

Happy Mother's Day

*VFW Auxiliary
Department of Virginia*



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Greetings Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters –

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of this year.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your dedication, your resilience, and the countless hours you continue to give in service to our Veterans, their families, and our communities. You are the strength of this organization.

Traveling across the state, visiting, sharing information and hearing from you gave me the opportunity to see our theme, *Unity Brings Victory*, in action.

To those who chose to support our Department with the utmost grace and integrity, especially when it wasn't easy - thank you.

If you are not already, I encourage you to get involved at each and every level - fully, consistently, and with purpose. Be the change you want to see.

Loyally,

Kelli



Important Reminders -

- File your Installation Report as soon as possible after installation.
- Report your deceased members into Malta as soon as possible, so they may be properly honored in our Memorial Program Book.
(please contact Secretary Jerry if help is needed)
- Send your approved 1st quarter audit report to Treasurer Cathy by 31 May.

No Act of Kindness is Ever Wasted – aesop

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end of year REPORTING

The reporting year for our Department runs through April 30. Any activity for this year must be submitted to the appropriate Chairman no later than **May 5th** to be counted.

If you have reports from late April or anything that may have been overlooked, please make sure it is submitted as soon as possible. This is the last opportunity to ensure your reports are counted.

We are looking forward to presenting many awards that reflect the incredible work done throughout this year.

The Tracker will receive one final update prior to Convention

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Americanism

The end of our 2025-2026 year is at hand.

I want to thank all of the Auxiliaries that reported their Patriotic/Americanism events.

I believe all Auxiliaries completed some acts of Patriotism this year and for whatever reason some did not report them.

Please be sure to report those activities as soon as they happen next year.

One of the first possibilities of each reporting year is Memorial Day. All Auxiliaries do something patriotic on that day.

Please make notes about that event so you can report it to the new Chairman for next year.

This year **Memorial Day** falls on May 25.

May 1st is **Loyalty Day** which was designated in 1958 by act of Congress.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars wanted a special day on which Americans could proudly show their love of country.

They began advocating with the passing of a resolution at the National Convention of 1949.

They were concerned because Communist rallies were being held on May Day to show their hate for our country.

On **Loyalty Day** all American citizens should publicly show their loyalty to our country by demonstrating against people who advocate overthrowing our government. Some ways for us to do that are:

Create a parade celebrating our government.

Address groups of all ages to promote pride in our democratic way of life.

Arrange a public meeting and have Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners read their essays.

Publicize Loyalty Day in all forms of media.

Get Loyalty Day pamphlets from the VFW store and pass them out.

Any one of those suggestions are ways to show Patriotism/Americanism.

If your Auxiliary takes part in any Loyalty Day event, report it to your Americanism Chairman.

Some other days in May for which we can plan Patriot events are **Children of Fallen Patriots Day on May 13,**

Armed Forces Day on May 16. Don't forget to plan something for **Flag Day on June 14.**

To quote **Diana Russell-Milton**, our Americanism National Ambassador,

"Americanism is more than a symbol, it is a commitment. It is found in the way we uplift one another, educate future generations and preserve the values of freedom, respect and unity. Teaching children about the history of our Flag, sharing stories of service and engaging in community efforts all help keep these ideals alive."

I wish to thank all Auxiliaries, our brothers and sisters, for their commitment and activities in teaching and promoting Americanism. Thank you President Kelli for giving me the honor and confidence of serving as Department Chairman of our Americanism Program.

Auxiliary Outreach



The opportunities to collaborate with other organizations and help them in the work they do for those in our communities remains a great opportunity for the VFW Auxiliaries to be a force in helping others. Continue to reach out and form partnerships to make their projects/ events a success.

I hope everyone remembered to report their Auxiliary Outreach projects by April 30. Anything I received through April 30, will count towards this years reporting total. I want to thank Districts 1, 2, 6, 8, and 13 for being 100% reported as of April 15. And, thanks to all Auxiliaries that worked hard to collaborate with other organizations to help in their events. Several Auxiliaries submitted entries for the national award – many events were done exceptionally well. (A few missed out due to not having the *#AuxiliaryOutreach* on social media for the event the entered.)

Remember to Support Your Post

VFW Auxiliary work (e.g., Outreach, Americanism, Veterans & Family Support, etc.) is to be reported to your local VFW Post Adjutant so it can be added to their report. This will help your VFW Post with eligibility for the National Outstanding Community Service VFW Post Award.

Community & Outdoor Volunteering

Environmental Clean-Up:

Join local efforts to pick up litter, remove invasive species, or mulch trails in public parks.

