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Unity Brings Victory

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President's Message



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Happy Spring, Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

April is a busy month and there are several items that must be completed. If you have questions or need assistance with any of these, please contact me or Secretary Jerry Miller ASAP.

- **MALTA** - Please be certain that your information is correct.
- **ELECTIONS** - Auxiliary Election of Officers will be held at the April meeting. District Election of Officers will be held at the District Convention. Installation reports must be entered into MALTA as soon as possible, after installation.
- **PROGRAM REPORTING** - The reporting period ends on April 30th. Please be sure to check the OA tracker for your status. Hold onto your reports for anything May 1st and later, as they should be turned in to the 26-27 Program Chairman.
- **OA REQUIREMENTS** – Refer to the requirements for attendance, reporting and monetary donations.
- **AUDITS** – 1st quarter must be completed at your April meeting. After accepted, it is due to Treasurer Cathy Graham by May 31st.
- **DELEGATES** – District, Department and National Delegate Forms have been sent via email and are also in this communication.

March started off with a bang for many of us. The VFW Legislative Conference and National President Lois's visit to Virginia, which was packed full of fabulous experiences. Special shout to my home Post and Auxiliary 1503 for the amazing welcome luncheon. To everyone who attended, helped and spent time – thank you for making Lois feel welcome and loved.

Let us all continue to lift one another up, recognize each person's contributions, and foster a spirit of respect and unity.

Loyally,

Kelli

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April is the Month of the Military Child. Are you or your Auxiliary planning something special to celebrate our military children? If so, please report it before April 30.

Remember also that April 5th is National Gold Star Spouses and Family Day. Once known as Gold Star Wives Day - it has now been designated for the families of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The spouses and children are included and may be male or female. It is a day for us to honor and grieve with the families of those military members who died in the line of duty. The term originates from the tradition of replacing the blue star on a family's service flag with a gold star when a loved one is lost in military service.

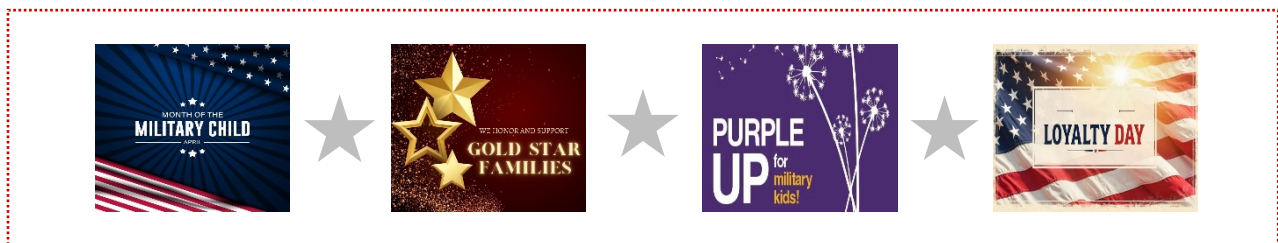
April 15 is Purple Up Day as part of the month of the Military Child. The idea is for everyone to take part by showing support and appreciation for military children through wearing purple. The color purple is meant to acknowledge the strength military children have and the sacrifices they make because of the lifestyle of their military parent or parents. The color purple was chosen to represent all service branches, Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard and Veterans..

Remember May 1st is Loyalty Day. Congress in 1958 designated May 1 to be set aside as a special day the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States of America and for recognition of the heritage of American Freedom. It is a day upon which patriotic citizens should hold parades, Flag ceremonies, public meetings, school programs, and other Americanism activities throughout the nation. Fly your flags and encourage others to do the same. Publicize Loyalty Day through all forms of news media. Order and pass out Loyalty Day pamphlets from the VFW store. Remember April 30 ends our reporting year. Be sure to turn in all reports of your Auxiliary's activities in all our programs before the deadline. It has been an eventful year and many of you have been in the schools, community events, nursing homes and hospitals promoting and teaching about Americanism. I have enjoyed reading about your activities. Thank you for all that you do in promoting Americanism and supporting our Veterans.

