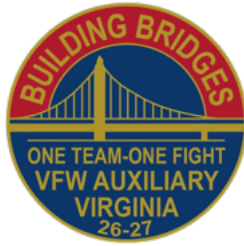




Virginia Communications

OCTOBER
2026

Spooky
EDITION



Department President, Kathy Voss



Brothers and Sisters,

I'm very excited to be headed into cooler days and fall activities! It's been a long hot summer, but the scorching heat hasn't stopped "Team Virginia" from working hard for our veterans and their families! Keep up the great work and together we will succeed in fulfilling our mission!

My sincere appreciation goes out to all auxiliaries! I am happy to report that every Auxiliary paid their bond by the deadline of August 31st!! **Thank you, everyone!!**

Remember:

Sec. 801—Eligibility for an Elected Officers: Any member in good standing belonging to an Auxiliary shall be eligible to any office in the Auxiliary, District, Department, or the National Organization.

Reminders: *If the President, Treasurer or Secretary of your District or Auxiliary is an annual member, their annual dues must be paid no later than December 31, 2026.* As per National if *dues are not paid by the President, Treasurer or Secretary by January 4, 2027, the Department must submit an e-mail or letter on January 5, 2027, requesting the non-paid Officer be relieved of their position.*

**All auxiliaries whose annual member officers are paid by October 31, will be entered into a drawing for \$100 at the Mid-Winter Conference in January.*

To all the Auxiliary members in the Department of Virginia, Please use the **CHAIN OF COMMAND:** Your first contact is your Auxiliary President. Should they be unable to help you with the issue, contact your District President. If the issue remains unresolved then you may contact the Department President or a Department Line Officer. NEVER should you call National before following this Chain of Command. If it is necessary, the Department President will contact them to receive guidance/clarity.

STAY INFORMED ABOUT CHANGES:

Good news!! The 2026 Podium Book: Bylaws and Ritual has been approved by the VFW and should be available **SOON** in **MALTA**

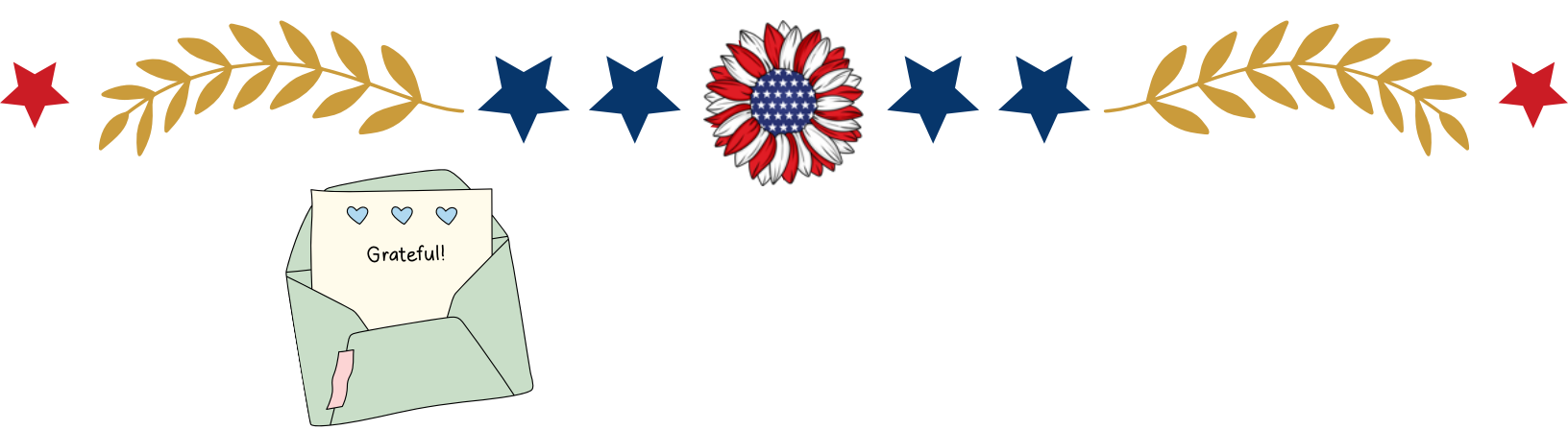
under Member Resources! The Bylaws underwent several significant changes this year. The hard copy book will be available for purchase in the coming months via the VFW Store.

