



VFW Auxiliary
Department of Virginia
Communication #5
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Must be read/distributed by the Auxiliary Secretary at the first meeting following receipt, then file for reference.

Brothers and Sisters,

Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day. What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year and your Auxiliary,



Sec. 104—Members in Good Standing

A. The membership year of the Auxiliary is from January 1 to December 31.

1. A member who has paid their dues to December 31 is in good standing.
2. A member **ceases to be in good standing on January 1** immediately following the year for which dues have been paid.
3. **A member shall not again be in good standing until their dues have been paid for the current year.**
4. Continuous membership begins again upon payment of dues.
5. Dues must be paid by June 30 to remain a continuous member.
6. Prior year's dues may not be paid after July 1.
7. Any member who has not maintained continuous membership shall submit an application and be accepted in the same manner as a new member.
 - a. No admission fee shall be required.
8. Date of rejoin starts new continuous membership timeline.



Just a reminder and I hate to sound like a

broken record but if you are an annual member and have not paid your dues by December 31, 2023, effective January 1, 2024, you will no longer be a member in good



standing. You can pay your dues through MALTA or give to your Auxiliary Treasurer for remittance as soon as possible. Annual members.....think about converting to Life Membership

Review

I encourage all members to check out our new reporting tool!

Go to members only and login in with your membership number as your user and the password is your last name. <https://vfwauxva.org>

Remember for **Outstanding Auxiliary** you need to report in Americanism, Hospital and Veterans and Family Support plus at least one other program. For the Hospital program you need to submit the Hospital Fund amount to the Department Treasurer plus do one other item on the Hospital report form. And do not forget to report your donation to Hospital Chairman, Dinah Doyle and all chairman's what you are doing.

WE HAVE SOME UPCOMING DATES.....



4th Quarter Audit per Section 814 of the National By-Laws is to be **completed by January 31st and approved by your Auxiliary and to Department treasurer Cathy Graham by February 28th.**



The Election of Officers is in April. Please consider taking a position with your Auxiliary. I know it may be intimidating but you will find that using the Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual and with the help of the mentors in your Auxiliary you will be successful. **If your Auxiliary or District cannot elect officers, please contact the Department Secretary, SVP Dawn Kuhn and me.**



District and Auxiliary Treasurers: Since the 2024 Bylaws specifically state in Section 812 A2 b for Secretaries that minutes can be kept in a three (3) ring binder, **but it does not mention in Section 813 D 2b a three (3) ring binder only a permanent record book. Therefore, until the Bylaws are changed only a permanent record book may be used by Treasurers. Computerized reports may be glued/pasted into the permanent record book.** *Auxiliaries and District Treasurers who use a binder, 3-hole notebook or any other method for keeping books for the Auxiliary or District must get a permanent record ledger as soon as possible to be in compliance with our By-law Section 813 2B.*

This time of year offers us a brand-new start and I want to take this opportunity to start fresh with you and wish you love and peace in the new year.

The Department Line Officers and I are here to assist your Auxiliary in any way we can. Do not be bashful.....reach out....we are just a phone call away. We are here to help you succeed.

ATTEST:

Ellen Stogsdill

Ellen Stogsdill
Department Secretary
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia

BY ORDER OF:

V. Butler

Vicki Butler
Department President
VFW Auxiliary, Virginia



TREASURER



Remember to contact those members who have not renewed their membership because they are no longer in good standing.



They must renew to attend meetings and to be able **to visit any VFW Post and Auxiliary. If possible, encourage them to go life so they will never lose their membership.**



The dues are **currently \$10.50** to be sent to the Department and National.



BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, the dues are going up to **\$16.00**. Treasurers consider what you currently charge for an annual membership and make any adjustments to ensure the dues will cover this increase. Talk this over with your auxiliary members.



Audits are due by the end of January and are to be sent to me after your meeting and before the end of February.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I received 5 Reports from November 6th – December 6th. I know with the Holidays we get busy, and things slip by the wayside. Let us start off the New Year by getting back into a routine of reporting looking forward to seeing your reports.

There are still lots of Auxiliary's that have not reported. Those of you who have not it is not too late to start. If you need any help reach out to me. **Thank you** to those that have reported and those that have helped report.


Friendly reminder there been a change in the chaplain's alerts, due to this change we will only be sending out **one Chaplain alert a week on Wednesdays.** This is to save on the cost of emails that we send through MailChimp and to make sure we do not go over our limit.

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!

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.

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.

 This is the Day that the Lord has made,
Let us Rejoice and be Glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Happy New Year

Respectfully
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website

Reporting Tool Website Updates

We have had some members reaching out to us with concerns, typically it is with how the member is logging in. Here are the step by step instructions as well as common issues/errors people have had logging in.

- Go to our website <https://vfwauxva.org>

Last icon – Log in.

MEMBERS ONLY

Username is your membership number.

Password is your last name in all lower-case letters.

Common tips if having a problem logging in—Such as:

- If you have your Malta password saved in your browser (mobile device and/or desktop), your browser might be attempting to use that password when logging in since your username is the same on both platforms.
This happens to me, and I have to overwrite to the VA AUX Password anytime I use my phone to login.
- Clear your cache/browsing history and restart your browser. (reach out to us if you need instructions on how to do this- it's different depending on what browser you are using i.e. chrome/edge/safari).
- Ensure that your browser doesn't auto capitalize the first letter when you type in your password-- This happens mainly when logging in from a mobile device.

Questions or concerns please email:

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Department Treasurer

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Giorgetta Bannon

Department COS

Cathy Graham

6th District Council Member

AMERICANISM

I would like to wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR! The year is flying by quickly, if you have not already done so please send me a report for your Americanism/Patriotic Instructor activities.

AWARDS

- ❖ All Auxiliaries that have submitted a report to me prior to January 10th will be entered into a \$25 drawing to be held at the Mid-Year Winter Council. Please send your reports to kjcoker1503@gmail.com.

AUXILIARY AWARD OPPORTUNITY

1. National is conducting an award for Auxiliaries being held in March/April for the “Most outstanding activity and/or event educating the community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters.”
2. A citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters.” Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources or send me an email and I will send you the form. Please submit your form no later than March 31, 2024.
3. Every Auxiliary will receive a citation for participating and one Auxiliary in each of the four conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters.”



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

National Vietnam War Veterans Day – March 29

This date marks the anniversary of when the last combat forces departed South Vietnam in 1973, some troops remained until their final departure in 1975.

