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Communication # 6

# VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia

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





# Unity Brings Victory

Happy February Brothers and Sisters –

I enjoyed seeing all who were able to attend our January Conference. I appreciate each of you that serve our organization with grace, positive engagement, and unquestionable contributions. Shout out to Conductor Jamie Stewart and the entire floor team – great job! And – to Danielle Biggs, your kindness and tireless efforts for our Ways and Means Program are much appreciated! Congratulations to all who earned an award from our Program Chairman.

Please remember the Auxiliary National C.A.F.E. event on 28 FEB, at the Vietnam Wall. Details may be found here: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-CAFE-Agenda-1.pdf> A lot of folks are taking Metro or the VRE Train into the city and make their way to the Wall. Hope you will join us!

Also, National President Lois Callahan is scheduled to visit Virginia 10-12 MAR. Activities will take place in the Northern Virginia area. Please look for a separate email with visit and hotel information. The 2026 Podium Book - If you do not have it, I encourage you to obtain one and **READ** it! If you have Bylaws questions, if you are unsure of the Ritual, Elected and Appointed Officer Responsibilities, Floor Work, Special Ceremonies, Meetings in general – you will find these answers and much more.

Usual reminders:

- **Fourth quarter audits:** (OCT-NOV-DEC) must be completed, voted on, accepted by the Auxiliary membership and submitted to Treasurer Cathy Graham by **February 28, 2026.**

- **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.

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- **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.

Loyally,

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*No Act Of Kindness Is Ever Wasted, No Matter How Small*

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# Americanism

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**Happy New Year!** Congratulations to Districts 1, 2, 6 and 8 for being 100% reported. Forty of our 65 Auxiliaries have reported. Many of you have had events that have not been reported yet. The end of our 2025-2026 program year is coming quickly. Please get those reports in as soon as possible.

**Some ways to promote Americanism in our communities:**

Teach flag etiquette, get young people involved, partner with scout troops, get involved with local schools and use patriotic holidays to provide chances to learn and educate others.

Some upcoming holidays:

**February 1 – National Freedom Day** – celebrates freedom because on February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed a resolution to end slavery. It proposed the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment of our nation’s constitution.

**February 3 – Four Chaplains Day** is observed to commemorate the heroic actions of four Army chaplains during World War II. On this day in 1943 the US Army Transport Dorchester sank in the Atlantic Ocean. The chaplains sacrificed their lives, giving up their life jackets to others. They were last seen praying together as the ship went down.

**February 16 – President’s Day** is widely celebrated with parades. It is a federal holiday to honor the February birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Parades provide a chance to hand out flags and/or patriotic bookmarks to children.

**February 28 – Celebrating America’s Freedom Event (CAFÉ)** in Washington, D.C. Members will join VFW Auxiliary National President Lois Callahan at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

**March 3 – National Anthem Day** observes the song we have chosen to represent our national identity “The Star Spangled Banner”. Learn about the night that inspired the song. There were many versions of the song until President Woodrow Wilson asked the Bureau of Education to create a standardized version in 1917. On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed the order making it our national anthem.

**March 13 – K-9 Veterans Day** honors all military dogs. The Army began training its new War Dog Program, the “K-9 Corps” on March 13, 1942. Learn how this holiday came to be.

I am anxious to learn how you and/or your Auxiliary celebrated some of these holidays. .

For more information, refer to  
MALTA Member Resources.



# Auxiliary Outreach



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Be sure to utilize fillable business cards provided by National in MALTA and include the QR code. Don't forget to use **#AuxiliaryOutreach** with your outstanding activity and/or event that is shared on social media and apply for the National Award.

The following are great examples of *partnering with a community organization and assisting them with the work involved in making their event successful* :

- Habitat for Humanity – cleaning houses, building a shed, pulling stumps.
- American Red Cross –registering donors and providing food and drink for them after donating.
- Boulder Crest Foundation – providing breakfast and assisting with registration for a fundraising motorcycle event they held.
- Staunton Parks & Recreation Fishing Derby – assisting families with the completion of entry forms.
- Dulles South Neighborhood Closet – sorting clothing for distribution to clients
- Dulles South Food Pantry – picking up and organizing food from grocery stores, distributing food to pantry clients.
- White Oaks Elementary School Garden Club – helping clean and mulch garden and planting pansies and mums.

