



VFW Auxiliary, Virginia January 2024 Communication #5

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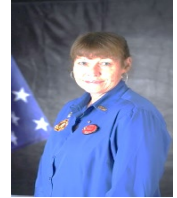
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Department President’s Theme:
“**ENPOWERING VETERANS, ENRICHING COMMUNITIES**”

National President’s Theme:
“**FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS**”

President Dawn Kuhn



Reminder:

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

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that everyone's holiday was enjoyable. As we approach the second half of our year, we need to keep in mind we still have work to do. Please keep the following in mind. You will need to look closely at membership cards at your January meeting to ensure your members are in good standing. If you are an annual member and have not paid your dues by **December 31, 2024**, effective **January 1, 2025**, **you will no longer be a member in good standing**. You can pay your dues through MALTA or give to your Auxiliary Treasurer for remittance as soon as possible. Annual members think about converting to Life Membership



Sec. 104—Members in Good Standing

A. The membership year of the Auxiliary is from January 1 to December 31.

1. A member who has paid their dues to December 31 is in good standing.
2. A member **ceases to be in good standing on January 1** immediately following the year for which dues have been paid.
3. **A member shall not again be in good standing until their dues have been paid for the current year.**
4. Continuous membership begins again upon payment of dues.
5. Dues must be paid by June 30 to remain a continuous member.
6. Prior year's dues may not be paid after July 1.
7. Any member who has not maintained continuous membership shall submit an application and be accepted in the same manner as a new member.
 - a. No admission fee shall be required.
8. Date of rejoin starts new continuous membership timeline.

Review

I encourage all members to check out our new reporting tool!

<https://vfwauxva.org>

Remember for **Outstanding Auxiliary** you need to report in Americanism, Hospital and Veterans and Family Support plus at least one other program. You must pay your hospital dues and submit a hospital project to be reported in hospital.

WE HAVE SOME UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

AUDIT

4th Quarter Audit per Section 814 of the National By-Laws is to be **completed by January 31st and approved by your Auxiliary and to Department treasurer Cathy Graham by February 28th.**



The Election of Officers is in April. Please consider taking a position with your Auxiliary. I know it may be intimidating but you will find that using the Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual and with the help of the mentors in your Auxiliary you will be successful.

Sec. 804—Election**Sec. 804A—All Levels**

- A. Any member in good standing (except for At Large Members) may nominate themselves or someone else.
 - B. Any member in good standing (except for At Large Members) may run for any office.
 - C. Nominating committees shall be permitted.
1. No member shall be elected to office unless the member attends the election.
 - a. Unless they submit in writing their willingness to be elected and hold office.

Sec. 804B—Auxiliary

- A. Elective Officers shall be nominated and elected at a regular business meeting in April.
- B. Each year at the regular annual election, one (1) Trustee shall be elected for a three-year (3-year) period.

Sec. 804C—District

- A. The elective Officers shall be nominated and elected annually at the District Convention.
- B. Each year at the annual Convention, one (1) Trustee shall be elected for a three-year (3-year) period.

If your auxiliary or district feels they are unable to elect officers for the 2025-2026 year please reach out to Dept. Secretary Ellen Stogsdill, Sr. Vice Kelli Levitt or Dept. Pres. Dawn Kuhn as soon as possible to enable the department to assist you.

Please note the changes to how the trustees can keep records.

Sec. 813—Treasurer, Duties of (All Levels)

2. All funds shall be accounted for by the Treasurer in the Auxiliary books.
 - a. Which shall consist of a ledger, cash book, or a computerized system.
 - b. And printed and secured in a permanent record book. It is permissible to secure typed or a computer-generated ledger in a permanent record book or inserted in a three-ring binder or clip folder. Each ledger page to be numbered consecutively and signed by the Trustees at each audit.**
 - c. So long as the records contain the same data as required formats prescribed by National Headquarters.

Please see the forms for Delegates and Alternates for the Department and District Conventions These forms are also on our website <https://vfwauxva.org>

The Department Line Officers and I are here to assist your Auxiliary in any way we can. Do not be bashful.....reach out....we are just a phone call away. Our goal is to help you succeed.

“Wishing you a Joyous 2025 filled with peace, love and success.” May you all be proud of the hard work and your dedication to our organization, veterans, service men, women and their families.

ATTEST:

Ellen Stogsdill

Ellen Stogsdill
Department Secretary
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia

BY ORDER OF:

Dawn M Kuhn

Dawn Kuhn
Department President
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia



Department of Virginia
Chaplain's Desk

Happy New Year everyone!

It is hard to believe that 2025 is here.

I know that we have about six months until the end of our year but, are you remembering to put your members that have passed on into Malta? If you do not have the ability to do so, the information can be sent to Ellen Stogsdill, Department Secretary, and she will do so for you.

This information is needed for the Memorial Booklet that is made available to you during the Memorial Service at the end of the year. We want to make sure our members that have passed on are remembered and honored for all their hard work and dedication to this organization.

Please make sure we have this information by the first week of May 2025.

REMINDER

YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND CHAPLAIN REPORTS

Thank you all for what you do!

“Spread love everywhere you go.”

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From: LJKing <LJKing@vfw.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 3:04 PM
To: LJKing <LJKing@vfw.org>
Cc: Kelly Jones <KellyJones@vfw.org>
Subject: Department Fundraising Promotion

Greetings!