Loyalty Day – May 1

On May 1, 1930, 10,000 VFW members staged a rally at New York’s Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, may 1 evolved into Loyalty Day.

Armed Forces Day – Third Saturday in May

A day to pay tribute to the men and women currently serving in our nation’s armed forces.

Loyally,
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We have 26 Auxiliaries reported in Auxiliary Outreach. If anyone has questions about Outreach don't hesitate to email me at the address below.

Q: What's the difference between Dubai and Abu Dhabi?



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.

VERY IMPORTANT: There is no way to get reported in Auxiliary Outreach by donating to the Department instead of helping an outside organization

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: People from Dubai don't like the Flintstones, but people from Abu Dhabi do."

I hope your Auxiliary has a very successful year.



Robert DeChamplain. 2023-2024 Auxiliary Outreach Chairman
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“Buddy” ® Poppy/National Home Program-December 2023

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



‘Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one-bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about a strange sight did I see, no tinsel no presents... not even a tree. No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand. On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.

With medals and badges, awards of all kind. A sober thought came through my mind. For this house was different, so dark and dreary, I knew I had found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

I heard stories about them I had to see more, so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door and there he lay sleeping silent, alone curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.

His face so gentle, his room in disorder, not how I pictured a United States soldier. Was this the hero of whom I just read? Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?

His head was clean shaven, his weathered face tan. I soon understood this was more than a man. For I realized the families that I saw that night owed their lives to these men who were willing to fight.

Soon ‘round the world, the children would play, and grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas Day. They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year because of soldiers like this one, lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home. Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, “Santa don't cry, this life is my choice! I fight for freedom; I don't ask for more. My life is my God, my country, my Corps.”

With that he rolled over and drifted off into sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I watched him for hours, so silent and still, I noticed he shivered from the cold night's chill.

So, I took off my jacket, the one made of red and covered this soldier from his toes to his head and I put on his T-shirt of Gray and black with an eagle and an army patch embroidered on back.

And although it barely fit me, I began to swell with pride and for a shining moment I was United States Army deep inside. I didn't want to leave him on that cold dark night. This guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over whispered with a voice so clean and pure, “Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure!” One look at my watch and I knew he was right, Merry Christmas my friend and to all a good night!

--Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt

Remember during this season why we do what we do! Merry Christmas to you all and thank you for serving our veterans!

Extension and Revitalization

As I sit here thinking of all that I need to do during this season, I am thinking about the Extension & Revitalization Program and our Members, I am also thinking about the foundation of our organization – our Auxiliaries and **if I will be ready for the visit from Santa and the beginning of a new year.**

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS: Are we checking on our Auxiliaries to see if they have any Red Flags? The Auxiliary Official Visits should be done or almost done. **Couple of Questions.**

- ❖ Do you know of any Red Flag Auxiliaries in your District?
- ❖ Has all the 990 been filed in your District?
- ❖ Have you talked with our Department President about any Red Flag Concerns that you know about in your Districts?

All Members: Ask your Department Chief of Staff, District President or a mentor to help with Red Flag in your Auxiliary. ***Just one nice word or an ear to listen might have made the difference in the health of an Auxiliary.***

Remember your Department Officers and Department Chairmen are wonderful members to be on your Red Flag Team to help your Auxiliary. Also remember that suspension is not a bad thing. It just means an Auxiliary needs help or a team to show them the right way to do things. You can pick the right tools to help them on MALTA. As an Extension & Revitalization Chairman you have a whole list of tools. Go to MALTA, Member Resources and under the Extension & Revitalization Program you can find:

Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit

Auxiliary Meeting Checklist for the Auxiliary President
 Healthy Auxiliary Checklist To-Dos & Deadlines
 Healthy Communication Phone-Text Tree.doc
 VFW Auxiliary Health Certificate
 VFW Auxiliary Meeting Challenges & Solutions
 VFW Auxiliary Member Questionnaire
 VFW Auxiliary Sample Meeting Agenda

Resources

This is just one category of topics with documents that you will find in MALTA Member Resources: Extension & Revitalization Program. It is also the beginning of how to help the Auxiliary. **Auxiliary Meeting Checklist for the Auxiliary President** are the needs for a meeting. **Healthy Auxiliary Checklist To-Dos & Deadlines** provides what the Auxiliary needs to do with the deadline and due dates. **Healthy Communication Phone-Text Tree** promotes communication in your Auxiliary. **VFW Auxiliary Health Certificate** is a certificate for you to recognize an Auxiliary after you have worked with them. **VFW Auxiliary Meeting Challenges & Solutions** are ideas on how to run the Auxiliary meeting smoother. **VFW Auxiliary Member Questionnaire** is to help you understand the members. **VFW Auxiliary Sample Meeting Agenda** is a guideline to help with your meeting. You may change these to meet your Auxiliary needs, they are guidelines only.

Remember Banding Together for Our Veterans starts with us being positive.



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Congratulations to District 1, District 2 and District 8 for being 100% reported!



Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were bright and cheery! If your Auxiliary had a holiday party, we would love to see the pictures!

Photo Books



January is the perfect time to sit down and look at the photos you have from the previous year.

Take some time and document the photos with the 5 W's. Who, What, When, Where and

Why. There are many ways to document. You can write it on the back and put it in a picture

album or make a scrap book. You can also do it digitally on Shutterfly, Walmart, CVS, Snapfish and many more. There are so many options for preserving our auxiliaries' memories.

If you need help or have any questions, I am always happy to help!

Friendly reminder from our National Historian, please get a photo release signed by the Auxiliary member whom you will be interviewing.

Auxiliary Snapshot



Post 392 made a visit to Brookdale Senior Living to deliver toiletries, socks, blankets and candies for Christmas.

HOSPITAL

January 2024

- Hello Brothers and Sisters! May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements, and new inspirations in your life.

January dates to remember:

- January 9th – National Law Enforcement Day
- January 12th – National Pharmacist Day
- January 15th – Martin Luther King Day

• New Year-New Focus

Volunteerism

- Honor those who volunteer with pins from Auxiliary Headquarters.
- Create your own certificate to show volunteers you appreciate them.
- Do not forget to thank your volunteers.

Recognizing the Staff

- During COVID lockdowns, staff stepped in to assist veterans with celebrations.
- Now that many VA facilities are allowing regular volunteer visits – please think about including treats, gifts and special moments with the staff and doctors.



