

## HISTORIAN

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*January 2007*

**THIS IS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BECKY'S BOOK  
It has Holly on the top and side of it because  
As of December it's not very full as you can see by the empty pages  
below.**



*To: All Members of Ladies Auxiliary*

*If your Auxiliary has not reported to me PLEASE do your best to send me some pictures of what you're doing. Ladies I know your doing things, All you need to do is take a few minutes and snap a couple of pictures, get them developed and send to me.*

***NOTHING COULD BE SO EASY!!!***

*Record your Happenings, events, occasions and adventure, Americanism, School, Church, District Meeting's, VOD Awards , all that your Auxiliary does is the making of the History of the Department of Virginia  
SO WHY NOT RECORD IT IN OUR MEMORY BOOKS?*

*I look forward to all of you reporting to me now that the Holidays are over. Time should be a little more flexible for everyone.*

HERE IS THE LIST OF AUXILIARIES I HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS  
FROM AS OF DECEMBER 13,2006

District ONE - 176 - 824 - 3219 - 7167 – ONLY 4 MORE !

District TWO- 100% -GREAT !!

District THREE - 4639 - 9501 - 9808 - ALONG WAY TO GO!

District FOUR - 7819 - 7897 -8163 - 8228 - 8759 - 8902 - 9954

DOING GOOD JUST A FEW MORE TO GO !

District FIVE - 1115 - 7726 - TWO LONELY AUXILIARIES!

District SIX -1033 - 1264 - 1841-FIVE TO GO !

District SEVEN - 621-2216 - SO MANY MORE NEEDED!!

District EIGHT - 3103 - 7589- TWO TO GO !

District NINE - 1184 - 7136 - 7969 - FIVE TO GO!

District TEN – 609 – 7327 –SO MANY MORE NEEDED!

District ELEVEN - 632 - 2216 -TWO LONELY AUXILIARIES!

District TWELVE - 8979 - ONE LONELY AUXILIARY!

District THIRTEEN- 2217- 10574- TWO LONELY

AUXILIARIES!

As you can see we have a long way to go but I know you ladies will pick up the slack real soon. See my report form and Awards form and send your PICTURES IN TODAY! DON'T DELAY !!!

LOOK FORWARD TO MY MAIL BOX BEING FULL SOON!

THANKS, *Gloria Klinefelter*

**HISTORIAN**  
**2006 – 2007**  
**AWARDS AND REPORT FORM**

**THERE WILL BE THREE AWARDS THIS YEAR**

All Three Awards will be based on the content of the Pictures and information I receive on the report form I have made up.

First Place with a Citation and Check for \$20.00

Second Place will be a Citation and Check for \$15.00

Third Place will be a Citation and Check for \$10.00

A Citation and Check for \$10.00 to the Junior Girls Unit that participates.

(the units have an Historian too!)

Good Luck to everyone and Remember this is the HISTORY of your Auxiliary which effects the History of our Department. Lets Show President Becky a

Great Visual Year! All goes into the MEMORY BOOKS.

**REPORT FORM** (If more room is needed you can write on separate Sheet of paper)

Mail To: Gloria Klinefelter, Historian, 1120 Hazel Ave., Chesapeake, VA 23325

DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AUXILIARY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Historian or person sending report \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Pictures Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ c

(Pictures to be numbered on back) Brief description of What Picture is about,

Example District Meeting, Names of People in Picture (Left to Right)

Example; #1-Department Pres. Becky with District #8 President Betty Jo Bryant

On her Official Visit at District Meeting.

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Picture #1- Names- \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of Picture- \_\_\_\_\_

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To: Department President, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries, Hospital & VAVS Chairmen, and Members.

CC: National Hospital & VAVS Director, Rosetta Quatarone  
Southern Conference Hospital & VAVS Chairman, Cyleria Gerrets

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**HOSPITAL & VAVS PROGRAM  
January 2007**

Happy New Year! When you make your 2007 New Year's resolutions, remember to include our Veterans who are hospitalized. There are so many ways you can help improve their quality of life by giving your time to the VA Medical Centers by:

- Promoting the Hospitalized Veteran's Writing Program;
- Recruiting youth and adult hospital volunteers in your community;
- Attending special events;
- And most of all, giving of yourself on a regular basis as a volunteer.