***Remember to wear your Auxiliary attire when assisting with these events.***

Warm weather will be here in the next few months, and many organizations will be ramping up with their outdoor events. Be sure to approach them about assisting with their event in a way that helps it to be successful.

Volunteerism Dates:

February 9-13, 2026, Student Volunteer Week – encourage young people to volunteer, benefiting both communities and the students themselves.

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| April 12    | Good Deeds Day – perform kind, helpful or selfless act for the community.                               |
| April 19-25 | National Volunteer Week – volunteers tackle societal challenges and build stronger communities.         |
| April 24    | Global Youth Service Day – youth participate in community service projects to benefit their communities |



For more information, refer to  
MALTA Member Resources.



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# Buddy"® Poppy Education/Outreach / National Display Contest

For more information, refer to MALTA Member Resources.

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](http://vfwstore.org) or by calling 1-833-VFW-VETS.

Sandra Jeffries, National Ambassador

Pamela Kotz, Department of Virginia Chair

Now that we are a full month into 2026, we are off and running. I am looking forward to seeing what you can accomplish in the upcoming months. Keep up all the hard work. It is truly amazing what you all can do! Please remember to fill out the National Program Award No. 1 and Award No. 2 entry forms after completing your activities promoting the Buddy Poppy Program and the National Home. You will want to describe your activity and/or event and include the following if used: • Flyers • Brochures • Social Media Posts • Newsletters

- Handouts • Photos. The deadline to submit these entry forms to me is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**"BUDDY" ® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST**

These guidelines have been designed to place emphasis on the purpose and effectiveness of the displays.

**RULES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 displays.

**Failure to comply will result in disqualification.**

# EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION CHAIRMAN DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF (COS)

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As I sit here thinking about the Extension & Revitalization Program, I am also thinking about the foundation of this organization - our Auxiliaries. Are we checking to ensure our Auxiliaries **are not** showing signs of any "Yellow Caution Lights" or a "Red Light" area? By now, all of the Auxiliary Official Visits should have been completed. One main reason why official visits are conducted is to alert the Department President of any Auxiliary problems or issues that could be resolved by placing them on a Performance Improvement Plan (**PIP**).

**District Presidents and the Department Representatives are crucial to the Extension &**

- **Revitalization Program.** They should be alerting the Department President of Auxiliaries that are struggling or showing "Yellow Caution Light" signs.

This year National created the **PIP** as a way to help solve problems within the Auxiliary. This plan allows the Department President to select a member or team to work with the Auxiliary (or an individual member) when there are issues or difficulties. The Auxiliary or member sets the goals and creates a timeline for making corrections or improvements. While actively working the **PIP**, an Auxiliary still continues to conduct their Auxiliary business. **PIP** is an effective tool and hopefully will eliminate the need for a suspension.

**PIP** provides a time to say... *"Hold on, we have a problem, let's come up with a strategic plan to eliminate the issue."*



Listed below are some "Yellow Caution signs" of an Unhealthy Auxiliary.

- Missing officers.
- Audits not done timely.
- Failure to hold regular meetings and/or have a quorum.
- Minutes of the Auxiliary meetings are not in proper format.
- No representation at the District Level meetings.
- No change in officers.
- No Program reports.
- No new members. "A true **Red** Flag sign." Saving an Auxiliary is achieved by recruiting new members.



For more information, refer to  
MALTA Member Resources.

# EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

- Note: Use the "Healthy Auxiliary Checklist" to ascertain that your Auxiliary is in the "green –go light" status. This checklist can be found MALTA Members Resources.

A current copy of the Bylaws and Ritual is a must-have publication for all Auxiliary members to read and re-read which allows the member to keep updated on the Bylaws requirements and the instructions on how to perform their duties. The National Program Book details the current Programs and describes what things the Auxiliary can complete and are reportable to the Department Chairmen.

The below documents are provided in MALTA Member Resources under Extension & Revitalization Program. These documents are excellent suggestions to become and stay a Healthy Auxiliary.

Consider printing out the documents and discussing one each month under the **Good of the Order**. Your members and, especially the new members, will benefit from this suggestion.

