

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S AWARD DEADLINE NEAR

FROM: PDP Glendon Webb, District President's Award Chairman
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As the end of the year draws close, all of the District Presidents need to begin compiling information for two very important documents:

- 1) District President's Award Form – due May 10th to Dept President
- 2) Year End Report for Convention Book – due May 15th to Dept Secretary

At Winter Council you were given explicit criteria for the award and an opportunity to ask questions.

Enclosed with this General Order is the District President's Award Form which you must complete and mail to Department President Mary Proffitt for her review. Her address is 28 Woodrow Lane, Lexington, VA 24450

Upon review, Madam President will forward to forms to me for my review and decision.

Only one award will be given this year for top performance. However, a citation will also be awarded to one President who has overcome extraordinary obstacles to achieve a measure of success within her District. I feel strongly, as does our Department President, that all District Presidents work hard and strive to be the best. We want to see that credit is given where it is due.

Wishing you every success and I look forward to reviewing your award forms. See you at June Convention!

Glendon

**Ladies Auxiliary, VFW, Department of Virginia
District President's Leadership Award**
Please send report form to Mary Profitt
28 Woodrow Lane, Lexington, VA 24450
Due by: 5-10-2009

District _____ District President Name: _____

1. No. Of Auxiliaries in the District as of July 1, 2008: _____
2. Number of Council of Administration Meeting attended: _____ If unable attend, did you contact the Department President? _____. If not why:

3. District Membership as of June 30, 2008: _____
District Membership as of April 30, 2009: _____
How did you work with your Auxiliaries on membership? _____
4. Number of Council of Administration Meeting attended: _____ If unable attend, did you contact the Department President? _____. If not why:

5. District Membership as of June 30, 2008: _____
District Membership as of April 30, 2009: _____
How did you work with your Auxiliaries on membership? _____
6. How did you work with your Auxiliaries to help them be reported in our Programs?

7. After each inspection did you send your Auxiliary Inspection Form and Travel Voucher to the Department President within two week following your Inspection? _____.
8. After Convention, did you hold a formal School of Instruction to distribute information to your Auxiliaries Department and National Programs? _____
Date: _____ # of Attendees: _____ Name of Instructor: _____
9. At your District Meeting did you appoint an Aide for the Department Representative? During your District Meeting, did you have a formal School of Instructions? If so, please give the following information for each District meeting held:

Date of Meeting: _____ Dept Representative: _____

Who did you appoint for a Aide for the Representative: _____
Subject at School Of Instruction: _____
Why did you choose this Subject?

Name of Instructor's: _____

Date of Meeting: _____ Dept Representative: _____
Who did you appoint for a Aide for the Representative: _____
Subject at School Of Instruction: _____
Why did you choose this Subject?

Name of Instructor's: _____

Date of Meeting: _____ Dept Representative: _____
Who did you appoint for a Aide for the Representative: _____
Subject at School Of Instruction: _____
Why did you choose this Subject?

Name of Instructor: _____

7. Please list all things you did help the Auxiliaries in your District above the regular duties as District President.

Please attached a summary of your activities as District President and please limit the summary to no more than two pages, 12 point font.

Department of Virginia, Chaplain General Orders – April 2009

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*Now is a good time to take a look at your
life's map, find a better route, and move forward
in the direction of the good things in your future.*
-Unknown

“Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us.”

Let's all keep those currently serving and those who have gone on before, in our thoughts. They are the reason for the many freedoms we enjoy, and let us remember the loved ones who served also.

Sympathy Cards

Peggy Hughes, 334 Wilkimon Street, Williamsburg, VA 23188 – death of son
Edna Buffaloe, 1412 Hatchee Avenue, Covington, VA 24426 – death of son
Family of Nadine Eatan, 214 Mt Pleasant Blvd, Fredly, VA 22405 – deceased member
Family of Wyllo Ann Wooge, 216 Trott Street, Oak Island, NC 28465 – deceased member
Marlene Adams, 1800 Darville Dr, Hampton, VA 23663 – husband died
Family of Doris McNabb, 734 Chatsworth Drive, Newport News, VA 23601 – deceased member
Ruth Manus, 211 Marcella Dr – Apt 106, Hampton, VA 23666 – grandson died
Mary Reed, 6004 Simplicity Court, Chesterfield, VA 23832 – son died
Doris Gabany, 809 E. Mercury Blvd, Hampton, VA 23663 – husband died
Family of Nancy Botkin, 616 Early Dr, Broadway, VA 22815 – member died
Family of JoAnne Stickley, 1216 Quince Dr, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 – member died
Family of Dorothy Puffenbarger, 9567 Community Center Rd, Bridgewater, VA 22812
– Member died

Illness/Surgery

Reva Buchanan, 466 Boliver Road, Fort Valley, VA 22652 – long illness

Thinking of You

Elsie Weeks, 3911 6th Street, South Arlington, VA 22204 – sister died

*It is hard to understand why people are taken away from us,
But find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life.*
- Unknown

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor

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General Orders April

Pride in our country, respect for our flag, and appreciation of the freedoms and privileges that we enjoy are the foundation of *Americanism*. May we instill these ideals in others as we *meet the needs of others through living a life of love* and *our dreams will become rainbows*.

The **third Monday in April** is Patriot's Day which honors the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere", that evening when Paul Revere rode through town warning the colonists that "The Red Coats are coming!"

Easter, April 12 and spring are around the corner...people will take to the outdoors, many craft fairs will be held. There will be many opportunities to have a booth to pass out information about our great organization, recruit new members, distribute flags, pencils, flag etiquette brochures, or even have a flag pole to demonstrate a flag raising and placing the flag at half mast. Even in passing, if someone sees this being done, and you showing the proper respect, they may take it to heart and practice it in earnest.

Friday, May 1 is Loyalty Day and is just a little more than a month away. Are you and your post making plans to honor those who have supported you and your activities over the past year? Now is a great time to begin a flag collection for old worn out and damaged flags. Contact local radio stations and broadcast a public service announcement of the flag collection and upcoming flag retirement ceremony (**Flag Day, June 14**). Take out a small ad in your local paper. Post the information on your Post's signage. Publicize, do the work, and report it all.