Let us all work toward making their lives better in the upcoming year.

Hospital & VAVS Representatives for Salem, Hampton, McGuire and Martinsburg, WV – please continue to inform your Auxiliary volunteers of ways they can participate in your programs. With your guidance and enthusiasm, the VAVS programs can be successful all the time. If you have special programs in February, now is the time to let your volunteers know about them. Personally ask them to visit the Hospital you represent or to volunteer at one of its satellite nursing homes and clinics. The Auxiliary members want to help our veterans – direct them in finding ways to do so!

There are 20 Department Auxiliaries who have not donated their \$25.00 to the Hospital & VAVS fund. Without your monetary support, your VAVS Representatives cannot maintain the programs our hospitalized veterans have earned and deserve. Send your donation to the Department Treasurer, Debbie Martin, 539 Westside Drive, Ruckersville, VA 22968 and earmark your check to the Hospital & VAVS Fund.

Don't forget to send your monthly hospital reports to me – include number of volunteers, number of miles traveled, and amount of money spent for our hospitalized veterans.

February 1, 2007 is the deadline for nominations for the VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC) Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award. If your Auxiliary is nominating one of your members for this award, contact me as soon as possible. The form and information is available through the Hospital & VAVS Director, Rosetta Quatarone or National Headquarters.

Also, start your search for your Auxiliary volunteer for nomination as the Department of Virginia Hospital Volunteer of the Year. Additional information will be in the February promotion.

**Auxiliaries not reported in Hospital & VAVS as of December 12**

<b>District 1</b>	824, 5500, 8252	63%	<b>District 8</b>	1177	75%
<b>District 2</b>	All Reported	100%	<b>District 9</b>	4667	88%
<b>District 3</b>	All Reported	100%	<b>District 10</b>	8241, 8815, 9274	67%
<b>District 4</b>	637, 5313	88%	<b>District 11</b>	7814	92%
<b>District 5</b>	All Reported	100%	<b>District 12</b>	6975, 8652, 9600	44%
<b>District 6</b>	7854	88%		10298, 10310	
<b>District 7</b>	All Reported	100%	<b>District 13</b>	7638	86%

**Remember our Cherished Hospitalized Heroes  
Throughout the New Year**

*Kathy Birch*

Department Chairman  
Hospital & VAVS Program

January 2007

TO: DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS, DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, AUXILIARY CHAIRMEN, AND MEMBERS

## JUNIOR GIRLS

### **Happy New Year!**

I hope that the girls have enjoyed their holidays and are looking forward to the New Year and to being involved in some exciting activities.

*Junior Girls Unit 4809 is up to 21 girls in their unit. Way to go girls and hats of to the coordinators for a great job.*

I am still looking for reports from the two units in our great state. Jr. Girls 4809 have sent some great reports and I enjoy reading every one of them.

**I have not heard from the Jr. Girls Unit 8046. Please let me know what you have been doing and the projects the girls are working on.**

Now down to the good stuff. For the June Department Convention, I will be looking for great projects from our Jr. Girls. I will be giving an award for the best overall assistance to the auxiliary and a citation to the Jr. Girl that the Coordinator nominates for showing the most leadership, cooperation and involvement in the projects the unit works on. So, start looking at the Jr. Girls in your unit and provide me their names and their roles in the projects in the next few reports.

Now with Valentines Day and the spring time just around the corner, have the girls do a project or send a package to our Veterans in the VA Hospital or those currently serving in uniform. Virginia is blessed to have so many Military bases and posts within our borders, the girls could become pen-pals to a unit or a member of the Armed Forces at one of our installations. If you would like some suggestions as to units or bases that you could contact, please let me know.

For the other Auxiliaries across our state, FORM A JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT TODAY!! ASK ME HOW!

**Lorraine (Laine) Beckwith**, Chairman

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# DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE – JANUARY 2007

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As we begin 2007, let us be mindful of the great responsibility that we share as the champions of America's "Cherished Heroes". Our veterans have shouldered the burden throughout history to keep our Nation safe and allow us to proudly say "We are Americans!" We have a responsibility to all veterans and their families to insure they receive the recognition, honor, and monetary benefits to which they are entitled. The Government does not GIVE our veterans anything; veterans have EARNED every benefit they receive! We must fight to make sure those benefits continue.

