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November

Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
Veterans of Foreign Wars

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*Unity Brings
Victory*

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Unity Brings Victory.**

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UNITY BRINGS VICTORY.



Hello Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters –

I hope that everyone enjoyed the month of October, with the start of all things fall! Enjoy seeing pictures of your Auxiliaries at events and places you have visited.

As we step into November, a few reminders:

- **990's:** must be filed by November 15, 2025. Please remember that filing is a 2-step process. If you have questions or difficulties in completing the filing, please reach out to Treasurer Cathy Graham for assistance. Cg12dc12@outlook.com
- **Third quarter audits:** (JUL-AUG-SEP) must be completed, voted on, and accepted by Auxiliary membership and submitted to Treasurer Cathy Graham by November 30, 2025.
- **District Meeting Attendance:** Auxiliary President or their representative are required to attend each of their District Meetings, as well as the District Convention. (SEC 810A (F)) Please be sure that your District Secretary reports to the OA Chairmen the attendance of each District meeting. Maggie Myers - Magmyer64@yahoo.com Patty Baskett - pbaskett85@yahoo.com
- **Membership:** Pleased to report that currently we stand at 86.52%, which puts our goal of obtaining 100%+1 well within reach. By continuing to recruit and encourage annual members to renew, or better yet – to become a life member,
- **Programs:** Please remember that one of the OA requirements for this year is that each Auxiliary must report in each of the of the following – Americanism, Auxiliary Outreach, Buddy Poppy/National Home, Historian/Media Relations, Hospital, Legislative, membership, President's Special Project, Scholarships, Veterans and Family Support and Youth Activities.

I wish each of you a month full of blessings and opportunities to do what makes you happy. Please remember to reach out to those who are ill, struggling or lost. And remember, the Department Officers are available to assist in any way possible.

~ No Act Of Kindness, No Matter How Small, Is Ever Wasted ~
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Americanism

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I want to thank all 28 Auxiliaries that have reported. A total of seventy reports has been received. The pictures received are much appreciated. You have been busy! Remember I need your reports by the 14th of each month. Include the number of members involved and the number of hours spent on the event, please.

For those that have not reported: Perhaps you do not realize that our reporting year begins May 1st. I am sure most of you took part in a Memorial Day event. Report it.

When we educate our youth about patriotism, we help them develop good citizenship. Encourage the members of your Auxiliary to volunteer in schools and visit scouting groups and educate youth on the importance of respecting our flag. Help kindergarten children learn the pledge. Teach older youth the meaning of the parts of the flag and how to fold it. Hand out bookmarks with the days to fly the flag listed. You can find patriotic supplies such as coloring and activity books on pages 107-109 of the 2025-2026 VFW Store Catalog.

Talk with the Athletic Director of your local high school to set up a meeting with sports teams. Help them learn about showing proper respect when the National Anthem is playing. If the Director and coaches are willing to allow it, you might ask a VFW member to attend and tell them what the flag means to them.

Flag Retirement Ceremonies honoring our flag serve as one of the important forms of respect for this symbol of our great country. It is a wonderful way to involve Auxiliary and VFW members. Invite scouting groups to participate and/or invite the entire community.

Several Auxiliaries participated in local ceremonies on Memorial Day, September 11, and Recognition Day for POW/MIAs. Joining your community for events enables us to show our patriotism.

What are some patriotic things we can do for Halloween? Hand out flags with the candy, hand out some of the program supplies from the VFW store.

The Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award deadline is October 31, 2025.

The U.S. Marine Corps will celebrate their 250th birthday on November 10, 2025.

Veterans Day is November 11th. I am sure that each of you have a special event planned for the Veterans in your community. Make those Veterans the center of attention on that day. When you see a Veteran in a hat celebrating their service, do you walk up to them, thank them for their service, and shake their hand? If not, try it sometime, you may be surprised at the glow that appears in their eyes.

For more information, refer to
MALTA Member Resources.



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An Auxiliary Outreach team can grow your network of partnerships in your community. Your team can prepare printed materials to distribute in the community, or newspapers and social media. Create a hand cut out with the Auxiliary Outreach business card (in MALTA) attached to share with local organizations. Your materials should reflect that this Program is to benefit the members of our communities. Or search for an online platform like the

VolunteerMatch.org website which would help connect you with local opportunities.

