136	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	0	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA11	4204	0	100.00%	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	0	0		X	X	X			1	1	
DVA11	7814	3	111.11%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	0	X		X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA11	8644	1	101.75%	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	0	X		X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA13	1827	7	103.30%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X		1	1	1		
DVA13	8169	-4	87.88%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	N/A			X	X	X		1	1	1	
DVA13	8947	11	112.79%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	
DVA13	10574	-7	96.05%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	FEB.	X	X	X			X	X	X	1	1	1	1	

Hope everyone is staying safe and warm during this cold winter weather!

Membership is coming along great, still have to continue working on getting those last few. We can celebrate some hard work with 21 Auxiliaries making **OVER 100%!** With **10** more reaching **100%** and just needing that **One More Member**, reach deep for that momentum, we know you can do it!

More Celebrations:

- 41 Auxiliaries have Completed the Program Reporting Requirement. **No Hospital Volunteer of the Year entries yet, don't forget about them**
- 20 Auxiliaries needing only 1 report to be fully reported. In most cases it is Americanism! **Get real folks, this has got to be the easiest report to do.** Flags on Memorial day, flags on 4th of July, flags displayed at Veterans day events and countless other times.... we only have 62.3 % of Auxiliaries reported in Americanism.
- 56 Auxiliaries reported in VA Medical Center Donations.
- 61 Auxiliaries reported in Health and Happiness.

Any questions about this report or anything on it - feel free to reach out to Patty or I for clarification. Reporting continues to come in.

Patty Baskett - pbaskett85@yahoo.com
 Maggie Myers - magmyer@yahoo.com



**2025-2026 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FORM
NOT ACCEPTED 30 DAYS BEFORE APRIL 1 NOR
AFTER THE CLOSE OF 2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.**



Sec. 303—Department Meetings and Convention

A. Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Department Convention:

1. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates.
 - a. Or as the Department Bylaws provide.
2. **The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary prior to the close of the credentials of the Department Convention.**

TO:	Ellen Stogsdill, Department Secretary ellenstogsdill@cox.net	TO:	Betty Gimble bjg1503@gmail.com
Auxiliary Number		District Number	

This is to certify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) listed below were duly elected to represent our VFW Auxiliary at the upcoming Department Convention June 18-22, 2025, based on the total VFW Auxiliary membership as of _____ in the MALTA System.
 Membership as of _____ is _____ Divided by 30 = _____ Delegates/Alternative for 2025-2026 for Department.

THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED AND MUST EQUAL THE TOTAL DELEGATES/ALTERNATES. ALLOWED.

Delegate First/Last Name				Alternate First/Last Name			
1		2		1		2	
3		4		3		4	
5		6		5		6	
7		8		7		8	
9		10		9		10	
11		12		11		12	
13		14		13		14	
15		16		15		16	
17		18		17		18	
19		20		19		20	
21		22		21		22	
23		24		23		24	
25		26		25		26	
27		28		27		28	
29		30		29		30	
31		32		31		32	
33		34		33		34	
35		36		35		36	
37		38		37		38	
39		40		39		40	

Email: _____ Phone # _____

Any questions or you need additional rows contact the Department Secretary.

This form is also available on our website:

<https://vfwauxva.org>



**2025-2026 DISTRICT CONVENTION
OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FORM**
NOT ACCEPTED **30 DAYS** BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONVENTION NOR
AFTER THE **START** OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Sec. 302—District Meetings and Convention

A. Delegates and Alternates to District Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected

1. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates

a. Or as the respective Department Bylaws provide.

2. The Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention or as the District Standing Rules direct.

TO:	District Secretary _____	From:	_____
Auxiliary Number	_____	District Number	_____
This is to certify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) listed below were duly elected to represent our VFW Auxiliary at the upcoming District Convention based on the total VFW Auxiliary membership as of _____ in the MALTA System. Membership as of _____ is _____ Divided by 15 = _____ Delegates/Alternative for 2025-2026 for District _____.			

THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED

Delegate First/Last Name				Alternate First/Last Name			
1		2		1		2	
3		4		3		4	
5		6		5		6	
7		8		7		8	
9		10		9		10	
11		12		11		12	
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31		32		31		32	
33		34		33		34	
35		36		35		36	
37		38		37		38	
39		40		39		40	

Auxiliary _____ Secretary: _____ Email: _____ Phone # _____

Any questions or you need additional rows contact the Department Secretary

Please Contact the Department Secretary for information about who your District Secretary is. This form is also available on our website: <https://vfwauxva.org>



NOT ACCEPTED BEFORE APRIL 1, NOR AFTER MAY 31
of the Current Calendar Year

NATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

~~DO NOT SEND THIS FORM IN IF NAMES HAVE BEEN INPUT ONLINE~~

TO: National Secretary
VFW Auxiliary
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

FROM: AUXILIARY NO. _____ **DEPARTMENT OF** _____
AUXILIARY NAME _____
CITY AND STATE _____

Per Section 305 of the National Bylaws, "Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April; one for each thirty-five (35) members or fraction thereof in good standing on March 31. The VFW Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Secretary, along with their membership ID number, within thirty (30) calendar days of the day of election" and no later than MAY 31. The Auxiliary Secretary is asked to input his or her Auxiliary's Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) online in MALTA via use of their respective membership ID number(s) and to print out a copy of the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) for his or her records.

This is to certify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) listed below were duly elected to represent our VFW Auxiliary at the upcoming National Convention on _____ based on the total VFW Auxiliary membership as of MARCH 31 in the MALTA System.

ID Number and Name ARE REQUIRED to complete this form.
TYPE or PRINT NEATLY each Delegate's or Alternate's ID NUMBER and NAME.

~DELEGATE CREDENTIALS WILL BE ISSUED AT CONVENTION SITE UPON CHECK-IN.~

DELEGATES		ALTERNATES	
ID NUMBER	MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME	ID NUMBER	MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Auxiliary Secretary) (Address) (City, State & Zip Code)

INPUT INTO MALTA OR MAIL TO DEPARTMENT SECRETARY BY JUNE 30th

2025 - 2026 Installation Report for Auxiliaries/Districts (short form)

This will certify that _____ is authorized and empowered to install the Officers of _____
(Name of Installing Officer with: Past Auxiliary President or held higher elective Auxiliary office; Past Post Commander or higher elective office)

Auxiliary to Post No. _____ in District No. _____ located at _____ in accordance with Section 806A-B of the Bylaws and Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary or the installation shall be null and void until such time as the Bylaws are complied with.

Eileen Stogdill

 Signature of Auxiliary/District Secretary

Dawn M Kuhn

 Signature of Auxiliary/District President

The following information about the Auxiliary's meetings is required:

Date of Installation: _____ Continuous Annual Dues Per Member: \$ _____

Meeting Date: 1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th ____ Last ____ (select Date)

Meeting Day: Mon. ____ Tues. ____ Wed. ____ Thurs. ____ Fri. ____ Sat. ____ Sun. ____ (select Day)

Meeting Time: _____ A.M. ____ P.M. ____ (select A.M. or P.M.)

Meeting Place: _____

Meeting Street Address: _____ Meeting City: _____ Meeting State and ZIP: _____, _____

Phone No. of Meeting Place: (____) _____ **Please note offices/positions denoted with an asterisk (*) listed below are REQUIRED.**

President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Senior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Junior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

INPUT INTO MALTA OR MAIL TO DEPARTMENT SECRETARY BY JUNE 30th 2025 - 2026 Installation Report for Auxiliaries/Districts (short form)

Secretary*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Treasurer*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Trustee No. 3*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Trustee No. 2*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Trustee No. 1*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

The Installing Officer certifies that he/she is a Past Auxiliary President or held higher elective Auxiliary office; or he/she is a Past Post Commander or held higher elective Post office; and all Bylaws and Regulations have been complied with according to National and Department Headquarters.

Signature of Installing Officer

Title of Installing Officer

Date

100TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

JUNE 2025 CANIDATES FOR ELECTION OF A DEPARTMENT ELECTIVE OFFICE

The VFW Auxiliary’s Department Officers are elected annually by Delegates at the Department Convention. They determine the direction of the VFW Auxiliary, run department meetings, and represent the membership at local, national, and international events. The following members have announced their candidacy for the following office at our 2025 Department Convention and desire your support.

