



VFW Auxiliary
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Message from the President



Must be read/distributed by the Auxiliary Secretary at the first meeting following receipt, then file for reference.

Brothers and Sisters,

Wow!

Wow I cannot believe it's already April. What does that mean? It's time to get your delegates **for both District, Department and National done**. Remember Department delegates are sent to Jerry Miller and Ellen Stogsdill and District are sent to the District Secretary. And National are done on MALTA. Ellen has provided a fillable form for both the department and District delegates and will be glad to make the Malta if you send them to her.

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

Elections of your Auxiliary officers are also in April and your installation reports need to be put into MALTA as soon as possible. If you need help with your installation report please reach out to Ellen, she will be happy to help you.

AUXILIARY TREASURERS: This is a reminder to all Treasurers that starting with the 2025 ANNUAL DUES year that will start being collected on July 1, 2024, the National dues portion is raising from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per member. The Department dues portion is raising from \$5.50 to \$6.00 per Member. Please make ensure that your organizations dues amount is adjusted accordingly in MALTA for this increase.

Attention All Members.... It is especially important that your information is correct in the National MALTA System. National and Department use this information to keep you updated with information. Take the time to check to make sure that your Name, Address, Phone Number, Email is correct in MALTA. You can activate your account by going to the National website and then MALTA.

The program reporting period for 2023-2024 ends on April 30th. Again, I encourage all Auxiliaries to review the Program Tracking Report to ensure you have received credit for your report. This report is used with the Outstanding Auxiliary program. Chairman, remember I **MUST** have your end of year report NLT May 1st as I have to get the information to National. Please, do not wait until the last minute.

Auxiliary Trustees.... The next audit is due to be completed in April for January, February and March and presented to the regular monthly Auxiliary meeting for approval.

District Trustees....an audit must be completed and presented at each District meeting for approval.

Again, **THANK YOU** to all members for what you do for our Veterans, their families, and your community.

ATTEST:

Ellen Stogsdill
Department Secretary
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia

BY ORDER OF:

Vicki Butler
Department President
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia





All DECEASED MEMBERS MUST be entered into Malta by MAY 15 to be included in the Memorial Program. If you need help entering the information, please contact Ellen Stogsdill, at ellenstogsdill@cox.net or Cathy Graham, at cg12dc12@outlook.com so that all our departed members may be acknowledged.

ALERTS & CARDS; For anyone other than yourself – please be sure that the person is aware and okay with Her or His information being shared with others. Will be sent to any VFW or Auxiliary member, and/or their family members. **All alerts Must be in writing.**

WHEN YOU SEND A CHAPLAIN REPORT: Include ALL deceased members, they MUST be entered into Malta If you need help entering the information, please contact Ellen Stogsdill at ellenstogsdill@cox.net or Cathy Graham at cg12dc12@outlook.com. I ask that you Please **DO NOT include requests for alerts and/or cards on this form! A separate request will ensure timely attention!**

While I am not an Official Clergy Person – I am a friend and available, should you need me. With winter upon us Please remember to check in on those who are ill or struggling.

Happy Easter 🙏

May the renewal of life at Easter bring new Blessings of love, hope, Good Health, Happiness & Kindness to you & your loved ones.

Respectfully
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COMPLY WITH. BYLAWS/ADMINISTRATIVE FOLLOW-THROUGH

SEC. 806—INSTALLATION:

Sec. 806A—Auxiliary Installation: Auxiliary Officers shall be installed in their respective offices not more than **sixty (60) calendar days prior to the convening of the Department Convention on June 13, 2024.**

Sec. 806C—District Installation: The District Officers shall be installed before adjournment of the meeting at which elected.

- **Installation form must be entered into Malta by District/Auxiliary Secretary or sent to the Department Secretary to enter into Malta by the Auxiliary/District Secretary within 7 days after the election or installation of Officers.**
- **All Auxiliary and District installation reports MUST be received at National Headquarters and the Department Secretary by June 30, 2024.**
- **If you cannot elect officers, contact President Butler immediately after your meeting.**

ARTICLE III AUXILIARY DELEGATES:

Sec. 303—District Meetings and Convention: Delegates and Alternates to Districts shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days **prior** to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected. • One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates. **Delegates form must be to District Secretary before start of District Convention.**

Sec. 304—Department Meetings and Convention: Delegates and Alternates to the Departments shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held **not less than** thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Department Convention on **June 13, 2024:** • One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates. **Delegates form must be to Department Secretary by 5-26-2024.**

Sec 305 National Delegates: “Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April; one for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing **on March 31.** The VFW **Auxiliary Secretary** shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Secretary, along with their membership ID number, within thirty (30) calendar days of the day of election” and **no later than 5-31-2024.** Fillable applications are available on our website: <https://vfwauxva.org> then under News, them Events or by emailing ellenstogsdill@cox.net 757-777-7194. There is also a form in this communication.

Sec. 810—President, Duties of (All Levels); (Paragraph D): The President of the Auxiliary to a Department, District or Post shall, within thirty (30) days after installation into office, submit to the Commander of the respective Department, District or Post the last quarterly audit, membership status report, and such additional reports as may be required by the liaison committee. (National President see Section 810E). 1. Such reports will be acknowledged by each respective Commander during the next regular meeting of the Post over which they preside and may be read to the members assembled.

Sec 814 Duties of Trustees: All Auxiliaries and Districts **MUST** be bonded by **August 31, 2024, by the Auxiliary and District Treasurer.**

Sec. 506 District Dues: District dues must be paid to the District Treasurers by **September 30, 2024.**

Department, District and Auxiliary Officers (Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers) dues **MUST** be paid by **December 31, 2024,** or submit an email or letter to relieve any non-paid Officers to National Headquarters by January 5, 2025.

All Members, please take time today to sign into MALTA and confirm that your information is correct in MALTA. National and Department uses your profile information in Malta to send you information.

AMERICANISM

Brothers and Sisters, the end of the reporting year is around the corner, please submit all of your reports by April 15th to be counted as reported for this program year.

Program rewards for Americanism will be as follows:

- \$50 to the best promotion/recognition of Patriotic Days and/or branch of service birthdays.
- \$25 to the best promotion of **#more than letters**.
- \$25 to the Auxiliary that distributed or presented the most POW or American flags.
- \$25 to the best promotion of Flag/Patriotic education to youth or schools.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or need assistance. My email is kjcoker1503@gmail.com

****Please be sure to email me your form for your Auxiliary to participate in the parade at June Convention,****

Upcoming Patriotic Days and Holidays

March 29, 2024 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

April 5, 2024 – Gold Star Spouses Day – A Day dedicated to those whose spouses gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military or because of service-connected injuries or illness.

May 1, 2024 - Loyalty Day a day set aside to reaffirm loyalty to the United States and recognize the heritage of American freedom.

Armed Forces Day – Third Saturday in May is a day to honor the Americans currently serving in the 5 branches of the Armed Forces as well as National Guard and Reserve Units.

Memorial Day – Last Monday in May: A day to honor the men and women who died while serving in America's Armed Forces.

Loyally,
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We have 29 Auxiliaries reported in Auxiliary Outreach. If anyone has questions about Outreach don't hesitate to email me at the address below.

Q: Why don't cats like online shopping?



All volunteer efforts must be voted on and approved by your Auxiliary. If you make a motion to do this in the name of the VFW Auxiliary during your meeting and it passes, please do so. Then report it in the Outreach form.

There will be two awards for Auxiliary Outreach;
 \$100 for the Auxiliary with the most impactful Outreach project.
 \$50 for the most Outreach Reports submitted.

Auxiliary Outreach Projects that qualify;

Work with local parks and recreation departments to plant trees, clear trails and beautify parks.

Serve food at soup kitchens or distribute food at food banks/cupboards.

Drive for Meals on Wheels or help prepare food for delivery.

Projects that DO NOT qualify as Auxiliary Outreach;

Hosting a dinner and donating the proceeds to a community organization.

Collecting clothing and/or health and comfort items for a VA Hospital or homeless shelter.

Auxiliary Outreach is donating your blood sweat and tears to an organization outside of your own.

Auxiliary Outreach is not writing checks, collecting items or money for another organization, baking, food preparation, participating in events...

Whatever you do in community service, turn this into your Post. They can add this to their Community Activities reports.

A: They prefer a cat-alogue.

I hope your Auxiliary has a very successful year.



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“Buddy” ® Poppy/National Home Program-March 2024

**Department of Virginia
National Ambassador, Lisa Jackson
Department Chair, Kathy Voss**

From our National Ambassador, Lisa Jackson:

The Trustees met at the VFW National Home at the end of January. They had a very productive week which started with updating the Strategic Plan followed by Professional Development with briefings from the Directors and Chairman to include a 100th Anniversary update. During the week many decisions were made to improve business operations and infrastructure improvements at the VFW National Home to include a comprehensive overhaul and modernization of the electrical distribution system, repair of roads and parking lots, replacement of broken curbing, and roof replacement for the community center and nursery buildings.

One decision was to improve the efficiency of each Trustee by district realignment. This allowed the Departments to be evenly spread out between the Trustees. Here is the approved plan:

District One – Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island

District Two – New York, Europe, Vermont, and Connecticut

District Three – Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, New Jersey

District Four – Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, and Virginia

District Five – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Latin/Caribbean

District Six – Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee

District Seven – Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota

District Eight – Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Kentucky

District Nine – North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming

District Ten – New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Nebraska

District Eleven – Arizona, Colorado, Utah, and Nevada

District Twelve – California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Pacific Areas

NOTE: Virginia is now in District 4 and our National Home Representative is PNP Sandi Kriebel from the Department of Maryland!

Did you know?