Most Auxiliaries have at least a few members that are comfortable with public speaking and could give a presentation to groups, such as your local Chamber of Commerce, on our interest in helping other organizations with their community projects. You would have an audience for not only that group's interest but also the interests and hobbies of anyone in attendance.

Share what you do for Auxiliary Outreach on social media. The more you share and publicize, the more opportunities will come to you to help other groups. Remember to use **#auxiliaryoutreach** when you share information/photos on social media so we can all share the good work of our organization ***Also remember, to qualify for awards at the end of the year, the Most Outstanding Auxiliary Outreach activity and/or event must be shared on social media using **#AuxiliaryOutreach**.

From the National Ambassador Sara Manke: Auxiliary Outreach reporting can only be the hours you volunteered. And it can only be with projects **not affiliated with other VFW or VFW Auxiliary Programs**. Donations, either money or goods are not reportable under this Program, however, they can be reported to your VFW Post using the VFW Community Service Report form which can be found in MALTA under Member Resources under Miscellaneous Resources.

Volunteer Opportunities:

November 13, 2025 World Kindness Day
November 22, 2025 National Family Volunteer Day
December 5, 2025 International Volunteer Day



What Qualifies/Does Not Qualify:

John, an Auxiliary member, mowed his neighbor's lawn out of the goodness of his heart. **This is not Auxiliary Outreach.**

John found out his local senior center helps mow lawns for individuals in the community. He brought that up at a meeting. The Auxiliary voted to partner with the senior center. **This is Auxiliary Outreach.**

"Buddy"® Poppy



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Buddy"® Poppy Education/Outreach / National Display Contest

Contact your VFW Post to order Poppies. Brochures, "Buddy"® Poppy distribution supplies and promotional items can be purchased from the VFW Store at vfwstore.org or by calling 1-833-VFW-VETS.

Sandra Jeffries, National Ambassador

Pamela Kotz, Department of Virginia Chair

I would like to thank all of you who have really embraced this program and started off so enthusiastically to support our veterans this year! I know this is just another way of showing how amazing the Department of Virginia is. You are all awesome!

As you prepare to celebrate the numerous upcoming holidays, please remember to incorporate the "Buddy"® Poppy into all your events. Veterans Day is the perfect time to distribute poppies. Many restaurants give free meals to veterans that day. Check in to see if they will allow you to pass out poppies and a small pamphlet to share the history and significance of the "Buddy"® Poppy! What a great way to educate the public and honor those who served. If your post is planning to host dinners or luncheons, the poppies make beautiful centerpieces and the new metal poppies wrap around utensils for a lovely presentation! Does your post have a tree? Poppies are the perfect ornament! They are a nice attachment to wreaths and other decorations and can be tied onto gifts and those "bottles" to give for that unexpected party invitation.

Please remember after your activity to fill out the National Program Award No.1 entry form. You will want to describe your activity and/or event and include the following if used:

• Flyers • Brochures • Social Media Posts • Newsletters • Handouts • Photos

Our National Ambassador, Sandra Jeffries, is very excited to see how you are educating others while sharing the poppy in our communities! She has also asked that we educate people as much as possible on what the National Home does and who is eligible to utilize their services. The dedicated staff at the National Home does an amazing job supporting the families that live there, but eventually these families transition out and move on. It's crucial that we help spread the word about the resources available to those who qualify. Let's work together to ensure that more families know there's a place where they can find support and get back on their feet! Please be sure to share the helpline number: 800-313-4200.

The eligibility requirements are:

• Actively Serving • Veteran • VFW/Auxiliary

The easiest way to start the process is the online application to see if they qualify. Log onto the website – www.vfwnationalhome.org and click on the red GET HELP box.

Program Goals:

- Promotes and supports the VFW "Buddy"® Poppy Program
- Promotes and supports the VFW National Home
- Promotes the National Home Helpline. Contact the Helpline at 800.313.4200 or help@vfwnationalhome.org.

Keep sending in those reports and start planning and working on your poppy display for the convention in May. It will be here before you know it.