Remember! Your Department Line Officers and I are here to assist your Auxiliary in any way we can. Do not hesitate to reach out....we are just a phone call away. Your success is important to us all!

With appreciation and ❤️,

Kathy Voss





Dear members of the Department of Virginia VFW Auxiliary,

It has been several months since our dear Ellen passed. We as a family, want to offer our sincere appreciation for the expressions of sympathy that were generously poured upon our family by the department members.

The thoughtful memorial service gave us the opportunity to share with you and to gratefully accept an outpouring of love and support offered by her Auxiliary and VFW family. Cards, notes, phone calls, visits and monetary gifts, greatly eased the burden of our grief.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and only ask that you continue to remember our dear Ellen as a true servant to our family and to this great organization.

With sincere appreciation,

The family of Ellen Stogsdill





TREASURER: REMINDERS/UPDATES

- 990-N must be filed before November 15, 2026. If you want me to file for you send me the form or an email with your Auxiliary number, EIN, person responsible for the money and the address for said responsible person.
- National is no longer sending annual cards for renewals. They are costing the organization money for bad addresses. New and life cards will be sent. The member can download into their virtual wallet, their membership card. The treasurer can print out and send to the member a physical copy of the card if there is no computer access.
- Applications cannot contain any credit card information before processing. A legible email address and phone number will enable the new member to pay by credit card. The treasurer can check on these applications under the Pending button on their Duties dashboard. They are active for 30 days before falling into expired status. They can be reactivated if required.
- Audits must have the bank statement numbers on the Audit form.
- The Dues line on the audit form shows the money to be sent to National and Department to pay for the membership. All other money collected when a member renews or joins should be placed in the General Fund. The Dues line is a RESTRICTED account. Money can only be spent on Dues. If you have additional money in the RESTRICTED Dues account, make a motion to move the money to the General Fund where it can be spent. Example: Dues are \$25 for an Annual membership, \$16 goes into the Dues Fund and \$9 goes into the General Fund. A Life membership costs \$253 for someone aged 16 to 20, all \$253 goes into the Dues Fund.
- Anyone wanting to convert to a Life membership, can use MALTA to pay by credit card if their membership is current. I can only process credit card payments for new and rejoin applications. My processing of Conversions to Life memberships are only by cash or check at this time.





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AMERICANISM

Core objectives for Americanism this year:

- Flag Education
- Celebrate Patriotic Holidays
- Promote Patriotism
- POW/MIA Remembrance

Americanism POP Signs

Below are some ideas for a POP display or message. Americanism is our product and by incorporating symbols like the American Flag, bald eagles, the Statue of Liberty, and other patriotic imagery we can use the POP display to promote Americanism. It can be a physical sign or a post on social media. The goal is to catch people's attention within a few seconds because most won't take the time to read a brochure or listen to our pitches.

These are a few ideas for a POP display for Americanism. Possible uses are a display in a library, display it on social media, use it when meeting with school students, youth at church or other organizations, display at a local business.



Use your POP display to: Grab their attention. Make them fun. Be creative.

When sending an Americanism report for a POP display or message, be sure to attach a picture to show what your Auxiliary did and tell where and how you displayed it.

Remember – **Report - Report - Report** your POP Signs & other activities





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HOSPITAL

Hello Brothers and Sisters! October is such an exciting month! We will see beautiful weather along with the leaves changing color. Both adults and kids will celebrate Halloween. Please do not forget to mark your calendar this year for World Smile Day which is October 2nd.



The focus this month is: **Women Veterans**

Women's Veterans – Women veterans are the fastest growing group within our veteran population. They need to understand and feel comfortable with using all the health services they have earned and deserve. The VA is working towards meeting their health care needs. Women veterans may be eligible for a wide variety of benefits available to all U.S. military veterans. VA benefits include disability compensation, pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment and burial. More information is available on the Women Veterans Benefits website: <https://www.bxenefits.va.gov/persona/veteran-women.asp>

OUT OF SIGHT: YOUR IN THE SPOTLIGHT:



Auxiliary 1033 District 6: Auxiliary members went to Woodlands Nursing Home, Clifton Forge, Virginia and had a wonderful time spending time with residents. They were given coloring pages to color, enjoyed refreshments, and had a great time visiting with each other.