President



Kelli Levitt
Auxiliary 1503
District 10

Senior Vice President



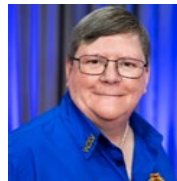
Auxiliary 1841
District 6

Junior Vice President



Susan Dinon
Auxiliary 621
District 7

Treasurer



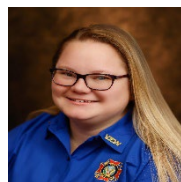
Cathy Graham
Auxiliary 3150
District 10

Chaplain



Cara Buckey
Auxiliary 637
District 3

Conductor



Jamie Stewart
Auxiliary 12202
District 8

Guard



Bettina Lane
Auxiliary 8947
District 13

Any Member who would like to run for a Department Office you will need to submit a letter of intent and a picture to the Department Secretary by 3-15-2025. For the VFW Convention. ellenstogsdill@cox.net 757-777-7194

Article VII OFFICERS:

Sec. 801 – Eligibility:

Any member in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Auxiliary, County Council, District, Department, or the National Organization in which they are a member.

- No member shall hold two (2) elective offices on the same level at the same time.
- The member may hold one (1) elective and one (1) or more appointive offices on that level.
- The exception to this rule being that a Trustee may hold another elective or appointive office other than President, Secretary, or Treasurer.
- Officers, elective or appointive, may hold office in a higher or lower body and such offices may be held concurrently, (i.e., a District President could be elected as a Department Officer. This is not holding two (2) elective offices on the same level.)
- Any member who has been removed from office in accordance with Section 809B shall not be eligible for election to that office during the current Auxiliary year.

SEC. 802 – ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Department elective officers shall include the District Presidents as elected by the districts.



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA 100TH CONVENTION JUNE 18- 22, 2025 ADVANCE REGISTRATION & LUNCHEON FORM

NAME: _____

(please print)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

AUXILIARY POST NO: _____ DISTRICT NO. _____

(This is not your auxiliary membership number)

Your "current" Department, District, **or** Auxiliary Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone No. _____

ARE YOU A FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE? _____

Important: If you were elected as a Delegate or Alternate at your March or April 2025 Auxiliary Meeting, please check which one you are. Your credential badge will indicate whether you are a Delegate or an Alternate. If you are not a delegate or alternate, please write the word "No" beside each of the titles.

Delegate _____
Alternate _____

- \$ 20.00 Advance Registration Fee for Department Convention (on-site fee \$25)
- \$ _____ Cost of Department President's Luncheon - \$25.00
- \$ _____ Your Love Gift Donation for President Dawn (presented during the luncheon)
- \$ _____ (Total amount enclosed)

LUNCHEON MENU - FRIDAY JUNE 20th:

Please Choose (1) one Entrée:

- Vegetarian: Grilled Portabella Mushroom
- Grilled Chicken Breast (w/Marsala sauce)
- Pan Seared Salmon (w/Honey Balsamic Glaze)

All Entrees served with:

- Honey Glazed Carrots; Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Bread
- Wedge Salad (lettuce, blue cheese crumbles, tomatoes and apple smoked cheese)
- Dessert: Chef's choice Fruit Cobbler
- Iced Tea, Regular or De- Cafe Coffees

- RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT BY **MAY 31, 2025**
- MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO VFW AUXILIARY, DEPT. OF VA.

Registration Questions	Luncheon Questions	Mail Form and Check to:
Registration Chairman Joann Duncan 804-898-1816 Jduncanvfw2239@aol.com	Luncheon Chairman Linda Greer 1-276-492-3568 greerce@comcase.net	Cathy Graham Department Treasurer 9691 Lindenbrook St., Fairfax, VA. 22031-1132