If you have any questions or need assistance with your program goals or reporting please feel free to contact me.

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The National Ambassador's program theme is – "You Can't Stop the Waves But You Can Learn to Surf." How does this theme relate to how we should perform as mentors to our Auxiliary members?

- Surfing teaches patience, perseverance, kindness and being respectful as individuals learn this skill. These are some of the same traits required to be an effective Auxiliary mentor.

TRAITS OF A GOOD MENTOR	• BE KIND TO EVERYONE • POSITIVE NEVER NEGATIVE • KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SUPPORTIVE • ACCESSIBLE AND OPEN COMMUNICATION • CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK • OPEN TO NEW IDEAS • SHOW APPRECIATION • RESPECT, LISTEN AND SMILE • REMEMBER THAT EVERYONE HAS TALENT AND SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE.
UNDER MALTA MEMBERS RESOURCES - THERE IS A HEALTHY AUXILIARY TOOL KIT AVAILABLE UNDER EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION	<u>DOCUMENTS CONTAINED IN THE HEALTHY AUXILIARY TOOL KIT</u> • VFW AUXILIARY SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA • AUXILIARY MEETING CHECKLIST FOR THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT • HEALTHY COMMUNICATION PHONE/TEXT TREE • HEALTHY AUXILIARY CHECKLIST – WHAT MUST BE DONE AND THE DEADLINES. • VFW AUXILIARY MEETING CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS • VFW AUXILIARY MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE • VFW AUXILIARY HEALTHY CERTIFICATE • VFW AUXILIARY GOOD JOB AWARD
UNITY BRINGS VICTORY	The Department President's and the Department Commander's theme is "<i>Unity Brings Victory.</i>" Let's all adopt this theme as Auxiliary members to ensure that the Auxiliaries in the Department of Virginia are united as team members as we work in unison to support and improve the lives of veterans, service members, and their families. If we unite in this goal, then we are meeting the National President's theme "<i>From Sea to Shining Sea - Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free.</i>"

HISTORIAN



Photos | Reels | Instagram | Veterans Day

Photos

Take lots of photos at your event. Remember to pay attention to gestures, facial expressions, etc.

Reels

If you don't know how to create a reel, you can go back to the September Communication, where I have posted step by step instructions.

Instagram

Don't forget to cross-post on Instagram. Our younger audience spends more time on Instagram than on Facebook.

So, Instagram is a great tool to reach the younger generations.

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Veterans Day Celebration

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Veterans Day is fast approaching, and I want to encourage all Auxiliaries to take as many pictures as you can. Almost everyone carries a smartphone these days. I challenge every Auxiliary to send in a report which consists of a reel that is published on Facebook and cross posted on Instagram.

Best Facebook Reel /Instagram Post

I will choose one of the auxiliaries reports and publish it in the December Communications.

So let me see you at your best and send me your reports by November 15th.



HOSPITAL PROGRAM

From Sea to Shining Sea, Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free.
Unity Brings Victory.



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Happy Thanksgiving to all. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, reflection, and connection. Visiting our veterans during this holiday is a wonderful way to show appreciation for those who have served our country. Below are several creative and impactful ideas to make Thanksgiving visits memorable and meaningful for our veterans and their families.

1. Host a Thanksgiving Meal

Organize a traditional Thanksgiving lunch or dinner in the hospital's common area, inviting veterans to join in. Decorate the space with festive autumn decorations and ensure there are options for veterans with dietary restrictions. Auxiliary members can serve food, share meals, and provide companionship to those who might not have family nearby.

2. Personalized Thank You Cards

Bring handmade Thanksgiving cards expressing gratitude for their service. Work with Scouting groups or other organizations—to write personal messages, share stories, or include artwork. Distributing these cards can uplift spirits and make the veterans feel appreciated.

3. Thanksgiving Gift Packages

Prepare small gift bags containing comfort items such as cozy socks, puzzle books, snacks, personal care products, and patriotic trinkets. Include a note of thanks and deliver them to the veterans as a gesture of gratitude.

4. Arts and Crafts Activities

Set up tables with arts and crafts supplies for activities like decorating pumpkins, making Thanksgiving centerpieces, or creating holiday-themed ornaments. These hands-on activities can be therapeutic and fun, especially for veterans who enjoy being creative.