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As we approach the end of our year, I want to commend everyone on their hard work over the past months. You all have done outstanding work promoting the program. I want to remind you to send your reports to me if you have not already done so. I want you to receive credit for your hard work!

I want to bring it to everyone's attention that, as of January 1, 2026, the Traditional and Centennial life memberships have been consolidated into a single \$100 lifetime membership program.

The May convention will be here before we know it. If you have not started working on your Buddy Poppy Display Contest entry, be sure to get started soon so that it will be ready in time for the convention. I am looking forward to seeing everyone's entries.

"BUDDY"® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

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 the 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 the label attached.

NOTE: (a) 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. (b) Post name, number, city, or state (including the shape of your state) may not be visible on the display. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Please note: that entry forms must be submitted to me by **May 18th. You can email them to me at **pamelakotz067@gmail.com** or mail them to me at the following address:
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"From the shining lighthouse we want to honor the dead by helping the living"
Sandra Jeffries, National Ambassador

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You Can't Stop the Waves

But You Can Learn to Surf

Auxiliary Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)

PIP was created as a way to let an Auxiliary take ownership of resolving problems or internal issues within the Auxiliary. The Department President selects a person or team to aid in the decisions and discussion with the Auxiliary. It is the Auxiliary who is responsible for crafting a plan to become healthy again.

A **PIP** Committee (not a Suspension Committee) is assigned to meet with the Auxiliary President, Secretary and Treasurer, and under certain situations, an individual member or members with the issues to discuss and develop a PIP. The PIP Committee takes the lead and gradually gets the Auxiliary involved in correcting the issue. The PIP Committee should attend the Auxiliary meetings to assist in getting them back on track.

How Can a PIP Benefit an Auxiliary?

The intent of a **PIP** is to lessen the sting of a suspension. A **PIP** outlines a plan to:

- Provide time to say "Hold on, we have a problem, let's come up with a strategic plan to eliminate the issue or problem."
- Aid the Auxiliary in resolving issues, problems or personal conflicts while they are authorized to continue the Auxiliary official business.
- Set timelines to meet the needs of the Auxiliary or members involved.
- Monitor the progress of the Auxiliary or its Officers as they decide on "how" and "who" will be involved in the steps to become a healthy Auxiliary again.

Note: The implementation of the PIP is monitored at the Department level, **not** the National level. I have provided a copy of the PIP Form for your information.

Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation and MALTA Member Resources are the most valuable tools available to members at all levels. These documents are located in MALTA. Additionally, a current copy of the Bylaws and Ritual is a must-have publication for all Auxiliary members to read and study to stay informed on the Bylaws requirements and the instructions on how to perform their duties. We must also understand our Traditions and programs to help mentor our members and prepare them for leadership roles in the Auxiliary.

The Department President's Theme is "**Unity Brings Victory**" and the National President's theme is "**From Sea to Shining Sea – Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free.**" Whether you choose to be a lighthouse keeper who safeguards the lives of veterans, or you learn to surf to become patience to become an effective Auxiliary team member - both skills unite us in **(1)** supporting our nation's veterans and their families and **(2)** benefiting our communities.

AUXILIARY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

AUXILIARY # _____ LOCATION _____ DATE _____

PRESIDENT _____ DISTRICT PRESIDENT _____

PIP Team: 1 _____
 Can be 1 - 3 members 2 _____
 3 _____

STEP ONE - AREAS OF CONCERN

List specific areas where the Auxiliary and or Officer(s) has not met expectations.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Yes No

Have concerns been previously addressed and training provided?