Future dates to keep in mind for patriotic activities☺

- April 30, 2009 • Congress creates Navy Department (1798).
- May 21 – Armed Forces Day
- May 25 – Memorial Day (observed)
- June 14 – Flag Day (flag retirement ceremony); U.S. Army founded (1775).
- July 4 – Independence Day

Do you notice businesses or citizens that are taking care to fly the flag regularly? Honor them with a certificate at your Loyalty Day program. Invite the media and give them the recognition they deserve.

Remember...continue to educate others, be good role models *and*
“*Our Dreams will become Rainbows.*”

Awards: best Americanism program, Patriotic Instructor education, and Loyalty Day program.

REPORT! Don't wait until the last minute...

Report forms are online and in the President's Handbook.

Remember: reporting began in June ~ so, let's get those reports in.

District 1, 5, 9, & 13 are now 100%! Way to go...everyone else, let's catch up!

Ladies, get your reports in...and keep up the great work of your Auxiliary by promoting patriotism in your community and REMEMBER to **REPORT ALL THAT YOU DO!**

YOU are your best publicist!

Report ALL patriotic activities your Post and Auxiliary have completed.

Dist. No.	No. of Aux.	Auxiliaries NOT Reported as of Apr. 10					% Rptd
1	6						100
2	7		9382				86
3	12		9808				92
4	13	5313	8048	8759			77
5	8						100
6	8	1841					88
7	9	2123	8613	9292			67
8	3	7589					67
9	8						100
10	8	7916					88
11	12	2424	4204	7814	9480	10826	58
12	8	1994	6975	8652	9600	9830	38
13	6						100
Total	112						82

*Loyally,
Beverly Abbott*

Patriotic Instructor **April, 2009**

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The Patriotic Origins of Memorial Day in the U.S.

In 1866 the United States was recovering from a long and bloody Civil War. Surviving soldiers came home, and all with stories to tell of what they seen, heard, and experienced first hand themselves.

A drugstore owner named Henry Welles in Waterloo, New York heard some of these stories. He in turn, went to the other shop owners in town and convinced them that they should close for one day in May to honor the soldiers who were killed in the Civil War and to honor those patriots of the Civil War who were buried in Waterloo cemetery.

On May 5th, 1866 the shop owners did not open their stores, and the townspeople gathered and placed flowers, wreaths and crosses on the graves of the Northern soldiers in their cemetery. At the same time, Major General Jonathan A. Logan (retired) planned to have a ceremony for the soldiers that survived the Civil War. He led the veterans through the town to the cemetery to decorate their comrades' graves with flags.

Every May 30th thereafter the townspeople would walk to the cemeteries and hold memorial services. They would decorate the graves with flags and flowers. Then they would walk back to the park in the middle of town and gather in the middle of the park near a monument dedicated to soldiers, sailors and marines. The Gettysburg address was read, followed by Retired Major General Logan's (Order #11) designating Decoration Day. Then the village choirs would sing patriotic songs. Then, in the evening the school children would take part in a parade to honor these patriots.

100 years later in 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed Waterloo the birthplace of Memorial Day, and in 1971 President Richard M. Nixon declared Memorial Day a federal holiday to be observed on the last Monday of May.

Memorial Day is not limited to honor on those American patriots who served or gave their life in a time of war in our armed forces. It is also a day for personal remembrance of our family and friends that we personally know who have served or died in the name of our freedom, even if it is just done with a silent reflection of tribute from us. Some of us visit the cemeteries and say a prayer, add flags or flowers on the graves.

Many public events are held every year to honor our patriots through parades, celebrations, church services, television movies, and news commentaries to reflect and honor these hero's. We must never forget the very high price that was paid by these veterans of service for each of our freedoms that we enjoy on a daily basis. And Memorial Day is a fitting way to honor them and should not be just another three day weekend before the beginning of summer.

**Steven Coffman,
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BANNER

April 2009

*Kay S. Kibler, Chairman 9652 Phillips Store Rd Broadway, VA 22815
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To: Department Chairman
District Presidents
Auxiliary Presidents
Auxiliary Chairmen
Members

Ladies, The deadline for Banner reporting is over. I have been hearing from the Chairman all year as to who has reported and who has not. Congratulations to all the auxiliaries who have done the programs and made sure to get everything they've done reported.

This is my first year as a chairman and it's been fun! I've enjoyed getting to talk with the Auxiliary Presidents and Program Chairman. As Banner Chairman, I am looking forward to presenting the many auxiliaries with their banner at convention in June.

Remember, the banner reporting period is over but continue to send reports to the appropriate chairman on the programs you have done! The program chairman will continue to accept reports for a few more weeks. Read what the specific chairman say in the General Orders to find out how long they will accept reports.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Convention!

Kay

Great job everyone!

REQUIREMENTS 2008-09
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW – DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2008 - MARCH 31, 2009

MEMBERSHIP: 100% dues paid no later than Dec. 31, 2008

All requirements based on June 30, 2008 membership. All dues are sent to Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, 539 Westwood Rd., Ruckersville, Va. 22968. **CHECK PAYABLE TO:** Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia. (postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2008)

AUXILIARY AUDITS: Auxiliary Quarterly Audits Reports must be conducted for the calendar quarters ending in **MARCH 2008, JUNE 2008, SEPTEMBER 2008, DECEMBER 2008, (National By-laws Sec.814A)** This report must be sent to Department Treasurer: (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) The Department Treasurer will verify audit report to Banner Chairman after each Audit.

DISTRICT DUES: Auxiliaries MUST pay District Dues (National By-laws Sec. 506) by September 30, of current Auxiliary year. THE DISTRICT TREASURER WILL VERIFY PAYMENT TO BANNER CHAIRMAN.

ATTENDANCE: An Auxiliary member must be present at either a District Meeting or Department Council/Conference, during the reporting period. **DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT SECRETARY WILL VERIFY ATTENDANCE TO BANNER CHAIRMAN – AFTER EACH MEETING.**

District Conventions/Election of Officers **DOES NOT count.