5. Host a Movie Marathon

Screen classic Thanksgiving movies, patriotic films, or comedies in a common room. Provide popcorn and refreshments to create a cozy movie theater atmosphere.

6. Coordinate Virtual Family Visits

For veterans unable to have in-person visitors, help arrange video calls with family members. Provide devices, technical support, and a quiet space for meaningful virtual reunions.

7. Decorate Wards and Common Areas

Work with Volunteer services or the hospital staff to decorate patient rooms, hallways, and gathering spaces with autumn leaves, pumpkins, and Thanksgiving-themed banners. A festive environment can boost morale and make the holiday feel special.

Your visit and gestures can make a significant difference in the lives of our veterans during Thanksgiving. Whether through sharing a meal, a card, or simply spending time together, these acts of kindness express gratitude and create lasting memories for everyone involved. Remember to report all that you do and the hours it took to do these events. I look forward to getting all your reports.



Legislative



Hello! Fall is definitely in the air! Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Yumm Yumm! Gobble Gobble!!

It's that time of month again when we need to grab your favorite beverage, sit back and let's talk about legislation.

By the time you get, these elections should be over! If not, then they are a few days away! Either way, don't think our work is done! It's just beginning!

Education is a must! Not just for us but for our new legislators as well. How do we accomplish this? By contacting them. I've heard several people say they can't do anything. Not true! Most of us have a phone, either landline, mobile or internet. Call your legislators or send them an email. But what do you say?

If you haven't joined VFW Action Corp, then please do so! I tried to download the new QR Code for your convenience but unfortunately, I'm not the most computer literate person and it wouldn't let me do it. But go to the VFW site and find it there! Legislative Chairman, I need to really push this and report how many you got signed up.

Now, you say why? Because we are here to support our Veterans and their Families. We are their advocates! We need to campaign to our legislators their causes and concerns. Not just one or two of us but all of us. Our voices joined collectively as one, does make a difference!!

Then the last thing you need to do is, REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!!

I am enjoying seeing your reports, but I haven't seen enough! Please keep them coming.

If I don't see you before Thanksgiving, I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy your family and remember those who cannot be with theirs' this season.

Until next month,

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Membership Program



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As we prepare to celebrate the numerous upcoming holidays Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day please remember to incorporate other programs such as youth groups, Americanism, and Buddy Poppies. Veteran's Day is the perfect time to give the community information about joining the auxiliary. This holiday season, consider reaching out to eligible family members to join the VFW Auxiliary. Together we can continue to grow and support our veterans.

Currently our Department is at 86.62% with renewals, only 1233 from being 100%!!! Keep up the great work, we are almost there! Sharing our stories brings helpful ideas to other Auxiliaries. Please continue to send me your success stories and check Communications each month to see if your Auxiliary is in the "Spotlight."

Friendly Reminders:

- Plan at least two recruiting events each year. Order Fact Sheets and applications for free by contacting VFWAuxiliary.org.
- Members love to feel appreciated. Consider creating a calendar page each month "spotlighting" a volunteer of the month. It's a great way to say thank you and keep members active. Check your computer program for free download options.
- New application and recording in Malta will be available January 1, 2026. The new application will begin starting in November 2025. More information will be in the upcoming Communications.
- Have a blessed and wonderful Holiday season!



This month we recognize: **Auxiliary 3103 District 8**

Last month Auxiliary 3103 attended the 80th Anniversary of the USO in Fredericksburg. They participated with the celebration events and provided a VFW Auxiliary table with information and applications, answering questions about joining. Several new members joined with the Post and Auxiliary in a joint recruitment event.

Way to Go Auxiliary 3103!

Thank you to all auxiliaries sharing your successful recruiting stories/events. Keep the stories coming.

PROGRAM GOALS Invite New Members – Include Current Members – Invest in the Future of the Organization



MALTA Login Website: <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/Account/NewLogin>

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

WILLING WARRIORS

Report, Report, Report

Do you know someone who needs the RETREAT?

Office Information:

Location: 16013 Waterfall Road
Haymarket, VA 20169-2126
Phone: 571-248-0008
Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am - 2pm
Please call prior to arrival.