Reminder: Valentines Day will be here before you know it and that means it is time to start preparing your Valentines for Veterans. You can partner with your local VA, Veterans Home, Nursing Home, or wherever there is a veteran and deliver the cards by Valentines Day, February 14, 2024!!

Thank you for all the hard work and dedication all of you have given to the Hospital Program. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

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LEGISLATIVE

January



I want to wish all of you and your families a

Our National President Carla Martinez's theme for 2023-2024 is:
BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS
 The best way to band together is to support legislation in support of our VETERANS!

Pay attention to bills, especially to new bills, which are in the Legislative Alerts monthly.

AND ACT ON THEM!

At Winter Conference and/or Convention: I will not be at Winter Conference due to having knee surgery but hope to have someone offer sign-ups there.

- Auxiliary that signs up the most advocates to VFW Action Corps Weekly.
- Auxiliary that reports the most Action Alert responses.

"All Legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives." (Article I, Section 1, of the [United States Constitution](#))

To help us understand the process of a bill becoming a law information can be found at www.house.gov

In Committee

Consideration by Committee

- Usually, the first step in this process is a public hearing, where the committee members hear witnesses representing various viewpoints on the measure. Each committee makes public the date, place and subject of any hearing it conducts. The [committee meetings](#) scheduled for today are available along with other House Schedules. Public announcements are also published in the Daily Digest portion of the [Congressional Record](#).
- A transcript of the testimony taken at a hearing is made available for inspection in the committee office, and frequently the complete transcript is printed and distributed by the committee.
- After hearings are completed, the bill is considered in a session that is popularly known as the "mark-up" session. Members of the committee study the viewpoints presented in detail. Amendments may be offered to the bill, and the committee members vote to accept or reject these changes.
- This process can take place at either the subcommittee level or the full committee level, or at both. Hearings and markup sessions are status steps noted in the Legislative Action portion of [Bill Status](#).

Committee Action

- At the conclusion of deliberation, a vote of committee or subcommittee members is taken to determine what action to take on the measure. It can be reported, with or without amendment, or tabled, which means no further action on it will occur. If the committee has approved extensive amendments, they may decide to report a new bill incorporating all the amendments. This is known as a "clean bill", which will have a new number. Votes in committee can be found in Committee Votes.
- If the committee votes to report a bill, the [Committee Report](#) is written. This report describes the purpose and scope of the measure and the reasons for recommended approval. House Report numbers are prefixed with "H.Rpt." and then a number indicating the Congress.

Together we can make a difference in the lives of our veterans, active military, and their families.
Let YOUR VOICE BE HEARD regarding Veteran's issues.

Remember to REPORT TO ME!!!
And remember to include your District and Auxiliary numbers!!!



Legislative Chairman: Beverly Abbott
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Legislative Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

- Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.
 - Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community on veteran Legislative issues. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
 - Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on Legislative issues. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024.

Auxiliary Name: _____ No.: _____

Department of: _____

Describe the Auxiliary hosted activity and/or event that educated their community on veteran Legislative issues. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

Department Legislative Chairman: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send the completed Department-winning Auxiliary entry form to National Legislative Ambassador Sherry Howland for judging.

AND

April 30, 2024 - The Department Legislative Chairman must email VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Forms sent directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed.

MEMBERSHIP

Join or Renew

If you're trying to reach people, trying to get them to sign up, or retain members for your Auxiliary, we know it can be a challenge. It can be difficult to let members know you're there, and then even more challenging to recruit and retain them. If you're struggling with this, never fear. Although it's not always easy to grow membership, it is almost always possible. There's nothing quite like an amazing membership community. In this article, we'll walk you through some strategies for how to grow and retain membership in your Auxiliary. It's a big list of ideas, and there's something here for everyone. You definitely don't have to do all these (and probably shouldn't try!).

RECRUITMENT

Recruiting membership for your Auxiliary can be challenging, but there are many ways to achieve it. Here are some tips that might help:

1. **Host an open event:** Hosting an event is a great way to build awareness of your organization. You can create and promote the event as a way to network with other professionals from your industry. An open event encourages members and non-members alike to attend, which gives you the opportunity to share all your great membership benefits. You can also take this opportunity to review all your membership benefits to pique the interest of any prospective members in attendance.
2. **Create a referral program:** Research shows that one of the most efficient ways to boost your membership is through referrals. To encourage your current loyal members to participate, offer an incentive for those who send you successful new recruits. Providing a reward—a discount on dues, a gift card and handwritten note, a gift card for a fancy dinner—shows your appreciation for current members.
3. **Partner with local organizations:** Partnering with other organizations in your area can help you reach new audiences and increase your visibility. You can collaborate on events, share resources, and cross-promote each other's organizations.
4. **Offer a referral perk:** Offering a referral perk can be a great way to incentivize your members to bring in new members. You can offer a discount on dues, a free event ticket, or other rewards to members who successfully refer new members.
5. **Make joining easy:** Make it easy for people to join your organization by providing clear information about membership benefits, dues, and how to sign up. You can also offer online registration to make the process as simple as possible.

Retention

Membership retention is a crucial aspect of running a successful nonprofit organization. Here are some strategies that can help you retain your members:

1. **Understand what your members want:** Surveying your existing members can help you understand what you can offer to make your membership seem more valuable, which will boost your member acquisition and retention.
2. **Offer different tiers:** Offering different membership tiers can help you cater to the diverse needs of your members.
3. **Simplify the signup process:** Simplifying the signup process can help you attract new members and retain existing ones. You can use online tools like Donor box to make the signup process more streamlined.
4. **Provide thoughtful, targeted incentives:** Providing incentives like the chance to win a gift card to a local business or a special experience related to your nonprofit can encourage members to renew their membership.
5. **Use social media:** Social media can be a powerful tool for engaging with your members and keeping them informed about your organization's activities. You can use social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to share updates, photos, and videos with your members.
6. **Build camaraderie by hosting events:** Hosting events like fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and social gatherings can help build camaraderie among your members and make them feel more connected to your organization.
7. **Reward long-term members:** Rewarding long-term members can help you retain them and encourage them to continue supporting your organization. You can offer incentives like discounts on merchandise or exclusive access to events.

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Appreciation

WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS!