PARTICIPATION: Each Auxiliary must participate in the National Programs shown below and **MUST REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2009. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Americanism	Youth Activities (any)	Veterans & Family Support	
Cancer Aid & Research	Patriotic Art	1. Unmet Needs	7. Operation Uplink
Community Service	Jr. Girls	2. MAP	8. Adopt a Unit
Hospital/VAVS	(report in at least2)	3. Buddy Poppy	9. Fisher House
Legislative/VFW-PAC	VOD/Patriots Pen	4. VFW National Home	10. Wreaths Across
America		5. Snowball Express	
(either one or both)	(either one or both)	6. Continuing Education Scholarship	
		(must complete at least 5 of the 10 listed)	

DONATIONS:

1. CANCER FUND: \$2.00 per member. Based on June 30, 2008 membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia marked for **Cancer Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer no later than **MARCH 31, 2009. DEPARTMENT TREASURER WILL REPORT THESE DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

2. STATE HOSPITAL FUND: \$35.00. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia, marked **Hospital Fund.** Send to Department Treasurer, no later that **MARCH 31, 2009. DEPARTMENT TREASURER WILL REPORT THESE DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

3. HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND: \$0.25 per member, based on June 30, 2008 membership. New Auxiliaries based on institutional membership. Checks payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, marked **Health & Happiness Fund.** Send to: **NATIONAL TREASURER, 406 W. 34th STREET 10th Floor, KANSAS City, MO. 64111.** Postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2009. NATIONAL TREASURER WILL VERIFY REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**

4. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE: (for your information if you choose) No funds can be derived from VFW Post or Auxiliary membership dues or treasuries. Funds are obtained from individual contributions and/or fund raisers held by Post or Auxiliaries. Make checks payable to VFW-PAC, and mailed to 200 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002 and report to Department Legislative/VFW-PAC Chairman postmarked no later than **MARCH 31, 2009. **DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WILL VERIFY TO BANNER CHAIRMAN.****

Approved: Department Convention
June 2008

Kay S. Kibler, Banner Chairman

CANCER AID AND RESEARCH

TO: All District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents and Members

FROM: Lee Miller, Dept. C.A.R. Chairman
3907 Yorktown Drive
Hopewell, VA 23860

April 2009

“LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE, WHILE MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS”

and

“OUR DREAMS BECOME RAINBOWS”

So far this year we have touched on several different types of Cancer that can affect all of us. I am sure that you have known someone, either friend or family that has been stricken by this most dastardly disease.

The different types of Cancer we have spoken about and have just been given a glimpse of are: Lung Cancer, Colon Cancer, Skin Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer. With some of these cancers you do not have any symptoms until it is in the last stages, so it is wise to get checked when you see your family physician. A few of these can be cured if treated early enough.

Please remember the Cancer Grant for any member who has been diagnosed with Cancer. You must fill out the application entirely and forward it to National Headquarters. Your Auxiliary Treasurer has the form, but if she does not you must contact National for them. You must wait one year between grants and you can receive two in your lifetime, if needed.

If your Auxiliary has had a fund-raiser, please report it to me. Pass out Cancer information at your meetings and if your Auxiliary has a Yard Sale, etc. this is also a good place to pass out information and advise the community.

I hope all of you are remembering to promote the “Dime a Day” program at your meetings so you can make a HUGE donation in June at the Convention.

If you haven't already done so, please send in your \$2.00 per member and REPORT it to me. Also, if you have not sent in the money for your cancer pins, please do that now and report that to me. We only lack a few Auxiliaries to be 100% reported in the Department. Won't you **PLEASE** report now?

*The following Auxiliaries NOT reported are:

Dist. 1	100 % Congratulations!!!!
Dist. 2	100% Congratulations!!!!
Dist. 3	100 % Congratulations!!!!
Dist. 4	100 % Congratulations!!!!
Dist. 5	100 % Congratulations!!!!
Dist. 6	<u>1841</u>
Dist. 7	<u>621</u> , 8613, <u>9292</u>
Dist. 8	100% Congratulations!!!!
Dist. 9	9640
Dist. 10	<u>7916</u>
Dist. 11	<u>4204</u> , <u>9480</u>
Dist. 12	<u>1994</u> , 6975, 8652, 9600, 9830, REPORT, REPORT, REPORT
Dist. 13	100% Congratulations!!!!

Auxiliaries that are underlined have sent their \$2.00 per member to the Department Treasurer, but have not sent me a report. Remember you must send me a written report so I can credit your Auxiliary and also to give credit where it is due at the Convention in June. It does not have to be on a report form, but make sure your Auxiliary number and District number are on the report.

A thought to ponder: “ As you walk along the road of life, take the time to stop and smell the roses, as we only pass this way once”.

Loyally,

Lee

Community Service

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April, 2009

Our Dreams Become Rainbows
Live a Life of Love While Serving The Needs Of Others
Educate – Communicate – Participate

National Volunteer Week: April 19 -25, 2009, a service of the Points of Light and Hands on Network sponsored by Target, provides us the opportunity to thank some of America's most valuable assets...our volunteers..... and to recognize the many ways they improve our community. For more information contact Pat Chandler at 404-979-2920 or email pchandler@handsonnetwork.org

Veterans Oral History Project: The Veterans History Project (VHP) collects and preserves the remembrances of American war veterans from World War I, World War II, the Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War (1990-1995), Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts from 2001-present. U. S. citizen civilians who actively supported the war effort such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc. are also included in the VHP. The collection of first-hand accounts are archived in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. I would guess there are those who served that would love to share their story. It may be a post member, an auxiliary member, a relative or neighbor. For those Auxiliaries that have a Junior Girl's Unit this would be a great project for them. For more information go to www.loc.gov/vets.html or call 888-371-5848.

Disaster Preparedness and Safety: With spring and summer weather increases the possibility of sever storms and tornados. This is a perfect time to organize a safety seminar along with your post with the aid of local police or fire departments to cover weather preparedness and home safety. If you live a larger community that has local TV stations, invite one of their meteorologists. For more ideas about disaster preparedness and safety programs go to www.citizenscorps.gov , www.ready.gov. www.ReadyVirginia.gov., the American Red Cross or Federal Emergency Management Agency

America Supports: This web site list over 300 non profit groups that are devoted to helping our service men and women. These groups provide financial assistance, sending care packages, writing letters and assisting wounded warriors. For more information go to www.americasupportsyou.mil.