If Yes, list:
 Trainer: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

STEP TWO - EXPECTATIONS

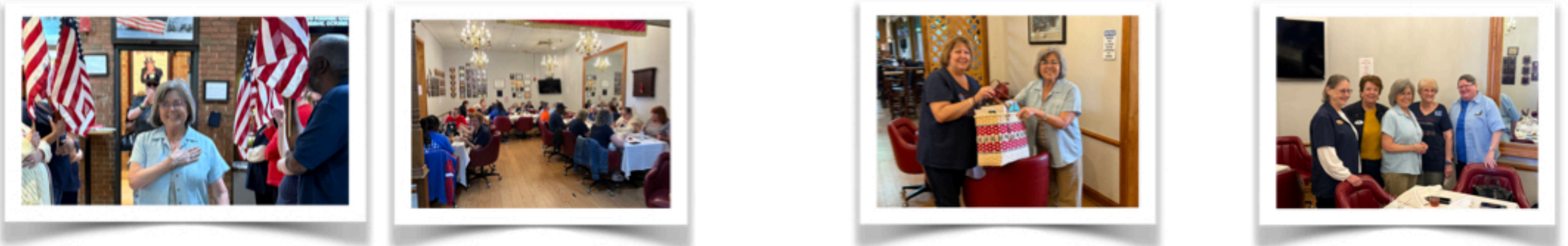
Items of concern must be addressed to conform with bylaws, deadlines and other Auxiliary traditions.

Item #	What can be done?	Who will do it?	Expected Date of Completion
1			
2			
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4			
5			

HISORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

Our National President's Visit To Virginia

Our National President Lois Callahan honored us with her visit to our beautiful state on March 10th. and 11th. What a great visit. Lois Callahan arrived in northern Virginia on Tuesday and the Auxiliary of Virginia gave her a warm reception at the Department of Virginia's Home Post VFW Post 1503 in Dale City. The first day of her visit included luncheon at the VFW and social. The day closed with a visit and dinner at The Rose Casino and Resort in Dumfries.



The second day of President Lois's visit included the visit to the Marines Museum in Quantico, followed by a luncheon at the Tun Tavern, located inside the museum. Wednesday afternoon, a bus ride took us to Fredericksburg to visit the Black Horse Forge Shop as well as the Loyal Drum. Both businesses are owned and operated by veterans. The evening came to a close at VFW Post 1503 for a last gathering with Lois Callahan.





Hospital



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As we welcome the arrival of spring, it's inspiring to see everyone working diligently to wrap up another successful year as we prepare for the upcoming May convention. Your dedication and hard work have truly made a difference in the lives of our veterans, and I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment.

This is a friendly reminder that, to be eligible for an Outstanding Auxiliary (OA) award this year, a hospital report must be submitted. Please be sure to check the tracker and submit your reports either online or by mail. Accurate and timely reporting ensures we recognize all the incredible efforts made throughout our Department.

Keep up the wonderful work supporting our veterans in the Hospital. Your compassion and service are the heart of our mission. Thank you for all that you do, and let's finish this year strong as we look forward to seeing everyone at the convention!

Additionally, at the upcoming convention, three Auxiliaries will be awarded for their outstanding creativity and for donating the most time to support our veterans. This special recognition highlights the exceptional dedication and innovative spirit within our Department.



VFW Auxiliary National Hospital Volunteer Recruiter Award No. 1 & No. 2 2025-2026

No. 1 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter" Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

No. 2 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" Plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Plaque to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Membership No.: _____

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's VFW Auxiliary No.: _____ Department of _____

Total number of volunteers recruited: _____ **Program Division Number:** _____

In case of a tie, please consider the below information.