The Retreat experience is specifically aimed at the emotional and spiritual healing process of the wounded, injured and the ill warriors and the family unit. The programs are specifically designed to reinforce positive thoughts and feelings and to invigorate the emotional and spiritual well-being of the guest. They offer activities and services that are effective in calming the stressors of the recovery process and life in general. The hospitality and warmth of the staff let the guests know that someone recognizes their situation and cares for them. This is a great opportunity for the guests to get back in touch with themselves, the world around them, their personal faith, and the people they love. All these things work together in creating an effective "medicine" for the soul. During their stay, the guests may choose from more than 40+ educational and recreational activities.

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DONATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENT TREASURER, PUT AUXILIARY # IN MEMO OF CHECK.

SEND REPORT INTO CHAIRMAN WITH DONATION INFORMATION.

Scholarships

Sisters and Brother Patriot's Pen and voice of Democracy Deadline

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy due date was October 31, 2025. I am hoping you are having fun reading the students' entries. Get your judging panel together and pick the best three and then send your 1st Place entry to your District Representative by November 14, so that they can be judged by the District Representative and then each District will send the best entry on to state for judging and may the best student win. Good Luck.

Please remember to recognize the students that won at your Post with at nice program and have a nice certificate for each winner.

****PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP IS OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT****

Remember:

Your next entry isn't due till February 15, 2026, for the Continuing Education Scholarship.

Have a Very HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT



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Greetings – **November is Veteran Family Appreciation Month.** Look for ways you can thank and support military families in your area. Let them know we care and appreciate their sacrifices.

The focus for this month is **Veterans and Veteran Spouse Employment.** Below are some opportunities and resources where we can assist our Veterans and their spouses in seeking job employment.

Opportunities to Assist in Job Search:

- Provide Assistance to Find Job Postings, Develop Resume and/or Complete Application
- Host Job Fair
- Provide Transportation to Job Fairs or Interviews
- Provide Childcare Assistance to Attend Job Fairs or Interviews

Veteran Resources for Seeking Employment in Virginia

- Veterans Employment Toolkit
https://www.va.gov/vetsinworkplace/docs/em_fullVetResources.asp
- Virginia's HIRE VETS NOW initiative
<https://www.vachamber.com/hirevets>
- Careers at VA
<https://vacareers.va.gov/careers/>
- Virginia Workforce Connection
<https://vawc.virginia.gov>
- Veterans Career Center - Virginia Works
<https://virginiaworks.gov/im-a-job-seeker/veterans/veterans-career-center/>
- Virginia Jobs
<https://www.jobs.virginia.gov/veterans-hiring-resources>
- Virginia Department of Veteran Services
<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/employment-transition>
- Zip Recruiter ziprecruiter.com
- Indeed indeed.com
- Networking [Networking with family, friends, church, organizations, etc.](#)

A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!



Our Department of Virginia, VFW Auxiliary works to teach our nation's Youth the skills to become responsible and dependable adults through serving our country, communities, Veterans, and service members. We engage our youth in positive volunteer experiences and believe every young person can find a place to serve that will improve their lives, as well as the lives they touch.

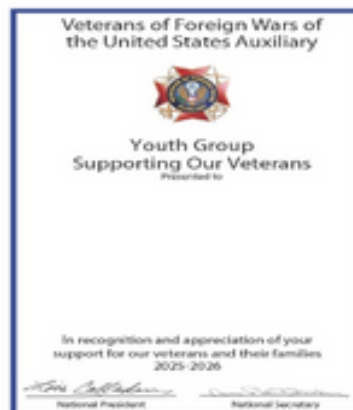
Youth Activities Program Awards

Awards for Auxiliaries - **The entry form is required and is available in the MALTA Member Resources – see below.

- Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group.
- Citation and \$25 to the VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most creative and/or unique activity or event.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2026, for judging.

The Department Youth Activities Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Youth Activities Ambassador Shannon Stanley by April 30, 2026, for judging.



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 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Information for the Youth Activities Program can be found at www.vfwauxiliary.com/youthactivities by scanning the QR code below, and it will take you to the Youth Activities Program information on the Auxiliary Website. Please reach out and let me know how I can assist you with any questions. I continue to have enjoy reading your reports.