I have received many impressive reports with great pictures, thank you so much!! If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your dedication and hard work for this program.



Scan this QR code and it will take you to the Hospital Program information on the Auxiliary website.





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MEMBERSHIP

Auxiliary strong because of YOU

The Heart Of Our Organization Recruit * Retain * Make A Difference

Serve
 ★
Support
 ★
Connect
 ★
Make a Difference

Membership is the most important part of our organization. Without membership, our organization does not exist. Every new member strengthens our voice, expands our ability to serve our veterans and their families, and ensures our Auxiliary remains strong for future generations.

Our VFW Auxiliary was formed 102 years ago and is still alive today because of the generations before us who worked tirelessly for our veterans and their families. We are merely the gate keepers of this organization, so our children and grandchildren will still have the VFW Auxiliary to support them in standing for what 's owed to them for the sacrifice they made during their service for our country.

Stronger Members
 ★
A Brighter Tomorrow

**TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE THIS LEGACY
 FOR GENERATIONS TO COME !**

Retaining our Members

- Keep brother & sisters involved. Let them use their special gifts to participate though crafting, cooking, social skills, etc.
- Have a monthly breakfast, luncheon or dinner with members
- Promote lifetime memberships
- Have an annual drawing for lifetime membership for annual members

Recruiting Initiatives

First person to recruit 20 new members by December 31, 2026 will receive a

\$100 CASH AWARD!

Every member who recruits 20 or more new members during the membership year will receive National recognition and a special recruiting award.

Tiered Membership Awards

Awards will be presented at the 2027 Department Convention based on total number of new members recruited during the 2026-2027 membership year.

AUXILIARY STRENGTH JUNE 2026	AWARDS FOR # MEMBERS
1-25	3 or more
25-50	5 or more
50-100	8 or more
100-200	10 or more
200 or more	20 or more

*Recruit Today
 Tomorrow, fight for our Veterans*





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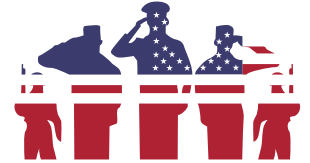


ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION



Members of the Auxiliary the time is Now. The Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy due date is approaching fast. If you have not gotten the information out to your local school and home schoolers, please due is NOW. The deadline for the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy to be at the VFW Post for judging is October 31, 2026. Please get out there and help our comrades find and help our rising stars of the future. They are the ones who will become our future leaders because we, the Auxiliary, need to help our comrades get the needed information to our future leaders.

Theme: What a Veteran Taught Me About America
 Voice of Democracy Patriots Pen



Open to all students in grades in 9 – 12 Open to all students in grades 6 - 8

Must include both written and audio essay Must be 300 – 400-word essay with

Completed application Completed application.

Note: Foreign exchange students, students 20 years or older, former winners, or 1st Place Department Winners are not eligible.

Auxiliary members, your next deadline will be **February 15, 2027**. More information to follow the holidays. This will be the Continuing Education Program. Which is open to Auxiliary members with at least one year of membership. It is open to members of the Auxiliary and their immediate family.

The creative art programs will be due on **March 31, 2027**, to the Auxiliary for judging. Now is the time to get that information out to our schools and home schools. Both the Young American and the 3-D art is open to students in grades 9 – 12. They do not have to be related to an auxiliary member or even live within the state of Virginia.

Remember REPORT, REPORT, REPORT. If you do it Report it, even if the results are negative, Report it, for at least you have tried.

Enjoy Halloween, however your family chooses to celebrate it.



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

This year, the Department of Virginia President's Special Project is the establishment of the VFW Auxiliary Hal Roesch-Dee Guillory Continuing Education Grant through the VFW Virginia Veterans Foundation.