Number of hours served from July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. _____

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: _____

Number of VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. _____

Number of other Hospital Programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in. _____

What are the volunteer assignments? _____

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the Department Hospital Chairman by **March 31, 2026.***

Department Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*The Department Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson by **April 30, 2026.***

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

National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson will select the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter with the most total volunteers recruited in each of the 10 Program Divisions and one Hospital Volunteer Recruiter in the nation with the most volunteers recruited to be announced at the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



VFW Auxiliary National Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year Award No. 3 2025-2026

No. 3 "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year" Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Eligibility:

- Volunteer may be any VFW Auxiliary member who serves as a VFW Auxiliary Hospital Volunteer in any medical facility in your Department (VAMC, military, community, children's hospital, nursing home, therapy center or clinic).
- Volunteer must have served from July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.
- Volunteer hours at VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purposes.
- VAVS Representatives and Deputies are also eligible to be considered as Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year.

Hospital Volunteer Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hospital Volunteer Membership No.: _____

Hospital Volunteer VFW Auxiliary No.: _____ Department of _____

Total number of volunteers recruited: _____ Program Division Number: _____

Number of hours served from July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. _____

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: _____

Number of VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. _____

Number of other Hospital Programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in. _____

What are the volunteer assignments? _____

Please attach a separate sheet with detailed information on why this VFW Auxiliary member is an Outstanding Hospital Volunteer.

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year form to the Department Hospital Chairman by **March 31, 2026**.*

Department Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*The Department Hospital Chairman will select **ONE** Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year and will forward the completed form to National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson by **April 30, 2026**.*

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

National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson will select ONE Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the year in each of the 10 Program Divisions to be announced at the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



Legislative

Hopefully, Spring is just around the corner! I don't know about you, but I am tired of cold weather.

recent Action Alerts! I am so proud that you are taking action!

Unfortunately, our work is not done. The Claim Shark issue has not passed yet but will be coming up again. We found in talking with our Representatives, some will tell us they agree with the VFW but then when it comes to vote, something has changed their mind. This bill will again be sent back to Committee and will resurface at a later date. Please know.....we will not give up!

As we think ahead to our Department Convention in May, the National and Department Legislative Committees will be hosting a one-hour focused discussion on VFW Department of Virginia Legislative Priorities. It is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm. This session is open to all paid Post and Auxiliary members.

Here is the Tentative Agenda:

- 1- Introduction
- 2- 2- Summary of National Issues
- 3- 3- Summary of Commonwealth Issues
- 4- 4- Virginia Joint Leadership Issues
- 5- 5- Open discussion

I challenge each Auxiliary to have their Legislative Chairman for the new year, or another member, attend this discussion so that they can understand what issues the VFW is facing for our Veterans. By attending and bringing the information back to your Auxiliary it will help our members better understand the importance of the Action Alerts we receive and why our response to the Action Alerts matter.

As we only have a few more months to report, please review the Committee Report spreadsheet and if your Auxiliary is not reported please get your report to me ASAP. If you have reported and it is not showing, please reach out to me so we can get this corrected.

Thank you for all you do,

Liz

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“Unity Brings Victory”

As this year draws to a close, I want to share how much I have appreciated hearing your stories about recruitment, events, and experiences. You’re doing a remarkable job! We are so close to achieving 100% and I want to thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to your Auxiliary. Together we will continue to strive for greater goals. I look forward to seeing you at Convention for more awards and recognition. Here are some ideas for recruiting and retaining. Hope it helps.

Unity Brings Victory

Recruiting and retaining members is fundamental to the strength and growth of our organization. How we welcome and engage new members reflects our leadership and commitment. Too often, we successfully recruit members but fail to actively invite them into meaningful participation.

As the saying goes, *“People buy people before they buy products and services.”* This principle aligns closely with our mission. Genuine connection, enthusiasm, and encouragement inspire members to become involved and invested in our Auxiliary.

Engagement Is Essential

What happens after a member joins is critical. There is a brief window—approximately six weeks—during which meaningful engagement significantly increases long-term involvement. Failing to connect during this period can result in lost interest. By focusing on personal connection and intentional engagement, we strengthen participation and unity across our Auxiliary.

Building Connection Through Communication

Sharing Stories

Personal stories strengthen relationships and foster a sense of unity. Creating opportunities for members to share their experiences during meetings helps build meaningful connections and reinforces our shared purpose.