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Treasurer's Page

Changes are coming to MALTA in January 2026 that will affect Treasurers. There will be a new shortcut button added that will enable treasurers to track new credit card applications. The Department treasurer will be uploading a PDF of the membership application into MALTA so that the application will follow the member, and the Department will not have to keep paper copies, nor make electronic copies. Any transfer will be handled in the same way, the auxiliary votes on accepting the transfer, the Department Treasurer will transfer within the state, National will handle between states. The new application will then be uploaded to MALTA once completed.

New redesigned APPLICATION coming that should be available online in November 2025 and available for ordering new brochures shortly thereafter. This new redesign should make it easier to fill out for the applicant and the auxiliary. There is no space for a credit card, but it allows a credit card to be used for both life and annual memberships and as gifts. Once the member is processed in MALTA, they will be sent a link that will allow them to input their credit card information. This link can be by email or SMS and will work for 30 days. If the membership is not paid for within the 30 days, the membership is voided and will have to be resubmitted. The auxiliary will have to get any admission fee separately from the membership fee as the link will only charge the membership fee.

When can you use old applications?

Old application forms can be used to process all memberships until December 31, 2025, but because of the change in handling credit cards, no old application forms will be accepted beginning January 2026. Any application that does not have Revised January 2026 will be returned to the submitting auxiliary for correction to the new form.

The Change/Update Form is being redesigned also. It will enable a member to convert to life via credit card by using MALTA or calling a phone number listed on the form.

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Please print legibly. An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, D or E and H.I. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section B,F,G.

A APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name Member Completes this section ☒ Female ☐ Male

Address Make sure the sex is marked and birthdate listed Date of Birth 10 / 11 / 1959

City State ZIP Phone () - Email

B

Auxiliary Post No. 3150 City Arlington State VA

☒ New Member ☐ Transferring Member ☐ Rejoining Member (Prior ID Member Number)

☐ Member at Large in Department of ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

C

(Transfer only information) ☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER ☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER

Member ID Previous Auxiliary ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

D POST-AFFILIATED (*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

I am the (Relationship) to (Eligible Veteran* Name)

VFW Membership ID VFW Post (Must be same as B) VFW Member ID

E

☒ **NON-AFFILIATED** (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

I am the (Relationship) Daughter to (Eligible Veteran* Name) Bill Graham

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: European Campaign

Dates of Service: 1940 to 1946 Foreign Location: Germany

F

Recruited/Recommended by: eventually the VFW will get credit Recruiter Member ID

Check one: Aux ☐ VFW ☐

G

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 ☒ Need at least two signatures 2 ☒ check the accepted box 3 ☒ and date

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date

H

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership ☐ Check here if this is a gift (Membership card will be sent to Treasurer and not member.)

Payment Method and Amount: Cash ☐ \$ Check ☐ \$ Credit Card ☐ \$ amount only**

***If paying by credit card, after this application is processed, an email and/or text message will be sent to the contact information provided above for payment. Instructions in the communication for payment must be completed within 30 days or otherwise the application will be voided. If someone other than the applicant above is paying by credit card for the membership, please list your phone number and email address below to receive payment instructions once the membership application has been processed.

Phone Email

I OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature ☒ New procedure and legal warnings Date

(Must be signed by all members.)

By filing out this application and providing your contact information, you agree to receive communications from the VFW Auxiliary. The communications may include updates, promotions, and other information related to our services. Communications may be in the form of e-mails, SMS text messages, and/or automated calls. You understand that these communications may be sent using an automated telephony dialer system. Standard message and data rates may apply. You can opt-out at any time by following the instructions provided in the communications. No mobile information will be shared with third parties/affiliates for marketing/promotional purposes.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable. Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

Revised January 2026



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

Winter Council of Administration Meeting
January 8 - 11, 2026
Hotel Madison Shenandoah Conference Center
Harrisonburg Virginia
540-564-0200

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Virginia Veterans Foundation Board Meeting	Madison Boardroom
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