Connect America: Offer individuals and organizations opportunities to work together toward a common goal. To lean more go to www.pointsoflight.org .

REMEMBER: Community Service is anything a person does that benefits the community; they DO NOT receive compensation, are done in the name of Auxiliary, with Auxiliary approval and are voted on so that it is a part of the minutes and official Auxiliary business. There is no value on time that can be reported. It is most helpful to use the reporting form and complete the summary on the reporting form.

Don't forget to count mileage in the cost of the project. \$.14 per mile for each member that participates in the project. You can e-mail the reports or send by mail. Reporting forms are available on the department website. www.vfwvaaux.org.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA TO BE 100% REPORTED. THERE ARE SOME AUXILIARIES I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM. SISTERS, I KNOW YOU ARE DOING THE WORK SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW. FOR THOSE AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE REPORTED....THANK YOU...AND KEEP THE REPORTS COMING.

Department percentage –79.8% Reported

Dist No.	No. of Aux	Auxiliaries > NOT < Reported as of NO <input type="text" value="Mar 10"/>								% Rptd
1	6									100%
2	7									100%
3	12	8046	9224	9808						75%
4	13	5313	8048							84%
5	9	2820								89%
6	8	1444								88%
7	9	621	8613	9292						75%
8	3									100%
9	8									100%
10	8	8241								88%
11	12	2216	4204	7814	9480					67%
12	8	1994	6975	8652	9600	9830				38%
13	6	1827	10574							67%

EXTENSION

Chairman
Ines Kerch
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April 2009

Sisters, May you have a Blessed Easter

Ladies, the final report is due to my National Director by May 15 and I need your submission by April 10 to prepare my report and awards. HOWEVER, remember the Auxiliary Year continues until our Department Convention in June.

Many Sisters have worked diligently to salvage Auxiliaries within the Department this year. They have worked tirelessly and exemplify the meaning of the National Organization's motto: ***"In Fortitude and Loyalty."***

As indicated in my promotion for October 2008, I am attaching a form for use by those eligible for recognition in the area of Extension: assisting a faltering Auxiliary, assisting transfers of members to another Auxiliary, or efforts to organize a new Auxiliary. Remember members who report are not celebrating personal accomplishments, rather members have worked ***"In Fortitude and Loyalty"*** to strengthen an Auxiliary, and consequently our Department, and now provide documentation of these rescue efforts -- whether successful or not.

Remember to send me your submission post-dated not later than April 10.

National Director Rita Byers sent a humorous reminder about personal weaknesses. Let's be watchful about three negative reactions we may be prone to exhibit, and NOT DO IT.

Sisters, our dreams have been served well through your good will and good faith in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Department of Virginia.

We have Lived a life of love while serving the needs of others. We have weathered the storm and our ***Dreams will become Rainbows*** when we gather at both our Department and later at National Conventions.

Thank you for all your hard work this past year and I wish you the very best. God bless.

For now, until the Department Convention in June, we have work to do!

BONES

There are four kinds of bones in every organization. There are

Wishbones:

Wishing somebody would do something about the problems.

Jawbones:

Doing all the talking, but very little else.

Knucklebones:

Those who knock everything.

Backbones:

Those who carry the brunt of the load and do most of the work.

Do you know these bones?

~~As~~ Sisters of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW,

~~As~~ ever, let us persevere as Backbones.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Department of Virginia

**EXTENSION REPORT
2008-2009**

1. Number of Posts in your District: _____
How many are bachelor Posts: _____
How many were contacted about organizing a Ladies Auxiliary? _____
Did you attempt to follow-up after first contact with bachelor Posts? _____
How many attempts were made by letter or phone? _____ Contact in person? _____
2. Describe how you assisted Auxiliaries (list Aux No) to stay in good working order and/or helped them to avoid losing their charters: _____

3. Did you have any Auxiliaries with less than ten (10) members paid by February 1, 2009? If so, how did you help them (list Aux No)? _____

4. If any Auxiliaries wanted to disband, describe how you saved them. _____

If you couldn't save the Auxiliary, describe how you helped members transfer and list percentage of members saved through transfers. _____

(If more space is needed, attach a second page. Annotate "Item #, Cont'd")

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Signed _____ If Deputy Chief of Staff, District # _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Confirmation of work described, attested by: _____

Title

Date

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS FROM NATIONAL:

1. \$25 to each member who organizes a new Auxiliary, with the approval of the Department President, between July 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009, provided transmittal and proper paperwork is received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2009.
2. A keepsake to one authorized member in each Membership Group who best assisted an Auxiliary to be saved and become better functioning as directed by the Department President.

AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES FROM NATIONAL:

1. \$50 TO EACH NEW Auxiliary Instituted between July 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009, provided transmittal and proper paperwork is received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2009..

AWARDS FOR DEPARTMENTS FROM NATIONAL:

1. \$50 to the Department for each new Auxiliary instituted between July 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009, provided transmittal and proper paperwork is received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2009.

Note: Winners will be published in the Year-End Officers' & Directors' Report AND awards will be mailed to the 2008-2009 Department President for distribution.

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Department of Virginia Awards for the period between July 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009 and submitted to the Extension Chairman postdated no later than April 10, 2009:

Dream Team Certificate and \$15 to each member who organizes a new Auxiliary, with the approval of the Department President.

Dream Team Certificate and \$15 to each member for outstanding performance in saving an Auxiliary or securing the transfers of members from a defunct Auxiliary to another within the Department, as submitted in a report via the District Deputy Chief of Staff and may be confirmed by the Department Treasurer.

Dream Team Certificate and \$10 to the District Deputy Chief of Staff for outstanding performance as submitted in an Extension Report, in each of the following groups:

	District Nos.
Group 1:	2, 5, 10
Group 2:	3, 4, 7, 11
Group 3:	1, 6, 9
Group 4:	8, 12, 13

Department of Virginia
Hospital & VAVS
General Orders – April 2009

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Dear Sisters,

Our year is rapidly approaching an end - and what a year it has been!