The National Home Helpline is the first step on the path to help for military and veteran families. This free service helps callers with pressing needs nationwide seek solutions in their own communities. The Helpline is answered by caring professionals M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern, except holidays. Messages left after hours and/weekends are answered the next business day. Contact the Helpline at 800.313.4200 or help@vfwnationalhome.org.

The National Home recently graduated their first class of journeyman beekeepers through their Heroes to Hives program, which began this year with two hives purchased and assembled by staff. They are hoping to be producing honey by next year with plans to sell it under the name “Cootie Nectar.” Hopefully, they will receive more hives next year from Michigan State University. “Guitars 4 Vets” is a program brings veterans together to learn how to play the guitar. The group learns the components of a guitar, tuning, notes, string recognition and chord memorization, after which a small private recital is held where members play a song of their choice and receive a gift of their very own guitar.

Once a month on Saturday, veterans from the National Home and local community gather for a “Cup of Joe.” This event allows veterans to relax, have a cup of coffee and talk about the topic of their choice.

The Early Education Center serves children from age 6 months to five years for families living at the VFW National Home, free of charge. After-school activities for school aged children include piano lessons with Miss Rhonda, painting, and Gaga Ball. Gaga Ball is dodgeball, but the ball can only hit no higher than your knee and is played in an enclosed pit. They also sponsor paint nights and other events for the spouses of the veterans.

There is a 4-H Group where children raise pigs and rabbits and show them at the Eaton County Fair. The animals are then sold at the fair and once the expenses are recovered, the 4-H student gets to save the leftover! There is also a greenhouse where donated seeds are sewn. Homes share garden beds where they can grow their own fresh vegetables.

Just a few reasons to become a Lifetime Member of the home and to support Virginia’s “Hearts4theHome” initiative! I have a question from National President Carla Martinez. The VFW National Home only has about 100,000 Life Members, while between the VFW and Auxiliary, we have almost 1.5 million members. Why are you not signing up to be a Life Member of the VFW National Home? This is one of the most reasonable Life Membership fees you will ever pay. Consider signing up today!

With love and care for our Veterans,

Kathy Voss

919-264-7839

Extension and Revitalization

This is my last communication as your Extension & Revitalization Chairman. I hope that the Red Flag Auxiliaries continue in the future. We need to make sure that our Auxiliaries stay strong. Even though our Program Year is coming to the final half we are not done yet.

We still have four months to assist Red Flags Auxiliaries. Remember the Red Flags are only guidelines that an Auxiliary may need help. Do you need help with a Program Year-End report, did you fill out their Healthy Auxiliary Checklist and are they ready for their annual election. Take time take to read the ***Building on The VFW Auxiliary Foundation*** or the ***National Bylaws and Ritual*** These books provide ideas on the duties and responsibilities of their office.

You can ask for help or get your District President or District Mentor help organize a Red Flag Team to assist you with problem's you may be having. This is a team that comes into the Auxiliary to assist with making it better. When helping the Auxiliaries with Red Flags, make sure you have your ***National Bylaws and Ritual*** with you at all times.

As the Extension & Revitalization Chairman, is there an any Auxiliary that still needs help to finish their paperwork? All members are very strong and important in our department.

It was my pleasure to serve as your Chief of Staff/Extension & Revitalization Chairman for the 2023-2024 year. Remember to be humble and kind in whatever Program you do or Office you may have.



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100%

Congratulations to District 1, District 2, District 7 and District 8 for being 100% reported! As a department we are now 74% reported! Thank you to the members who have submitted a reported this far!

Reporting

As we get to the end of the reporting year, please get your reports in, and make them count for this year! Please share what you have been doing so we can preserve our history!

Did you know that our department has an online reporting tool? It's easy to use!



Go to VFWAUXVA.ORG. Click on login in then members only on the top right-hand side. You will sign in with your Member ID number and password is your last name, no capital letters. You will then click Program Reports and start filling out the form. You can only fill out one report and unfortunately there is not a way to attach photos at that time, but you can email them after.

As always, if you aren't comfortable with the online tool, you can submit your reports by mail or email.

Awards



First, a reminder to submit your video interview by April 30th! Each Auxiliary that submits one will receive a national citation.

Department convention is around the corner! Awards will be given in multiple areas including use of social media, most reports sent in, 100% reported districts and more! As mentioned above, you still have time to send them in!

Auxiliary Snapshot



Post 7059's donation to The National Center for Healthy Veterans. Pictured is Pat Baldwin (PDP), Lisa Wilson (Dist. 4 President) Flora Lord (Aux President), Jay Fort (Post Commander) and Frank Knott.



April 2024

- Hello Brothers and Sisters! Joke of the month: April Showers bring May flowers, so what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims. Ha, Ha, Ha!!!

April is the month of the military child.

Other dates to remember:

Monday, April 1st – Aprils Fools Day

Friday April 12th – National Grilled Cheese Day

Tuesday, April 16th – Good Deeds Day

Saturday, April 20th – Volunteer Recognition Day



The focus this month is: Women's Health Care

- More than two million women veterans live in the U.S. today and women veterans have served across all branches and divisions of the military. Most of the women who use the VA are within cities but those living in rural areas are increasing their usage of the VA system for their healthcare. Please take a minute to check for the benefits you have earned at www.womenshealth.va.gov.
- Women have served our nation for generations and are the fastest growing group within the veteran population. Comprehensive health services are available and tailored to the unique needs of women veterans. Learn about the resources and health care services available and help them receive the benefits and services they deserve.
- Women's Health Care As the fastest growing veteran population in the VA system, women need and want health care they can count on. While the VA system has come a long way, the opportunity to utilize the Community Care system for health care specific to women is priceless.
- **Telephone Care:** If you are a woman Veteran and you are currently signed up for VA health care, you can reach a VA health care provider at your local VA medical center by phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This provider will answer questions and give you advice on health concerns. If you are currently signed up for VA health care, contact your VA medical center and ask for the provider's phone number. [Find a VA medical center near you.](#)

Thank you for all that you do. If you need assistance, please contact me.

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LEGISLATIVE

April

I hope all of you and your families had a



Remember if you are submitting an entry for a **National Legislative award for Auxiliaries No. 1**, please be sure to **have the entry to me before March 31, 2023**. If you need this form, please contact me.

Only one received at this time ... send in your Auxiliary's award entry! We need some competition!

The year is almost at its close ... We have worked to pass important legislation to ensure our veterans, service men and women, and their families receive the help to which they are entitled. I appreciate all of you standing up for them and hope you continue to do so.

If your auxiliary has not reported to me, you still have time. You can send me a report in the mail, text, or email. **Remember: if 100% reported, it helps our President, Vickie Butler, achieve "Circle of Excellence at National."**

- Did any of your members vote?
- Assist in working the polls?
- Sign up for VFW Action Corps weekly?
- Work with a young civic organization?

These are just a few activities you can report.

Department awards: *Will your auxiliary receive an award?*

- (1) Reported to our representatives regarding veteran's issues.
- (2) Answered the "Call to Action"
- (3) Has been a positive advocate for legislation
- (4) Worked with civic organizations

I want to take this time to thank everyone who took the time to stand up and protect our veterans, service men & women and their family's benefits.

A simple way to help veterans and their families is be informed by signing up for VFW Action Corps weekly. **You can use the following to sign up:** QR Code (reach out to me for this information), Text "VFW" to 50457, Visit vfw.org/Join Action Corps weekly.

**Remember continue to report your legislative efforts to me.
Let's have the Department of Virginia 100% reported!**



Loyally, Beverly Abbott

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MEMBERSHIP

The most crucial aspect of our Membership Program is the members. The success of the Membership Program rides on the current members knowing how and who can join our organization. Utilizing the resources in MALTA Member Resources under "Membership" can help you to successfully complete our mission.

Having trouble finding new members in the community? Take a break from searching the public and get back to the Post; talk with every veteran member you can, because they each can ultimately provide up to 12 categories of family members as potential Auxiliary members. For more information about eligibility, see Membership Resources under MALTA Member Resources.

Losing Members?

Members leave for many reasons, but mainly because they are not included or educated in the Auxiliary mission or are sadly left out of the decision-making process. Please make sure to include new and existing members by making them feel welcome, providing meaningful feedback and opportunities to contribute to our mission. Please always remember to include them in decision making and utilize their talents and skills. Treat them as partners in our mission; with Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care we will grow to new levels.

How can we reach out to new members?

- Work Programs in the community.
- Make videos showing what we do and post them on social media.
- Invite new members to events and Auxiliary business meetings.
- Ask new members what they would like to do or if they have any ideas to better the situation.
- Be nice and professional.
- Membership drives.
- Ask if they need anything.
- Ask them to help fold or send out member renewals or member packets.
- Just simply give them a call, chat with them and remind them how vital they are to the organization and veterans everywhere.

Make sure to sign up new members in MALTA. Here is Why:

National Headquarters has developed great Membership resources to help you complete the mission at hand. Resources are now located behind your MALTA login under Member Resources.

- Great Information
- Membership application
- Auxiliary Brochure order form
- Member change /update form
- Membership engagement packets
- Many tools and resources to work all programs.

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MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

Happy April to the Members of Virginia!

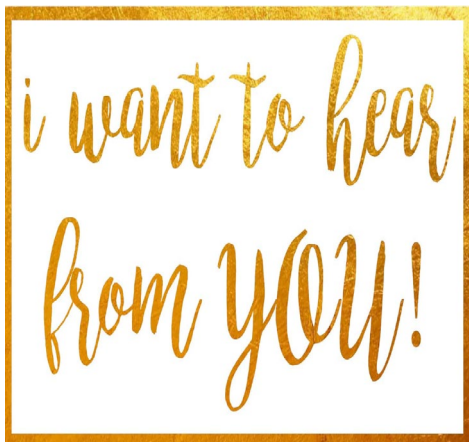
I hope that everyone in your auxiliaries have had a wonderful year!