Sisters, I was very impressed with the reported activities this past month. Now that the elections are over, we must remain vigilant and voice our endorsement of legislation pertaining to our veterans and national security. Letters and e-mails have proven to be the most popular means of contacting your legislative representatives...keep those lines of communication open. We must constantly encourage our elected officials to honor the promises made to our veterans.

## THE CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to Auxiliaries #7897 and #8759 (District 4), #7568 (District 5), #1444 (District 6), #8613 (District 7), #6000 (District 9) and #1499 (District 11) for having met last month's challenge.

The two-part challenge for this month is a continuance from last month as well as one new requirement:

- Mail a copy of the attached letter #1 to each of the legislators listed at the bottom of that letter. These representatives have failed to support veteran issues when they came before the House of Representatives.
- Mail attached letter #2, congratulating Senator-Elect James Webb. Auxiliary and District Presidents (or Chairmen), you can make multiple copies (less the line which says "LETTER #2 - LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR-ELECT JAMES WEBB". Take them to your next meeting and obtain signatures of Auxiliary and VFW members (one signature per copy). Be sure each person prints his/her address under the signature. Once the copies are signed, you can mail all the letters in one envelope to Senator-Elect Webb. Send me the number of members and Auxiliary/Post #'s of those who signed...AND, YOU ARE REPORTED! I just one person sends in this letter, let me know...AND, YOU ARE REPORTED!

Both letters can be printed by going to the Legislative Alert portion of the Department's web-site: [www.vfwvvaux.org](http://www.vfwvvaux.org). At this web-site, you can get current legislative information or updates throughout the month. Use all available resources -- go on-line!

**"DAY ON THE HILL" IS JANUARY 18, 2007:** On January 18<sup>th</sup>, members of the VRW and its Ladies Auxiliary will visit the capital of Virginia to meet with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all members of the General Assembly. The purpose of this visit is to discuss important veteran issues such as:

- 1) Support of the DVS Strategic Plan and Budget and provide funding for a third State Veterans Cemetery and approve budget amendments to upgrade field offices, hire and train sufficient claims agents/administrative personnel to process claims quickly.
- 2) Appropriation of \$3.5 million in supplemental funds for construction of an Education Center at the Virginia War Memorial to accommodate a recent 300% increase in visitation by the public.
- 3) Appropriation of adequate funding to strengthen the Virginia National Guard in order for it to accomplish assigned missions and fully support the Virginia Army Reserves.
- 4) Request for state tax exemption for Virginia resident Active, Reserve and Guard personnel while serving on active duty outside the Continental United States and in an area of war or military conflict.
- 5) Request for legislation (Pay Day Lending Law) to curb the predatory, deceptive, fraudulent and usurious practices of certain businesses located outside the gates of military installations that prey on service members and other unsuspecting citizens of the Commonwealth. Such legislation would eliminate deceptive practices, require full disclosure, and place a cap on the annual interest rate charged on pay day loans.
- 6) Request for legislation to permit the American Flag to fly above the Interstate highways throughout Virginia. It should also specify that flags will be properly illuminated, flown in a respectful manner, and will not pose a road hazard or distraction to vehicular traffic. Purchase, Installation, and maintenance of the flags will be the responsibility of veteran organizations.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the day will begin with a 7:30am briefing at the Virginia War Memorial. VFW and Auxiliary members will travel by bus to the Capitol Office Building in Richmond and return to the Virginia War Memorial by bus following visits with legislators.

**VFW LEGISLATIVE ALERT:** Military Construction/VA Funding Bill (HR 5385) has been hijacked. The Military Construction/VA Appropriations funding bill has been put on hold after being passed on the Senate floor. In a partisan maneuver Senators Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, Jim DeMint of South Carolina and Jeff Sessions of Alabama with the blessing of the Senate leadership, have held up the appointment of conferees effectively stopping the veteran's funding package dead in its tracks.