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following Auxiliaries and Members:



District	Auxiliary	Paid Percentage	District	Auxiliary	Paid Percentage
8	3103	118.86%	1	3219	100%
6	1841	108.70%	3	2239, 9501	100%
4	9855	106.45%	4	8613	100%
6	1264	106.33%	6	1841	100%
2	392	106.03%	7	8613	
8	7589	105.88%	9	1184,4667	100%
12	1994	105.00%	10	3150, 8469	100%
2	4809	100.69%	11	4204, 7814, 8644	100%

WHO'S NEXT?



District	Auxiliary	Member Name	Recruited
8	3103	Patricia Jones	28 Members
2	392	Dinah Doyle	25 Members
2	4809	Ashley Johnson	18 Members
7	2447	Benjamin Cressman	18 Members
8	3103	Nancy Kearney	13 Members



Membership Data is from Malta
as of 12-15-2023, 2 p.m.

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

Department of Virginia Auxiliary Members,

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a fantastic Christmas and great New Year!

We all have ups and downs within our Auxiliaries. All auxiliaries have those wonderful **steadfast** members, the **occasional** members, the **burned-out** members and the **excited** members. Always be respectful and kind to all members!



A mentor should remember to include all members in activities, listen without interrupting and be generous with praise for a job well done! If we do NOT explain what our organization does, who we are as members, and how we assist all veterans, troops and families, how will the future generations know we existed or what a Veteran is!

AWARDS: MEMBERS AND AUXILIARIES

National Mentoring for Leadership Award for Members, Nomination form.

Citation awarded to the first, second and third place member in each Department who is instrumental in fulfilling the role as a mentor/leader.

Citations will be mailed directly to the member.

All forms must be to me by March 31, 2024



1st Place - \$100.00

2nd Place - \$75.00

3rd Place - \$25.00

Awarded at Department Convention in June 2024



Recognition for your Auxiliary Mentoring Program from National!

All forms must be to me by March 31, 2024

National Mentoring for Leadership Award for Auxiliaries, Entry form.

Citation to every Auxiliary that implements a Mentoring for Leadership Program.

Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National.

All forms are on the National website and on the Department website or call or email me and I will get forms out to you.



Deborah J. Martin
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Outstanding Auxiliary 2023-2024

Looks like many of the Auxiliaries are off to a great start to achieve Outstanding Auxiliary. For those who are not quite there yet you still have time left in the reporting year to make it happen. Following are some reminders.



Quarter	Months Covered	Audit Completed by	Accepted Audit sent to Department Treasurer no later than
First	January, February, March	April 30, Annually	May 31, Annually
Second	April, May, June	July 31, Annually	August 31, Annually
Third	July, August, September	October 31, Annually	November 30, Annually
Fourth	October, November, December	January 31, Annually	February 28, Annually

Reports

Auxiliaries that achieve 100% + 1 in membership 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 on at least one item under the Hospital Program. Veterans and Family Support. AND report in at least one or more of the remaining programs and completing all other Outstanding Auxiliary requirements by **April 30, 2024**.

NEW

NEW Membership Bogie 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, 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**.

Again, I encourage the Auxiliaries to review the information in the monthly communications to make sure your Auxiliary is on track to achieve Outstanding Auxiliary and to be sure you have received proper credit. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about Outstanding Auxiliary program.

Chairman: Carol Vangi
 1024 Hullview Ave
 Norfolk, VA 23503-2028
 757-621-5519 cjonesvangi@gmail.com



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.



Mission: *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 justice.

Values: *The women and men who serve in our Armed Forces should not have to work in an environment where harassment and sexual assault is widespread, and victims face retribution for reporting their assaults. Service members deserve a system of justice worthy of the American principles they have dedicated their lives to protect.*



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.

Our Work: Protect Our Defenders deploys a multifaceted effort towards reform.



Every day, through policy reform, advocacy, public education, and pro bono support, we work to provide those who serve in our military a safe and respectful environment free from harassment and abuse, and to create a justice system that can fairly and effectively judge these crimes.

These efforts are directly informed by our work with survivors, their families, and current and former military members, and are grounded in our core values.



50 / 50 Raffle to be held at January Conference in Williamsburg



Send donations to Department Treasurer **Cathy Graham**

9691 Lindenbrook Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22031-1132



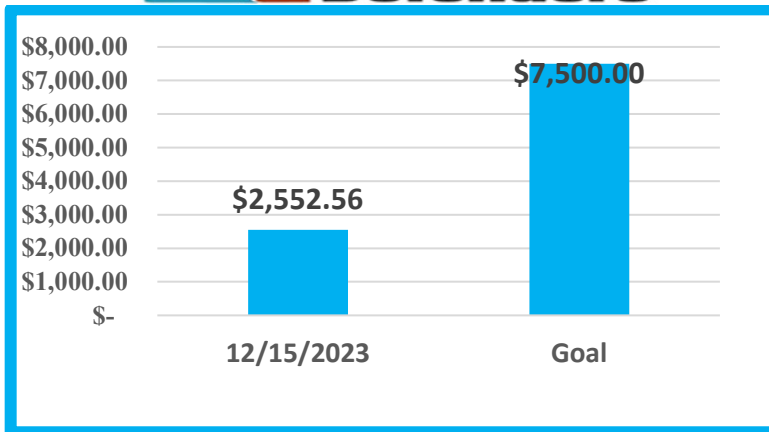
Send reports and a copy of the check to **Judy Lupole and Fred Jennings**
1246 Quarter Way
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464



Judy Lupole
757-581-2702
luvedale88@verizon.net



Fred Jennings
757-477-5086
fredlyj@verizon.net





Scholarship

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Continuing Education Scholarship is open to any Auxiliary member who has been a member for at least a year, their spouse, their son or daughter with financial need. The family member does not have to live with you or in Virginia. Applicants must be 18 years or older and must fill out the application and write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain those goals.

Deadline: February 15, 2024.

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

The winners from the Posts and Districts have been chosen! By December 23, the state judges will have chosen the Department of Virginia's 2023-2024 Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen top three winners. On January 13, 2024, at the Education Awards Banquet in Williamsburg, Virginia, we will hear the 1st place winner of the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests read their essays. I encourage all Auxiliaries to participate in their Post awards ceremonies and present awards to each of their Post winners.

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

These Contests are open to all patriotic young artists in grades 9-12. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. **Deadline: March 31, 2024.**

Contact your area ROTC Units, Boy Scout or Girl Scout Troops, local teen groups participating in community-sponsored sports, and Parks and Recreation activity centers. In every community, there are multiple groups where you can promote our programs. Our youth scholarship programs benefit every student in our communities.