Hopefully, all of you have become a “Mentor” in your own way! Try to remember that a “Mentor” should:

Be kind, not right
Mentor must be dedicated, knowledgeable and supportive of all members
Know how to communicate.
Kind to everyone
Positive, never negative
Make every member feel important
Show appreciation
Develop genuine interest in members
Respect, listen and smile!
Remember, everyone has talent and something to contribute
Say THANK YOU!

Mentoring has the power to positively impact everyone involved!

Auxiliaries not reported:



District 1: 176
 District 2: 100%
 District 3: 637, 4639, 6364, 7167, 8046, 8529, 9501, 10387, 10654, 10657
 District 4: 7059, 7166, 8759, 9954
 District 5: 7854, 8243
 District 6: 776, 1264, 1841
 District 7: 9660
 District 8: 100%
 District 9: 1115, 1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 9696
 District 10: 1503, 3150, 7327, 8469, 9274
 District 11: 632, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8644
 District 12: 1994
 District 13: 8169, 10574



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Outstanding Auxiliary 2023-2024



The clock is ticking but your Auxiliary still has time to achieve Outstanding Auxiliary.

Membership – There is still time for annual renewals and to recruit new members.

Reports – There is still time to submit reports to the Department Program Chairman. Again check the program tracker to make sure your Auxiliary has been given credit for reports submitted.

Monetary donations – There is still time for your Auxiliary to donate to the Health and Happiness Fund and to the Department Hospital Fund.

A reminder regarding Outstanding Auxiliary and Membership:

If your Auxiliary achieves 100% by missing the (+1) in Membership you can still earn the Outstanding Auxiliary designation by participating and reporting in each Program (being 100% Reported in all Programs). All programs are Americanism, Auxiliary Outreach, Buddy Poppy/National Home, Extension/Revitalization, Historian, Hospital/VAVS, Legislative, Membership, Mentoring for Leadership, Presidents Special Project, Scholarship, Veterans and Family Service, and Youth Activities and completing all other Outstanding Auxiliary requirements by April 30, 2024.



Don't let time run out! Work together as a team. You can make it happen!

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans, their families, and your community. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about Outstanding Auxiliary program.

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PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Protect Our Defenders is a nonprofit organization working to end sexual violence, victim retaliation, misogyny, sexual prejudice, and racism in the U.S. military.



Protect Our Defenders (POD) is the pre-eminent national human rights organization dedicated to ending sexual violence, victim retaliation, misogyny, sexual prejudice, and racism in the military and combating a culture that has allowed it to persist. We honor, support, and give voice to survivors of military sexual violence. We seek reform to ensure all service members are provided a safe and respectful work environment free from misogyny and racism, and have access to a fair, impartially administered system of

The prevalence of sexual violence, victim retaliation, misogyny and racism in the military and a culture that has allowed it to persist erode military values of integrity and sacrifice, undermine good order and discipline and exacerbate existing inequalities for women, people of color and LGBTQ service members. Reforming this culture will strengthen our military and promote unit cohesion and morale. Protect Our Defenders has a deep understanding of military process and procedure. We work respectfully and collaboratively, engaging stakeholders who can speak from personal experience about the need for reform, to promote change from outside and from within the military.

DONATIONS

Send donations to Department Treasurer Cathy Graham

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Report

Send reports and a copy of the check to Judy Lupole and Fred Jennings
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Scholarship

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Continuing Education Scholarship program application date was February 15, 2024. The National VFW Auxiliary will announce the 4 winners – one from each of the Conferences.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AUDIO-ESSAY CONTEST PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST

The National Voice of Democracy Awards were presented in Washington, DC on March 4, 2024. The Department of Virginia's Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay winner, Andrew Miller, placed 25th and was awarded the R.D. "Bulldog" Smith, Jr. Scholarship, and the Department of Ohio Chester J. Koch Memorial Scholarship for a combined amount of \$2,000.00. Andrew was sponsored by Massanutten VFW Post #2447 in Edinburg.

The Department of Virginia's Patriots Pen Essay winner, Samantha Schillo, placed 4th and was awarded the Alaine Benson Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,750.00. Samantha was sponsored by Fredericksburg VFW Post 3103 in Fredericksburg.

Please let me know if you have participated in your Post's Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen programs and have donated scholarship funds to your winners. Please let me know if you have participated in your Post's Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen programs and have donated scholarship funds to your winners.

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST 3-DIMENSIONAL PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

The National VFW Auxiliary has opened the Patriotic Art Contests to children of service members who are stationed abroad in Europe and Korea. U.S. citizenship is not required, but non-citizens must be Permanent U.S. Residents or have applied for a Permanent U.S. Resident status and have not been denied becoming a U.S. Citizen. Each Auxiliary will be financially responsible for all costs in returning the artwork to the student. If your Auxiliary is interested in participating in this unique opportunity, call the VFW National Auxiliary Headquarters for more information. These Contests are open to all patriotic young artists in grades 9-12. Entries will be judged on patriotic themes and technique. **Deadline: March 31, 2024.**

PATRIOTIC ART ESCROW FUND

You can help this program by making a monetary donation. The donation can be made through MALTA, or you can mail a check to the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters. Please specify on the check that it is for the Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund.

AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED:

District 3: 4639, 6364, 9501, 10654, 10657
 District 4: 7166, 8759
 District 5: 7854, 8243
 District 6: 1264
 District 8: 12202
 District 9: 1184, 7136, 7726, 7969, 9696
 District 10: 7327, 8469, 9274
 District 11: 632, 3136, 4204
 District 12: 1994
 District 13: 1827, 8169, 10574

I'd love to hear from you.

AUXILIARIES REPORTED:

District 1: ALL REPORTED
 District 2: ALL REPORTED
 District 7: ALL REPORTED



Kathy Birch, 2023-2024 Scholarship Chairman
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VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Banding Together for Our Veterans



Service, Mentorship & Patriotism

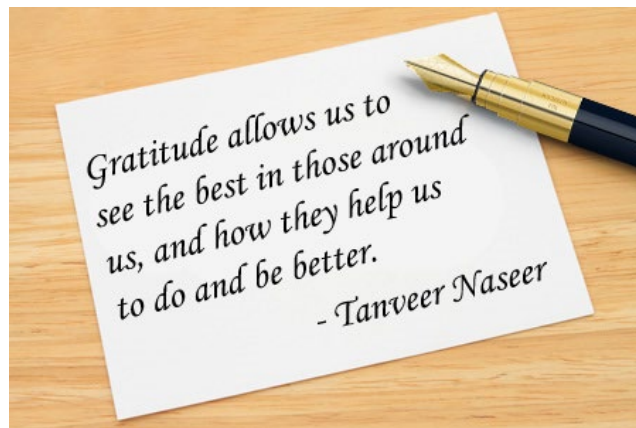


All year long, you've been challenged by each Chairman and without hesitation, you've answered the call. You've shown our active military, veterans, and their families nothing but love and support from each and everyone of you. We in the Department are so proud of our Virginia members for their innovation, spirit, and dedication.

I shout out a big Auxiliary to the to make our for allowing me to their families.

Thank You

That's for each and EVERY one of you, from the smallest largest Auxiliary! We all are pieces of the puzzle that help active military, veterans, and their families whole. Thanks be your VFS Chairman and to help you help our vets and



Would you please remember to carry a few Veterans Crisis Line cards or Dog Tags 4 Life and give them to veterans or active military that cross your path. Also please remember the **5 warning signs** that may mean someone is in emotional pain and might need help:

- Change in personality.
- Agitation – being uncharacteristically angry, anxious, or moody.
- Withdrawal from family & friends
- Poor self-care
- Hopelessness



I hope to see you at the June Convention!



Cynthia Cortner,
Veterans and Family Support Chairman
Cindypcx2@yahoo.com



APRIL

Hello Brothers and Sisters!!! **Happy Spring!** Fun Facts Days in April are: **Apr. 1:** April Fool's Day: **Apr. 6:** International Pillow Fight Day **Apr. 7:** National Former POW Recognition Day **Apr. 9:** Air Force Reserves Birthday **Apr. 14:** National No housework Day **Apr. 17:** Blah, Blah, Blah Day

I am excited to hear all the entries for: **Get Excited for the RED, WHITE and BLUE!**

***Reminder: Illustrating America Deadlines: Entries received by: Local Auxiliary- March 31
Department -April 15, National Headquarters - May 5**

**Get Excited For the Red, White Blue Deadlines: Entries received by: Local Auxiliary- March 31
Department -April 15 National Headquarters - May 5.**

April is Patriotic month. It is important that our children know and understand what our veterans gave not only for the United States but for its people, as well. Our children are our future, and they need to know what our veterans have gone through to keep our country alive. If we don't take care of the future, we fail our youth. Each of us is responsible for teaching our youth to help and understand what has made this country what it is today.

Here are some ways we can recognize our youth in this program:

- ✚ Award a youth that has placed flags at a cemetery.
- ✚ Recognize a youth for writing letters to military service members.
- ✚ Present an award to a youth for learning about the Pledge of Allegiance.



Now that we are near the end of this exciting year. I have received a lot of wonderful reports and excited how many of the auxiliaries have been working with our youth and teaching them about Patriotism and what our Veterans did for this Country and those still serving are doing.

A huge **"Thank You"** for all of your hard work this year!!! If you need any assistance with your reports, please contact me!! Remember that your reports need to be to me by April 30th to count for 2023-2024 year.



Chairman: Diane Melson
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District Conventions

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.

REMINDER District Secretaries: Please send the Attendance at 2024 District Meetings to the Department Secretary. It is a Oustanding Auxiliary Requirement for a member member from each Auxilliary to Attend District Conventions.Meetings.