But - there is still plenty to do! Remember that you don't need an excuse to help out. On the other hand, if you need a reason, celebrate Tax Day, Easter, May Day, Memorial Day, the Country Fair, Flag Day, or make up your own. Just get involved in your local VA Hospital. Volunteering can be sitting and reading to a veteran, helping them play bingo, or lending an ear. We need all the volunteers we can get.

Our National President, Dixie Hilde's theme "**Our dreams become rainbows**" can not be incorporated in a better way than by supporting our Hospital & VAVS program. The smiling face of a volunteer shows our veteran's that their dreams are not just possible, but they are within their reach. Commitment, dedication and caring by our volunteers, is the true example of the Department of Virginia's President Mary Proffitt's theme "**Live a life of love while serving the needs of others**".

It is not too late for the *Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project*, because it continues throughout the year. It is a therapeutic writing program designed to acknowledge veterans' experiences and build self-esteem through creative expression and gives the opportunity of publication in *Veterans' Voices*. I continue to encourage you to contact your area VA Medical Center or HVWP Headquarters, 5920 Nall, Room 105, Mission, Kansas 66202-3456 or visit www.veteransvoices.org. *Veterans' Voices* is published in March, July and October. **YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM BY PURCHASING A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE *VETERANS' VOICES*.**

A kind word and a smile can make all the difference in the world to a veteran. Be the difference!

Robin Milewski
Hospital & VAVS Committee Chairman

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“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”

Dear Sisters,

Time has flown by so quickly and you all have been so busy.

The reports and pictures our **superb** and I have had a hard time judging them all.

Everyone has done Outstanding. Please continue to send your pictures from any remaining events such as Installations, Parades, Cancer Fund raisers, Easter parties, etc.

Junior Girls Units please send me your pictures and reports also. I know you all are working hard.

Ladies and all Line officers I am now looking for any **memorabilia** that you may have acquired from any special events that President Mary has attended this year.

These items will be the finishing touches to make her memory books extra special.

The **Pot Of Gold is shining** with all your treasures inside.

Judging will be at June Convention look forward to seeing you all there.

Keep up the good work and always....

“Live a life of love while serving the needs of others”

Loyally,
Georgette Dausey, Historian

Legislative and VFW Political Action Committee
2008-2009
Our Dreams Become Rainbows
(As we) Live a life of love while serving the needs of others

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Sisters,

We have just finished a very successful campaign to inform and to educate legislators about veterans concerns by use of every media known to us. The campaign to "Get Out The Word" to legislators was launched at the beginning of the legislative assemblies on both state and federal levels. Legislators have responded positively to the reminders of the promises made to veterans for health care and other entitlements. It is never to late to contact a legislator to keep veteran concerns at the top of their agendas. As the song of Tom Petty says, "We Won't Back Down." Congratulations and thanks for a job well done!!!

The Virginia General Assembly finished their short session of 46 days on February 28th. The legislators acted upon nearly 2, 500 bills and resolutions. Out of that amount, the House of Delegates approved 1, 064 , the Senate approved 1,108 and both Houses approved 594 items of legislations as of February 23rd. Out of that amount 1, 232 bills were defeated and 317 were continued until the 2010 General Assembly Session. The state budget dominated much of their concern with the state of Virginia like many in the nation facing a shortfall of nearly \$3 billion. Governor Kaine made many drastic but regrettable necessary cuts within the state. The cuts were relieved when Virginia became the first state to take advantage of the stimulus program for states.

Two bills in Virginia that will help veterans and their families are SB 1197 which relieves victims of identity thief of paying fees for filing a petition to expunge the criminal records of charges against the victims as a result of identity thief. Another bill was SB 1200 which allows localities to exempt disabled veterans and the surviving spouses of veterans from local vehicle license fees and taxes.

Reports of localities purchasing computerized voter registries to speed the time a voter stands in line and to improve accuracy are good news. Efforts to take redistricting in Virginia out of partisan hands died in subcommittee.

Virginia has 5 people looking to be the next governor. They are State Senator Creigh

Deeds, former Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe and State Delegate Brian Morian are seeking the Democrat nomination on June 9, 2009. This is the first time the seat for nomination has been contested in over 20 years. Attorney General Bob McDonnell is the presumptive Republican nominee being the only candidate to file for the position. Senator Russell Potts, a Republican, will run as an Independent.

As of 1976, Virginia has elected a Governor from the opposite political party as the sitting President of the United States. We will see if this trend holds true.

Here are the auxiliaries yet to report on Legislative and VFW-PAC. If there is a mistake, please let me know ASAP to get it corrected. I am hoping for 100% reporting in all Districts. We are SO, SO close to achieving that goal. I will take a report by email, phone, or letter. Come on ladies! Let get everyone reported!!!

District 1--100%

District 2--100%

District 3--2239 and 6364 yet to go!

District 4--5513 Come on! You can do this!

District 5--8467 Come on! You can do this!

District 6-- 100!

District 7--621, 2123, 8613, 9292, 9872 Git-R-Done!

District 8--100%

District 9--100%

District 10--8241, 9478 Come on Sisters!

District 11--2216, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826 Git-R-Done!

District 12--1994, 8652, 9600 Come in Sisters!!

District 13--1827 Come on! You can do this!

Spring is just around the corner. We will begin work in our yards and gardens soon. Our legislative work is never done. Fight the fight to keep legislation positive for our veterans and their families. Stay in contact with legislators. Don't let veterans fight the fight alone.

My Viet Nam veteran husband, Jackie, recently said that he and others had given the U.S citizens a blank check with their lives, for services and devotion to their country and its citizens, for whatever amount but not limited to their deaths, signed and dated upon enlistment. What do we owe our veterans?? What do they asked in return for their service? Is it too much to give so little of our time? Is it too much to give them and the symbols of our great nation **respect?**

God Bless and Keep the United States United and Strong!

Deborah J. Branham

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

April 2009

**To: District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Treasures, Membership Chairmen
and Auxiliary members.**

**CC: Colette Bishop, National Membership Director
Susan Simmons, Southern Conference Chairman**

**From: Betty Gimble, Department Membership Chairman
12604 Harbor Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192
Email: nanagimble@comcast.net 703-491-9249**

**“Live a life of love while serving the needs of others” and
“Our Dreams Become Rainbows”**

YES WE CAN!