Welcome Package

A structured welcome package is an effective way to introduce new members to Auxiliary programs, meeting schedules, events, volunteer opportunities, and member benefits. Including a small token of appreciation helps create a positive first impression.

Personalization

Thoughtful gestures such as cards, recognition of achievements, and acknowledgment of special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) remind members that they are valued and appreciated.

Social media

Social media can be a powerful engagement tool when used effectively. Regularly sharing relevant content, success stories, and event information keeps members informed and connected while promoting participation.



Presidents Special Project

Willing Warriors is a 501 (C)(3) nonprofit organization providing our nations wounded, ill and injured military service members and their families with a short stay at a Warrior Retreat at Bull Run. Programs are provided for their well-being. Let's help as many as we can.

Please Donate and Report

**SEND DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT TREASURE,
PUT THE AUXILIARY # IN THE MEMO OF THE CHECK.
SEND THE REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN
WITH DONATION INFORMATION.**

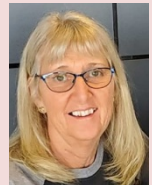
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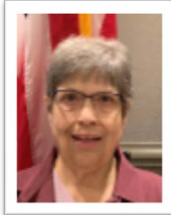


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*The deadline was March 31, for the
Patriotic Arts Scholarship Contests*

** Young American Creative Patriotic Arts Contest*

** 2 Dimensional and 3 Dimensional Arts*

First place winners should be forwarded to me by April 15, 2026



At this time, I would like to thank everyone who took time to write and submit a scholarship report. I know that everyone has a busy life, so thank you very much for your time. I want you to know whether you win or lose in my book, you ALL are winners. I am just sorry that I cannot give each of you an award at the Convention.

Below are All Auxiliaries that **HAVE NOT REPORTED.**

District 1 – 176; District 2 – 4411; District 3 – 2239, 4639, 7167, 8529, 10654, 10657; District 4 – 7166, 8163, 8759; District 5 – 647, 8243; District 7 – 244, 9292, 9760; District 8 – 3103, 12202; District 9 – 9696; District 10 – 1503, 7327, 7916, 9274; District 11 – 4204, 8644; District 13 – 10574.

Note: Please check and make sure that I have all your reports, if not, please let me know. I want to make sure I do not miss anyone.

Thank you for giving me a Great Year as your Scholarship Chairman.

Rose Harper

VETERAN & FAMILY SUPPORT



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A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



The VFW auxiliary is in a unique position to help teach our youth the skills to become responsible adults through serving our country communities and veterans. We have a new generation of veterans who need the support of family, friends, and country as they serve overseas and when they come home from conflict abroad. Today's youth are the future of our nation.

INVOLVE YOUTH IN ALL AUXILIARY PROGRAMS

Youth play such an important role in our future. Encourage involvement from an early age and all auxiliary programs. Every young person can find their place when they are presented with a variety of opportunities to serve their communities and veterans. Teach youth about auxiliary efforts to respect and take pride in our country.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Marching in patriotic holiday parades.
- Help veterans/service members and their families with yardwork or household repair repairs.
- Sending cards and small gifts to the VFW national home to support families.
- Planning card and letter-writing events to send mail to troops overseas or veterans in VA facilities.
- Organizing assembly, collection, and delivery of care packages for the troops.
- Teaching computer skills to veterans.
- Visiting and volunteering in VA and non-VA facilities.

YOUTH GROUP EXAMPLES FOR AUXILIARY SPONSORSHIP

- Youth, sports teams, and church youth groups
- School clubs, and afterschool programs
- Homeschool associations.
- Youth community service groups
- Service learning and civic engagement departments in high schools.