District

1	Date	5/4/2024 District Convention
	Lunch	TBA
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Place	Post 3219, Phoebus 122 E Mellen St Hampton, VA 23663
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>PDP Fred Jennings</u>
VFW Representative		Commander Gary Adams

2	Date	5/11/2024 District Convention
	Lunch	No Lunch
	Meeting	9:00 AM
	Place	Post 4809, Norfolk 5728 Bartee St Norfolk, VA 23502-4502
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>PDP Fred Jennings</u>
VFW Representative		SVC Mitch Rubenstein

3	Date	5/4/2024. District Convention
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	Post 9808, Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Ln Mechanicsville, VA 23111
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>President Vicki Butler</u>
VFW Representative		Surgeon Charles Bush

4	Date	4/13/2024, District Convention
	Lunch	No Lunch
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Place	Post 7166, South Hill 1472 N Mecklenburg Ave South Hill, VA 23950
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Ellen Stogsdill, Secretary</u>
VFW Representative		PSC Greoffey Lyster

5	Date	5/18/2024 District Convention
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	10:00
	Place	Post 7854, Floyd (Auxiliary Only) 186 Epperly Mill Rd Floyd, VA 24091
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		
VFW Representative		Inspector Randy Coker, Meeting @ 4637

6	Date	4/6/2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION
	Lunch	TBA
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Place	VFW 1264, Roanoke 4930 Grandview Ave NW Roanoke, VA 24012
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Dawn Kuhn, SVP</u>
VFW Representative		Surgeon Chareles Bush

District

7	Date	5/11/2024 District Convention
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Place	Post 9660, Broadway 14550 Runion Creek Road Broadway, VA 22815
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Vicki Butler, President</u>
VFW Representative		JVC Doug Hoffman

8	Date	4/6/2024 District Convention
	Lunch	TBA
	Meeting	10:00:00 AM
	Place	Post 3103, Fredericksburg 2701 Princess Anne St Fredericksburg, VA 22401
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>PDP Betty Ginble</u>
VFW Representative		Inspector Randy Coker

9	Date	5/11/2024 District Convention
	Lunch	
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	Post 1115, Hillsville 701 W. Stuart Dr. Hillsville Virginia 24343
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Dawn Kuhn, SVP</u>
VFW Representative		Commander Gary Adams

10	Date	5/11/2024 District Convention
	Lunch	NO LUNCH
	Meeting	10:30 AM
	Place	Post 1503, Dale City 14631 Minnieville Road Dale City, VA 22193
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>JVP Kelli Levitt</u>
VFW Representative		

11	Date	4-13-2024, District Convention
	Lunch	No Lunch
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	Post 8644, Bridgewater 118 Dry River Rd Bridgewater, VA 22812
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Dawn Kuhn, SVP</u>
VFW Representative		Judge Adocate Mark Maggioo

13	Date	5/25/2024 District Convention
	Lunch	TBA
	Meeting	11:00 a.m
	Place	Post 8947, Louisa 201 Mineral Ave, Mineral, VA 23117
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>President Vicki Butler</u>
VFW Representative		

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.

Department President

Vicki Butler

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Audit for January – March 2024** must be completed by **April 30, 2024**. Accepted Audit by vote of the Auxiliary must be **sent to the Department Treasurer** no later than **MAY 31, 2024**.

REMINDER

This is a reminder to all Treasurers that starting with the 2025 annual dues year that will start being collected on **July 1, 2024**, the **National dues portion is raising from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per member. The Department Dues Portion is raising from \$5.50 to \$6.00 per Member.**

REMINDER

Please make ensure that your organizations dues amount is adjusted accordingly in MALTA for this increase.

NO ZOOM MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE 2023 -2024 AUXILIARY COUNCIL OR CONVENTION DEPARTMENT MEETINGS. IF YOU ARE ON COUNCIL AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CONTACT VICKI BUTLER OR ELLEN STOGSDILL

Convention

2024 June Convention: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – June 16, 2024:

Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185 (757) 220-2250. Information to follow closer to the date. Room Rates: \$139.00 per night

Volunteers needed for the Credentials and Registration table on the following dates:

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

June 13, 2024, Thursday 8-4 p.m.

June 14, Friday, 8-11 and 1-5 p.m.

June 15, 2024, Saturday, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

If you have an hour or two to volunteer, contact:

Cindy Cortner, Registration Chairman, cindypcs@yahoo.com

Jerry Miller, Credential Chairman, jpm561@aol.com

TRAINING

*Save
Date*

The following meetings will be at Auxiliary 1841, 4902 Roanoke Rd, Daleville, Va 24083. A Email Invitation will be sent to all members that are required to attend.

July 19, 2024, TBA, Department Audit.

July 20, 2024, 9-noon, Department School of Instructions/District President Training. **OPEN TO 24-25 Line Officers, 24-25 District Presidents and 24-25 Program Chairman.**

Lunch to follow SOI.

July 20, 2024, 1-3p.m. CoA Meeting for all council members, which includes 24-25 Offices and District Presidents and past (4) PDP.

VFW AUXILIARY, NATIONAL EVENTS

Please contact Department Secretary about information for National Events.

**July 27 – Aug 1, 2024, National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky.
August 9 – 14, 2025, National Convention, Columbus, Ohio.**

Auxiliaries NOT REPORTED as of 3-23-2023

<p><u>AMERICANISM</u> DISTRICT 1: 176 DISTRICT 2: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 3: 4639, 7167, 8529, 10654 DISTRICT 4: 7166, 8759 DISTRICT 5: 8243 DISTRICT 6: 776, 1264 DISTRICT 7: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 8: 3103 DISTRICT 9: 7136, 7726, 9696 DISTRICT 10: 7916, 8469, 9274 DISTRICT 11: 632 DISTRICT 12: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 13: 100% REPORTED</p>	<p><u>AUXILIARY OUTREACH</u> DISTRICT 1: 3219 DISTRICT 2: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 3: 622, 637, 4639, 7167, 8529,10654, 10657 DISTRICT 4: 7166,8163, 8759 DISTRICT 5: 8243 DISTRICT 6: 1264,1841 DISTRICT 7: 9292. DISTRICT 8: 12202 DISTRICT 9: 1184.4667, 6000, 7136, 7726, 9696 DISTRICT 10: 3150, 7327,7916, 8469, 9274 DISTRICT 11: 3136,4204 DISTRICT 12: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 13: 1827, 8947, 10574</p>	<p><u>BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME</u> DISTRICT 1: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 2: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 3 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 4: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 5: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 6: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 7: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 8: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 9: 7136 DISTRICT 10: 7327, 8469, 9274 DISTRICT 11: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 12: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 13: 100% REPORTED</p>
<p><u>EXTENSION/REVITATION</u> DISTRICT 1: 176, 3219 DISTRICT 2: 100% REPORTED. DISTRICT 3: 4639, 6364, 8046, 7167, 8046, 8529, 9501, 10387, 10654, 10657 DISTRICT 4: 7059, 7166, 8163, 8759. 9954 DISTRICT 5: 7854, 8243 DISTRICT 6: 776, 1264, 1841 DISTRICT 7: 2447,9292. DISTRICT 8: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 9: 1184, 4667, 7136, 9696 DISTRICT 10: 3150, 7327, 8469, 8469, 9274 DISTRICT 11: 3136, 4204, DISTRICT 12: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 13: 10574</p>	<p><u>HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS</u> DISTRICT 1: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 2: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 3: 6364, 8046, 8529, 10654, 10657 DISTRICT 4: 7166 DISTRICT 5: 8243 DISTRICT 6: 1264 DISTRICT 7: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 8: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 9: 1184, 6000, 7136 DISTRICT 10: 3150, 7327, 8469 DISTRICT 11: 632, 4204, 8644 DISTRICT 12: 1994 DISTRICT 13: 100% REPORTED</p>	<p><u>HOSPITAL</u> DISTRICT 1: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 2: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 3: 6364, 7167, 8529, 10657 DISTRICT 4: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 5: 8243 DISTRICT 6: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 7: 2447, 9660 DISTRICT 8: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 9: 6000, 7136, 7969, 9696 DISTRICT 10: 7916, 8469, 9274 DISTRICT 11: 632, 8644 DISTRICT 12: 100% REPORTED DISTRICT 13: 100%REPORTED</p>
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Please contact the **Department Chairman** if your Auxiliary is listed above.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The above numbers are reports received by the Department Chairmans as of the 10th of each month.

*If your Auxiliary is listed as **NOT REPORTED**, please call the chairman, not the Department Secretary.*

REPORTING PERIOD IS MAY 1, 2023, THRU APRIL 30, 2024

OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY REQUIREMENT FOR PROGRAMS:

The Auxiliaries are encouraged to promote and report in all programs however the following will be required. As our organization is based on promoting patriotism and supporting Veterans and their families, the following programs must be promoted by all Auxiliaries as a requirement.

The Auxiliary must report in the **following programs by 4-30-2024:**

AMERICANISM

HOSPITAL – IN ADDITION TO THE VA MEDICAL CENTER FUND THE AUXILIARY WILL NEED TO REPORT IN A LEAST ONE ITEM UNDER THE HOSPITAL PROGRAM.

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT.

AND REPORT IN AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home; Community Outreach; Historian/Media; Legislative; Membership, Mentoring for Leadership, Scholarship and Youth Activity. By selecting one or more of the above programs this will give your Auxiliary the opportunity to select the program.