Thank you for your state's participation in our Cooperative Mailings Program. As you know, this is a stellar and efficient way to generate revenue for your state's programs. The following are mailings that have recently been mailed.

The December Matching Gift package will mail on December 2nd.

We have also simplified the resource portal. Take a look. <https://heroes.vfw.org/page/156948/action/1>

To maximize the success of your program, please utilize these resources to remind your members that the revenue generated STAYS in your state.

As always, we are here to answer your questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Janel King

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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

Good day! I recently found out the meaning of Blue Star, Gold Star and Silver Star Families and thought I would share it with you all. Hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you all in Williamsburg next month!

What is the meaning of the Blue Star?

In 2009, Blue Star Families was founded by military spouses to empower the families to thrive as their loved ones serve. Blue Star Families can display a banner or flag with a red boarder, white field and a blue star for each family member serving in the United States Armed Forces during a time of conflict. Each Blue Star service banner can have a maximum of five stars with each star representing a family member who is serving. A smaller Gold Star is placed over the blue if a loved one dies while serving.

What is the meaning of the Gold Star?

According to nationaldaycalendar.com, on June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day, proclaimed annually by each president. In 2011, President Barack Obama amended the day to Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day. Gold Star Families can display a banner or a flag with a red boarder and a white field, with a gold star. The gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving the United States Armed Forces.

What is the meaning of the Silver Star?

Silver Star Families can display a banner or flag with a blue, outer red and inner white border with a silver star in the middle. This represents a family member who was ill, wounded or injured during or as result of serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Upcoming Holidays:

- December 3 - Advent begins
- December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
- December 7 - Hanukkah begins
- December 15 - Bill of Rights Day
- December 21 - Winter Solstice (First day of Winter)
- December 22 - Forefathers Day
- December 24 - Christmas Eve (Also Chocolate Day and Egnog Day)
- December 25 - Christmas
- December 26 – Kwanza begins
- December 31 - New Year's Eve
- January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day

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Merry Christmas! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We are currently reported just under 40%. If you need suggestions for outreach activities don't hesitate to call or email me.

Q: What weighs more, a gallon of water, or a gallon of butane?

Qualifying Auxiliary Outreach activity. Any activity that an Auxiliary approves at a regular meeting, to assist a community organization with their function.

Example: Auxiliary 1234 assisted Joe County food pantry by packing and delivering food baskets to needy families.

This qualifies because the members are providing their labor for an organization not affiliated with the VFW or Auxiliary.

Non-Qualifying Activity. Hosting an event for the good of the community, collecting gifts, providing a meal...

Example: Auxiliary 2345 held a toy drive for unfortunate children in Sally County. Members donated 500 toys, raised \$1200, and prepared and served a meal to 100 volunteers.

This does not qualify because the members provided goods, and monetary donations to the community. This should be reported as community service.

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.

A gallon of water. Butane is a lighter fluid.

I hope your Auxiliary has a very successful year.



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Department of Virginia
Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home Program
“From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”
 Jodie Hollinger, National Ambassador
 Kathy Voss, Department of Virginia Chair



It is time to finalize plans for your submission to the Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy Display Contest. Please take time to review the information and judging criteria below so you are familiar with the rules and regulations. Also, please note... all types of poppies are available for purchase through your Post! Either type of poppy maybe be used in the competition. The required submission form will be sent at a future date along with information and scheduling deadlines for the contest.

Displays will be presented and judged in three categories:

Category 1.

Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.) Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy. At least one Poppy 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) 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. At least one Poppy 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 centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.) Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall **automatically be entered in Category 3.***

At least one Poppy used in the display must be in original form and color, with label attached.

The person responsible MUST complete an entry form 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. A copy of the entry form enclosed in a sealed plain white envelope must be presented to the chair when setting up the display. Displays must be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4 X 6 inches in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewer or the judges. Post name, Post number, city or state (including the shape of your state) may NOT be visible on display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification. Any use of non-VFW trademarks or copyrighted material on your display must have prior approval from the trademark or copyright holder. These include but are not limited to names, logos, audio/visual graphics, images and/or props. The VFW and Buddy Poppy logo and name is authorized but use of any outside organization trademark or copyrighted material and/or logos must have prior approval through their respective organization.

Displays will be judged on effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of many identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each of the three categories where qualifying entries are submitted.

Thank you for all of your hard work! It is noticed and appreciated!



V F W
NATIONAL HOME

Don't Forget!



There is still time to send birthday cards for the 100th Birthday of the National Home. The deadline is December 20! Thank you to those who have already supported this effort!

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

The deadline is December 20!



Mail to Kathy Voss
80 Lake Knoll Rd.
Union Hall, VA 24176

Thank you, all!

Kathy L. Voss
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Extension and Revitalization

January 2025

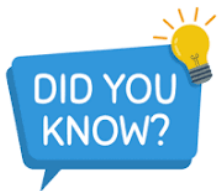
Extension – Department Chief of Staff working with VFW Post to form a new Auxiliary.

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

Revitalization - Membership and Existing Members

For the success of your Auxiliary and for the organization, it is so important to recruit new members. New members can bring a new set of skills and ideas.