Animal Support:

Walk dogs, clean cages or donate supplies to local animal shelters.

Local Events:

Assist with set-up, cleanup and management for food banks, soup kitchens or special community events (e.g.) BBQs, auctions

Volunteer Opportunities:

May 2, 2026 - VFW Day of Service

June 21, 2026 - United Way Day of Action



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Buddy Poppy National Home



It is hard to believe that the year is winding down, and we will be attending the convention soon. You all have done outstanding work promoting the program. It has been my pleasure to be your chairperson for the past year.

All your hard work truly matters!

The May convention will be here before we know it, and I am looking forward to seeing those of you who can attend. 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 Entry Forms Must Be Received By May 18th

You can email them to me at pamelakotz067@gmail.com or mail them to me at the following address: 8326 Leighburn Dr., Roanoke, VA 24019.

“From the shining lighthouse we want to honor the dead by helping the living.”
Sandra Jeffries, National Ambassador

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"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 displays. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are at the end of the reporting year, and I thank all who reported for the Historian and Media Relations Program. You have done an excellent job. Keep up the good work.

As of April 15th. we were at **74%** reported, with **17** Auxiliaries **not** reported in this program.

The following Auxiliaries **Have Not** Reported This Year:

District 3: 637, 4639, 10654 **District 4:** 7166, 8759 **District 5:** 7854, 8243

District 7: 9292, 9760 **District 9:** 1184, 7726

District 10: 3150, 7327, 7916, 9274 **District 11:** 4204, 7814

*Again, I want to thank all of you for all the hard work this year
as we are looking forward to another
fantastic 2026/2027 year in support of our **Veterans**.*



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As we approach the end of the reporting year and prepare for the Department Convention, I want to take a moment to recognize the tremendous efforts of our Auxiliaries. This year, **46** out of our **65** Auxiliaries have submitted reports, with **District 6** standing out by submitting an impressive **27** reports from just **4** Auxiliaries. These numbers reflect the dedication and commitment shown to our Veterans in both VA and non VA hospitals.

The variety of activities and support provided has made a real difference in the lives of those who have served. From organizing events to providing comfort and care, each Auxiliary has contributed in meaningful ways. It has truly been a wonderful year, and I am grateful for all the hard work you continue to put forth for our **Veterans**. Please keep up your outstanding service in hospitals and care centers as we move forward into the summer.

The upcoming Department Convention will feature awards for the top three programs that are both exceptionally creative and innovative, while also dedicating the most time to supporting **Veterans** at hospitals. These honors will recognize outstanding initiatives and celebrate those Auxiliaries' who go above and beyond to make a difference for our **Veterans**. This special recognition highlights the dedication and selfless service of those who consistently invest their time and effort to enrich the lives of **Veterans** in our hospitals and care centers.

Keep up the great work and remember to file your upcoming reports next year and have a blessed summer.

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Hi Everyone,

As we are winding down our program year, I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for what you have done for our *Veterans* this year.

As always, our work is not done. Anything you do in the month of *May*, be sure to hold for your new Legislative Program Chairman.

If you had a *“special election”* in your City or County, don't forget to report how many in your auxiliary voted.

Please review the tracker. It is possible there is a mistake and I would hate for your auxiliary to not get credit. You still have time to get your reports in. Anything I received through *April 30th* will count towards this years reporting total.

As of today, the following Auxiliaries have not been reported for this year.

- District 1:** 3219 **District 2:** 4411
- District 3:** 637, 2239, 4639, 7167, 8529, 10654 **District 4:** 7166, 8759, 9855, 9954
- District 5:** 7854, 8243 **District 6:** 776, 1841 **District 7:** 2447
- District 8:** 3103, 12202 **District 9:** 1184, 7726, 9696
- District 10:** 3150, 7327, 7916, 9274
- District 11:** 4204 **District 13:** 10574

Thank you for all you do,

Liz Wilson

MEMBERSHIP



Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

As difficult as it is for me to believe, this is going to be my last article on Communications for Kelli's year. This year went by quickly for many of us, and I have truly been honored to have been invited to help lead the way.

Let me start by saying Virginia is doing great! We are **61** members away from reaching our **100%** goal!

There is still time, so please continue to work on those renewals and new members. If you still have renewals, consider giving them a personal phone call along with sending another dues notice. Personal contact allows you the opportunity for a "*wellness check*" and to invite them to any upcoming events.