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.

Kathy Birch, 2023-2024 Scholarship Chairman
304 E Main St
Berryville, VA 22611-1306
(540) 955-3311 katbirch@comcast.net



VETERANS AND FAMILY SERVICES

Banding Together for Our Veterans



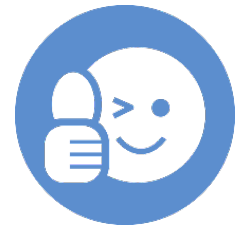
Service, Mentorship & Patriotism

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas celebration! Happy New Year 2024! How did you share the Christmas spirit in December? How did you bring in the New Year?



The Elizabeth Dole Foundation had available several veteran families for their “Adopt A Veteran Family for Christmas” that requested a little assistance for their child/children. All participants are vetted through the Foundation. This was the first time I heard of the program and immediately wanted to be a part of it. I adopted an active military family who live in AZ with a 1 ½ year old girl. When I spoke to Mom, she was so grateful knowing her daughter would have a nice Christmas. Mom and Dad are originally from the East Coast and moved to AZ a few years ago. I am blessed that I’m able to assist this family. Giving them their wish to give their child a happy Christmas gave me joy and that was my Christmas present to myself!

I’ve read your reports on the wonderful things you’re doing for our families such as taking vets to medical & hospital appointments, making dishes and dropping them off, taking your service animals to assisted living facilities for patient visits to name a few. Let’s keep up the good work in 2024!



There are still a few Auxiliaries that have not sent in a report for this program. Remember that you need to send it so that it reaches me by the 10th of each month in order to be reported in the next tracker. This is especially important when it becomes “crunch time” in April. Veterans and Family Support is one of three programs to fulfill for the Outstanding Auxiliary that we all aim to achieve.

Chairman: Cynthia Cortner, 11 Halifax CT., Sterling, VA. 20165,
C: (619)254-0014, Cindypcx2@yahoo.com



HAPPY NEW YEAR

- Hello Brothers and Sisters!! Happy New Year!!! Dates to remember this month:
- January 4, National Spaghetti Day, January 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and January 19, National Popcorn Day.

Awards that will be presented to Chairman/Auxiliary-Youth Activities 2023-2024

- Best promotion of Grave Beautification,
- Most Reports by an Auxiliary
- Most Youth Groups Worked With,
- Promotion of the Red, White and Blue
- Promotion of Illustrating America,
- Best Report (Details, Pictures, Creativity)

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!

Open to youth in grades K-12 at the time of local entry and a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value. The contest consists of two grade divisions: K-8 and 9-12. The Department first-place winner in each grade division will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. There is one National winner in each grade division, with awards for first, second and third place in each grade division. Please see entry form in MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities for eligibility requirements and contest rules.



Deadlines:

Entries received by: Participating Auxiliary - March 31
Department - April 15
National Headquarters - May 5

Contest Rules: Video of contestant's solo vocal performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" must be recorded between July 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024.

Performance must be saved as a YouTube video. Contestant may sing a cappella, with backing tracks or instruments. Contestant may sing in the arrangement and style of their choice. Contestant may NOT change the words.



Chairman: Diane Melson
7832 James Blair Lane
New Kent, VA 23124
703-314-3809melsonvfw9808@aol.com





An announcement from your Ways and Means Chairman

We have had a donation of Thirty-One totes, bags, and various other items that any Auxiliary, District, or individual member can fill and return to our June Convention for a Silent Auction. Proceeds will be applied to the Ways and Means fund for the Department of Virginia. If you are interested in signing out a bag, committing to filling it with items that may follow a theme or an event, please inquire at the Ways and Means table during the Mid-Winter Conference in Williamsburg.

Non-perishable Food baskets, Movie themed, Sports themed, Childrens Toys and Books, Game Baskets, Valentine themed, Champagne and Chocolates, Basket of Cheer, Wine themed and Automotive baskets are all fun ideas that work well. Remember, we want the Comrades to participate in bidding, so we hope to have offerings that will appeal to them, as well.

Thank you for your consideration to participate in this “fun” raising event!

Lisa Suckow, Ways and Means Chairman

lsuckow@juno.com



District Meetings

January 2023

District

1	Date	1/20/2024
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Place	POST 8252, Gloucester at at DAV 6265 Professional Dr Gloucester, VA 23061
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>PDP Fred Jennings</u>
VFW Representative		SVC Mitch Rubenstein

2	Date	2/10/2024
	Lunch	No Lunch
	Meeting	9:00 AM
	Place	Post 2894, Chesapeake 3329 Battlefield Blvd S Chesapeake, VA 23322
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>PDP Fred Jennings</u>
VFW Representative		Surgeon Charles Bush

3	Date	2/10/2023
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	Post 637, Hopewell 1400 Lynchburg St, Hopewell, VA 23860
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Kelli Levitt, JVP</u>
VFW Representative		Commander Gary Adams

4	Date	1/20/2024
	Lunch	After Joint Opening
	Meeting	1:00 PM
	Place	Post 8758, Amelia 16440 Five Forks Road Amelia Court House, VA
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Cara Buckley, Guard</u>
VFW Representative		JVC Doug Hoffman

5	Date	2/17/2023
	Lunch	TBD
	Meeting	10:00
	Place	Post 647, Danville (Auxiliary Only) 275 VFW Dr Danville, VA 24541
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Guard Cara Buckley</u>
VFW Representative		

6	Date	4/6/2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION
	Lunch	
	Meeting	Noon
	Place	VFW 1264, 4930 Grandview Ave NW, Roanoke, VA
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Dawn Kuhn, SVP</u>
VFW Representative		

District

7	Date	1/20/2024
	Lunch	11:30 AM
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Place	Post 2447, Edinburg 100 Veterans Way Edinburg, VA 22824
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Kelli Levitt, JVP</u>
VFW Representative		Judge Advocate Mark Maggio

8	Date	2/3/2024
	Lunch	TBA
	Meeting	TBA
	Place	Post 12218, Haymarket 6620 James Madison Highway Haymarket, VA 20169
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Dawn Kuhn, SVP</u>
VFW Representative		Commander Gary Adams