MAKE YOUR AUXILIARY ACCESSIBLE TO TODAY'S YOUTH

It has never been easier to share your experiences with the world. Social media platforms serve as powerful teaching and information tools, offering natural opportunities for collaboration. They allow young people to view and comment on each other's activities in real time. Whether they are tweeting on X, posting on Facebook, sharing photos on Instagram or Snapchat, or subscribing to YouTube channels—our youth are constantly connected. Get online and see what is new.



**Illustrating America Deadlines for Entries:
VFW Department – April 15, National Headquarters- May 5**

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you. It has been exciting working with you this year!



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**Extra resources
are available at
VFWAUXVA.org**



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WAYS & MEANS

I will be accepting any items you may have for donation to be used at our Department Convention. Receiving donated items in advance of events helps me plan for the themed silent auction baskets, price inventory, and hunt for unique items to fill in any gaps! Please reach out if you have any questions.

WANTED



- Gently Used**
VFW & Auxiliary Membership Items, new or vintage. (official look, hats, bags, pins, etc.)
- New or Gently Used**
Household décor, ladies /men’s accessories or clothing & pet items.
- New Vendor Surplus or Going-out-of-Business Items**
(Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Princess House, etc.)



- Worn, Stained or Visibly Used Items**
- Very Large, Bulky or Heavy Items**
(Please contact me for clarifications)
- Toiletry Liquids or**
- Perishable Items**
- Anything Expired**

NOT WANTED



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As of		Mid March	Membership as of 3/23/26		Business Section										Reporting													
NR = Not Reported N/A = Not Attended			W = Wavier		Donations		Audits				Dist Meet				SOI Training			Amer	Aux	B. P.	Hist	Hosp.	Legis	Memb	Pres	Schlr	VFS	Youth
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3	622	108.33%	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	X	X		N/A	Dept	N/A	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
3	637	96.72%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dept	Dist	1					1	1	1	1	1			
3	2239	98.53%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dept	Dept								1					
3	4639	95.92%	X	X	X	OCT	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist							1	1					
3	6364	101.07%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1		
3	7167	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dept	Dept	1							1		1	1		
3	8046	93.02%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
3	8529	98.77%	X	X	X	X	Jan	X	X	N/A	X		Dept	N/A	N/A							1						
3	9501	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dept	Dept	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
3	9808	101.04%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dept	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
3	10654	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	N/A	Dept								1		1			
3	10657	103.33%	X	0	X	X	X	0	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	N/A							1	1					
4	7059	103.13%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
4	7166	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		N/A	Dist	Dist							1						
4	8163	94.83%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		W	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0			
4	8759	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	N/A	N/A							1	1					
4	9855	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A		Dist	N/A	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1		
4	9954	102.59%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1			1	1		1	1	1		1		
5	647	89.61%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0		
5	7854	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1			1			1	1	1	1		
5	8243	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	W	Dist													
6	776	117.39%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
6	1033	103.45%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
6	1264	108.08%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
6	1841	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		

As of	Mid March	Membership as of 3/23/26	Business Section											Reporting												
NR = Not Reported W = Wavier N/A = Not Attended			Donations		Audits				Dist Meet				SOI Training			Amer	Aux	B. P.	Hist	Hosp.	Legis	Memb	Pres	Schlr	VFS	Youth
Dist	Auxiliary	%	VA Med	HH	1	2	3	4	2	3	4	CONV	Pres	Sec	Tres		Otrch	NHM	Media			Spec Proj				
7	621	72.64%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7	2447	104.88%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1						1	1			
7	8613	100.93%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	N/A	Dist	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7	9292	84.62%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	N/A											
7	9660	121.05%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	N/A	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7	9760	97.07%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	N/A	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	
8	3103	106.50%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dept	Dist	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	
8	7589	101.90%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	W	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8	12202	104.08%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dept	Dept	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	
9	1115	100.59%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dept	Dept	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9	1184	93.55%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9	4667	100.85%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9	7726	100.00%	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		N/A	Dist	N/A		1	1		1		1				
9	9696	90.63%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		N/A	Dist	Dist						1					
10	609	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
10	1177	104.44%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dist	W	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
10	1503	102.95%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dist	Dist	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	
10	3150	102.38%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		W	Dept	Dept	1	1	1				1	1	1	1	
10	7327	100.76%	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		N/A	Dist	Dist	1						1				
10	7916	101.57%	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Not Appoint	N/A							1				
10	8469	104.65%	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	W	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
10	9274	87.50%	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	N/A	N/A						1					
11	632	97.13%	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1		
11	3136	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
11	4204	100.00%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		W	Dist	Dist							1	1			
11	7814	103.33%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	W	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
11	8644	103.45%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	X		Dist	Dist	Dist							1				
13	1827	99.11%	X	X	X	SEP	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dist	Dist	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1		
13	8169	106.90%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	W	Dist	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
13	8947	110.91%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dist	Dept	Dept	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
13	10574	98.33%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dept	Dist	Dept	1						1	1		1	