VFW Auxiliary, Virginia 2023 -2024 Department Chairman

Program	Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Email
Americanism	Karla Coker	13212 Trails End Ct	Manassas	VA	20112-5504	(571) 221-7350	kjcoker1503@gmail.com
Auxiliary Outreach	Robert DeChamplain	7417 Wildwood Dr	Norfolk	VA	23518-4415	(757) 239-4517	rdechamplain1@cox.net
Buddy Poppy - National Home	Kathy Voss	804 Blue Thorn Dr	Apex	NC	27539-9106	(919) 264-7839	klvjuw83@gmail.com
Extension & Revitalization	Georgette Bannon	4036 Georgia Rd	Chesapeake	VA	23321-5312	(757) 715-0202	georgettebannon@gmail.com
Historian - Media Relations	Jamie Stewart	5194 Longbow Rd	King George	VA	22485-3168	(757) 897-5521	jamie_stewart91@icloud.com
Hospital	Dinah Devins Doyle	3449 Crimson Holly Ln	Virginia Beach	VA	23453-2802	(757) 560-0493	n2runn1@yahoo.com
Legislative	Beverly Abbott	130 Brookview Rd	Danville	VA	24540-3408	(434) 792-4497	desiabbot@comcast.net
Membership	Georgette Bannon	4036 Georgia Rd	Chesapeake	VA	23321-5312	(757) 715-0202	georgettebannon@gmail.com
Mentoring for Leadership	Deborah Martin	539 Westwood Drive	Ruckersville	VA	22968-3676	(434) 985-7987	debva0506@gmail.com
Outstanding Auxiliary	Carol Vangi	1024 Hullview Ave	Norfolk	VA	23503-2028	(757) 621- 5519	cjonesvangi@gmail.com
President Special Project "Protect our Defender"	Judy Lupole	1246 Quarter Way	Virginia Beach	VA	23464-8510	(757) 581-2702	luvedale88@verizon.net
President Special Project "Protect our Defender"	Fred Jennings	1246 Quarter Way	Virginia Beach	VA	23464-8510	(757) 477-5086	fredlyj@verizon.net
Scholarships	Kathleen Birch	304 E Main St	Berryville	VA	22611-1306	(540) 955-3311	katbirch@comcast.net
Veterans & Family Support	Cynthia Reyes Cortner	11 Halifax Ct	Sterling	VA	20165-5611	(619) 254-0014	cindypcx2@yahoo.com
Youth Activities	Diane Melson	7832 James Blair Ln	New Kent	VA	23124-2992	(703) 314-3809	dmelsonvfw9808@aol.com

NO JOB IS
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UNTIL THE
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THE DEADLINE!



Auxiliary	Membership			VA Medical Centers			Health & Happiness	VFW Veterans & Military Support	Pres Special Project	CDR Special Project	X = Audit Received by Department Treasurer			
	6-30-23 Totals	03/23/24	%	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER		AMT PAID	AMT PAID	Amt Paid	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
District 1														
176	50	43	86.00%	22.50	22.50		12.50	37.00	15.00			x	Dec	x
3219	225	241	107.11%	101.25	101.25		56.81					x	x	x
District 1	275	284	103.27%	123.75	123.75	0.00	69.31	37.00	15.00	0.00		x		x
District 2									110.00					
392	514	558	108.56%	231.30	232.00		129.00		100.00			x	x	x
993	68	65	95.59%	30.60	30.60		117.00		550.00			x	x	x
2582	36	35	97.22%	16.20	16.20		9.00		50.00			x	x	x
2894	34	29	85.29%	15.30	25.00		25.00	25.00	50.00			x	x	x
3160	302	300	99.34%	135.90	135.90		75.50		127.56			x	x	x
4411	95	101	106.32%	42.75	42.75		23.75		75.00			x	x	x
4809	295	314	106.44%	132.75	132.75		73.75		100.00			x	x	x
District 2	1344	1402	104.32%	604.80	615.20	0.00	453.00	25.00	1162.56	0.00		x	x	x
District 3														
622	34	34	100.00%	15.30	15.30		8.50		50.00			x	x	x
637	382	364	95.29%	171.90	171.90		95.50		100.00			x	x	x
2239	71	72	101.41%	31.95	31.95		17.75	100.00	100.00			x	x	x
4639	60	50	83.33%	27.00	27.00		21.00					x	x	x
6364	170	180	105.88%	76.50	76.50		42.50					x	x	x
7167	52	54	103.85%	23.40	23.40		13.00		25.00			x	x	x
8046	46	45	97.83%	20.70	20.70		20.70		50.00			x	Dec	x
8529	72	75	104.17%	32.40	32.40		11.75					x	x	x
9501	56	56	100.00%	25.20	25.20		14.00		25.00			x	x	x
9808	194	191	98.45%	87.30	87.30		48.50		100.00			x	x	x
10387	38	31	81.58%	17.10	17.10		9.50					x	x	x
10654	33	28	84.85%	14.85	14.85	50.00	8.25					x	x	x
10657	31	30	96.77%	13.95	13.95		7.75		125.00			x	x	x
District 3	1239	1210	97.66%	557.55	557.55	50.00	318.70	100.00	575.00	0.00		x	x	x

Department of Virginia

Auxiliary	Membership			VA Medical Centers			Health & Happiness	Veterans & Military Support Program	Pres Special Project	CDR Special Project	X = Audit Received by Department Treasurer ** RECEIVED BUT RETURNED			
	6-30-23 Totals	03/23/24	%	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER		AMT PAID	AMT PAID	Amt Paid	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
District 4														
7059	67	62	92.54%	30.15	30.15		16.75	100.00	200.00			x	x	x
7166	37	35	94.59%	16.65	16.65		9.25					x	x	x
8163	52	51	98.08%	23.40	23.40		13.00	50.00	50.00			x	x	x
8759	39	37	94.87%	17.55	16.65		9.25		50.00			x	x	x
9855	31	33	106.45%	13.95	13.95		8.00		25.00			x	Dec	x
9954	121	115	95.04%	54.45	54.45		28.00		25.00			x	Jan	x
District 4	347	333	95.97%	156.15	155.25	0.00	84.25	150.00	350.00	0.00			x	x
District 5														
647	73	73	100.00%	32.85	32.85		18.25	200.00	25.00			x		x
7854	24	21	87.50%	10.80	10.80		6.00		25.00			x	x	x
8243	29	28	96.55%	13.05	13.05		7.25	25.00	25.00			x	x	x
District 5	126	122	96.83%	56.70	56.70	0.00	31.50	225.00	75.00	0.00		x	x	x
District 6														
776	19	20	105.26%	8.55	10.00		10.00					x	x	x
1033	50	54	108.00%	22.50	22.50		12.50		50.00			x	x	x
1264	79	92	116.46%	35.55			19.75					x	x	x
1841	23	31	134.78%	10.35	10.35		5.75		100.00			x	x	x
District 6	171	197	115.20%	76.95	42.85	0.00	48.00	0.00	150.00	0.00		x		
District 7														
621	104	94	90.38%	46.80	46.80		26.00	200.00	50.00			x	x	x
2447	488	521	106.76%	219.60			123.25		500.00			x	x	x
8613	102	104	101.96%	45.90	46.35		25.75					x	x	x
9292	13	13	100.00%	5.85	5.85		3.50					x	x	x
9660	39	40	102.56%	17.55	17.55		10.00		25.00			x	x	x
9760	393	370	94.15%	176.85	176.85		98.25		25.00			x	x	x
District 7	1139	1142	100.26%	512.55	293.40	0.00	286.75	200.00	600.00	0.00		x		x
District 8									100.00					
3103	175	227	129.71%	78.75	78.75		43.75					x	x	x
7589	102	106	103.92%	45.90	45.90		25.50	300.00	50.00			x	x	x
12202	46	48	104.35%	20.70	20.70		11.50	45.70				x	x	x
District 8	323	381	117.96%	145.35	145.35	0.00	80.75	345.70	150.00	0.00		x		x

Department of Virginia

Auxiliary	Membership			VA Medical Centers			Health & Happiness	VFW Veterans & Military Support Program	Pres Special Project	CDR Special Project	X = Audit Received by Department Treasurer ** RECEIVED BUT RETURNED			
	6-30-23 Totals	03/23/24	%	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER		AMT PAID	AMT PAID	Amt Paid	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
District 9														
1115	206	201	97.57%	92.70	92.70		20.60	150.00				x	x	x
1184	31	31	100.00%	13.95	13.95		7.75	25.00	25.00			x	x	x
4667	119	117	98.32%	53.55	53.55		29.75	50.00				x	x	x
6000	45	43	95.56%	20.25	21.60		12.00		25.00			x	x	x
7136	21	22	104.76%	9.45								Dec	Dec	x
7726	100	93	93.00%	45.00	45.00		25.00					x	x	x
7969	32	33	103.13%	14.40	14.40		10.00					x	x	x
9696	62	64	103.23%	27.90	31.50		17.50					x	x	x
District 9	616	604	98.05%	277.20	272.70	0.00	122.60	225.00	50.00	0.00		x		x
District 10									15.00					
609	43	43	100.00%	19.35	19.35		10.75		25.00			x	x	x
1177	43	43	100.00%	19.35	19.35		10.75		25.00			x	x	x
1503	1047	1093	104.39%	471.15	471.15		261.75	500.00				x	x	x
3150	168	168	100.00%	75.60	75.60		42.00		25.00			x	x	x
7327	149	144	96.64%	67.05				50.00				x	x	x
7916	225	224	99.56%	101.25			100.00					x	x	x
8469	42	41	97.62%	18.90								x	x	x
9274	30	26	86.67%	13.50								x	x	x
District 10	1747	1782	102.00%	786.15	585.45	0.00	425.25	550.00	90.00	0.00		x		x
District 11														
632	181	180	99.45%	81.45	81.45		45.25					x	x	
3136	15	15	100.00%	6.75	6.75		3.75	10.00	10.00			x	x	x
4204	23	24	104.35%	10.35	15.00		15.00		15.00			x	x	x
7814	26	28	107.69%	11.70	17.40		2.60					x	x	Mar
8644	60	58	96.67%	27.00	27.00		15.00					x	x	x
District 11	305	305	100.00%	137.25	147.60	0.00	81.60	10.00	25.00	0.00		x	x	
District 12									10.00					
1994	40	45	112.50%	18.00	18.00		10.00	25.00				x	x	Mar
9600	47	0	0.00%	21.15								x	x	
District 12	87	45	51.72%	39.15	18.00	0.00	10.00	25.00	10.00	0.00	x			x