The Virginia Veterans Foundation is the official 501(c)(3) foundation for the VFW Department of Virginia. Its mission is to support the programs and operations of the Department and to support the military, veterans of the military, and their families.

The fund will provide grants as available to Virginia VFW and Auxiliary members and dependents. The cumulative amount of funds granted will be variable and based on the investment returns for the previous year. The goal being to fully endow the fund to allow a minimum of \$2000.00 per year to be awarded, beginning in the Spring of 2028.

The website for online donations is listed below. It is extremely important that in the memo section you identify the "VFW Auxiliary Hal Roesch/Dee Guillory Continuing Education Grant" as the designation for your donation. The same would apply to a check donation. In the case of a check donation, you may also include the attached form. The foundation will acknowledge your donation directly.



Check donations payable to the Virginia Veterans Foundation with the "**Roesch/Guillory Continuing Education Grant**" designation on the memo line or with the attached form may be sent to the following address:

Virginia Veterans Foundation
403 Lee Jackson HWY
Staunton, VA 24401.

Online donations may be made through the following link, again with the designation noted on the submission.

https://givebutter.com/vvf?gba_donor_ref=1F7NdPdVmDnvhxap

Thank you for your generosity as we work toward endowing this fund to provide for the education/training needs in our organization while honoring Virginia's own Past CIC Roesch and Past National President Guillory.