- *Applications:* A couple of reminders, please remember National no longer accepts the old applications, please make sure your Post also has the new forms and the old ones are destroyed.
- *Recruiters Name:* There have been nearly **100** applications submitted that do not have Recruiters' names on the new form. Please remember to put your Recruiters name so awards and credit can be given. Thank you!
- *Memorial Day* is around the corner, and it is a somber time to reflect, remember, and honor those military servicemembers who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Reaching out to family members and asking them to consider joining the Auxiliary so we can continue to bring awareness to important events such as Memorial Day to the community and continue to serve our *Veterans* here at home with a grateful heart.
- *Dept of Virginia Convention* will be held May 27-31. We will have exciting awards to present. I want to personally thank each of you for your hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work! We still have time to meet our goal for our National President Lois Callahan.

*Again, Thank you for a wonderful year.
I look forward to meeting many of you at Convention.*

Yours In Service,
Nancy Kearney

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**President's
Special
Project**



REPORT! REPORT! REPORT !

Outstanding Auxiliary requirement

APRIL 30th DEADLINE

Send Reports to Shema

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SCHOLARSHIP

I would like to *thank everyone* who reported on the Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, Scholarship program for Continuing Education, Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, and 3-Demensional Patriotic Art Contest programs. I am at the writing of this communication getting ready to start judging and sending the winning entry on to National. I want to wish all the entrant's good luck! *ALL* your pieces are amazing. We are a Nation with extremely young and talented future leaders.

I have had a fabulous year reading all your reports on the programs. Hope I have answered all your questions. I look forward to seeing and meeting each of you at the State Convention at the Hotel Madison at the end of *May*.

To receive your *Outstanding Auxiliary Award*, remember being reported in all programs, is one of the criteria.

Thanks again for a fun year,

Rose Harper

The following Auxiliaries have not reported for this year:

District 1: 176 **District 2:** 4411 **District 3:** 10654
District 4: 7166, 8163 **District 5:** 8243 **District 7:** 9760
District 10: 3150, 7916, 9274
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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

OUR VETERANS LOVE *our* COUNTRY,
AND WE LOVE *our* VETERANS.

Greetings – It has been my honor to serve as *Veterans* & Family Support Chairman for the Department of Virginia this year. It has been inspiring to read your reports.

As of April 10, we have received 144 reports from 54 (83%) of our Auxiliaries. The work you have all done is amazing. Thank you for all you do to support our *Veterans* and their families, and for sending a report to let us know about your work.

Virginia truly  *our Veterans*

I encourage you to continue the great work your Auxiliary does for our *Veterans* and their families.

Our *Veterans* deserve and need our support.

A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!



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Youth Activities

May offers many opportunities for Youth Activities that promote patriotism through community service while recognizing *Veterans* and active-duty military:

Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 8)

Creating thank-you cards, care packages, or assisting with household tasks to provide military spouses with a well-deserved break. More ideas are volunteering for yard work or simply offering sincere words of gratitude for their dedication and support.

Mother's Day (May 10)

Youth groups can participate by creating red, white, and blue-themed crafts, handmade cards, bracelets, and baked treats such as cupcakes to honor mothers in their communities.

Armed Forces Day (May 16)

Visiting military museums to educate youth about the significance of the armed forces, writing letters, or preparing care packages for active-duty service members. Encourage youth to wear patriotic colors and learn proper flag etiquette.

Memorial Day (May 25)

Participate in community parades, visit *Veterans'* cemeteries to place flags or flowers, and create handmade cards for veterans and service members. These activities help youth understand the significance of honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to the Youth Activities Program. Your efforts have made a meaningful and lasting impact on both the youth and *Veterans* in your communities. It has been an honor to serve as Chairman for Youth Activities and to work with each of you in this important program.
Together, we are shaping the future by investing in our youth.

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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 Perishable Items**
- Anything Expired**