Ladies, we can do this. We are so close. According to the Banner Report that is included the Department is at 96.07% and we only need 336 members to be 100%. President Mary and I appreciate all of your hard work but now is the time for the final push. We know that these last few are the hardest to collect, but give it a big try. Check with your Treasurer and see who has not paid their dues for the last few years and contact them personally. One of the awards at the June Convention will be given to the person who RECRUITS and/or REINSTATES the most members during March, April and May. The Auxiliary Treasurer must send the attached form to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, by JUNE 6TH.

If you would like to have a recruiting event during April or May and would like for me to attend, please call me. I am here to help in anyway that I can. If you succeed, then the Department succeeds.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **\$50 to each Auxiliary that increases NEW Life Memberships (Transfers do not apply) by 10% of their June 30, 2008 total membership between July 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009, and received at National Headquarters by May 15,**

- **2009. Auxiliaries with membership of 300 or more will only be required to secure 30 new Life Memberships to qualify.**
- **\$100 to the District and an “Our Dreams Become Rainbows” Plate to the District President and Membership Chairman of each District obtaining 100% in membership and received at National Headquarters by April 30, 2009.**
- **\$200 to the District for obtaining 110% in Membership received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2009.**
- **\$300 to each Department attaining 100% of 2009 membership received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2009.**
- **\$250 to each Department who attains 100% of 2009 membership received at National Headquarters by June 30, 2009.**

CONGRATULATIONS to DISTRICT 13 for attaining 104.56%, DISTRICT 12 for attaining 101.61% and DISTRICT 10 for attaining 100.00%. WAY TO GO LADIES!!

Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of Virginia Membership Award

Membership Award

The Ladies Auxiliary member who recruits the most new or reinstated members during March, April and May.

Name of New or Reinstated Member	Date mailed to Department Treasurer

Name and Address of Recruiter:

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer's Signature: _____

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #: _____

Auxiliary Treasurer, please send this form to the Department Treasurer:

Debbie Martin
539 Westwood Drive
Ruckersville, VA 22949

Department Treasurer's Signature: _____

Any questions? Please contact Betty Gimble, Membership Chairman at 703-491-9249 or at nanagimble@comcast.net



President's Special Project

National Kidney Foundation

The Auxiliaries that have not reported to me but have sent their donation to Debbie Martin, Department Treasurer, I would also like a report. Thank You

District #1 Aux. 824	District #8 –Aux. 2524, Aux. 3103
District #2 – Aux. 4809, Aux. 9382	District #11 – Aux. 2216, Aux. 9339, Aux. 8279
District #3 – Aux. 8356, Aux. 10654	District #12- 9830
District #4 – Aux. 622, 8759	District #13 - 1827
District #6 – 1033, Aux. 7854	
District #7 – Aux. 621	

The Auxiliaries that have reported to me but not to the Department Treasurer Debbie Martin. Please send in your donation and if you have sent in your donation contact Debbie to see if she has received it.

District #3 -Aux. 6364, Aux. 8046
District #5 – Aux. 7800
District #10 – Aux. 7916

Auxiliaries who have not sent in any reports or donations to the Department Treasurer or myself the President's Special Project Chairman.

District #1 – Aux. 4856, Aux. 8252	District #2 – Aux. 993
District #3- Aux. 1426, Aux. 2239, Aux. 3125, Aux. 10657	
District #4 – Aux. 637-Aux.2584- Aux. 5313-Aux.7897-Aux. 8163-Aux.8617-Aux. 8902-Aux.9855	
District #5- Aux. 1115-Aux.2820-Aux.8467	
District #6-Aux.1444-Aux.5311	
District #7-Aux. 2123-Aux.8613-Aux.9292-Aux.9872	
District #9-Aux.7328-Aux.9640	
District#11-Aux.9480-Aux.10826-Aux.3136-Aux.4204-Aux.7814	
District #12- no reports	
District#13- Aux. 2217-Aux.7638-Aux.8169-Aux.8436-Aux.10546-Aux.10574	

Thank You to every District , Auxiliary and every member who has donated to the President's Special Project.

Mary Smart
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Chairman

For: Department President, PDPs, Line Officers, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, V&FS Chairmen, Members, National Program Director and Southern Conference Program Chairman

"Our Dreams Become Rainbows"

"Live a Life of Love while Meeting the Needs of Others"

Bottom Line Up Front

The Virginia House and the VFW National Home THANKS YOU!

The donations for the Virginia House at the VFW National Home for Children have been great. There have some repairs needed. Please see the section under the National Home for more details. And KEEP THOSE DONATIONS COMING!

- ***The form for submission of the Buddy Poppy displays is again contained in this promotion. Let me know by May 31st if you and/or your Post will be submitting a display. Please see the section under Buddy Poppy for more information.***
- ***Our military families need our help this spring. Consider making a donation to the VFW National Military Services so the VFW can allocate funds to provide assistance where needed. Remember that a donation to the VFW National Military Services gives you credit for 2 areas of Veterans and Family Support for your banner.***

Ladies, your work with the veterans and their families has been outstanding. You are shining stars and helping Dreams Become Rainbows! Please continue to do what you do because the veterans appreciate all of it.

This is the last full general order before our Department Convention; please take a look at the reporting information on the last page. If you believe that your auxiliary has completed more areas of the V&FS program than is shown, please contact me and I will let you know what I have received and how it was credited.

Veterans & Family Support

Ladies, you have been wonderful this year through your various donations, fundraisers, and reporting. Don't let this be the end of your generosity. Plan to have some summer cookout fundraisers or yard

sales to raise funds for our veterans and their families. Keep those donations coming!

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

Many of our troops will be coming home this summer. Plan a welcome back event at your post home to show them you care. Team up with another organization and make the event memorable. Remember that MAP monies are available for this – see your Post Quartermaster or Post Service Officer for the forms.

UNMET Needs Program

Can you offer you time to tutor a small child, babysit, or assist someone with transportation to the doctors or the grocer store? Perhaps you are skilled in construction or you know someone who is. Let our Post Service Officer know of the assistance that can be given. He/She can let the UNMET Needs Program know of this expertise. Your name will then be put on a list of volunteers for the skill and may be called upon to assist a family or veteran.