Exiting Members cannot be forgotten. Reach out to those members who have not attended the meeting. A handwritten note or telephone call will mean so much.



Sec. 909—Children, Caregivers of Members, and Members that are Caregivers, This By- Law may allow a member to attend Auxiliary meeting.

- Children are allowed to attend meetings if accompanied by an auxiliary member.
- The caregivers of a member may attend an Auxiliary meeting when accompanied by the Auxiliary member.
- Members performing the task of a Caregiver for a non-member may bring that individual to the Auxiliary meeting when accompanied by the Auxiliary member.

Utilize Members Resources in MALTA under Extension & Revitalization. There is information to help your Auxiliary to become a Healthy Auxiliary and to continue to be one. Is there a member who has been an asset to your Auxiliary and to our Veterans? Complete and submit to the National organization “Member Spotlight Nomination Template.”

Please share with me ideas that your Auxiliary has used that were successful.

The Department is here to help your Auxiliary be all that you can be!!

Revitalization + Mentoring + Membership = Success!!



“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” —T.S. Eliot



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Happy Holidays! We are finally out of the busy season! Please make sure you share your reports with me and if you have facebook, please post and tag me. Take pictures of all events! Buddy Poppy tables, parties, events etc! We want to see what you are doing and I want to share what you are doing in your auxiliaries and districts Be proud of the work you do!

District 1 is still the only district 100% reported but we have 6 districts that 1 Auxiliary that is one short of 100%!!!! As a department we are now 41% reported! Keep the reports coming!

Just a reminder, please send reports to Jstewart.vfwaux@outlook.com. I am not able to reply sometimes to my iCloud.



We had a wonderful visit with National President Brenda Bryant! We took her to Black Dog Salvage where she met the owner, who is a Navy Vet! Black Dog used to have a show that National President Brenda loved to watch. We had dinner at Mission BBQ then turned in for the night. Next day we toured the National D-Day Memorial. Roanoke Post 1264 Auxiliary hosted a Halloween dinner. In Lieu of gifts, at President Brenda's Request, the Department of Virginia collected diapers and wipes for operation Bottom Cover and delivered the to Salem Virginia Veterans Administration Voluntary Services office to be given to women vets and their babies. At the end of the evening, \$4,500 worth of diapers and wipes were collected

National Ambassador Tela

Tela would like to remind you that there is an award for most outstanding promotion of the VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through social media sources. Please have the form to your department historian by March 31, 2025 for judging. You can find the form under member resources or send me an email at Jstewart.vfwaux@outlook.com and I can get it to you.

Auxiliary Snapshot



Department President Dawn Kuhn and National President Brenda Bryant in front of the diaper tree



Hello to all! Winter Season is upon us! During this time of year visits to Veterans are so important to be their **"Little Ray of Sunshine"** in the grey days of winter. I am positive the Veterans would love that!



Valentines Day is fast approaching and it would be a GREAT time to have Valentines cards signed by Auxiliary members at your January meeting. The cards can be signed by anyone, you can coordinate with the Post side and also any youth groups to sign cards. They can be delivered to any Veterans Hospital, nursing home, care center, any shut in Veteran.

It is also that time of year that all Auxiliaries need to take a look at Hospital Volunteer awards. Members can earn Hospital Volunteer Service Pins from National. More information on hours needed can be obtained from the State Hospital Chairman or in Malta under Member resources. If you have a member that has donated time/items to Veterans, please think about putting them in for "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year". I know we have several that have put in numerous hours and items for our Veterans. If you have someone that fits this description, please let me know and we can work together to submit the application.

A VERY SPECIAL



SHOUT OUT!

Judy Sutton, Aux 647, donated 155 crocheted ear warmers to Salem VA Hospital, 63 crocheted hours and \$310.00. Thank you for what you are doing! Awesome job!

Auxiliaries 392,2894,4411,4809, donated items needed to Jones and Cavacoy Veterans Care Center, VA Beach. There were 8 Auxiliary Members and 2 Post members, including the Post CDR of 392. A total of 25 hours and items worth \$2000.00. Thank you for what you do.

Aux 8759 did a Christmas in July, giving 71 stockings and 69 bags to female Veterans.

You all are doing an outstanding job! Thank you and keep up the **AMAZING WORK!**

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

VFW Auxiliary State Hospital Chairman



Chairman: Beverly Abbott
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National has a Legislative award for an auxiliary that has the Most outstanding activity and/or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers. I am enclosing the Legislative Award form for Auxiliaries No.1. This form must be to me by March 31, 2023.

Have you contacted your legislators about The Senator Elizabeth Dole Act? If not, act now to pass H.R. 8371. The bill has been passed in the House of Representatives, now we need our Senators to vote YES! Go to the link below to respond.

<https://www.votervoice.net/VFW/Campaigns/119379/Respond>

The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act would provide health care and benefits for veterans, caregivers, and survivors. Many of its provisions would improve care and benefits, and we believe some provisions would save lives. Certain components of this legislation, such as the expansions for caregivers, are long overdue.

2024 Priority Goals - Action Corps Weekly - VFW Action Alerts - etc.

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>

<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources> - click on Legislative

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



Loyally,
Beverly Abbott



Legislative National Program Awards 2024-2025 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers.
 - 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.