NOT WANTED



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| As of | Mid April | Membership as of 4/22/26 | Business Section | | | | | | | | | | | Reporting | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NR = Not Reported W = Wavier N/A = Not Attended | | | Donations | | Audits | | | | Dist Meet | | | | SOI Training | | | Amer | Aux Otrch | B. P. NHM | Hist Media | Hosp. | Legis | Memb | Pres Spec Proj | Schlr | VFS | Youth |
| Dist | Auxiliary | % | VA Med | HH | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | CONV | Pres | Sec | Tres | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1994 | 107.32% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | W | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1 | 176 | 93.02% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dist | Dept | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| 1 | 3219 | 104.62% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dept | Dept | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | 392 | 101.82% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dept | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | 2582 | 100.00% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | 2894 | 94.44% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | W | Dept | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | 3160 | 100.97% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | 4411 | 100.93% | 0 | 0 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | 4809 | 102.45% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dept | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | 622 | 108.33% | X | X | X | X | X | 0 | X | X | X | | N/A | Dept | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | 637 | 97.81% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dept | Dist | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | 2239 | 98.53% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dept | Dept | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | 4639 | 95.92% | X | X | X | OCT | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 3 | 6364 | 101.60% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | N/A | | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 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 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | 8046 | 93.02% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | N/A | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | 8529 | 100.00% | X | X | X | X | Jan | X | X | N/A | X | | Dept | N/A | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 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 | |
| 3 | 9808 | 101.55% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dept | Dist | 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 | | 1 | |
| 3 | 10657 | 103.33% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 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 | |
| 4 | 7166 | 100.00% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | N/A | Dist | Dist | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 4 | 8163 | 96.55% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | W | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 4 | 8759 | 100.00% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | N/A | N/A | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 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 | |
| 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 | 92.21% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 5 | 7854 | 100.00% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 5 | 8243 | 100.00% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | W | Dist | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | |
| 6 | 1264 | 109.09% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 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 | |

| As of | Mid April | Membership as of 4/22/26 | Business Section | | | | | | | | | | Reporting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7 | 621 | 74.53% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 7 | 2447 | 105.56% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 7 | 8613 | 100.93% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | N/A | Dist | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 7 | 9292 | 84.62% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | N/A | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | |
| 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 | 1 | |
| 7 | 9760 | 97.07% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| 8 | 3103 | 106.50% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | Dist | Dept | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 8 | 7589 | 101.90% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | Dist | Dist | W | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 8 | 12202 | 108.16% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dept | Dept | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 1 | |
| 9 | 7726 | 100.00% | 0 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | N/A | Dist | N/A | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| 9 | 9696 | 95.31% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | N/A | Dist | Dist | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | 609 | 102.38% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dist | Dist | 1 | 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 | 1 | |
| 10 | 1503 | 103.65% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 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 | 103.03% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | N/A | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 10 | 7916 | 103.94% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Not Appoint | N/A | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 10 | 8469 | 104.65% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | W | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 10 | 9274 | 87.50% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | N/A | N/A | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 11 | 632 | 97.13% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 11 | 3136 | 100.00% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | N/A | 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 | | N/A | W | Dist | Dist | 1 | | | | | 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 | 1 | |
| 11 | 8644 | 103.45% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | N/A | | X | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 13 | 1827 | 99.55% | X | X | X | SEP | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dist | Dist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 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 | 1 | |
| 13 | 8947 | 114.55% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dist | Dept | Dept | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 13 | 10574 | 98.89% | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | Dept | Dist | Dept | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |

Hello Everyone!

Excited how every Auxiliary is winding down their year. Patty and I have enjoyed supporting Kelli with the Outstanding Auxiliary Award tracking and assisting the Chairman and District Presidents in tracking performance.

Please review this report carefully, send Patty and I an email if anything on this report does not look accurate so we can follow up on it quickly. We will be working on the certificates and citations closer to the convention, but will be happy to correct *ANYTHING* that is inaccurate, especially if it means an award is on the line for an Auxiliary. Your work this year is important and Kelli wants to see that it is recognized properly.

We look forward to honoring Auxiliaries efforts next month.

Respectfully,

Patty Baskett
pbaskett85@yahoo.com

Maggie Myers
magmyer@yahoo.com



**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

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

All Entrees served with:
Market Fresh Greens, Roasted
Asparagus, Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Bread
Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake or
Chocolate Cake
Iced Tea, Regular or Decaf Coffee

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

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| Registration Questions | Luncheon Questions | Mail Form and Check to: |
| Registration Chairman Regina Banks 571-201-6902 rabanks0405@gmail.com | Luncheon Chairman Karla Coker 571-221-7350 kjcoker1503@gmail.com | Cathy Graham Department Treasurer 9691 Lindenbrook St., Fairfax, VA. 22031-1132 |

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 President's 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: _____

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Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

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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.*

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

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday May 27, 2026

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| 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 | Floor Practice | Shenandoah A |
| 8:00 am – 4:00 pm | Registration/Credentials Table | Conference Center Entrance |
| 8:00 am – 4:00 pm | Patriotic Art Displays | Appalachian ABC |
| 8:00 am – 4:00 pm | Buddy Poppy Contest Displays | 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

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

Saturday May 30, 2026

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

Sunday May 31, 2026

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| 9:00 am – 9:30 am | Joint VFW and VFW Auxiliary Devotional Service | Shenandoah A |
| 9:45 am – 11:00 am | 2026 – 2027 Council of Administration Meeting | Shenandoah A |

Department Hospitality Suite - Shenandoah C

Candidate for Department of Virginia Guard 2026-2027



Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

I am Cynthia Cortner and I am submitting my name as a candidate for the Office of Guard, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Department of Virginia.