What a great way to show your support and to feel great about sharing your skills.

Operation Uplink

A soldier returning from Iraq recently told me that he really appreciated the Operation Uplink cards. He said that hearing the voice of his wife and child gave him the courage and determination to continue with his quest and return home to them.

Remember that our soldiers stationed in other parts of the world (Korea, England, Turkey, Germany, etc.) also receive the cards and use them to keep in contact with loved ones back here at home. Keep those donations coming!

Adopt-A-Unit Program

Ladies those auxiliaries that have adopted a unit or who have provided "care packages" to soldiers need to continue the work. Just because our Auxiliary year is coming to a close does not mean that you should stop providing for these men and women who are defending our freedom. Continue to support them and to show them that they are appreciated for the work they do.

Buddy Poppy



Is your Hat ready? Is your Display coming along?

I have hear that there are going to be some fantastic hats for our Hat Parade. Both President Mary and I can't wait to see the creative talents of you ladies. I hope that attendees will bring cameras because I want to see all of the hats and the sisters wearing them. The Hat Parade will take place during the President's luncheon – so, keep your hat hidden until we ask for March of Poppies.

Buddy Poppy Displays. Let the creative minds flow! I hope you are working on your Buddy Poppy displays for the convention. I would like to know how many displays we will have for the convention. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page and mail it to me or e-mail me the information. I want to be sure we have enough area to properly display them and show off the talent.

Displays will be set up in the corner area outside of our meeting room on Saturday (June 13th) only. Displays should be set up by 8:00 AM. Judging will take place on Saturday and winners announced Saturday afternoon. Judging will be based on effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used.

Please have all displays removed by 4 PM on Saturday. Please provide me the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display.

AUX or POST NO: _____

Number of Poppies in the display _____

Category (circle one)

- Public Promotion of the Buddy Poppy Campaign
- Memorial or Inspirational
- Artistic or Decorative
- Jr. Girls – Memorial or Inspirational

Form must be received by June 1, 2009.

Winners from each category will have the opportunity to take their displays to the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ (August 2009) and compete against winners from the other departments.

The categories for the displays are:

- Category 1:** Public Promotion of the Buddy Poppy Campaign (window, booth, parade, poster displays, promotions, etc.)
- Category 2:** Memorial or Inspirational Displays (wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)
- Category 3:** Artistic or Decorative Uses of Poppies (Post home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, etc.)
- Category 4:** Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Jr. Girls)

REMEMBER

- At least one poppy using in the display must be in its original form and color with label attached.
- Displays should be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4" X 6" in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewer or the judges.
- Post name, number or location **may not** be visible on the display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification.

The size of the display is not limited, however, the area that you have to set up somewhat confined. Please be considerate and use the space wisely.

VFW National Home for Children



The Virginia House at the National Home has had to replace the furnace recently. If you have ever had to do this, you know that it is a huge necessary expense. Thanks to the donations from the Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the Department, the fund for the home was able to take care of this item

Please keep the donations coming. Every little bit helps. You can have an automatic



deduction to the National Home and the Virginia House.

Keep in mind that just the UPC labels are required NOT the entire label from the can. To find out more about the VFW National Home and the Campbell's product labels and much more, visit www.vfwnationalhome.org or contact your District Chairman.

Fisher House

Donations are needed for the upkeep and maintenance of each house and to supplement the stays of the families that come there. Thank you for what you have given so far and please continue to donate. The address for donations is:

Fisher House Foundation, Inc.
1404 Rockville Pike, Suite 600
Rockville, MD 20852

(Specify the Portsmouth, McGuire, or Walter Reed House)

Wreaths Across America

Please don't think that this is over because our auxiliary year is over. We have to start now to prepare for next year. Our goal should be to have a wreath for every veteran who is laid to rest. You can still make donations to Wreaths Across America. All donations will be used for the wreaths for next year. Start now to have fundraisers to purchase even more wreaths than we had this year.

VFW Service Officer Education

Remember that your Post Service Officer is an invaluable tool to the families of our veterans. The Service officer can provide assistance with eligibility and helping with the VA system for benefits.

Know who your service officer is from your Post and your District. Find out what you can do to help him/her with obtaining the benefits and the VA Healthcare System.



Sisters, plan for next year. Let's make sure that the children of our fallen heroes since the war on terrorism began have a wonderful experience at the 2009 Snowball Express. You can still donate. Every little bit helps; the smiles and expressions on the children are priceless.

Hold a special dinner or other fundraiser and donate your proceeds to Snowball Express. Take some pictures and send them to me. I will be sure to pass them on to the Snowball Express Organization to let them know what we are doing for this great program.

Scholarship Program

Well, the time has passed to submit an application for the scholarship for this year. But, if you or a family member still needs financial assistance for a higher education program, consider submitting next year. Take a look at the form from the January General Orders and see what is required. It is never too late to think about furthering your education.



Loyally,
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Veterans & Family Support News
 Department of Virginia
 April 2009

2008-2009

Reports as of 3/5/09

DIST	0 OF 5	1 OF 5	2 OF 5	3 OF 5	4 OF 5	5 OF 5	6+	
1	CONGRATULATIONS!					176 6002	7167 3219	824 5500
2		9382				392 993	3160 8545	4411 4809
3			1426 2239	9808 10387	9224	4639 6364 8046	8256 9501	10654 10657
4		2584 5313		637 8902 8759	8163	622 9954 8048		7059 8163 7166 9855 7819
5	2820					7800 8467		647 7568 1115 7726 4637 8243
6				634 1841 4522		1033		1264 5311 2157 7854
7		2123 8613	621 9292					1860 9760 2447 9872 9660
8					2524 3103	7589		
9		9640		7328				1184 7136 4667 7969 6000 9696
10		8241	9478	609 9274		3150		1503 7327 7916
11		4204 7814 8279 9480	10826	9339	632	2424 3136		1499 2216 8644
12	8652	1994 8979 9600 9830 10298				3782 8979		10310
13			7638	2217 8436		8947 10874		1827
%	1%	14%	6%	13%	5%	24%		37%

Auxiliaries, please check the table above. If you believe that you have completed more areas than are indicated, please contact me and we can discuss what I have received.