District Convention Schedule 2026

<p><u>District 1</u> May 16, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. Post 3219, Phoebus 1222 E. Mellen St.</p>	<p><u>District 7</u> May 16, 2026 - 11:15 a.m. Post 9660, Broadway 14450 Runions Creek Rd.</p>
<p><u>District 2</u> May 9, 2026 - 9:00 a.m. Post 392, Virginia Beach 2408 Bowland Parkway</p>	<p><u>District 8</u> April 25, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. Post 9835, Warrenton 18 Court St.</p>
<p><u>District 3</u> May 2, 2026 10:00 a.m. Post 9808, Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane</p>	<p><u>District 9</u> May 16, 2026 -10:00 a.m. Post 4667, Marion 861 Goolsby St.</p>
<p><u>District 4</u> May 9, 2026 - 11:00 a.m. Post 7166, South Hill 1474 N. Mecklenburg Ave.</p>	<p><u>District 10</u> May 2, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. Post 1503, Dale City 14631 Minnieville Road</p>
<p><u>District 5</u> May 16, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. Post 647, Danville 275 VFW Drive</p>	<p><u>District 11</u> April 11, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. Post 8644, Bridgewater 118 Dry River Rd.</p>
<p><u>District 6</u> April 4, 2026 - 11:00 a.m. Post 1264, Roanoke 4930 Grandview Ave NW</p>	<p><u>District 13</u> May 16, 2026 11:00 a.m. Post 1827, Charlottesville 1170 River Rd.</p>



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA 101st CONVENTION MAY 27 - 31, 2026 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 2026 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 Kelli (presented during the luncheon)

\$ _____ (Total amount enclosed)

LUNCHEON MENU - FRIDAY MAY 29th:

Choose 1 Entrée

- _____ Grilled Chicken Breast w/Lemon Alfredo
- _____ Pan Seared Salmon w/ Balsamic Glaze
- _____ Grilled Portobella Mushroom

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- RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT BY **MAY 12, 2026**
- MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO VFW AUXILIARY, DEPT. OF VA.

2025-2026 Presidents Presentation

June 2026 Convention

We are going to do the Presidents Presentation again this year in hopes more Auxiliaries will continue to participate. The Presidents Presentation will be held on Friday, May 29, 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 Marti Braunshausen, will request the Department President, PNP, PDP's, District and Auxiliary Presidents who are participating to line up for the Presidents Presentation

Please assemble quietly and line up in numerical order according to your District and Auxiliary.

A registration form is provided below. A form must be received in order to participate in the Presidents Presentation. You can send it by postal mail or email me. The form must be received by May 16th, 2026, 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 # _____

PNP/PDP Name and year served: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 16, 2026 to:

Marti Braushausen
8810 Gramel St
Norfolk, VA 23503

msswusn@aol.com



CONVENTION RECEPTION

State Convention will be held May 28 – 31, 2026 at the

Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley
Conference Center 710 S
Main Street Harrisonburg
540-564-0200

The Commanders Reception will be held on May 30th.
You will **NOT** be able to purchase tickets the weekend of the Convention.
Pre-purchased tickets will be available at the registration table.