This bill contains funding for FY 2007 veterans medical care, benefits, research, facilities construction and maintenance, as well as military housing and funding for the defense health care system. The outcome means VA and DOD health care must continue to run on last year's inadequate funding levels. With the ongoing war in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is unconscionable that Congress does not provide the funding needed to care for those in combat today and those who have worn the uniform in the past.

You are urged to contact your Senators and tell them to complete action on this critical funding bill (HR 5385). Tell them without the FY 2007 funding veterans face:

- Dramatic cuts in medical care funding
- Delayed and/or denied care
- Longer waiting lines to see a doctor
- Shortages in needed health care and VBA staff
- Delays in nursing home programs
- Delays or the end of improvements in Veterans State Nursing Homes
- Cuts in vital VA Medical Research

**AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED AS OF 12/15/06:**

District 1: 100% -- Congratulations!  
District 2: 100% -- Congratulations!  
District 3: 3125, 10387, 10657  
District 4: 8048, 8902

District 8: 100% -- Congratulations!  
District 9: 100% -- Congratulations!  
District 10: 9478  
District 11: 10826

District 5: 647, 7800, 8243, 8467  
District 6: 1264, 4522, 7854  
District 7: 100% -- Congratulations!

District 12: 3782, 6975  
District 13: 100% -- Congratulations!

Get your reports in -- be a District President who receives a "100% Reported" prize at Winter Council! Reports must be received by January 15<sup>th</sup> to meet these criteria. For those auxiliaries who have reported - please keep sending me additional information on your legislative activities - REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!!! Any Auxiliary that is listed above and HAS reported, please contact me immediately at (540) 463-6798 or [profitspeace@ntelos.net](mailto:profitspeace@ntelos.net) so the error can be corrected.

## NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS UPDATE

- 1. F-16 Pilot Missing in Iraq:** The Defense Department announced that Air Force Maj. Troy Gilbert has been listed as Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown. Gilbert was piloting an F-16C in support of coalition ground combat operations when it crashed approximately 20 miles northwest of Baghdad on Nov 27. Gilbert, from Luke AFB, AZ, was deployed to the 332nd Expeditionary Wing at Balad AB in Iraq. An investigation is ongoing. This brings to three the total number of missing and unaccounted-for American servicemen from the Iraq War. The others are Army Sgt. Matt Maupin, missing since April 2004, and Army Spc. Ahmed Altaie, missing since October 2006.
- 2. A VFW First: Hookup with Baghdad:** In coordination with the Department of Defense, a conference call took place this week between VFW state leadership and the Multi National Force-Iraq spokesman in Baghdad, Army Maj. Gen. Bill Caldwell. The 30-minute call on Tuesday started with an update on the latest developments and activities in Iraq, and ended with a question and answer period. The discussion included information on the F-16 that crashed on Monday and the missing pilot; the ongoing search for the soldier kidnapped in October; troop strength issues; fighting hotspots; and the success stories that are not being reported in the mainstream media. This was a great opportunity for VFW leaders at the state level to receive first-hand information from a senior American office on the ground. Participating states were Oklahoma, Florida, Colorado, South Carolina, Missouri, N. Dakota, Nevada, Delaware and Kentucky, as well as senior VFW Washington Office staff and VFW National Security Committee Chairman Richard Eubank. In the future, the VFW will be provided with other opportunities to talk with DOD officials - in a similar format - about Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, Pentagon readiness, retention, health care, training and other topics, as they become available.
- 3. NATO Sets Priorities at Summit:** Meeting in the Latvian capitol of Riga, NATO heads of state and government endorsed the Comprehensive Political Guidance, a major policy document that sets out the priorities for all Alliance capability issues, planning disciplines, and intelligence for the next 10 to 15 years. The Guidance analyzes the probable future security environment, acknowledging the possibility of unpredictable events. It recognizes that for the foreseeable future, the principal threats to the Alliance are terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, as well as failing states, regional crises, the misuse of new technologies, and a disruption in the flow of vital resources. The Guidance underlines the requirement for NATO forces to remain balanced, flexible and agile, and able to conduct the full range of its missions, from high to low intensity, and emphasizes the likelihood that NATO will need to carry out a greater number and range of smaller operations. Among the different requirements outlined, the document defines NATO's top priorities, starting with joint expeditionary forces and the capability to deploy and sustain them in the field.
- 4. New Passport Rules for Air Travel:** The Departments of Homeland Security and State announced the official requirement for citizens of the United States, Canada, Mexico and Bermuda to present a passport to enter the United States when arriving by air from any part of the Western Hemisphere beginning Jan. 23, 2007. This change in travel document requirements is the result of recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission. The only acceptable alternative documents to a passport for air travel will be the Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) and the NEXUS Air card. The MMD is issued by the U.S. Coast Guard to U.S. merchant mariners, and the NEXUS Air card is issued to citizens of Canada, the U.S., and to lawful permanent residents of both countries who meet certain eligibility requirements. The NEXUS Air card may only be