Also, if you have sent me multiple reports covering the same area, you are only credited for one area. For example, if you sent 3 Buddy Poppy reports, you have the 1 credit for Buddy Poppy.

REMEMBER – YOU MUST REPORT IN 5 OF THE 10 AREAS TO BE FULLY REPORTED IN VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT!

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN PROGRAM

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The 2008-2009 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs will be coming to a close very shortly. If you have not sent me a report, please do so by **April 30th**. I will not be accepting reports after this date for this year's programs. Check the charts below to see if your Auxiliary is shown and if so please mail a report.

The following Auxiliaries have not sent me a report. Even though the VFW has given you credit for doing the work, I also need you to give me a report.

District				
3	2239			
4	7819			
7	8613	9292		
8	3103			
10	1503			
11	10826			
12	1994	6975	8652	9600

Auxiliaries that have **NOT** reported to me for Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen as of March 10th:

District						
1	176	6002				
2	100% reported					
3	6364	9224				
4	NEED AUXILIARY REPORTS FROM ABOVE TABLE					
5	2820					
6	1444	1841	4522			
7	2123					
8	NEED AUXILIARY REPORTS FROM ABOVE TABLE					
9	100% reported					
10	8241					
11	632	2424	3136	4204	7814	9480
12	9830	10298	10310			
13	7638					

Thank you so much for the detailed reports that I have received so far. I look forward to giving my awards at the State Convention in June to those of you who have work and publicized these programs. By participating you have truly made "Our Dreams Become Rainbows".

It is now time to start planning for what you need to do for the 2009-2010 year. Turn over any information that you may have to the incoming chairman, to make her job easier for the coming year.

Themes for 2009-2010 are:

Voice of Democracy: **"Does America Still Have Heroes?"**

Patriot's Pen: **"When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?"**

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES/JUNIOR GIRLS
YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART
APRIL 2009**

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**“OUR DREAMS BECOME RAINBOWS”
“LIVE A LIVE OF LOVE WHILE SERVING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS”**

We are quickly approaching the end of our Auxiliary banner year. If you have not reported, please do so now! Those of you who have only reported in one activity have not earned your banner. Our banner requirements state that you must report in two activities.

I feel confident that each of you can easily report in two activities. Just take a moment to think about all the ways you touch the lives of youth in your community. By now all Auxiliaries should have paid their 25 cents per member to the Health and Happiness fund. That will count as one activity. When you see a bake sale sponsored by a school group or church youth group, did you stop and purchase something? Did you help a needy family with children during the Holidays? If not, please consider making a small donation to our Junior Girls Units. These young ladies are our future. Any money donated would be greatly appreciated.

DEADLINES ARE FAST APPROACHING

Junior Girls Scholarship

Junior Girls Ages 13-16 for Outstanding Leadership
Student Deadline – March 11, 2009

Young American Creative Patriotic Art – Grades 9-12

Student Deadline – March 31, 2009

Youth Supporting Our Troops Citation

Student or Youth Groups of all ages – National Deadline – April 10, 2009

Youth Citation – Campbell’s Labels for Education

Student or Youth Groups – May 15, 2009

Please check this list CAREFULLY!

BANNER REQUIREMENTS

REMEMBER – YOU MUST REPORT IN TWO ACTIVITIES FOR BANNER

As of MAR. 09, 2009

	NOT REPORTED	ONE ACTIVITY	2 OR MORE
District 1	100% REPORTED		176, 824, 3219, 5500, 6002, 7167
District 2	100% REPORTED		392, 993, 3160, 4411, 4809, 8545, 9382
District 3	1426, 2239, 6364, 8356, 9224, 10387	10654	4639, 8046, 9501, 9808, 10657
District 4	637, 2584, 5313, 8048, 8759	7059, 9954	622, 7166, 7819, 8163, 8902, 9855,
District 5	2820, 7800		647, 1115, 4637, 7568, 7726, 8243, 8467,
District 6	100% REPORTED		1033, 1264, 1444, 1841, 4522, 2157, 5311, 7854
District 7	100% REPORTED		621, 1860, 2123, 2447, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9760, 9872
District 8	2524	3103	7589
District 9	7328		1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7969, 9640, 9696
District 10	7916, 8241, 9478		609, 1503, 3150, 7327, 9274
District 11	2216, 2424, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826		632, 1499, 3136, 8279, 8644, 9339,
District 12	1994, 6975, 8652, 9600, 9830, 10310		3782, 8979,
District 13	10574	1827, 2217	7638, 8436, 8947,

WAYS AND MEANS

**PATRIOTIC QUILT WINNER WAS: ALLEN ZIRKLE – VFW POST 8979
WINNER OF 50/50 WAS: IRENE PETERS**

RED SHIRT SALES –

**You have until April 30TH to get your order and check for red shirts in (NO ORDER FORM REQUIRED). This will be the last order placed for these shirts. At this time of year, NO PERSONALIZED shirts will be ordered. THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET MARY'S RED SHIRT!
100% GOES TO WAYS & MEANS FUND—SUPPORT WAYS & MEANS!**

**Shirts will be available for pickup at June Convention. If you want your shirt mailed to you, add \$5 to the cost of the shirt. The price of the shirts are: \$25 – sizes Small, Medium, Large, X-Large
\$28 – sizes XX-Large, XXX-Large, XXXX-Large**

FOR THOSE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND CONVENTION, YOU MAY STILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES:

PATRIOTIC LONGABERGER BASKET RAFFLE: \$2 PER TICKET OR 3 TICKETS FOR \$5

50/50 RAFFLE: \$2 PER TICKET OR 3 TICKETS FOR \$5

PATRIOTIC TEDDY BEAR: \$1 PER TICKET OR 6 FOR \$5

If you want to participate in the above raffles, simply send me your name, address, and phone number along with the type raffle and how many tickets you want for each raffle. Tally up your money to be sure you send the correct amount and mail to me no later than June 5th. I will complete ticket stubs for you and insure they are in the drawing at Convention.

ALSO – contact me to order patriotic scarves, ties, and RADA knives by mail.

Sisters, it has been a true honor to serve as your Ways and Means Chairman this year and I thank you for your support.

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