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 Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that was collaborated with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Legislative Deanna Guyette by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Department Legislative Chairman: _____
Signature

Date: _____

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



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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.

As we get closer to the Holiday Season you can grow our membership while also doing your Holiday shopping. A Life Membership to the VFW Auxiliary is a thoughtful and long-lasting gift to a qualifying family member or friend! Also, gift a fellow member’s upcoming annual renewal as a nice Holiday Surprise. Spread Holiday cheer while helping to grow Membership that advocates and fights for Veterans.

Giftng a membership is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Send out a card to one person on your gift list (who you KNOW qualifies for membership) with a filled-out VFW Auxiliary Membership Application and ask the receiver to return it to you signed (with qualiifiing documents if not Post affiliated).
2. Then take that to your next meeting along with payment (your gift to them) and done!
3. They will get their membership card in the mail from National.

What we do is life giving service, how could you not share that with the ones you love?

We will **DOUBLE** the size of our organization overnight if every current member recruits just one member,. **We can do it!**

Friendly Reminder: To remain a Member in Good Standing, Annual Members need to pay their 2024-2025 Dues by December 31, 2024. Also, all elected officers who are Annual Members must be paid by December 31, 2024 or they will automatically be removed from their position.

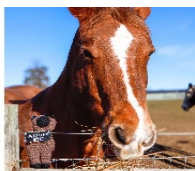


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President's Special Project



Fred Jennings

757 -477-5086

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Judy Lupole

757-581-2702

luydale88@verizon.net

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, behaviour 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 6&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 court, 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 ages 6-15. This group learns horse safety, handling, behaviour, 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.



SCHOLARSHIP

2024-2025



VFW AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Did You Know You Have The Opportunity To Further Your Education

The VFW Auxiliary's **Continuing Education** scholarships assists Auxiliary members and their immediate family (must be 21+ in age) to pursue a college degree or a career direction at a vocational/technical school. Scholarship recipients earn \$1,250 to use toward their education and related expenses. Applications are due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by **February 15, 2025**.

When you talk about this scholarship in your meeting, you just promoted this program. **Please** report this to me.



Did you know 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

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.**



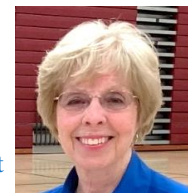
Three Dimensional: National Scholarships First place - **\$2,500**

- ❖ 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.**



DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!
March 31, 2025

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 New Year

to all of our Auxiliary Members.
A Health, Happy and Prosperous 2025,
from my home to yours.

I am proud to report, that we are at 90 % reported for the Veterans & Family Support Program. All of you are doing an excellent job.

Please remember, that you can report in multiple programs at the same time, if applicable. There are only a few auxiliaries, that have not reported.

I am listing some ideas for you again below.. Reporting in this program is mandatory in order to make your Outstanding Auxiliary. I would love for all your auxiliaries to make this award. What can I do to help?

If you have any questions, or even ideas, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. My line is always open, as i am always open to new ideas and recommendations.

What can we do to help?

Here are just a few examples of what we can do:

- Visit elderly veterans and/or family in your community.
- Assist veterans/family members in getting them to the grocery store, doctors appointments, hospital visits etc.
- Volunteer to help cook meals or pack care packages for veterans and/or service members.
- Honor Flight
- Greet troops at the airport when returning to CONUS.
- Educate yourself with the various programs listed on the VFW Aux Malta website, in order to be able to assist Veterans and Service Members. (scroll down on the left to Veterans and Family Support Program) i.e. MAPS and VNS grants etc.
- Honor the veterans and/or service members in your community with a special event recognizing them.
- Suicide prevention (be vigilant and carry cards, etc.). However, don't take action yourself, unless you are a certified trained professional in the field.
- Take dinner to a veteran and his/her family.
- Make a difference in the life of a veteran.

These are just a few examples of ways to assist veterans.



YOUTH Activities

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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 Baskett. It is an Outstanding Auxiliary Requirement for a member from each Auxiliary to attend District and Conventions Meetings.

1/18/2025 Distict 1 Meeting	
Lunch	TBA
Meeting	11:00 AM
Place	VFW 176, Newport News 21 Forrest Dr Newport News, VA 23606
<u>Auxiliary Representative: SVP Kelli Levitt</u>	
VFW Representative: St Cmdr. Mitch Rubenstien	

1-18-2025 District 7 Meeting	
Lunch	11:30 AM
Meeting	After Lunch
Place	Post 2447, Endiburg 100 Veterans Way Edinburg, VA 2282
<u>Auxiliary Representative: President Dawn Kuhn</u>	
VFW Representative: SVC Doug Hoffman	

2/8/2025 District 2 Meeting	
Lunch	No Lunch
Meeting	9:00a.m.
Place	Post 2894, Chesapeake 3329 Battlefield Blvd Chesapeake, VA 23322
<u>Auxiliary Representative: PDP Ellen Stogsdill</u>	
VFW Representative:	

2/1/2025/District 8 Meeting	
Lunch	TBA
Meeting	10:00:00 AM
Place	Post 3103, Fredricksburg 2701 Princess Anne St Fredericksburg, VA 22401
<u>Auxiliary Representative: SVP Kelli Levitt</u>	
VFW Representative:	