accepted when used in conjunction with the NEXUS Air program. The MMD card may only be accepted when used on official business by U.S. citizen merchant mariners. Members of the U.S. military, when traveling on official orders, may continue to present their military ID cards and orders for entry. A separate proposed rule addressing land and sea travel will be published at a later date, with specific requirements for travelers entering the U.S. through land and sea border crossings.

5. Korea War MIAs Identified: The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of two U.S. Army servicemen, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors. They are Master Sgt. Robert V. Layton of Cincinnati and Pfc. Charles H. Long of Durand, IL. Layton was assigned to the 32nd Infantry Regiment when he was killed in action along the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea in 1950. Long was assigned to the 31st Infantry Regiment when he was killed in action in 1953 north of the DMZ, on what came to be known as Pork Chop Hill.

6. TMC Meets With ASD/RA: As a member of the Guard & Reserve subcommittee of The Military Coalition, VFW National Security & Foreign Affairs Director Mike Wysong attended a two-hour roundtable lunch meeting with Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Tom Hall, on Tuesday. The open dialog centered on three main topics: stress on the force from frequent mobilizations and rotations; equipping, training and providing for an operational force; and benefits, to include the GI Bill, retirement and healthcare. Also in attendance was Army Reserve Maj. Gen. James A. Kelley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (Readiness, Training, & Mobilization), and Marine Corps Reserve Sgt. Maj. Joseph A. Staudt, the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Secretary.

7. Reserve Component Mobilization: The total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 78,379; Navy Reserve - 4,991; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve - 5,725; Marine Corps Reserve - 7,006; and the Coast Guard Reserve - 363. This brings the total number of mobilized Guard and Reserve personnel to 96,464, a decrease of 513 from last week.

Letter # 1 -LETTER TO THOSE REPRESENTATIVES NOT SUPPORTING VETERAN ISSUES

Insert Name and Address from list

Dear Mr. (or Mrs.) \_\_\_\_\_:

As a registered voter in your voting district, I am writing to inform you that I am a staunch supporter of veterans and all legislation which affects them and their dependents. Veterans' benefits are a solemn promise made by the United States Government to service members. We must exercise vigilance to insure these promises are not broken!

Recently the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Political Action Committee (VFW-PAC) sent you a detailed questionnaire which focused on 2006-2007 VFW Legislative Priority Goals, VA Budget, VA Benefits and Compensation, Veteran Education, Military Retirees, and National Security and Defense. Your response to this questionnaire (or lack of response), along with your written voting record, indicate that you have not supported or do not place sufficient importance on legislation benefiting our veterans.

I ask that you re-evaluate the importance of these critical veteran and national security/defense issues. I ask that you vote favorably for veteran's benefits and other legislation which affect veterans. Since you are an elected representative of this district and the Commonwealth of Virginia, I charge you with the responsibility to insure that veterans' benefits and national security/defense are not jeopardized due of lack of interest of our legislators.

Sincerely,

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Addressees for Letter #1:

**The Honorable Eric Cantor, 7<sup>th</sup>**  
2187 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
1201 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**The Honorable Jo Ann Davis, 1<sup>st</sup>**  
1123 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Bob Goodlatte, 6<sup>th</sup>**  
2240 Rayburn House Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Randy Forbes, 4<sup>th</sup>**  
307 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Tom Davis, 11<sup>th</sup>**  
2348 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-4611

LETTER #2 - LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR-ELECT JAMES WEBB:

The Honorable Senator-Elect James Webb  
United States Senate  
Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator-Elect Webb:

Congratulations on your recently won election! As a new United States Senator you will be asked to consider legislation on a variety of issues...none more important than that affecting our veterans.