Department of Virginia

				VA Medical Centers				VFW Veterans & Military Support Program	Pres Special Project	CDR Special Project	X = Audit Received by Department Treasurer				
Auxiliary	6-30-23 Totals	03/23/24 Totals	%	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	HEALTH & HAPPINESS	AMT PAID	AMT PAID	AMT PAID	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	
District 13															
1827	202	201	99.50%	90.90	90.90		50.50					x	x	x	
8169	35	32	91.43%	15.75	15.30		8.25		100.00			x	x	x	
8947	82	85	103.66%	36.90	36.90		20.50		100.00			x	x	x	
10574	167	170	101.80%	75.15	75.15		41.75	100.00	100.00			x	x	x	
District 13	486	488	100.41%	218.70	218.25	0.00	121.00	100.00	300.00	0.00		x	x	x	
Members at Large	730	675	92.47%												
Membership				Va Medical Centers				Health & Happiness	VFW Veterans & Military Support	Pres Special Project	CDR Special Project				
	6-30-23 Totals	03/23/24 Total	%	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMT PAID	AMT PAID	AMT PAID					
Total - VIRGINIA	8935	8970	100.39%	3692.25	3232.05	50.00	2132.71	1992.70	3552.56	0.00					
District Percentages				Percentage Order											
	District	6-30-23 Totals	03/23/24 Totals	%		District	6-30-23 Totals	03/23/24 Totals	%						
	1	275	284	103.27%		8	323	375	116.10%						
	2	1344	1402	104.32%		6	171	197	115.20%						
	3	1239	1210	97.66%		2	1344	1400	104.17%						
	4	347	333	95.97%		1	275	280	101.82%						
	5	126	122	96.83%		10	1747	1777	101.72%						
	6	171	197	115.20%		7	1139	1142	100.26%						
	7	1139	1142	100.26%		13	486	479	98.56%						
	8	323	381	117.96%		9	616	603	97.89%						
	9	616	604	98.05%		3	1239	1201	96.93%						
	10	1747	1782	102.00%		5	126	122	96.83%						
	11	305	305	100.00%		11	305	294	96.39%						
	12	87	45	51.72%		4	347	333	95.97%						
	13	486	488	100.41%		12	87	45	51.72%						
Members At Large		730	675	92.47%											
Department' s Total		8,935	8,970	100.39%											



VFW AUXILIARY, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FORM



**NOT ACCEPTED BEFORE APRIL 1, NOR AFTER MAY 26th, 2024
of the Current Calendar Year**

~~THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED~~

TO: Ellen Stogsdill, Department Secretary
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia
6522 Chartwell Drive
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464-3532
(757) 777-7194 ellenstogsdill@cox.net

TO: Jerry Miller, Credential Chairman
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia
PO BOX 233
Catharpin, VA 20143
(571) 236-3605 JPM561@aol.com

Per Section 304 of the National Bylaws, “Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to department Convention which starts on June 11, 2024; one for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing on March 31. The VFW Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary and Credential Chairman, within thirty (30) calendar days of the day of election” and **no later than MAY 26th**.

The Auxiliary Secretary is to print out a copy of the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) for his or her records.

*This is to certify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) listed below were duly elected to represent our VFW Auxiliary at the upcoming Department Convention on June 11-14, 2024, based on the total VFW Auxiliary membership as of **MARCH 31** in the MALTA System. Membership as of _____ is _____ Divided by 30 = _____ Delegates/Alternative for 2024-2025. **Example: Membership as of 3/31/2023 is 299 divided by 30 = 9.96 = 10 Delegates/Alternates.***

DELEGATE/ALTERNATE WILL NEED TO SHOW MEMEBERSHIP CARD WHEN CHECKING IN AT CREDENTIAL DESK.

Any questions or you need additional lines, contact the Department Secretary. ellenstogsdill@cox.net

THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED

	Delegate			Alternate	
	First Name	Last Name		First Name	Last Name
1			1		
2			2		
3			3		
4			4		
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19			19		
20			20		

Secretary Name	E-Mail Address	Phone Number
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VFW AUXILIARY, VIRGINIA DISTRICT CONVENTION OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FORM



**NOT ACCEPTED 30 Days BEFORE START OF 2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION NOR
AFTER START OF 2024 District Convention**

~~THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED~~

Per Section 303 of the National Bylaws, "Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention shall be elected at **a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the District Convention at which district Officers are elected.**

One Delegate/One Alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates/Alternates. The VFW Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the District Secretary **prior to the start of the District Convention.** The Auxiliary Secretary is to print out a copy of the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) for his or her records.

*This is to certify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) listed below were duly elected to represent our VFW Auxiliary at the upcoming District Convention and is based on the total VFW Auxiliary membership as of **MARCH 31** in the MALTA System. Membership as of _____ is _____ Divided by 15 = _____ Delegates/Alternative for 2024-2025.*

Example: Membership as of 3/31/2023 is 299 divided by 15 = 19.93 = 20 Delegates/Alternates.

***THIS FORM MUST BE TO THE DISTRICT SECRETARY BEFORE THE START OF
THE DISTRICT CONVENTION.***

Any questions or you need additional lines, contact the Department Secretary. ellenstogsdill@cox.net

THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED

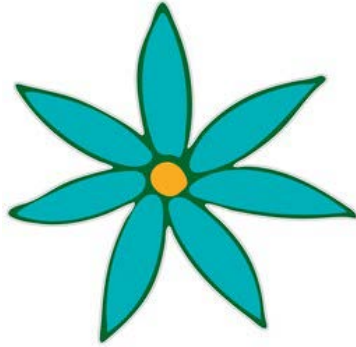
	Delegate			Alternate	
	First Name	Last Name		First Name	Last Name
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20			20		

Secretary Name	E-Mail Address	Phone Number
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VFW Auxiliary, Virginia 2023-2024 District Secretaries

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Title	District	Address Line 1	City	State	Zip	Phone	Email
Dec	M	Guillory	Secretary	District 1	7984 Croydon Ln	Gloucester	VA	23061-4629	(757) 291-6690	deeguillory@cox.net
Ellen		Stogsdill	Secretary	District 2	6522 Chartwell Dr	Virginia Bch	VA	23464-3532	(757) 777-7194	ellenstogsdill@cox.net
Vivian	H	White	Secretary	District 3	7262 Bellspring Dr	Mechanicsville	VA	23111-3749	(804) 437-4703	mrssantamarine@comcast.net
Karla		Hardy	Secretary	District 4	734 Marrow St	South Hill	VA	23970-2806	(434) 774-9964	karlahardy66@gmail.com
Carolyn	C	Lewis	Secretary	District 5	1023 Cluster Springs Rd	South Boston	VA	24592-7059	(434) 575-7337	4lewis.carol@gmail.com
Melanie		Woods	Secretary	District 6	5959 Barbara Cir	Roanoke	VA	24018-6605	(540) 525-0068	beyaslf@gmail.com
Kathleen	K	Birch	Secretary	District 7	304 E Main St	Berryville	VA	22611-1306	(540) 955-3311	katbirch@comcast.net
GiGi	Kay	Keith	Secretary	District 8	10 Crowncrest Rd	Fredericksbrg	VA	22406-4895	(443) 366-9249	ggmoe2763@gmail.com
Rebecca	A	Edwards	Secretary	District 9	150 Deans Br	Marion	VA	24354-6930	(276) 781-0419	dnbedwards@aol.com
Patricia	Ann	Jurgensen	Secretary	District 10	12781 Chatter Brook Dr	Catharpin	VA	20143-1032	(703) 754-1244	pjurgy@aol.com
Robin	L	Nicolas	Secretary	District 11	422 Northfield Ct	Harrisonburg	VA	22802-4825	(540) 246-7769	nicolas1977@msn.com
Laura	M	Mitchell	Secretary	District 12	16365 Ayres Ln	Bristol	VA	24202-5031	(423) 217-5725	mitchelllaura95@gmail.com
Shema		Peppers	Secretary	District 13	8611 Seays Rd	Spotsylvania	VA	22551-3433	(540) 809-7701	speppers8312@gmail.com



love
gift

It has become customary to present our Department President with a monetary love gift during the President's Luncheon at June Convention.

This monetary gift will allow her to purchase a gift of her own choosing to remember her year as our Department President.

We all know the long hours and traveling that are required to complete responsibilities as well as obligations. This love gift will express our respect and appreciation for her devotion to our great organization.

If a District, Auxiliary or any member would like to donate, please make your check payable to [VFW Auxiliary, Virginia](#), notation [Luncheon Love Gift 2024](#) and mail to:

Cathy Graham
9691 Lindenbrook Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Loyally,

Kelli Levitt, JV President
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia





It has become customary in the past, to present the Department President with a monetary love gift at the end of Saturday's convention. The monetary gift allows her to purchase a gift of her own choosing to remember her special year as our Department President.

We all know the long hours and all the traveling required of our Department President to complete her responsibilities as well as her obligations. This love gift will show how much we respect and appreciate her devotion to our great organization.