2/8/2025, District 3 Meeting	
Lunch	After Meeting
Meeting	10:00 AM
Place	Post 637, Hopewell 1400 Lynchburg St Hopewell, Va 23860
<u>Auxiliary Representative: President Dawn Kuhn</u>	
VFW Representative:	

1/25/2025 District 9 Meeting	
Lunch	
Meeting	9:00 AM
Place	Post 7726, Independence 115 Klondike Rd Independence, VA 24348
<u>Auxiliary Representative: JVP Kathy Voss</u>	
VFW Representative:	

TBA District 4 Meeting	
Lunch	No Lunch
Meeting	3:30 PM
Place	
<u>Auxiliary Representative:</u>	
VFW Representative:	

3/8/2025 District 10 Meeting	
Lunch	
Meeting	1:30 PM
Place	Post 9274, Falls Church 7118 Shreve Rd Falls Church, VA 22043
<u>Auxiliary Representative: JVP Kathy Voss</u>	
VFW Representative: VFW ONLY on 12/7/2024	

2-15-2025, District 5 Meeting	
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:	

1/25/2025 District 11 Meeting	
Lunch	No Lunch
Meeting	10:00 AM
Place	VFW Post 2216 Staunton 815 N. Augusta Street Staunton, VA 24401
<u>Auxiliary Representative: SVP Kelli Levitt</u>	
VFW Representative: Inspector Ken Shannon	

4-5-2025 District 6 Meeting	
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: VFW ONLY on 12-7-2024	

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

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- President, Treasurer and Secretary Annual Dues **MUST BE** paid by **12-31-2024**.
- 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 communications.*
- All National Events are available at www.vfwauxiliary.org



Check our website [VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia \(vfwauxva.org\)](http://VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia (vfwauxva.org)) 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



			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

IMPORTANT DATES

Winter Council Meeting 2025

January 10-12, 2025. Winter Council Meeting
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center.
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA
Phone 757-220-2250. Room Rates are \$92.00 per night. **Cut off date 12/19/2024.**

Tentative Schedule for AUXILIARY at Winter Council:

January 10, 2024, 2-5 p.m. Department Audit. **AUDIT Team Only IN ATTENDANCE.**

January 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting. *All members are welcome.*

Any council member that cannot attend, contact Dawn and Ellen. **Dress: Business Casual.**

January 11, 2025, 7:30 -8:15 a.m. Floor Practice.

January 11, 2025, 8:30 – 12:00 p.m. Conference Meeting. **Dress: Official look for Officers, District Presidents, and Floor Team**

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 1, 2025; more details to come.

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.
Page 24 Cutoff Date is Thursday, May 22, 2025.

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



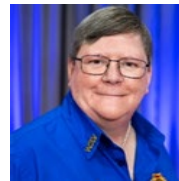
Auxiliary 1841
District 6

Junior Vice President



Susan Dinon
Auxiliary 621
District 7

Treasurer



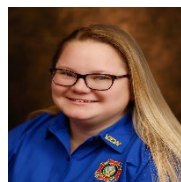
Cathy Graham
Auxiliary 3150
District 10

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.



**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	
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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

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Auxiliary _____ Secretary: _____ Email: _____ Phone # _____

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Virginia
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
VFW AUXILIARY

Winter Council of Administration Meeting
 January 9-12, 2025
 Ft Magruder Hotel and Conference Center
 Williamsburg, Virginia
 757-220-2250

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Virginia Veterans Foundation Board Meeting	TBD
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

10:00 AM	5:00 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Williamsburg Room
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Public affairs and social media for the VFW	Petersburg B&C
12:30 PM	2:30 PM	Microsoft 365 Training	Amphitheater
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Federal funding for Post	Petersburg B&C
2:00 PM	5:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Audit (Treasurer and Audit Team)	Boardroom
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Public affairs & social media for the VFW (Repeat)	Petersburg B&C
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Women's Veterans Forum	Amphitheater
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Federal Funding for Post (Repeat)	Petersburg B&C
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Cootie Degree Work	Amphitheater
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	Richmond

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	PDP Breakfast	Hotel Breakfast Bar
7:30 AM	8:15 AM	Auxiliary Floor Practice	Richmond
8:00 AM	2:30 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Williamsburg Room
8:00 AM	2:30 PM	Service Officer Training	Amphitheater
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Petersburg
8:30 AM	12:30 PM	VFW Auxiliary Business/Program Presentation	Richmond
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Petersburg
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	VFW Riders Meeting	Petersburg A
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Charitable Gaming Updates and best practices	Petersburg B&C
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	MOCA Meeting	Petersburg A
2:30 PM	4:30 PM	Movie (Brothers after War)	Amphitheater
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	MOC Meeting	Petersburg B&C
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	VOD & PP BANQUET	Richmond

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Amphitheater
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR, VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, AND PATRIOT'S PEN BANQUET TICKETS: \$TBD

Department Hospitality Room – Williamsburg Room
 Tenth District Hospitality Room – Third Floor

(Tentative schedule subject to change)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 3rd WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 9 – 12, 2025

Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 757-220-2250 ~
\$92.00 Per night

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PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET
\$55.00

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS
SOLD AT THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.**

Dinner Menu

Herb Crusted Chicken

AND

Sliced Herb Crusted Roast Beef

Served with:

House Salad

Southern Style Green Beans Oven Roasted Potatoes

Warm Rolls and Butter

Chocolate Cake

Coffee Iced Tea

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VFW Auxiliary
Department of Virginia
AS OF 12-15-2024

	Membership			Va Medical Centers			Health & Happiness	VFW Veterans & Military	Pres Special Project		X = Audit Received by Department Treasurer			
	6-30-24 Totals	12/15/24 Total	%	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMT PAID	AMT PAID		First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
District 1										X				
176	44	39	88.64%	19.80	19.80					X		x	Dec	
3219	249	242	97.19%	112.05	112.05		62.25		100.00	X		x	x	
District 1	293	281	95.90%	131.85	131.85	0.00	62.25	0.00	100.00	0.00		x		
District 2									50.00	X				
392	568	554	97.54%	255.60	255.60		142.00		100.00	X		x	x	
2582	36	35	97.22%	16.20			9.00			X		x	x	
2894	34	32	94.12%	15.30	25.00		25.00			X		x	x	
3160	303	300	99.01%	136.35	136.35		136.35			X		x	x	
4411	105	83	79.05%	47.25			26.25		50.00	X		x	x	
4809	322	319	99.07%	144.90	144.90		80.50		100.00	X		x	x	
District 2	1368	1323	96.71%	615.60	561.85	0.00	419.10	0.00	300.00	0.00		x		
District 3										X				
622	35	28	80.00%	15.75	15.75		8.75		50.00	X		x	x	
637	383	330	86.16%	172.35	172.35		95.75	100.00		X		x	x	
2239	72	58	80.56%	32.40	32.40		18.00	100.00	100.00	X		x	x	
4639	52	39	75.00%	23.40	23.40		13.00			X		x	x	
6364	181	164	90.61%	81.45	81.45		45.25			X		x	x	
7167	54	51	94.44%	24.30	24.30		13.50		100.00	X		x	x	
8046	44	40	90.91%	19.80	19.80		11.00			X		x	x	
8529	83	66	79.52%	37.35						X		x	x	
9501	56	56	100.00%	25.20	25.20		29.00	50.00		X		x		
9808	193	182	94.30%	86.85	86.85		19.30			X		x	x	
10387	39	22	56.41%	17.55	17.55		10.00	50.00	25.00	X		x	x	
10654	33	28	84.85%	14.85	14.85	50.00	8.25		25.00	X		x	x	
10657	30	31	103.33%	13.50	13.50		7.50		100.00	X		x	x	
District 3	1255	1095	87.25%	564.75	527.40	50.00	279.30	300.00	400.00	0.00		x		

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District 4										X				
7059	62	60	96.77%	27.90	27.90		15.50			X		x	x	
7166	36	33	91.67%	16.20	16.25		9.00			X		x	x	
8163	53	48	90.57%	23.85	23.85		13.25	50.00	500.00	X		x	x	
8759	37	36	97.30%	16.65						X		x	x	
9855	33	26	78.79%	14.85	14.85		8.25			X		x	x	
9954	112	113	100.89%	50.40	51.75		28.75			X		x	x	
District 4	333	316	94.89%	149.85	134.60	0.00	74.75	50.00	500.00	0.00		x		
District 5									25.00	X				
647	75	69	92.00%	33.75	33.75		18.75	200.00	25.00	X		x	x	
7854	26	22	84.62%	11.70	11.70		6.50		25.00	X		x	x	
8243	31	25	80.65%	13.95	14.40		8.00		25.00	X		x	x	
District 5	132	116	87.88%	59.40	59.85	0.00	33.25	200.00	100.00	0.00		x		
District 6									25.00	X				
776	21	19	90.48%	9.45			10.00			X		x	x	
1033	56	50	89.29%	25.20	25.20		14.00		70.00	X		x	x	
1264	95	82	86.32%	42.75	42.75		23.75			X		x	x	
1841	33	33	100.00%	14.85	14.85		8.25		100.00	X		x	x	
District 6	205	184	89.76%	92.25	82.80	0.00	56.00	0.00	195.00	0.00		x		
District 7									500.00	X				
621	107	94	87.85%	48.15	48.15		53.50	1100.00		X		x	x	
2447	541	429	79.30%	243.45			135.25			X		x	x	
8613	103	105	101.94%	46.35						X		x	x	
9292	13	7	53.85%	5.85			3.50			X		x	x	
9660	38	34	89.47%	17.10	17.10		10.00			X		x	x	
9760	385	348	90.39%	173.25	173.25		194.25			X		x	x	
District 7	1187	1017	85.68%	534.15	238.50	0.00	396.50	1100.00	500.00	0.00		x		
District 8									125.00	X				
3103	228	187	82.02%	102.60	102.60		57.00			X		x	x	
7589	105	105	100.00%	47.25	47.25		26.25	300.00	100.00	X		x	x	
12202	48	46	95.83%	21.60	21.60		12.00	21.60	25.00	X		x	x	
District 8	381	338	88.71%	171.45	171.45	0.00	95.25	321.60	250.00	0.00				