1. Auxiliary Meeting Checklist for the Auxiliary President are the needs for a meeting.
2. Healthy Auxiliary Checklist To-Dos & Deadlines provides what requirements the Auxiliary needs to accomplish by the deadline dates.
3. Healthy Communication Phone-Text Tree to promote healthy communication in your Auxiliary.
4. VFW Auxiliary Health Certificate is a certificate to recognize an Auxiliary that is now a Healthy VFW Auxiliary after you have worked with them.
5. VFW Auxiliary Meeting Challenges & Solutions are ideas on how to run the Auxiliary meeting smoother and resolve complaints.
6. VFW Auxiliary Member Questionnaire is to help understand why the members are in the Auxiliary, what interests them, and their ideas to improve business meetings and recruitment of new members.
7. VFW Auxiliary Sample Meeting Agenda is a "guideline" to help with the Auxiliary meeting.

# HISTORIAN

& Media Relations



## Meet Our Mid-Year Winners

It wasn't easy to choose from all the great reporting. All our auxiliaries are doing such hard work. For the summer convention, I would like to see reels on Facebook and to make it even better please crosspost them on Instagram. Instagram is an important tool that is used primarily by our younger generation and by crossposting we can spread the word about our work with more people in our communities. Thank you all for what you do, and for your hard work.



**VFW Post Auxiliary 1113 - Covington, Va.** The members of VFW Post 1113 Aux have been working really hard. These ladies have had numerous articles in the local newspaper. They have done tremendous work in their community, as well as for veterans. Marion Paxton (Historian chair) has reported on numerous events. She sent in newspaper clips, and photos along with her report



**VFW Post Auxiliary 8169 - Scottsville, Va.** The VFW Post Auxiliary in Scottsville is a small Auxiliary but has done tremendous work for veterans. They have reported on their events and share their activities on their Facebook page.



**VFW Post Auxiliary 1503 - Dale City, Va.** Great Picture of the members of VFW Post Auxiliary Post 1503 representing the Auxiliary membership at a coat drive. Their tireless work in the community and for veterans was well documented on Facebook and reported through their program chairperson.



For more information, refer to MALTA Member Resources.

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## Mid-Winter Updates and Awards

The recent mid-winter conference brought together many dedicated individuals who consistently send in their reports, contributing to the success of our hospital programs. It was truly wonderful to witness such commitment within our Auxiliaries. During the conference, we took the opportunity to recognize the outstanding efforts of those involved and presented the hospital program award to one deserving Auxiliary. Auxiliary 1033 from District 6 was honored with the hospital program award. Their dedication is evident in the frequency and thoroughness of the reports they submit, which regularly highlight their activities in support of our hospital and bonded veterans. During Veterans Day week, Auxiliary 1033 members visited several nursing homes and the VA, where they expressed their gratitude to veterans for their service. Their ongoing support for veterans in hospitals is truly commendable, and their efforts serve as an example for others.

## Valentine's Day Visits: Supporting Veterans and Residents

As Valentine's Day approaches, we encourage everyone to consider visiting a VA hospital, local nursing homes, or assisted living facilities, especially if there is no VA hospital nearby. These visits provide meaningful opportunities to connect with veterans and residents, show appreciation, and spread kindness during the holiday. Your presence can make a significant impact, bringing joy and gratitude to those who have served and to members of our community in care facilities.

This is a wonderful opportunity to involve children by having them create Valentine's cards, which can be distributed to residents. Additionally, you may check if you are able to hand out cards and candy to veterans at your local VA clinic. These small gestures can make a meaningful difference and let our veterans know they are appreciated.

As always, please continue to send in your reports detailing the activities you have undertaken. Describing your outreach efforts ensures that your contributions are recognized and helps inspire others to get involved. Your ongoing commitment is essential to the success of our programs and the well-being of our veterans and community residents.

For more information, refer to  
MALTA Member Resources.



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Hello Everyone,

I am excited to share this info that I received from my National Ambassador about “*Stories in Action*”

**VFW Voices of Service**  
*Stories in Action*

The VFW is gathering real stories from veterans and military families. These experiences help show how decisions made in Washington affect real lives.

Scan the QR code to share your story.

**VFW**  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.  
Share Your Story. Shape the Future.

**VFW Voices of Service – *Stories in Action*** is now live.

This is a new, permanent way for veterans, service members, caregivers, survivors, and families to share their real-life experiences directly with VFW National so those stories can be used (with permission) to educate Congress and strengthen our legislative advocacy.

**Please open the attached NLC Member Toolkit.**

That document contains *everything you need*, your role, approved language, FAQs, and ready-to-use outreach materials. To keep this email short and clear, all guidance and copy live in the attachment. You’ll also see this initiative highlighted in today’s Action Corps Weekly, so members across the organization will start hearing about it right away.