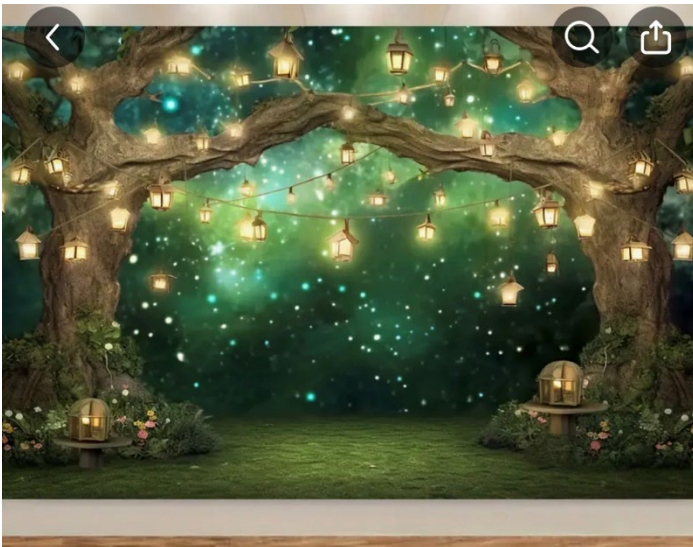
Join Us:

TO CELEBRATE

Our President's Garden & Hat Party on June 20, 2025.



Be sure and wear your best derby hat! (optional not required)



***Enjoy the picturesque setting
for pictures!***

Good food and fun times!

Prizes will be awarded!

***Don't forget to register
by 5/31/25!***



President's Dawn Garden and Hat Luncheon June 20, 2024

It is customary to acknowledge the hard work and dedicated efforts of our Department President by presenting them with a monetary love gift during the President's Luncheon at our June Convention.

This gift will allow her to purchase an item that will be a meaningful reminder of her year as our Department President.

We all know the long hours and travel that are required to meet the

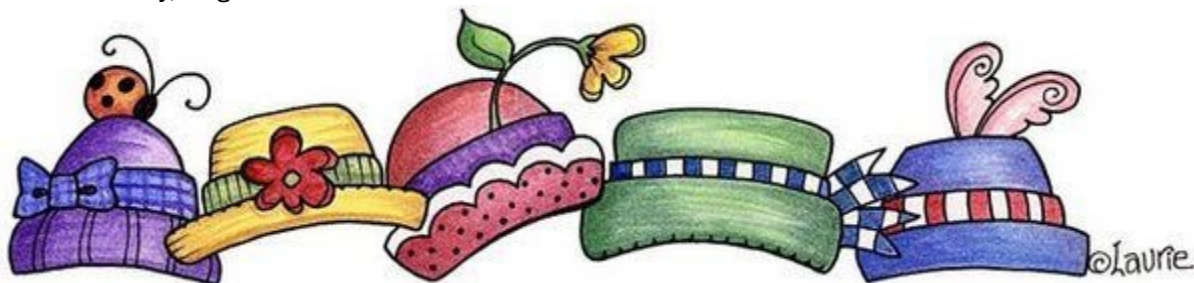
responsibilities and obligations while serving as President. This love gift will express our respect and appreciation for her devotion to our great organization.

Should a District, Auxiliary or member wish to contribute, you may make your check payable to VFW Auxiliary, Virginia, notated "Luncheon Love Gift 2025" and mail to:

Cathy Graham
9691 Lindenbrook Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Thank you.

Loyally,
Kathy Voss, JV President
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia



Presidents Presentation 2024

June 2025 Convention

We are going to do the Flag Presentation differently this year in hopes more Auxiliaries will be able to participate. Presidents Presentation will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025, during the afternoon session.

- **Auxiliaries WILL NOT bring their flags for the Presentation.** •
- Practice for the Presidents Presentation will be Friday after the Presidents luncheon.**

During the business session, Patriotic Instructor Crystal Woods will request the Department President, PNP, PDP, District and Auxiliary Presidents who are participating to line up for the Presidents Presentation.

Auxiliary 1994 will be the first Auxiliary after the PDP. Please **assemble quietly and line up according to your District number.**

A registration form is provided below. A form must be received in order to participate in the Presidents Presentation. You can mail it to me or email me. The form must be received by May 16, 2025, if you plan to participate.

All Presidents must fill out a form in order to participate.



Presidents Presentation Registration



District _____

Auxiliary Name & Number _____

Presidents Name & Phone # _____

PDP Name and year served: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 16, 2025 to:

Crystal Woods
904 Jewell Avenue
Portsmouth VA, 23701
Ctodd0711@gmail.com

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA VFW AUXILIARY CONVENTION
JUNE 2025 “BUDDY”® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST RULES

RULES

Displays will be presented and judged in three categories: Three awards in each category will be given, if eligible.