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	6-30-24 Totals	12/15/24 Total	%	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMT PAID	AMT PAID					
District 9									225.00	X				
1115	203	182	89.66%	91.35	91.35		20.30	150.00		X		x	x	
1184	32	24	75.00%	14.40	14.40		8.00	25.00	100.00	X		x	x	
4667	116	115	99.14%	52.20	52.50		29.00	50.00		X		x	x	
6000	43	21	48.84%	19.35			11.25					x	x	
7136	22	22	100.00%	9.90						X		x		
7726	94	91	96.81%	42.30	42.30		23.50		100.00	X		Oct	x	
7969	33	21	63.64%	14.85						X		x	x	
9696	63	52	82.54%	28.35	28.35		30.15		7.40			x	x	
District 9	606	528	87.13%	272.70	228.90	0.00	122.20	225.00	432.40	0.00		x		
District 10									15.00	X				
609	42	41	97.62%	18.90	18.90		10.50		25.00	X		x	x	
1177	43	40	93.02%	19.35	19.35		10.75			X		x	x	
1503	1108	1091	98.47%	498.60	498.60		277.00	500.00		X		x	x	
3150	166	162	97.59%	74.70	74.70		41.50			X		x	x	
7327	141	135	95.74%	63.45	63.45		35.25	87.00	50.00	X		x	x	
7916	232	234	100.86%	104.40						X		x	Dec	
8469	41	42	102.44%	18.45						X		x		
9274	28	22	78.57%	12.60	12.60		7.00			X		x	x	
District 10	1801	1767	98.11%	810.45	687.60	0.00	382.00	587.00	90.00	0.00		x		
District 11									15.00					
632	182	149	81.87%	81.90	81.90		45.50			X		x	x	
3136	15	14	93.33%	6.75	6.75		3.75			X		x	x	
4204	24	24	100.00%	10.80			15.00			X		x	x	
7814	27	29	107.41%	12.15	12.15		6.75			X		x	x	
8644	57	55	96.49%	25.65			14.25			X		x	x	
District 11	305	271	88.85%	137.25	100.80	0.00	85.25	0.00	15.00	0.00		x		
1994	42	41	97.62%	18.90	18.90		10.50		25.00	X		x	x	
District 13									15.00	X				
1827	212	202	95.28%	95.40	95.40		53.00			X		x	x	
8169	33	27	81.82%	14.85	14.85		8.25		100.00	X		x	x	
8947	86	86	100.00%	38.70	43.00		43.00		100.00	X		x	x	
10574	177	140	79.10%	79.65	79.65		50.00	100.00	101.50	X		x		
District 13	508	455	89.57%	228.60	228.60	0.00	154.25	100.00	316.50	0.00		x	x	
Members at Large	723	688	95.16%											

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	6-30-24 Totals	12/15/24 Total	%	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMT PAID	AMT PAID					
Total - VIRGINIA	9139	8420	92.13%	\$ 3,768.30	\$ 2,925.60	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,160.10	\$ 2,893.60	\$ 2,150.10					
District Percentages				Percentage Order										
District	6-30-24 Totals	12/15/24 Totals	%					District	6-30-24 Totals	12/15/2024 Totals	%			
1	293	281	95.90%					10	1801	1767	98.11%			
2	1368	1323	96.71%					2	1368	1323	96.71%			
3	1255	1095	87.25%					1	293	281	95.90%			
4	333	316	94.89%					4	333	316	94.89%			
5	132	116	87.88%					6	205	184	89.76%			
6	205	184	89.76%					13	508	455	89.57%			
7	1187	1017	85.68%					11	305	271	88.85%			
8	381	338	88.71%					8	381	338	88.71%			
9	606	528	87.13%					5	132	116	87.88%			
10	1801	1767	98.11%					3	1255	1095	87.25%			
11	305	271	88.85%					9	606	528	87.13%			
13	508	455	89.57%					7	1187	1017	85.68%			
Members At Large	723	688	95.16%											
Department' s Total	9,139	8,420	92.13%											

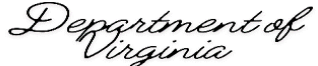
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Dist	Auxiliary	Americanism	Auxiliary Outreach	Buddy Poppy & National Home	Historian	Hospital	Legislative	Scholarship	VFS	Youth Activities	
Aux	1994	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
DVA01	176				X	X			X		
DVA01	3219	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA02	392	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA02	2582	X	x	X		X				x	
DVA02	2894	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA02	3160	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA02	4411	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
DVA02	4809	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA03	622	X		X		X					
DVA03	637	X		X		X		X	X		
DVA03	2239			X		X			X		
DVA03	4639			X		X			X		
DVA03	6364			X		X			X		
DVA03	7167			X		X			X		
DVA03	8046	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA03	8529					X					
DVA03	9501	X		X		X		X	X	X	
DVA03	9808	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA03	10387			X		X			X		
DVA03	10654			X		X			X		
DVA03	10657	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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DVA04	7059	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
DVA04	7166			X	X	X	X		X		
DVA04	8163	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
DVA04	8759	X				X		X	X	X	
DVA04	9855	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA04	9954	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
DVA05	647		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA05	7854			X	X	X	X		X		
DVA05	8243			X		X			X		
DVA06	776	X	X	X	X				X	X	
DVA06	1033	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA06	1264	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
DVA06	1841	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA07	621	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA07	2447			X	X	X		X	X		
DVA07	8613	X			X	X		X	X	X	
DVA07	9292			X		X		X			
DVA07	9660	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
DVA07	9760	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA08	3103			X	X	X			X		
DVA08	7589	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA08	12202	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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Dist	Auxiliary	Americanism	Auxiliary Outreach	Buddy Poppy & National Home	Historian	Hospital	Legislative	Scholarship	VFS	Youth Activities
DVA09	1115	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DVA09	1184			X		X			X	X
DVA09	4667	X	X	X	X	X			X	
DVA09	6000	X		X		X			X	X
DVA09	7136					X			X	
DVA09	7726					X			X	
DVA09	7969									
DVA09	9696			X		X			X	
DVA10	609	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
DVA10	1177	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
DVA10	1503	X		X		X			X	
DVA10	3150	X		X		X	X		X	X
DVA10	7327	X		X		X			X	
DVA10	7916									
DVA10	8469									
DVA10	9274			X		X			X	
DVA11	632	X				X			X	X
DVA11	3136	X				X			X	
DVA11	4204			X					X	
DVA11	7136	X		X			X			
DVA11	7814			X		X			X	
DVA11	8644	X		X		X			X	