As a registered voter in Virginia, I am writing to inform you that I am a staunch supporter of veterans and all legislation which affects them and their dependents. Veterans' benefits are a solemn promise made by the United States Government to service members. We must exercise vigilance to insure these promises are not broken!

The Veterans of Foreign Wars-Political Action Committee (VFW-PAC) monitors legislation which is focused on 2006-2007 VFW Legislative Priority Goals, VA Budget, VA Benefits and Compensation, Veteran Education, Military Retirees, and National Security and Defense. I would like to suggest that you familiarize yourself with the function of this worthy organization and develop a working relationship with VFW-PAC so that sufficient importance is placed on legislation benefiting our veterans.

I ask that you recognize the importance of these critical veteran and national security/defense issues. I ask that you vote favorably for veteran's benefits and other legislation which affect veterans. Since you are an elected representative of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I charge you with the responsibility to insure that veterans' benefits and national security/defense issues are not jeopardized due of lack of interest of our legislators.

Show our veterans that their sacrifices are appreciated - vote PRO-VETERAN!

Sincerely,

# ***MEMBERSHIP***

January 2007

Happy New Year, Ladies! With your help, dedication, loyalty, and enthusiasm, we can be most encouraged as we enter 2007, when we examine these membership statistics.

## **District Percentages as of December 9, 2006**

District 1	66.42%	District 8	92.37%
District 2	81.71%	District 9	60.16%
District 3	93.52%	District 10	79.00%
District 4	80.47%	District 11	73.47%
District 5	81.89%	District 12	59.65%
District 6	75.97%	District 13	66.42%
District 7	81.78%		

As of December 9, our **Department Membership stands at 77.62%**. A month ago, our percentage was 65.65%. Continuing at that same rate of momentum, I'm confident by the time you receive this mailing, the Department Membership will be at or above 85%!

Although it's been many years since our National Organization reached 100% in Membership, an urgent plea, a challenge, has been given by our National President to re-dedicate ourselves to attain 100% by June 2007. It must start at the local unit and many of you accepted this challenge. You have done so, because "**You Believe in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW!**"

To-date these are the Auxiliaries that have 100% or better:

**Dist. 3:** 3125, 100%; 8046, 101.69%; 9501, 100%; 10387, 105.26%; 10654, 100%;

6364 100%; **Dist 4:** 5313, 100%; 8228, 100%; **Dist 5:** 7568, 137.5%

**Dist 6:** 2157, 100%; **Dist 7:** 8613, 116%; 9660, 100%; **Dist 8:** 7589, 100%

**Dist 9:** 1187, 100%; **Dist 10:** 609, 105.26%; 7327, 100.85%; **Dist 11:** 7814, 127.27%; 9480, 108.7%; **Dist 12:** 1994, 102.94%; 8979, 103.23%; **Dist 13:** 2217, 104.55%

The Banner Report gives great detail and this is interesting: sixty-six Auxiliaries have met or exceeded 80% membership. Of these, fifty-two have met or exceeded 85%; and, at this time, 20 have met or exceeded 100%.

Although it is disappointing to note there are 15 Auxiliaries that have less than 50%, there is still time for these Auxiliaries to **renew, reinstate, and recruit members** and thus show **They Believe in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW**. Their very first step may be as simple as sending out dues reminders.

National recognized that awards can re-awaken our interest and our re-dedication. Many new awards were established. For qualifying Auxiliaries that reached 100% by November 30, National will award them \$50. For Auxiliaries who reached 100% by December 29, National will award Auxiliaries \$25. There will also be an award of \$25 to each Auxiliary that achieves 10% of their total June 30, 2006 membership as Life Members between July 1, 2006 and June 15, 2007. (Auxiliaries with membership 300 or over will only be required to get 30 Life Memberships.) These Life Memberships must be received at National Headquarters by June 20, 2007.