Department's Women Veterans Forum

Women Veterans Social

Saturday, October 3rd

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

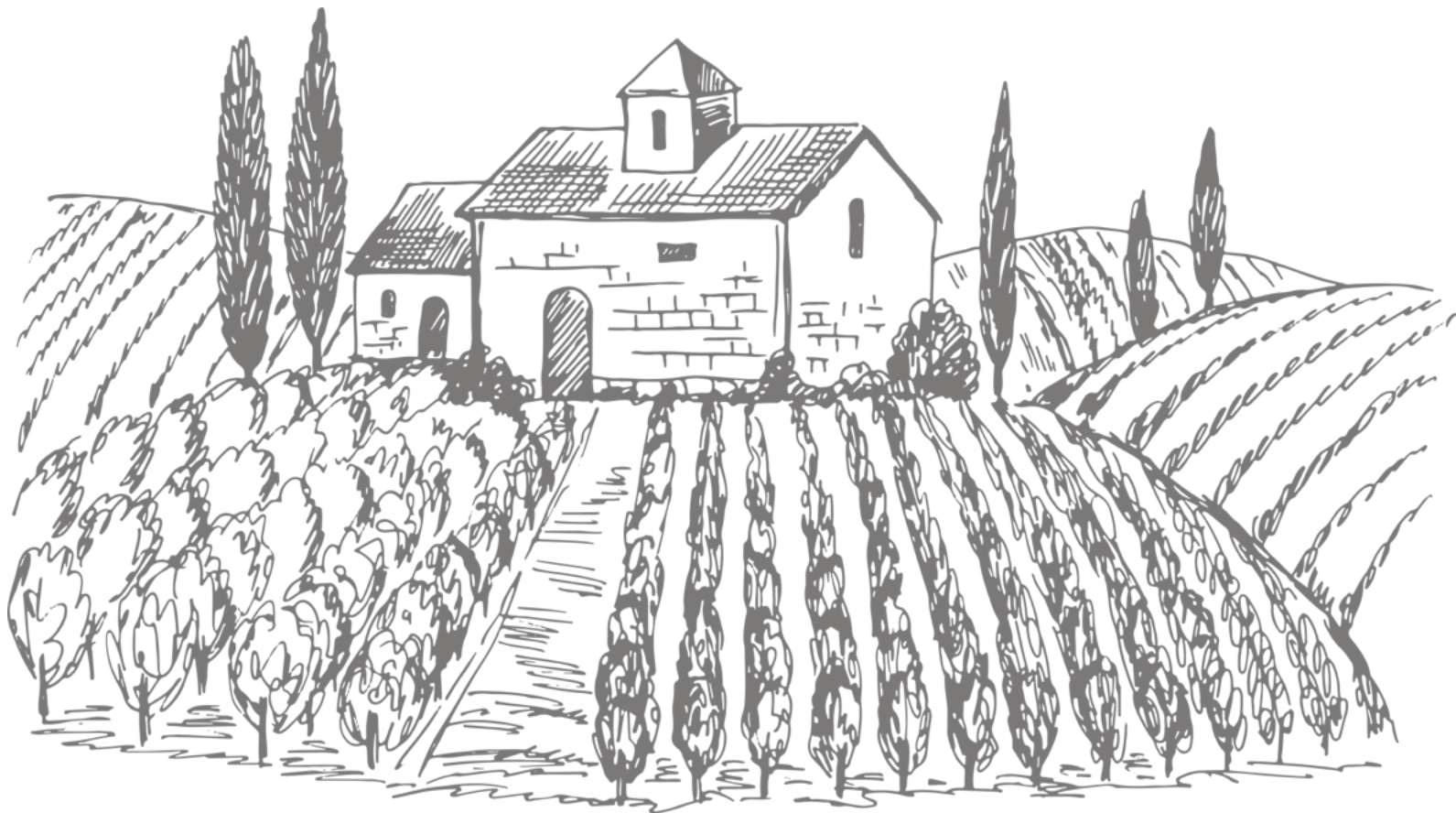
Morais Vineyards & Winery

11409 Marsh Rd, Bealeton, VA 22712, USA

All women veterans are invited to join us for a special gathering that celebrates your service and contributions to our nation.

Please **RSVP** here:

<https://www.vfwpost12218.org/event-details/women-veterans-social-1>





Mark & Kathy's
**FALL HARVEST
HOMECOMING**

Come celebrate the homecoming of our
Department of Virginia VFW State
Commander and VFW Auxiliary
Department President!



Saturday
October 17, 2026



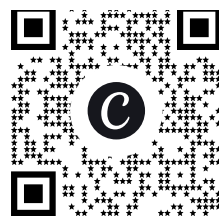
5pm at
VFW 9808 7168 Flag Lane
Mechanicsville, VA



All VFW and Auxiliary members are welcome! Dinner will be provided at no cost, with a cash bar available for setups, beer, and wine. Costumes are optional, and guests can enjoy costume contests, door prizes, and giveaways. Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly and accommodate everyone.

2026-2027 THEMES:
"ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT"
"BUILDING BRIDGES"

[SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER](#)



SAVE THE DATE

VFW Auxiliary - Department of Virginia 2026-2027

October 17, 2026

Joint Homecoming

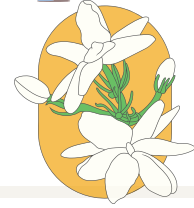
Post 9808 - Mechanicsville, VA



October 22-25, 2026

Southern Conference

Mobile, AL



January 14-17, 2027

VFW and Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference

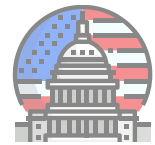
Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg, VA



February 27 - March 4, 2027

Legislative Conference

Washington, DC



April 5-7, 2027

VFW Aux National President Donna Mills Visit

Charlottesville, VA



June 10-13, 2027

June Department Convention

Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg, VA



July 31 - August 4, 2027

National Convention

Milwaukee, WI



November 4-7, 2027

Southern Conference

Williamsburg, VA





District Meetings: 3Q 2026

SECTION 810A – Auxiliary President, Bullett J, Page 72 Podium Edition By-laws & Ritual 2024: **Assure that the President or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.**

District

1	Date	1/23/2027
	Lunch	--
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 3219 122E Mellen Street Hampton, VA 23663
AUX Representative		Jamie Stewart
VFW Representative		Todd Taylor

2	Date	11/14/2026
	Lunch	--
	Meeting	9:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 2894, 3329 Battlefield Blvd South, Chesapeake, VA
AUX Representative		Bettina Lane
VFW Representative		Patrick Lane

3	Date	11/14/2026
	Lunch	--
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 2239 14705 Jefferson Davis Hwy Colonial Heights, VA
AUX Representative		Kathy Voss
VFW Representative		Mark Maggio

4	Date	11/7/2026
	Lunch	--
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 8759 16440 Five Forks Rd Amelia, VA
AUX Representative		Cara Buckley
VFW Representative		Doug Hoffman