If your Auxiliary or any member would like to donate, please send a check to:

Make Checks Payable to: **VFW Auxiliary, Virginia**
Mail to: **Cathy Graham, Department Treasurer**
9691 Lindenbrook St
Fairfax, VA 22031-1132

In remarks on your donation make a note it is for the *Love Gift June 2023 Convention*.

Thank you all so very much for your hard work and your loyalty to our organization, Veterans, Service Men & Women, and their families.

Respectfully,
Dawn Kuhn
Department Sr. Vice President



99th Annual VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia Convention
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center.
6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185 (757) 220-2250
June 12-16, 2024

Convention Chairman – Georgette Bannon, Carol Vangi, Ellen Stogsdill
 Luncheon Chairman: Georgette Bannon/Vicki Petersen

Registration Chairman – Cindy Cortner
 Credentials Chairman – Jerry Miller

Wednesday, June 12

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

7:30 am - 9:00 am

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

**ASAP After closing of
Business Session**

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

8:00 am - 11:00 am

7:30 am - 8:30 am

9:00 am - 11:00 am

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

8:30 am - 10:30 am

8:30 – 1:00 p.m.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

9:00 am - 9:30 am

EVENT / ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

CLOSED Council Meeting. Council Members Only.

Officers' Floor Practice (attendance required) Memorial Service Practice

Thursday, June 13

Officers' Floor Practice (attendance required)

Registration/Credentials Tables

Auxiliary Opening Business Session.

May need to show Membership Card to Guard to Attend.

Special Meeting – 2022-2023 District Presidents W/Credentials Chairman, Jerry Miller

Re: Voting Instructions. **Back of room, attendance required**

Joint VFW Auxiliary & VFW Memorial Services

Joint Presentation of VFW and Auxiliary Awards

Friday, June 14, 2024

Registration/Credentials Tables

Patriotic Art Displays 8 am - 5 pm. Questions, see PDP/Chairman Kathy Birch

Past Department Presidents/Commanders Breakfast

Joint VFW Auxiliary & VFW Opening Session

Department President / Member's Luncheon

Presentation of Presidents. Department President, PNP, PDP and Auxiliary and District Presidents.

(MUST Register with Patriotic Instructor, Karla Coker to be in parade)

Do not need to bring District/Auxiliary Flags and Banner

Department Color Bearer Flags will be used for presentation.

Registration/Credentials Table **(note closing time of 10:30 a.m. on Saturday)**

Auxiliary Business Session

District Presidents to pick up remaining Patriotic Art Displays

2024-2025 Program Chairmen meeting with Dawn Kuhn

Back of room, attendance required.

MOCA Meeting

Saturday, June 15

Registration/Credential Tables (closes today at 10:30 am)

Buddy Poppy Contest Displays 8 am - 10:30 am. Questions, see Chairman Kathy Voss

Auxiliary Business Session

Final Auxiliary Business Session (Special Project March, National Representative, Elections). Installation of Officers

2024-2025 Department Line Officers Meeting

District Presidents to pick up remaining Buddy Poppy Displays

Reception/Dance: Centennial Celebration for:

Outgoing Commander Gary Adams & President Vicki Butler

Incoming Commander Mitch Rubenstein and President Dawn Kuhn.

(Must register on Eventbrite and print ticket)

Sunday, June 16

Joint VFW & VFW Auxiliary Devotional Service

Announcements will be made by the Secretary on any changes on schedule

NOTE: 2024-2025 Department President Shirts/Pins will be available in hallway

HOSPITALITY ROOMS:

LOCATION

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall B&C

Peterburg A B C

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall B&C

TBA

Richmond Hall

Richmond A

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall B&C

Petersburg A

Richmond Hall B&C

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Board Room

Richmond Hall B&C

Richmond Hall

Amphitheater

**Tentative
Schedule**

The agenda of this convention shall be at the discretion of the Department President.

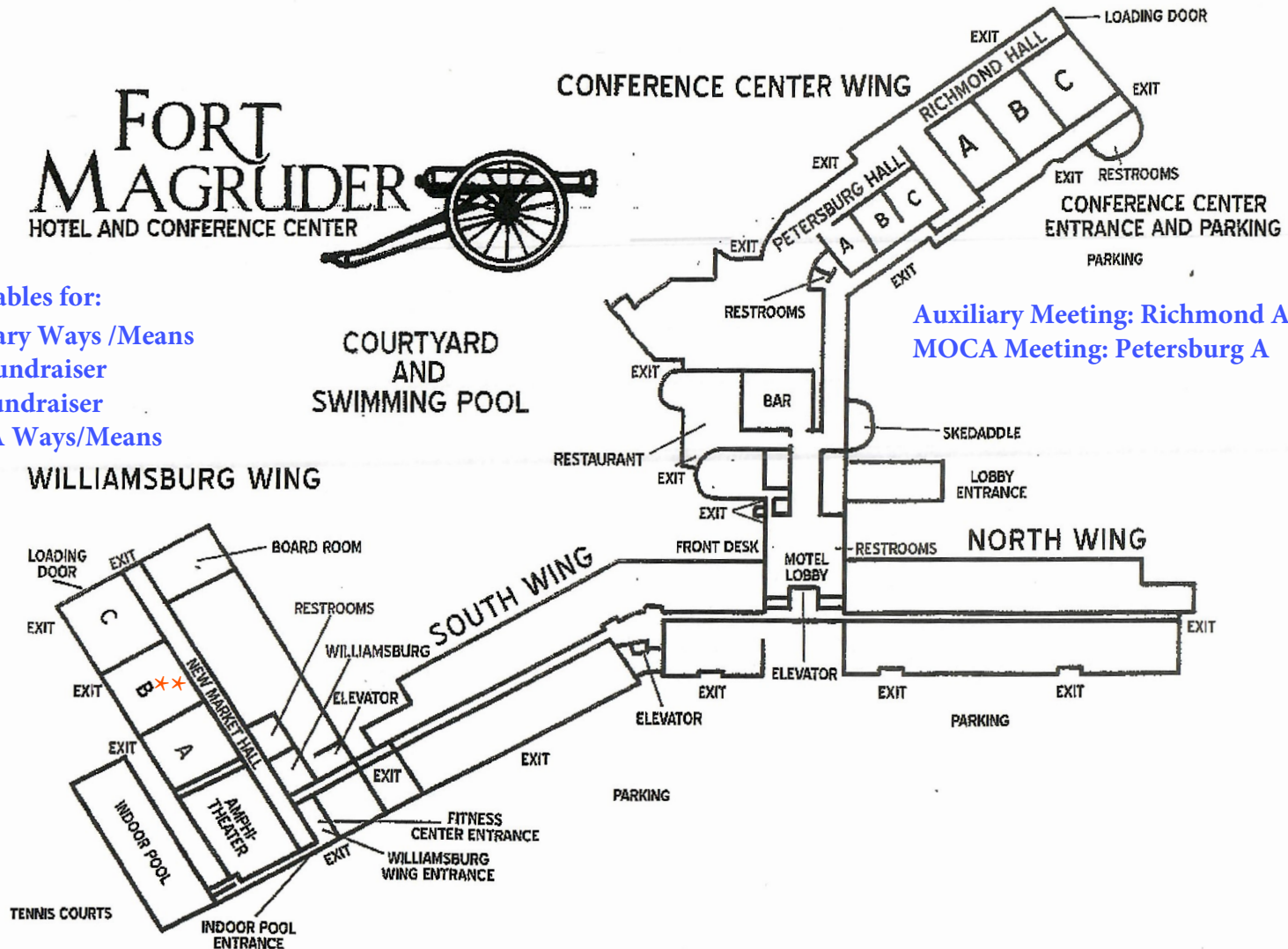
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** Tables for:
 Auxiliary Ways /Means
 SVP Fundraiser
 JVP Fundraiser
 MOCA Ways/Means

COURTYARD
 AND
 SWIMMING POOL



Auxiliary Meeting: Richmond A,B,C
 MOCA Meeting: Petersburg A

99TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JUNE 2024 CANIDATES FOR ELECTION OF A DEPARTMENT ELECTIVE OFFICE

The VFW Auxiliary’s Department Officers are elected annually by Delegates at the Department Convention. They determine the direction of the VFW Auxiliary, run department meetings, and represent the membership at local, national, and international events. The following members have announced their candidacy for the following office at our 2024 Department Convention and desire your support.

President



Dawn Kuhn
Auxiliary 1994
District 12

Junior Vice President



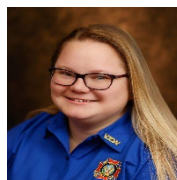
Jennifer Winn
Auxiliary 392
District 2

Treasurer



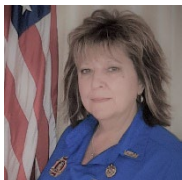
Cathy Graham
Auxiliary 3150
District 10

Guard



Jamie Stewart
Auxiliary 12202
District 8

Senior Vice President



Kelli Levitt
Auxiliary 1503
District 10

Chaplain



Susan Dinon
Auxiliary 621
District 7

Conductor



Cara Buckey
Auxiliary 637
District 3

Bettina Lane



Auxiliary 8947
District 13

Any Member who would like to run for a Department Office will need to submit a letter of intent and a picture to the Department Secretary

by 3-15-2024.

for the VFW Convention Book

ellenstogsdill@cox.net

757-777-7194

Article VII OFFICERS:

Sec. 801 – Eligibility:

Any member in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Auxiliary, County Council, District, Department, or the National Organization in which they are a member.

- No member shall hold two (2) elective offices on the same level at the same time.
- The member may hold one (1) elective and one (1) or more appointive offices on that level.
- The exception to this rule being that a Trustee may hold another elective or appointive office other than President, Secretary, or Treasurer.
- Officers, elective or appointive, may hold office in a higher or lower body and such offices may be held concurrently, (i.e., a District President could be elected as a Department Officer. This is not holding two (2) elective offices on the same level.)
- Any member who has been removed from office in accordance with Section 809B shall not be eligible for election to that office during the current Auxiliary year.