Why this matters:

When we walk into congressional offices, data opens the door, but stories are what make lawmakers listen. This story bank ensures those experiences are captured accurately, securely, and used in a coordinated, professional way.

Your role as an NLC member is intentionally simple:

- Share the Story Bank link or QR code.
- Encourage veterans and families to submit their stories directly.
- Point people to the official form—no collecting or storing stories yourself.

Think of it as opening the door. DC handles the rest.

There are no deadlines, quotas, or reporting requirements. This is an ongoing effort meant to strengthen our advocacy over time.

Veterans kept their end of the deal. Honor the Contract means ensuring their experiences shape the decisions that affect them.

Please review the Committee Report spreadsheet and if you are not reported please get your report in ASAP. If you have reported and it is not showing, please reach out to me because for some reason I am not getting all confirmations from Google Forms.

Thank you for all you do.

Liz Wilson  
Legislative Chairman 2025-2026

# Membership Program



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Greetings and Happy Valentines Day!

Thank you to our amazing Auxiliaries at Mid-Winter Conference! Listed are the three Auxiliary WINNERS for each category that was drawn at Conference:

**Award #1** (One or More NEW Members)- D10 Aux 7327, D3 Aux 6364, D11 Aux 632 **Congratulations!**

**Award #2** (Rejoined Lost Members)- D9 Aux 1115, D2 Aux 4809, D10 Aux 1503 **Congratulations!**

**Award #3** (Converted to Life) D6 Aux 1264, D3 Aux 6364, D7 Aux 9660 **Congratulations!**

**Award #4** (OVER 100% membership) D4 Aux 9954, D10 Aux 1503, D8 Aux 3103 **Congratulations!**

I would like to give a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to all the Auxiliaries that qualified for the Award Drawings at Conference. Although your Auxiliary was not selected, I felt it was important to recognize your Auxiliary for your hard work and dedication, you truly are OUTSTANDING WINNERS! Keep up the great work!

Auxiliary Entries at Mid-Winter Conference were:

**AWARD #1 Auxiliaries Entered**- D1-3209, D2-392 4809,3160, D3-637,9808,10657, D4-7059, 9954,8163,8759, D6-776,1033,1264, D7-2447,9660,8613,9760, D8-3103,12202,7589, D9-1115,4667,9696, D10-1503,3150,1177,7916,9274, D11-7814,8644, D13-8947,10574,8169,1827, and 1994

**AWARD #2 Auxiliaries Entered**- D2-392,3160, D3-637,8529, D7-2447,8613, D11-632,8644

**AWARD#3 Auxiliaries Entered**- D2-3160,4809,392,4411, D3-637,4639,9808, D4-7059,9954, D5-647, D6-776,1033, D7-2247,621,9760, D8-3103,7589, D9-1115,4667, D10-1503,609, D11-632, D13-8947,1827,10574

**AWARD#4 Auxiliaries Entered**- D1-3219, D2-392, D3-10657, D4-7059, D6-776,1264, D7-9660, D8-12202, D9-4667, D10-1177,3150,7327, D11-8644,7814, D13-8947,8169, and 1994

Currently our Department is at 97.94% with renewals, only 190 from being 100%!!! Outstanding!! We still need your Membership Reports! If you recruit a new member, meet your Auxiliary goals, renew annual members all of that is considered a report. Please drop me a line so we can include your Auxiliary in our membership goals.

Please remember we no longer use the old Membership Applications. The new forms can be found in MALTA/Member Resources. If you have any questions regarding processing the credit card, please contact Department Treasurer Cathy Graham at: [cg12dc12@outlook.com](mailto:cg12dc12@outlook.com). Thank you for your cooperation throughout this transition.



For more information, refer to  
MALTA Member Resources.

# Outstanding Auxiliary



We wish all of you a *Happy Valentines Day!*

We are excited to say that we have we now have **23 Auxiliaries** that have made membership so far this year !! **13 Auxiliaries** have a 100% and close to making it! Let's keep working on those application opportunities.

If you have any questions about your Program reports – *please contact the Chairman for that program.* **11 Auxiliaries** have fully completed reports. **6 Auxiliaries** only have *1 more report to go!* Nice job, but remember for those chairman awards, keep those reports coming in.

If you have any questions about anything on the OA Report, feel free to reach out to Patty or Maggie for clarification.

Respectfully,

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# President's Special Project

## **Willing Warriors**

Together, We Are Making a Difference!