9	Date	1/20/2024
	Lunch	No Lunch
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	Post 9696, Bluefield 131 Lovelane Street Bluefield VA 24605
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Vicki Butler, President</u>
VFW Representative		ADJ/QM Ed Mann

10	Date	3/9/2024
	Lunch	NO LUNCH
	Meeting	10:30 AM
	Place	Post 1177, Leesburg, 401 Old Waterford Rd, Leesburg, VA 20176
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Susan Dinon, Conductor</u>
VFW Representative		State Inspector Randy Coker

11	Date	1/27/2024
	Lunch	No Lunch
	Meeting	10:00 AM
	Place	Post 2216, Staunton 212 Frontier Dr Staunton, Virginia 24401
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Kelli Levitt, JVP</u>
VFW Representative		JVC Doug Hoffman

12	Date	3/9/2024
	Lunch	TBA
	Meeting	11:00 AM
	Place	Post 9830, Damascus 23489 Mountain City Road Damascus, Virginia, 24236
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Vicki Butler, President</u>
VFW Representative		Commander Gary Adams

13	Date	2/24/2024
	Lunch	
	Meeting	11:00 a.m
	Place	Post 8947, Louisa 201 Mineral Ave, Mineral, VA 23117
<u>Auxiliary Representative</u>		<u>Chaplain Jennifer Winn</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.

Vicki Butler Department President

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Audit for October – December 2023** must be completed by **January 31, 2024**. Accepted Audit by vote of the Auxiliary must be **sent to the Department Treasurer** no later than **February 28, 2024**,
- President, Treasurer and Secretary Annual Dues must be paid by **12-31-2023**.



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

2024 Winter Conference: Thursday, January 11, 2024 - Sunday, January 14, 2024:

Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, (757) 220-2250. RATE: 1 King Bed or 2 Double Beds: \$89.00 plus tax. All guestroom rates include a complimentary breakfast buffet in our dining room.

CUTOFF DATE: Reservations by attendees must be received on or before Monday, December 11, 2023.

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS: Reservations for the Event must be made by individual attendees directly with the hotel reservations department at (757) 220-2250 by identifying yourself with the Veterans of Foreign Wars - Winter Council Meeting group.



All auxiliary meetings will be Casual Dress in January, 2024. Be Comfortable!



NATIONAL PRESIDENT CARLA IS COMING TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
ARRIVES: 3/17/2024 DEPARTS: 3/19/2024
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW CLOSER TO THE DATE



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.



VFW AUXILIARY, NATIONAL EVENTS

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



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, VIRGINIA
AND
AUXILIARY**



Winter Council of Administration Meeting January 11– 14, 2024
Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center
6945 Pocahontas Trail
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185 (757) 220-2250

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
THE AGENDA FOR THE AUXILIARY COUNCIL/CONFERENCE SHALL BE AT
THE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

1:00 PM	6:00 PM	Virginia Veterans Foundation Board Meeting	TBD
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

11:00 AM	5:00 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Williamsburg Room
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12:30 PM	2:30 PM	Microsoft 365 Training (open to all members)	Amphitheater
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12:30 PM	2:30 PM	VFW History, Core Values & Traditions	Peterburg
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1:00 PM	5:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Audit (Treasurer and Audit Team)	Richmond
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3 PM	5:00 PM	Microsoft 365 Training (Repeats)(open to all members)	Amphitheater
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12:30 PM	2:30 PM	VFW History, Core Values & Traditions (Repeats)	Peterburg
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6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vendor Appreciation Event	Williamsburg Room
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7:00 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	Richmond
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Past Department President Breakfast	
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8:00 AM	2:30 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Williamsburg Room
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8:00 AM	2:30 PM	Service Officer Training	Amphitheater
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8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Peterburg
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9:30 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting	Peterburg
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9:00 AM	12:30 PM	VFW Auxiliary Business /Program Presentation (No Floor work)	Richmond
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12:00 PM	1:00 PM	VFW Riders Meeting	Petersburg A
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1:30 PM	3:00 PM	MOCA Meeting	Petersburg A
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2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Membership & Recruiting Workshop	Petersburg B & C
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3:00 PM	4:00 PM	MOC Meeting	Petersburg B & C
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3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Women Veterans Forum	Amphitheater
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6:00 PM	8:00 PM	VOD & PP BANQUET	Richmond
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SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2024

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

Department Hospitality Room	Williamsburg Room
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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND
VFW AUXILIARY**

Winter Council of Administration Meeting
January 11-14, 2024
Ft Magruder Hotel and Conference Center
Williamsburg, Virginia
757-220-2250

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

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3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Microsoft 365 Training (Repeats)	
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	VFW History, Core Values & Traditions (Repeats)	
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vendor Appreciation Event	Williamsburg
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting	

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

7:30 AM	8:30 PM	PDP Breakfast	
8:00 AM	2:30 PM	VFW Headquarters Table Open	Williamsburg Room
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Commanders Club Meeting	Petersburg
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

9:00 AM 9:30 AM Joint Devotional Service Amphitheater

TEACHER OF THE YEAR, VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, AND PATRIOT’S PEN BANQUET TICKETS: \$55.00

Department Hospitality Room – Williamsburg Room

(Tentative schedule subject to change)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 4TH

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 11 – 14, 2024

Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 757-220-2250 ~ \$89.00 Per night

(Hotel Group Rate Deadline is December 11th)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET
\$55.00

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING.

Dinner Menu

Herb Crusted Chicken

AND

Sliced Herb Crusted Roast Beef

Served with:

House Salad

Southern Style Green Beans Oven Roasted Potatoes

Warm Rolls and Butter

Chocolate Cake

Coffee Iced Tea

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JANUARY 4, 2024** **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
Check, Discover, American Express, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out completely for each person you are registering including Post number or Auxiliary number:

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

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Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