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Dist	Auxiliary	Americanism	Auxiliary Outreach	Buddy Poppy & National Home	Historian	Hospital	Legislative	Scholarship	VFS	Youth Activities	
DVA13	1827			X		X			X		
DVA13	8169			X	X	X			X		
DVA13	8947	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
DVA13	10574	X		X	X	X			X		

Below is a list of our Chairman,

If your Auxiliaries is being **shown not reported**, Please contact tthe Chairman.

If you have any questions or concens about the programs. Contact our Departmnt President Dawn Kuhn.

Department of Virginia Chairmens /Appointments 2024-2025

Program	Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Email
Americanism	Crystal Woods	904 Jewell Ave	Portsmouth	VA	23701-1912	(757) 818-4148	ctodd0711@gmail.com
Auxiliary Outreach	Robert DeChamplain	7417 Wildwood Dr	Norfolk	VA	23518-4415	(757) 239-4517	amleg327bobd@gmail.com
Buddy Poppy - National Home	Kathy Voss	80 Lake Knoll Road	Union Hall	VA	24176-4155	(919) 264-7839	klvjwv83@gmail.com
Extension & Revitalization	Carol Vangi	1024 Hullview Ave	Norfolk	VA	23503-2028	(757) 621-5519	cjonesvangi@gmail.com
Historian - Media Relations	Jamie Stewart	5194 Longbow Rd	King George	VA	22485-3168	(757) 897-5521	Jstewart.vfvaux@outlook.com
Hospital	Martha Braunshausen	8810 Gramel St	Norfolk	VA	23503-4814	(757) 289-1686	msswusn@aol.com
Legislative	Beverly Abbott	130 Brookview Rd	Danville	VA	24540-3408	(434) 792-4497	desiabbot@comcast.net
Membership	Vicki Butler	220 Hillcrest Dr	Fredericksburg	VA	22401-4010	(757) 284-1651	vickibutler@hotmail.com
Outstanding Auxiliary and District Presidents	Maggie Myers	2647 Courthouse Rd	Louisa	VA	23093-3310	(434) 242-3826	magmyer64@yahoo.com
	Patty Basskett	2651 Frontage Rd NW Apt 104	Roanoke	VA	24017-1456	(276) 733-9970	pbaskettva1115@yahoo.com
President Special Project	Judy Lupole	1246 Quarter Way	Virginia Beach	VA	23464-8510	(757) 581-2702	luvedale88@verizon.net
	Fred Jenings	1246 Quarter Way	Virginia Beach	VA	23464-8510	(757) 477-5086	fredlvj@verizon.net
Scholarships	Mary Corkhill	PO Box 1912	Manassas	VA	20108-0802	(703) 361-8950	mcorkhill@comcast.net
Veterans & Family Support	Bettina Lane	285 Deerfield Pl	Mineral	VA	23117-4758	(540) 287-1454	Presidentauxvfwpost8947@gmail.com
Youth Activities	Dinah Devins Doyle	3449 Crimson Holly Ln	Virginia Beach	VA	23453-2802	(757) 560-0493	n2runn1@yahoo.com

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.



Central Virginia VA Medical Center (652)
1201 Broad Rock Blvd,
Richmond, Virginia 23249

December 6, 2024

In Reply Refer To: 652/135

VFW Auxiliary Of Virginia
9691 Lindenbrook St.
Fairfax, VA 22031

Dear VFW Auxiliary Of Virginia:

On behalf of the Central Virginia VA Health Care System patients and staff, we would like to thank you for your check donation of \$300.00, check #0713, for our Veterans. A receipt is enclosed.

As requested, this donation has been deposited in the following General Post Fund account(s):

General Post Fund	Donation value
#1047 – Recreation Therapy	\$300.00

VA remains committed to honoring our Nation's Veterans by ensuring a safe environment to deliver exceptional health care.

Thank you for your continued support and advocacy.

Sincerely,

Thessalonia Higgs
Acting Chief,
Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE)

In accordance with VHA Directive 4721, we are required to state, "The Department of Veterans Affairs did not provide you, the donor, any goods or services in consideration in whole or part for your contribution."