You **MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE RECEPTION (NO REFUNDS)**
Please wear your new Commander's Shirt

Tickets: \$10.00

Meal will consist of:

- Salad** (*Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Shaved Parmesan, Kalamata Olives, served with Balsamic Garlic Vinaigrette*)
- Tomato, Basil, and Feta Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette**
- Roasted Sliced Italian Beef**
- Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Pinot Grigio Sauce**
- Penne Bolognese**
- Roasted Vegetable Medley with Italian Herbs**
- Garlic Parmesan Bread sticks**
- Tiramisu and Cannoli**

Your choice of Iced Tea, Iced Water

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401 BY May 14, 2026
No Exceptions No Refunds after May 14th Check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post or Auxiliary number.

- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____
- Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Please charge my card: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa or Discover or American Express

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Zip Code: _____ CCV: _____

*Pre-paid tickets **will not** be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.*

VFW Auxiliary
Department of Virginia
Candidates for Office 2026 - 2027

For the Office of President:

Kathy Voss

For the Office of Senior Vice President:

Susan Dinon

For the Office of Junior Vice President:

Cara Buckley

For the Office of Chaplain:

Jamie Stewart

For the Office of Conductor:

Bettina Lane

For the Office of Guard:

Cynthia Cortner

**101st Annual VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia Convention
May 27 – 31, 2026
Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center**

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday May 27, 2026

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Officers Memorial Service Practice Attendance Required	Shenandoah A
<u>Thursday May 28, 2026</u>		
7:30 am – 9:00 am 8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Floor Practice Registration/Credentials Table	Shenandoah A Conference Center Entrance
8:00 am – 4:00 pm 8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Patriotic Art Displays Buddy Poppy Contest Displays	Appalachian ABC Appalachian ABC
9:30 am – 1:00 pm	Auxiliary Opening Business Session	Shenandoah A
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Joint VFW Auxiliary and VFW Memorial Service	Shenandoah AB
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Joint VFW Auxiliary and VFW Awards Ceremony	Shenandoah AB

Friday May 29, 2026

7:30 am – 8:30 am 8:00 am – 11:00 am 8:00 am – 4:00 pm 8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Past Dept Presidents and Past Dept. Commanders Breakfast Registration/Credentials Tables Patriotic Art Displays Buddy Poppy Contest Displays	Dolley Madison Rm Conf. Ctr Entrance Appalachian ABC Appalachian ABC
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Joint VFW Auxiliary and VFW Opening Session	Shenandoah AB
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Department President / Members Luncheon	Allegheny ABC
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Presentation of Presidents, Past and Present Registration / Credentials Tables Auxiliary Business Session - Nominations MOCA Meeting	Shenandoah A Conf Ctr Entrance Shenandoah A Madison Boardroom

Saturday May 30, 2026

8:30 am – 10:30 am 8:30 am – 1:00 pm	Registration / Credentials Tables (Closes at 10:30 am) Auxiliary Business Session Elections / Installation	Conf. Ctr Entrance Shenandoah A
5:30 pm – 9:00pm	Reception / Celebration	Shenandoah AB

Sunday May 31, 2026

9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:45 am – 11:00 am	Joint VFW and VFW Auxiliary Devotional Service 2026 – 2027 Council of Administration Meeting	Shenandoah A Shenandoah A
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Department Hospitality Suite - Shenandoah C



What is the MOCA?
How do I join the MOCA? Please contact
Grand of Virginia Chief of Staff, Lisa Eck:
lisahoraneck@yahoo.com



Thank you for being a valued part of our Auxiliary Family. Your support helps us extend care, compassion and resources to Veterans and their families in need.