SEC. 802 – ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

Department elective officers shall include the District Presidents as elected by the districts.

Presidents Presentation 2024

June 2024 Convention

We are going to do the Flag Presentation differently this year in hopes more Auxiliaries will be able to participate. Presidents Presentation will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024, during the afternoon session.

- **Auxiliaries WILL NOT bring their flags for the Presentation.**
- **Practice for the Presidents Presentation will be Friday after the Presidents luncheon.**

During the business session, Patriotic Instructor Karla Coker will request the Department President, PNP, PDP, District and Auxiliary Presidents who are participating to line up for the Presidents Presentation.

District 8/Auxiliaries will be the first District after the PDP. Please **assemble quietly and line up according to your District number.**

A registration form is provided below. A form must be received in order to participate in the Presidents Presentation. You can mail it to me or email me. The form must be received by May 15, 2024, 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 # _____

PDP Name and year served: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 15, 2024 to:

Karla Coker
 13212 Trails End Ct
 Manassas, VA 20112-5504
 (571) 221-7350
kjcoker1503@gmail.com

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA VFW AUXILIARY CONVENTION JUNE 2024 “BUDDY”® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST RULES

RULES

Displays will be presented and judged in three categories: Three awards in each category will be given, if eligible.

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 a label attached.

- (1) Displays shall be set up in space provided in the convention facility by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Prior to setting up the display, the responsible person **must register** with the Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairman by completing an entry form which will be sent to the Chairman **no later than June 1, 2024**, which will show the category of competition, the number of Poppies used, the purpose of the display, the Post and/or Auxiliary number and location, and the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display at the close of the convention. (Please be advised, **all displays must be removed BETWEEN 12:00 p. m. but NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, June 15, 2024 or it may be disposed of at the discretion of the Chairman.**)
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.

JUDGING

Judging of displays will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used. Judging will be completed by 11:30 a. m. on Saturday and the winning displays will have the appropriate ribbons placed on the display and will be announced during the Convention.

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA VFW AUXILIARY CONVENTION
JUNE 2024 “BUDDY”® POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

POST/AUXILIARY NAME: _____

AUXILIARY NUMBER: _____ DISTRICT NUMBER: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON RESPONSIBLE: _____

PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

CATEGORY OF ENTRY: _____

REASON/PURPOSE OF ENTRY: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF POPPIES USED: _____

**Submit this Entry Form to Buddy Poppy/National Home
Chairman Kathy Voss
By June 1, 2024:
Via Mail to 80 Lake Knoll Road, Union Hall, Virginia 24176
Via email klvjwv83@gmail.com**

Entries must be received no later than June 1, 2024.

From the Desk of Senior-Vice President
Dawn Kuhn

Wow, can you believe it's April already. Time flies when you are having a good time. Just a small reminder about the **shirt order**. The deadline is April 10, 2024. Forms are included in this communication.

I know everyone will be busy getting ready for elections and I wish you all the best of luck with this. I do want to thank our members for the hard work everyone is doing to ensure President Vicki is having a successful year. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

Can you help me with a project?

I am asking each District and Auxiliary president, to look at your membership and see who the members are in your auxiliary that are veterans. If you could send me their names, I would greatly appreciate this. If the member who is a veteran would like to reach out to me themselves that would be perfect. I have a project that I am working on, and I don't want to miss any of our valuable veteran members.

I would appreciate your help with this project. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Dawn

18439 Whites Point Dr
Abingdon, VA 24211
804-909-5792
kuhn@comcast.net





Department of Virginia VFW Auxiliary
Department President Shirt
2024-2025



We will only be doing pre-orders for the presidents' shirt. Order forms must be sent to Dawn Kuhn and payment to Department Treasurer Cathy Graham no later than April 10, 2024. We will only be placing one order for this shirt.

Ladies' shirt is running a little small.

Men's Shirts are true to size.

Cost: Small – Extra Large \$35.00 2x \$36.00 3x \$37.00

There will not be extra shirts available at the June convention.

Name: _____ Auxiliary # _____ District # _____ Size _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Men's Shirt or Ladies shirt (please circle choice)

The shirts will be available at the June 2024 convention, if you are not attending and have not made prior arrangements with Dawn Kuhn to have a member pick up your shirt. Please add \$9.00 to ship your Shirt. Make Checks payable to: Dept. VA VFW AUX

Order form to: Dawn Kuhn, 18439 Whites Point Dr, Abingdon, VA 24211.
kuhn@comcast.net

Check ear marked Pres. Shirt: Cathy Graham 9691 Lindenbrook St. Fairfax, VA 22031



Department of Virginia Auxiliary
Department President Shirt 2024-2025



For anyone needing a shirt 4XL, 5XL, or 6XL, I am sorry but the shirt that was displayed at the Mid-Winter Council is not available in those sizes. However, we can order those sizes in this shirt. Sorry for the inconvenience.

We will only be doing pre-orders for the president’s shirt. Order forms must be sent to Dawn Kuhn and payment to Dept. Treasurer Cathy Graham no later than **April 10, 2024.**

We will only be placing one order for this shirt.

This is a man’s shirt

Cost: 4XL: \$38.00 5XL: \$39.00 6XL: \$40.00

Name: _____ Size: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

If you are unable to pick up your shirt at June 2024 Department Convention and have not made prior arrangements with Dawn Kuhn to have it picked up. Please add \$9.00 for shipping.

Make checks Payable to: Dept. VA VFW AUX Earmark: Pres. Shirt
Cathy Graham 9691 Lindenbrook St, Fairfax, VA 22031

Send Form to: Dawn Kuhn, 18439 Whites Point Dr, Abingdon, VA 24211

2024-2025 Department Communication



Want to stay in the know?

Have you joined our Monthly Communications email list?

Go to our website to *Join Today!*

<https://vfwauxva.org>

OR

I would like to have Department Communication sent to me by MAIL each month for the 2024-2025 year.

PLEASE PRINT



Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Email:	
Phone #	
Auxiliary	

Send this form and a check for **\$30.00** earmark.

24-25 Department Communication

Payable to Auxiliary VFW, Virginia

Send to:

Catherine M Graham, Department Treasurer

9691 Lindenbrook St

Fairfax, VA 22031-1132

703-319-0845

cg12dc12@outlook.com



NOT ACCEPTED BEFORE APRIL 1, NOR AFTER MAY 31
of the Current Calendar Year



**NATIONAL CONVENTION
OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

~~DO NOT SEND THIS FORM IN IF NAMES HAVE BEEN INPUT ONLINE~~

TO: National Secretary
VFW Auxiliary
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

FROM: AUXILIARY NO. _____ DEPARTMENT OF _____
AUXILIARY NAME _____
CITY AND STATE _____

Per Section 305 of the National Bylaws, "Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April; one for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing on March 31. The VFW Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Secretary, along with their membership ID number, within thirty (30) calendar days of the day of election" and no later than MAY 31. The Auxiliary Secretary is asked to input his or her Auxiliary's Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) online in MALTA via use of their respective membership ID number(s) and to print out a copy of the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) for his or her records.

This is to certify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) listed below were duly elected to represent our VFW Auxiliary at the upcoming National Convention on _____ based on the total VFW Auxiliary membership as of MARCH 31 in the MALTA System.

ID Number and Name ARE REQUIRED to complete this form.
TYPE or PRINT NEATLY each Delegate's or Alternate's ID NUMBER and NAME.

~DELEGATE CREDENTIALS WILL BE ISSUED AT CONVENTION SITE UPON CHECK-IN.~

DELEGATES		ALTERNATES	
ID NUMBER	MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME	ID NUMBER	MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Auxiliary Secretary) (Address) (City, State & Zip Code)

NOTE: This is a listing only. (NO CHECKS ARE TO BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM.)

INPUT INTO MALTA OR MAIL TO VFW AUXILIARY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BY JUNE 30, 2024

2024-2025 Installation Report for Auxiliaries/Districts (short form)

This will certify that _____ is authorized and empowered to install the Officers of _____
(Name of Installing Officer with: Past Auxiliary President or held higher elective Auxiliary office; Past Post Commander or higher elective office)

Auxiliary to Post No. _____ in District No. _____ located at _____ in accordance with Section 806A-B of the Bylaws and Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary or the installation shall be null and void until such time as the Bylaws are complied with.

 Signature of Department Secretary

 Signature of Department President

The following information about the Auxiliary's meetings is required:

Date of Installation: _____ Continuous Annual Dues Per Member: \$ _____

Meeting Date: 1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th ____ Last ____ (select Date)

Meeting Day: Mon. ____ Tues. ____ Wed. ____ Thurs. ____ Fri. ____ Sat. ____ Sun. ____ (select Day)

Meeting Time: _____ A.M. ____ P.M. ____ (select A.M. or P.M.)

Meeting Place: _____

Meeting Street Address: _____ Meeting City: _____ Meeting State and ZIP: _____, _____

Phone No. of Meeting Place: (____) _____ **Please note offices/positions denoted with an asterisk (*) listed below are REQUIRED.**

President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Senior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Junior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

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Secretary*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)	
				Home	Cell Work

Treasurer*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)	
				Home	Cell Work

Trustee No. 3*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)	
				Home	Cell Work

Trustee No. 2*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)	
				Home	Cell Work

Trustee No. 1*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)	
				Home	Cell Work

The Installing Officer certifies that he/she is a Past Auxiliary President or held higher elective Auxiliary office; or he/she is a Past Post Commander or held higher elective Post office; and all Bylaws and Regulations have been complied with according to National and Department Headquarters.

Signature of Installing Officer

Title of Installing Officer

Date