Let's help Willing Warriors Make a Difference. The Warrior Retreat at Bull Run provides our recovering warriors with a cost-free rest period away from their medical center. This is one way of getting our warriors together with their families who they have missed while in treatment.

Thank you to all who have donated and for the donations at the Winter Council meeting. As we proceed into the New Year, let's get reported in all programs. Remember, the President's Special Project is required for the Outstanding Auxiliary Award.

*FOR DONATIONS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER, PLEASE PUT THE AUXILIARY # IIN THE MEMO OF THE CHECK. ALSO, PLEASE SEND A REPORT TO CHAIRMAN SHEMA WITH YOUR DONATION INFORMATION.*

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# Scholarships

## CONGRATULATIONS Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Winners

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

**Please remember that the following deadlines are approaching in February and March.**

### Continuing Education Scholarship

This Auxiliary scholarship is for members and their immediate family (who have been a member for at least 1 year) with financial needs.

- The applicant must be at least 21 years of age by **February 15, 2026**, and **answer ALL the questions** on the application.
- Submit an essay of at least 300 words or less (describing their goals and how this scholarship will allow them to reach their goals) to National Headquarters by **February 15, 2026**.
- Scholarships are paid directly to the American College, vocational, technical or trade school of the winner's choice.

### Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

- These 2 categories are open to high school students in grades 9 – 12.
- Students enrolled in a public, private, parochial, or home school programs in the United States, its territories, and possessions or dependent of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas school.
- Foreign education student or national winners of previous Young American Patriotic Art Contest are **NOT eligible**.

**Deadline:**

**March 31, 2026, to local VFW Auxiliary**



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Greetings – I would like to remind everyone of the 3 Main Focus areas that our National Ambassador has identified for this year:

- **VFW-Based Veterans Assistance Programs**
- **Veterans Mental Health Awareness**
- **Veterans and Veteran Spouse Employment**

You are doing a great job of supporting our Veterans & their families, and I enjoy seeing what you are doing. I encourage you to find ways to provide support in the main focus areas. Then be sure to report what you have done.

There are several National days or weeks this month that provide an opportunity to recognize or support our Veterans.

Feb 14 **Valentine's Day** – Valentines for Veterans provides the opportunity to send Valentine cards to deployed military or hospitalized Veterans.

Feb 19 **National Coast Guard Reserve Birthday**

Feb 8-14 **National Salute to Veteran Patients Week** - the purpose of this program is to:

- pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans
- increase community awareness of the role of the VA Medical Center
- encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers

There are many opportunities to run projects and/or events to support our Veterans & their families. If you need some ideas, feel free to contact me and we can discuss opportunities that may work for your Auxiliary.

Remember - We can't know the good work your Auxiliary is performing for our Veterans if you don't send in your reports.

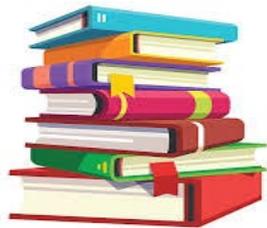
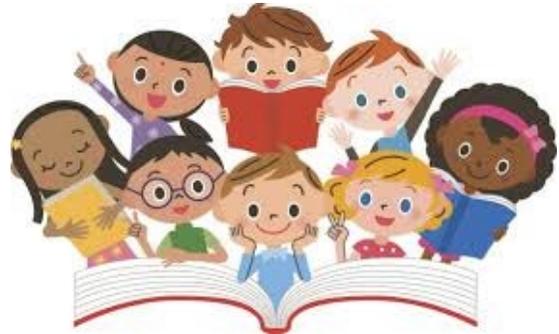
***A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!***



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## **Patriotism through Literacy**

As community leaders, we have a unique opportunity to inspire our youth through the power of books. By introducing them to influential historical figures and teaching them about our nation’s history, we can help instill a sense of pride, understanding, and responsibility. Together, we can cultivate a generation that respects the past, learns from it, and carries its lessons forward to build a stronger community for all.



## **Benefits of Patriotism Through Literacy**

- Teach kids about various times in American history.
- Foster a love of books that leads to a lifetime of learning.
- Spend time with kids in the community in new creative ways.
- Help youth gain a better understanding of American history through nonfiction.