Name: _____ Post/Aux: _____

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

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

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Billing Zip Code _____

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

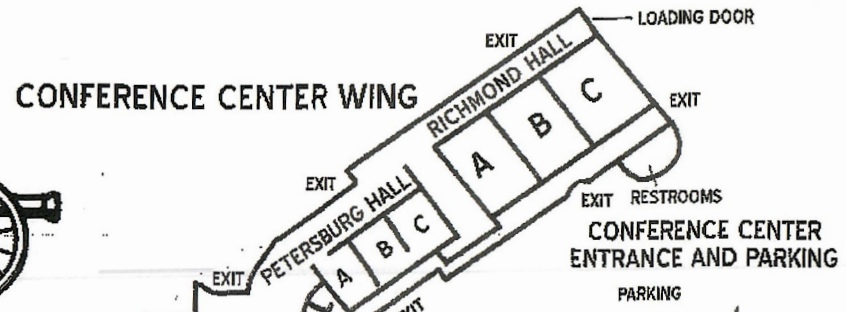
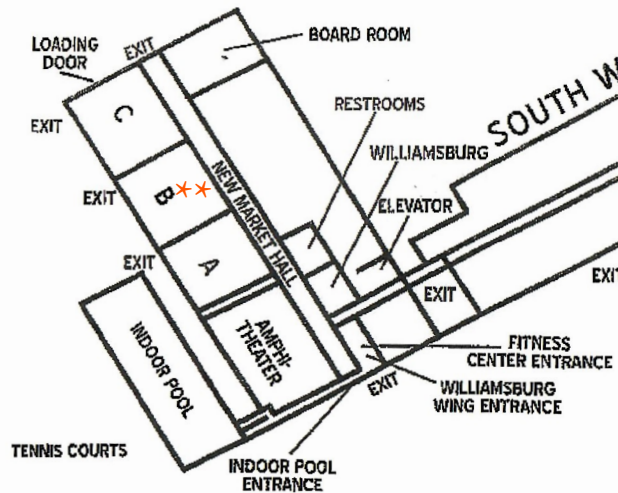
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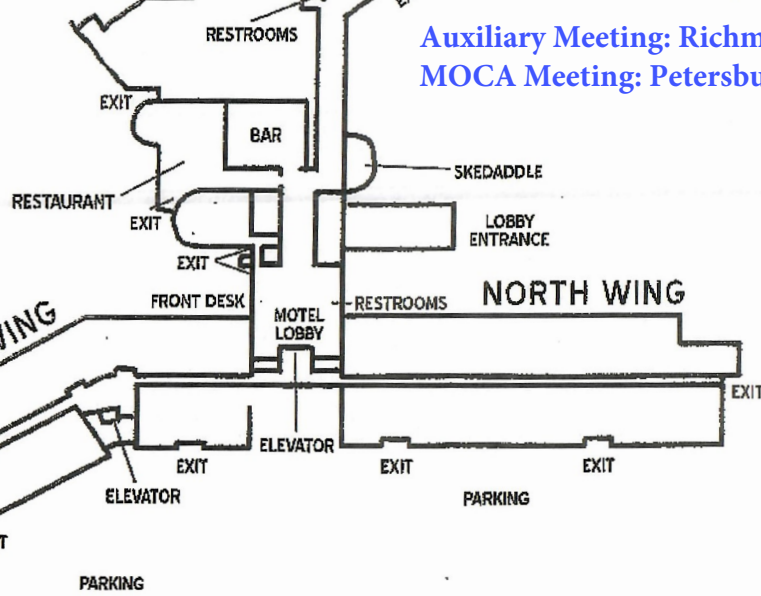
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 Auxiliary Ways /Means
 SVP Fundraiser
 JVP Fundraiser
 MOCA Ways/Means

COURTYARD
 AND
 SWIMMING POOL

WILLIAMSBURG WING



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





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	
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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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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
Dee	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

From the Desk of Senior-Vice President Dawn Kuhn

Can you believe that President Vicki's year is halfway over, time flies. President Vicki has had a wonderful year and all the support you have given her has been well appreciated. I have talked with President Vicki to ask her blessing in allowing me to ask you all for some much-needed help.

I am asking you to help me think of a theme for my year. To be honest it's not an easy task. I want a theme that sums up the hard work our members do day in and out for our veterans, service men and women, their families, and our communities. Can you help me?

I must have this in to National when I attend Sr vice training in March. So, if you have a good idea email, text, or call me with your great ideas. Remember it needs to be sort of short and to the point. Hopefully, your idea will be my theme for the 2024-2025 year.

If you can have your ideas to me by February 28, 2024, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

I also am asking members to reach out to me about what you would like to see in 2024-2025. What can we do to help you better your auxiliary and district? Suggestions for SOI? I think you get the idea.

At winter conference President Vicki is allowing me to have a display of mine and Sr. Vice Commander Mitch's shirt. I strongly suggest you look at them; they are sized a little small. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, I want you to be sure it will fit when you get it. **Remember you are under no obligation to purchase a president's shirt.** We will be making one order, and they will be available in June. Order Forms will be available during Winter conference for you to take with you. There will be more information to come.

Again, this year will be doing a homecoming raffle to assist in paying for this event. Information will be available during Winter conference also.

President Vicki, I want to thank you for everything you have done to help me begin to plan my year. You are a wonderful role model and I appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Respectfully,
Dept. Sr Vice President
Dawn Kuhn
18439 Whites Point Dr
Abingdon, VA 24211
804-909-5792
kuhn@comcast.net



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.

2024 - 2025 OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY REQUIREMENTS

FOR REPORTING YEAR: MAY 1, 2024 – APRIL 30, 2025

This year the outstanding Auxiliary will be Awarded on a point System as follows:

450 Points Outstanding Auxiliary Plaque

All Auxiliaries must comply and complete all
National By-Laws requirements TO RECEIVE AN OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY AWARD.

NATIONAL BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS

1. Auxiliary installation report must be received by National Headquarters by **June 30, 2024**. This can be entered through MALTA. If you enter through MALTA, please provide the information to the Department Secretary. If unable to access MALTA, please send to the Department Secretary by **June 15, 2024** for submission. If the installation report is not received by National Headquarters by June 30, 2024, the report must be mailed to the National Headquarters for input. If not received by **July 31, 2024**, at National Headquarters, the Department **MUST** submit a request for suspension to allow time to mentor and rejuvenate. Sec 806A Auxiliary.
TIP: Do not wait until June. Installation Report can be submitted following the Installation.
2. Auxiliary President and Treasurer must be bonded by **August 31, 2024**. The bond can be paid by the Treasurer through MALTA. If you wish to mail a check, the bond application is available on MALTA. If not paid by **August 31, 2024**, the Department **MUST** submit for suspension by that date to allow time to mentor and rejuvenate the Auxiliary. Sec 814-Trustee.
TIP: Do not wait until the last minute. Bond can be paid any time after July 1st.
3. District dues must be remitted to the District Treasurer by **September 30, 2024**, as per National Bylaws Section 506. Dues are based on the Auxiliary membership as of **June 30, 2024**, at the amount established by the District Standing Rules. Sec 506.
4. If the President, Treasurer or Secretary are an annual member, their annual dues must be paid no later than **December 31, 2024**. As per National if dues are not paid by the President, Treasurer or Secretary by **January 4, 2025**, the Department must submit an e-mail or letter on **January 5, 2025**, requesting the non-paid Officer be relieved of their position. FYI.....Any annual member who does not pay their dues by **December 31, 2024**, are no longer a member in good standing. Be sure to check those membership cards at your January meeting.