CATEGORY 1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

- (a) Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

- (a) Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the “Buddy”® Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3. Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies (Post Home displays, table center-pieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

- (a) Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with a label attached.

- (1) Displays shall be set up in space provided in the convention facility by 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Prior to setting up the display, the responsible person **must register** with the Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairman by completing an entry form which will be sent to the Chairman **no later than June 1, 2025**, which will show the category of competition, the number of Poppies used, the purpose of the display, the Post and/or Auxiliary number and location, and the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display at the close of the convention. (Please be advised, **all displays must be removed BETWEEN 12:00 p. m. but NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, June 21, 2025 or it may be disposed of at the discretion of the Chairman.**)
- (2) Displays **may or may not** be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 5 inches by 6 inches in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewers or the judges.
- (3) Post name, number, city or state (including the shape of your state) may **not** be visible on the displays. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

JUDGING

Judging of displays will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used. Judging will be completed by 11:30 a. m. on Saturday and the winning displays will have the appropriate ribbons placed on the display and will be announced during the Convention.

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA VFW AUXILIARY CONVENTION
JUNE 2025 “BUDDY”® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

POST/AUXILIARY NAME: _____

AUXILIARY NUMBER: _____ DISTRICT NUMBER: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON RESPONSIBLE: _____

PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

CATEGORY OF ENTRY: _____

REASON/PURPOSE OF ENTRY: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF POPPIES USED: _____

**Submit this Entry Form to Buddy Poppy/National Home
Chairman Kathy Voss
By June 1, 2025:
Via Mail to 80 Lake Knoll Road, Union Hall, Virginia 24176
Via email klvjwv83@gmail.com**

Entries must be received no later than June 1, 2025.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT
“BUDDY”® POPPY PROGRAM**

NATIONAL CONVENTION “BUDDY”® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

These guidelines have been designed to place emphasis on the purpose and effectiveness of the displays. It is suggested and recommended that Department (State) contests rule be established in a like form.

RULES

(1) Displays will be presented and judged in three categories:

CATEGORY 1. **Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign** (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

- (a) Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 2. **Memorial or Inspirational Displays** (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

- (a) Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the “Buddy”® Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3. **Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies** (Post Home displays, table center-pieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

- (a) Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.
- (b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

- (2) Departments purchasing over 250,000 Poppies will be allowed two (2) displays in **each** of the three (3) categories for the National Display Contest ... all others will be allowed one (1) display in each of the three (3) categories, no deviations.
- (3) The National Programs Committee shall have no responsibility in setting up, taking down or returning displays.
- (4) Displays shall be set up in space provided in the convention facility. Prior to setting up the display, the responsible person must register with the “Buddy”[®] Poppy desk and complete an entry form (unless one was forwarded earlier, approved by Department) which will show the category of competition, the number of Poppies used, the purpose of the display, the Post and/or Auxiliary number and location, and the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display at the close of the convention. **(Please be advised, all displays must be removed by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday or it will be disposed of by convention center personnel.)**
- (5) Displays may or may not be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4 inches by 6 inches in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewers or the judges.
- (6) Post name, number, city or state (including the shape of your state) may **not** be visible on the displays. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

JUDGING

Judging of displays will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used. Judging will be completed by Monday evening and the winning displays will have the appropriate ribbons placed on the display.

PRIZES

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each of the three categories, and will be mailed to the winning Department’s adjutant after convention.

NOTE

The Department adjutant will have to notify the Programs Director, in writing, by **June 30th** of the Posts that will represent the Department in each category. This will allow us the time necessary to ensure each entry has sufficient space to set up at the National Convention.

Please be advised, the Programs Committee cannot guarantee against theft of personal items placed on the displays. The exhibit hall is secured at night and monitored by security guards: however, they monitor a large area and are not assigned to one specific area. We strongly discourage using items of sentimental value, items of value or items considered to be irreplaceable on the “Buddy”[®] Poppy displays. Thank you and good luck!

(Revised 12/9/2022)