## **How Can I Participate in Patriotism Through Literacy?**

- Volunteer to read a historical or creative non-fiction picture book to kids at your local library.
- Donate historical fiction or creative non-fiction books to schools, shelters, or libraries.
- Host a read-a-thon and award small prizes for the number of books read, or the number of hours read.
- Run a writer’s workshop for aspiring teen and teen authors at your home Post.
- Invite an author of historical fiction or creative non-fiction to do a book/talk signing in your area.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you. I enjoy working with you this year.



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 refer to MALTA Member  
 Resources.



<p><b>District 1</b>  May 16, 2026  10:00 a.m.  Post 3219 Hampton  122 E. Mellen St.  <b>TBD</b></p>	<p><b>District 7</b>  January 17, 2026  11:15 a.m.  Post 2447 Edinburg  100 Veterans Way  <b>Dept. President Kelli Levitt</b></p>
<p><b>District 2</b>  February 14, 2026  9:00 a.m.  Post 2894, Chesapeake  3329 S. Battlefield Blvd  <b>Dept. Guard Bettina Lane</b></p>	<p><b>District 8</b>  February 7, 2026  10:00 a.m.  Post 2524 Culpeper  12210 Sperryville Pike  <b>Dept. Chaplain Cara Buckley</b></p>
<p><b>District 3</b>  February 28, 2026  10:00 a.m.  Post 637 Hopewell  1400 Lynchburg Street  <b>PNP Dee Guillory</b></p>	<p><b>District 9</b>  May 16, 2026  10:00 a.m.  Post 4667 Marion  861 Goolsby St.  <b>Dept. Guard Bettina Lane</b></p>
<p><b>District 4</b>  February 14, 2026  11:00 a.m.  Post 9954 Lunenburg  1000 Marshall Avenue  <b>Dept. Secretary Jerry Miller</b></p>	<p><b>District 10</b>  March 14, 2026  10:00 a.m.  Post 1503 Dale City  14631 Minnieville Road  <b>TBD</b></p>
<p><b>District 5</b>  February 21, 2026  10:00 a.m.  Post 647 Danville  275 VFW Drive  <b>Dept. President Kelli Levitt</b></p>	<p><b>District 11</b>  January 24, 2026  10:00 a.m.  Post 9339 Stuarts Draft  3251 Stuarts Draft Highway  <b>Dept. President Kelli Levitt</b></p>
<p><b>District 6</b>  April 4, 2026  <b>TBD</b></p>	<p><b>District 13</b>  February 28, 2026  11:00 a.m.  Post 1827 Charlottesville  1170 River Road  <b>Dept. Conductor Jamie Stewart</b></p>



# Items of Interest



## **National President's Visit to Virginia**

Our VFW Auxiliary National President, Lois Callahan, will be making her official visit to Virginia on March 10 - 12, 2026. Most of the visit activities will be in the Northern Virginia area. More details will be forthcoming.

## **2026 VFW Department of Virginia Convention**

May 27 - 31, 2026 Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA: phone 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$99.00 per night. Cutoff Date is April 26, 2026, by 5:00 pm.

## **VFW Department of Virginia Convention Information**

Convention Information will be sent out under separate email so everyone will have all the information they need in one location. There have been a couple questions with regard to the election of Department Delegates. With the earlier than usual Convention this year, the last date you would be able to elect Department Delegates would be April 28<sup>th</sup>. This would allow for the required 30 days prior to the opening of our Convention on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Persons interested in running for State Office**

Anyone that will be seeking election at our Department Convention for any of the line offices should send their letter of intent to the Department Secretary so they can be listed in the Convention information.



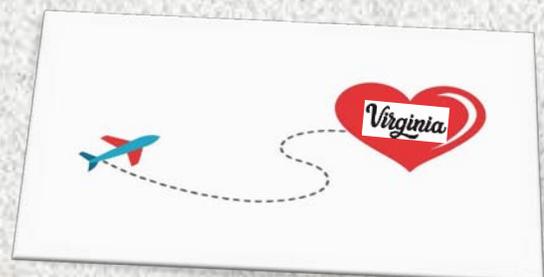
The Department of Virginia Auxiliary is excited to announce the official visit by our National President Lois Callahan.

The National President will arrive in Northern Virginia on March 10, 2026, and will depart early the morning of March 12, 2026.

Activities are still in the planning stages and as soon as we have firmed up the itinerary it will be distributed to the Auxiliaries along with hotel information.

We would love to have as many Auxiliary members as possible participate and join us in welcoming our National President to Virginia to help make her visit a memorable one.

Hope to see you all in March!  
Karla Coker  
National President's Visit Chairman



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