10:00 AM	5:00 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Conf Center Foyer
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Audit (Treasurer and Audit Team)	Madison Boardroom
12:30 PM	2:30 PM	Microsoft 365 Training	Allegheny A,B &C
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	Allegheny A
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Charitable Gaming Laws & Regs	Allegheny A,B &C
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	MOC Meeting and Degree Work	Shenandoah B
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Cornhole Tournament	Shenandoah B

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

7:30 AM	8:30 PM	PDP Breakfast	Dolley Madison
8:00 AM	2:30 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Conf. Center Foyer
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Shenandoah B
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Shenandoah B
8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Post Benefits Advisor Training	Allegheny A,B &C
9:00 AM	12:30 PM	VFW Auxiliary Business/Program Presentation	Shenandoah A
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	VFW Riders Meeting	Allegheny A,B &C
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	MOCA Meeting	Shenandoah A
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	Allegheny A,B &C
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Women's Veterans Forum	Allegheny A,B &C
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	VOD & PP BANQUET	Shenandoah A & B

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Joint Devotional Service	Shenandoah A
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR, VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, AND PATRIOT'S PEN BANQUET TICKETS: \$55.00

Department Hospitality Room – Shenandoah C

(Tentative schedule subject to change)

DISTRICT MEETINGS 2025-2026 (REVISED AUG 24)

District 1 December 6, 2025 10:00 a.m. Post 176 Newport News 21 Forrest Drive	District 7 January 17, 2026 11:15 a.m. Post 2447 Edinburg 100 Veterans Way
District 2 November 8, 2025 9:00 a.m. Post 4809, Norfolk 5728 Bartelee Street	District 8 December 6, 2025 10:00 a.m. Post 7728 Bealeton 12496 Harpers Run Road
District 3 November 8, 2025 10:00 a.m. Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane	District 9 January 17, 2026 10:00 a.m. Post 9696 Bluefield 131 Lovelane St.
District 4 November 15, 2025 11:00 a.m. Post 8759 Amelia 16440 Five Forks Road	District 10 March 14, 2026 10:00 a.m. Post 1503 Dale City 14631 Minnieville Road
District 5 November 15, 2025 10:00 a.m. Post 8243 Halifax 1703 Seymour Drive	District 11 January 24, 2026 10:00 a.m. Post 9339 Stuarts Draft 3251 Stuarts Draft Highway
District 6 January 17, 2026 9:00 a.m. Post 1264 Roanoke 4930 Grandview Ave. NW	District 13 November 15, 2025 11:00 a.m. Post 1827 Charlottesville 1170 River Road

REGISTRATION DEADLINE DECEMBER 18TH

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 8 – 11, 2026
Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley Conference Center ~ Harrisonburg, Virginia ~
540-564-0200
\$129.00 Per night

(Hotel Group Rate Deadline is December 8th)

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

Marinated Pork Loin with Apple Cider Reduction

Served with:

Market Fresh Greens

Roasted Asparagus Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Freshly Bake Bread and Butter

Flourless Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Sauce

Coffee Regular and Decaffeinated Iced Tea Iced Water

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Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

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Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

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Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

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

Please Circle One: Discover American Express MasterCard Visa SIGNATURE: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Mail form to: State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401
You may also e-mail this form to: statehq@vfwva.org or fax it to 1-866-416-0586 if paying by Credit Card only

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



Items of Interest



Virginia VFW Winter Conference

January 8 - 11, 2026 Winter Council, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$129.00 per night. Cutoff Date is Monday, December 8, 2025, by 5:00 pm. See the enclosed flyer for additional information on the hotel and dinner.

2026 Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual

The VFW Auxiliary Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual 2026 is now available in MALTA under Member Resources. Note: The hard copy book will be available in the VFW Store soon

Roster of Virginia Auxiliaries

The Department Roster of Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers is available in the Members Only section of the Virginia VFW Auxiliary web page under the Auxiliaries in Virginia heading. We are working to improve the web page and keep our more personal information, like home addresses, emails, and telephone numbers off the [general public](#) side. Remember, your membership number is your Login, and your last name is the key to your password. If you have any trouble accessing this area, send an email to the Department site at vfwauxiliaryva@gmail.com.

VFW Department of Virginia Auxiliary



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.

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