SECTION 814 – TRUSTEE DUTIES

Quarter	Month Covered	Audit Completed by	<input type="checkbox"/> Audit must be in the office of the Department Treasurer as follow:
Second	April, May and June	July 31 Annually	August 31 Annually
Third	July, August, September	October 31 Annually	November 30 Annually
Fourth	October, November, December	January 31 Annually	February 28 Annually
First	January, February, March	April 30, Annually	May 31 Annually
Send to Cathy Graham, Department Treasurer 9691 Lindenbrook Street, Fairfax, VA 22031-1132 703-319-0845 cg12dc12@outlook.com			

SECTION 810A – ATTENDANCE

Assure that the **President or their Representative attend all properly called District Convention or Meetings**. The District Secretary **MUST** report to OA Chairman immediately after SOI's and District meetings with a list of names, title, and Auxiliary number of those who attended **within 7 days after District Meeting**. Trustees are encouraged to attend the **District School of Instructions**. If meetings are available on a virtual setting, an Auxiliary Member Representative must call in or join virtually staying for the entire meeting to count towards attendance. The President or Representative must attend the **Following District Meeting: 2024 District Convention, 1st, 2nd and 3rd District Meeting for 2024-2025. District Secretary MUST send Department Secretary Auxiliaries that attended 2024 District Convention, within 7 days after District Convention. There will not be a PARDON FOR NOT ATTENDING DISTRICT CONVENTION/MEETINGS...**

TRAINING

Auxiliary President, Secretary and/or Treasurer **MUST** attend the District School of Instruction either in person or if the School of Instructions are available virtual. In person Schools will be dependent on Covid restrictions established by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Auxiliary must attain 450 points and meet National requirement to include Membership to receive an OA Plaque.

**Reminder: July 1, 2024, Dues increase:
Department will be \$6.00
National will be \$10.00.
Total to Department treasurer will be \$16.00.**

135 Points

100% PLUS 1 MEMBER based on members paid as of June 30, 2024.

1. Provided all other awards requirements are met, those Auxiliaries that achieve membership goal by **April 30, 2025**, will receive their **PLAQUE** at the **2025 Department Convention**.

2. Provided all other OA requirements are met, those Auxiliaries that achieve membership goal by June 30, 2025, will receive their **PLAQUE** at their first District meeting of the 2025-2026 year.

100 Points

100% based on members paid as of June 30, 2024.

Provided all other award requirements are met, those Auxiliaries that achieve membership goal by **April 30, 2025**, will receive their award at **2025 Department Convention**.

ANY AUXILIARY THAT DOES NOT MAKE THE ABOVE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT, BUT COMPLETES ALL OTHER AUXILIARY REQUIREMENTS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

MONETARY DONATIONS:

25 Points

VFW National Home for Children – Health and Happiness Fund. Two Choices:

✚ \$0.10 per member based on the Auxiliary membership as of June 30, 2024.

✚ \$0.25 or more per member based on the Auxiliary membership as of June 30, 2024.

NOTE: An Auxiliary that donates \$0.25, will receive a citation from National for their contribution.

NOTE: Payment can be made three ways:

- MALTA.
- Check mailed to the Department Treasurer, earmarked Health and Happiness, payable to VFW Auxiliary Department of Virginia. Send Check to Cathy Graham, 9691 Lindenbrook Street, Fairfax, VA 22031.
- Check earmarked Health and Happiness, payable VFW National Auxiliary mailed to VFW National Headquarters. Attn Anne Pantelakos, National Secretary/Treasurer. 406 West 10th St. 10th Floor Kansas City, Mo 64111.

Please let the Department Treasurer know the Health and Happiness was paid with amount and date paid.

25 Points

VA Medical Center Fund

✚ \$0.45 per member based on the Auxiliary membership as of June 30, 2024, checked mailed to **Department Treasurer earmarked VA Medical Center.**

✚ Send check to Cathy Graham, 9691 Lindenbrook Street, Fairfax, VA 22031

MONETARY DONATIONS MUST BE PAID BY 4-30-2025

PROGRAMS

All 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 **BOLDED** programs and at least **ONE MORE** program must be promoted by all Auxiliaries as a requirement.

The Auxiliary **must** report all the following programs **BY 4-30-2025:**

30 Points
Each

✚ **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.**

Auxiliary Outreach

Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home

25 Points
Each

Extension and Revitalization

Historian/Media Relations

Legislative

Membership

Youth Activity

Scholarship

OTHER DONATION

25 Points

1. **DONATION MADE TO THE VFW VETERANS AND MILITARY SUPPORT:**

Mail check earmarked Veterans and Military/ & mailed to: VFW National Headquarters, Attn: Veterans & Military Support, 406 West 34th St, 9th Floor, Kansas City Mo. 64111.

Donation can be made online: Vfw.org/way-to-help. Select veterans & Military Support. Click “Contribute”

If you donate online, please e-mail the Department Treasurer with the date and amount of the donation. Please send a copy of the check to VFS Support Chairman.

25 Points

2. **DONATION MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPECIAL PROJECT:**

Send check to Cathy Graham, 9691 Lindenbrook Street, Fairfax, VA 33031.

Send a copy of the check to the Special Project Chairman.

25 Points

3. **DONATION MADE TO THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT SPECIAL PROJECT:**

VFW National Headquarters, Attn: Ann Panteleakos, 406 West 34th St, 10th Floor, Kansas City Mo. 64111. Donation can be made online in Malta by the Treasurer

Select National President Project. Click “Contribute”

If you donate online, please e-mail the Department Treasurer and Special Project Chairman with the date and amount of the donation.

Any questions or concerns please contact SVP Dawm Kuhn.

804-909-5792

kuhn@comcast.net

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.)
President's Theme: "Service Mentorship and Patriotism"
National President's Theme: "Banding Together for Our Veterans"