5	Date	11/21/2026
	Lunch	--
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 4637 1425 Greensboro Road Martinsville, VA
AUX Representative		Kathy Voss
VFW Representative		Randy Coker

6	Date	12/5/2026
	Lunch	11:00
	Meeting	9:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 1264 4930 Grandview Ave NW Roanoke, VA
AUX Representative		No Aux Meeting
VFW Representative		Patrick Lane

District

7	Date	1/23/2027
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	Joint Meeting Starts @ 11:15 AM
	Place	VFW Post 2447 100 Veterans Way, Edinburg, VA
AUX Representative		Bettina Lane
VFW Representative		Mark Maggio

8	Date	12/5/2026
	Lunch	--
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 12202 (Hopyard Community Bldg) 5888 Coakley Drive King George, VA 22485
AUX Representative		Susan Dinon
VFW Representative		Charles Bush

9	Date	1/30/2027
	Lunch	--
	Meeting	Registration at 9:00 AM. Meeting at 10:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 1115 701 W Stuart Dr, Hillsville, VA 24343
AUX Representative		Susan Dinon
VFW Representative		

10	Date	12/12/2026 (VFW ONLY)
	Lunch	--
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 1177 401 Old Waterford Rd NW, Leesburg, VA
AUX Representative		No Auxillary Meeting
VFW Representative		Doug Hoffman

11	Date	1/9/2027
	Lunch	-
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 2216 212 Frontier Dr Staunton, VA
AUX Representative		Jamie Stewart
VFW Representative		Ed Mann

13	Date	11/21/2016
	Lunch	Lunch will be Served
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Place	VFW Post 8169 2997 W River Road Scottsville, VA
AUX Representative		Susan Dinon
VFW Representative		Tom Gimble

District Presidents: Please review the schedule and confirm to the Department Secretary, your Representative and me that the date, time and location is correct. If is not correct, please let the Department Representative and I know as soon as possible any changes. Additionally, if your meeting should be cancelled, please let your Department Representative and I know as soon as possible.

Kathy Voss, Department President

Outstanding Auxiliary Tracking

Auxiliary	Americanism	Buddy Poppy	Historian	Hospital	Legislative	Spec. Pro	Nat. Homne	Scholar.	Vets & Fam	Youth
District 1										
176			1							
3219	1		1	1					1	1
Reported	1		2	1					1	1
District 2										
392	1	1	1	1	1				1	1
2582					1					1
2894	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1
3160			1	1	1			1	1	1
4411										
4809	1	1		1	1			1	1	1
Reported	3	3	3	4	5			3	4	5
District 3										
622										
637	1				1			1		
2239										
4639									1	
6364										
7167										
8046										
8529										
9501										
9808	1				1		1		1	1
10654										
10657		1	1	1					1	
Reported	2	1	1	1	2			1	3	1
District 4										
7059										
7166										
8163										
8759										
9855										
9954										
Reported										
District 5										
647										
7854	1				1				1	
8243										
Reported	1				1				1	
District 6										
776										
1033	1		1	1	1			1		1
1264										
1841		1		1				1		
Reported	1	1	1	2	1			2		1

Outstanding Auxiliary Cont.

Auxiliary	Americanism	Buddy Poppy	Historian	Hospital	Legislative	Spec. Pro	National Hom	Scholarship	Vets & Fam	Youth
District 7										
621					1					
2447										
8613										
9292										
9660	1								1	
9760										
Reported	1				1				1	
District 8										
3103								1		1
7589	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1
12202	1	1	1	1	1				1	1
Reported	2	2	1	2	2			2	2	3
District 9										
1115										1
1184										
4667	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1
7726										
9696										
Reported	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	2
District 10										
609				1			1			
1177	1	1	1	1				1		
1503		1								
3150										
7327	1									
7916										
8469										
9274										
Reported	2	2	1	2				1		
District 11										
632	1	1								1
3136										
4204										
7814										
8644										
Reported	1	1								1
District 13										
1827									1	
8169										
8947										
10574					1					
Reported					1				1	