I joined 1944 VFW Auxiliary, La Puente, California in 1991 under the eligibility of my brother, Richard Reyes, who served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. My father served as a Marine in World War II, and several uncles also served in WWII and Korea.

I moved from California to Virginia in 2008 and transferred to Auxiliary 1177 Loudoun County in 2019. I became a Life Member in 1991.

After serving 42 years as a federal law enforcement officer with U.S Customs and Border Protection, I retired in 2021. I was not an active member because of my shift schedule and work travel. Retirement from law enforcement duties then provided me the opportunity to become more active in my Auxiliary. I am currently a Crossing Guard with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department.

I have a strong belief in the purpose of this organization with a love that has grown stronger for our veterans. Currently, I have served in the following positions:

AUXILIARY LEVEL:

2022-26 1177 Auxiliary President and Secretary
2021 1177 Auxiliary President
2020-21 1177 Senior Vice President

10TH DISTRICT LEVEL:

Guard – 2025-2026
District President – 2023 to 2025
Conductor 2022-2023

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA:

Veterans & Family Support Chairman - 2023 - 2024
Registration Chairman 2023 - 2024.
VAVS Associate Representative-Martinsburg 2025-2026

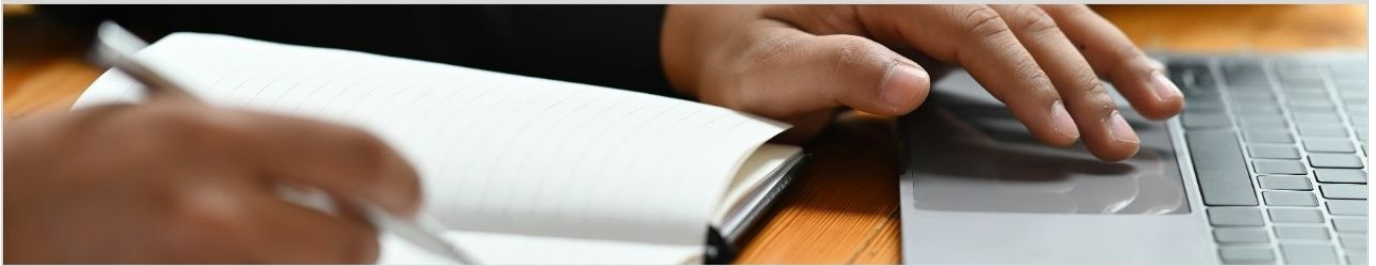
My husband Don and I have been married since 2000, and we currently have three fur-babies. I enjoy bowling, reading, and cooking. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University and am a Certified Analyst for the State of California.

I stay active in my community by volunteering in the following organizations: USO at Dulles Airport, Mobile Hope of Leesburg, Cook For Vets, and the Loudoun Elks Lodge. I served as the Exalted Ruler of Lodge 2406, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from 2019-2021. I also hold memberships in the VFW National Home, the Associates of the Vietnam Veterans of America in Fairfax, and the Leesburg Moose Lodge.

I ask for your support and vote for the Office of Dept Guard.

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Writing Workshop for Veterans and Family Members



VCU's College of Health Professions is inviting adult veterans and veterans' family members to participate in a virtual creative writing workshop.

WHO SHOULD JOIN

- Adult (18+) veterans or adult family members of veterans with an interest in learning creative writing
- No prior experience needed!

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- 10-week free and virtual workshop
- Small-group discussion & expert instruction
- Expressing your story clearly and creatively through writing
- Connecting with others

Scan to register!




**MONDAY EVENINGS,
STARTING JUNE 1
6:30 - 8:30 PM ET**

Can't join in June? No problem!
Contact us to join the waitlist.

**FOR
MORE
INFORMATION**

CONTACT: DR. JARED SCHULTZ SCHULTZJC@VCU.EDU

VISIT : [HTTPS://REHAB.CHP.VCU.EDU/ABOUT-US/RESEARCH/VEWP/](https://rehab.chp.vcu.edu/about-us/research/vewp/)



**Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary
What does the MOCA do?
How do I join the MOCA?**

For More Information about the MOCA

**Please email
Grand of Virginia Chief of Staff, Lisa Eck**

lisahoraneck@yahoo.com

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**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.**

vfwauxva.org