When we succeed in achieving 100% membership, we will strengthen ourselves as a strong, viable organization both locally, state-wide, and Nationally. We will have a louder voice that Congressmen may ignore only at its peril. The recognition from National is an award of \$200 to each Department with 100% of its 2007 Membership received at National Headquarters by December 29. \$50 to each Department with 100% of its 2007 membership received at National Headquarters by April 1, 2007. \$500 to each Department who obtains 100% of its 2007 Membership received at National Headquarters by June 29, 2007.

Remember, Ladies, the monetary awards from National goes into our Department Treasury and helps defray Department operating expenses, one of which is this mailing of General Orders and promotional material from Program Chairmen.

So, Ladies, let's not take anything for granted. Please remind members, "***We Believe in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW.***" The help of all members is needed for the Department to reach our goal of 100% Membership!

If you need a little push to get started attached is a ***Membership Exercise Program*** recommended for all members, regardless of weight or age, furnished by Sissy Borel, Southern Conference Membership Chairman.

Auxiliary Presidents, once again, kindly remind your Auxiliary Treasurer to turn-around dues ***as early and quickly as possible.***

***I am here for you, to support your efforts and assist your success,  
for I Believe in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW!***

*Above and Beyond  
The Power of Faith  
In the Spirit of America,  
We Are the Champions of  
America's Cherished Heroes, for*

MEMBERSHIP EXERCISE PROGRAM  
(Must work at daily for maximum results)

Membership is like a great exercise program. REMEMBER YOU GET OUT OF IT, WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT!

(As you read this, do exercise moves when you see capitalized words. You can make them up as you go, but remember to keep it going.)

To get the best results, you have to **PUSH & WORK** (you will want to push out and in with your hands and maybe walk in place.)

Always start with an organizing warm up. – **GATHER** your recruiting tools and resources (**REACH & PULL TOWARDS YOU** from all directions) and don't forget to **BREATHE**.

Start by **PULLING IN** your active and positive Sisters to help. Then **PUSH** them out into the community to help reach your goals.

We all start from the bottom, so think of it like lying on the floor. (**LAY DOWN** on your back to do a sit up.) As you **SIT UP**, this is collecting the easy dues. Now **REACH FOR THOSE TOES**, this is when we have to really push the envelope daily to get the rest of the dues.

O.K., assume the doggy stance – and get down on all fours to really get into it. (Get down on your hands and knees **KICK OUT** with force and **REACH** at the same time. We need to kick out negative attitudes and actions and reach for all those old, new, and reinstated members with a strong outreach.

Oh man – now you have the heart of the Auxiliary really going now, so now you need to add some **TWISTS, TURNS, & BENDS**. This means to come up with new and interesting ideas for getting new members and, remember, there are always going to be **UPS & DOWNS** as you go.

O.K. As you reach a set goal, remember to celebrate by **JUMPING & CELEBRATING** (Do a **JUMPING JACK**).

A reminder: As with our bodies (**TURN AND SHOW YOUR BEAUTIFUL BODY PROFILE**), this daily membership exercise program will produce some good looking Auxiliaries.

So daily **BEND, REACH, & TWIST** for membership. Your Auxiliary will be whipped into shape in no time and you can **DO THE VICTORY DANCE** (make up your own little dance for the end. I did the one where you push your arms out and around while you move your hips.)

Sissy Borel, Southern Conference Membership Chairman, 2006-2007

## PUBLICITY PROGRAM JANUARY 2007

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*TO: Department President, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents,  
Auxiliary Presidents and Chairmen*

**“In the Spirit of America—We Are the Champions of America’s Cherished Heroes”  
“Above and Beyond The Power of Faith”**

The holidays are over and now it's “back to work time.” I have received wonderful reports from many of our Auxiliaries. However, a large number of you have not reported. I would like to inform each District President at Winter Council that her District is 100%. I cannot do this unless and until you have submitted a report.

How did you reach out to our veterans and your community during the holidays? Did you have a dinner, dance or Christmas party for the children? Did you post flyers to advertise the event? If so, please send me a copy. It will count as a report.

Did you visit veterans or prepare “goodies baskets” for the less fortunate or members of the military? Were the Junior Girls involved in these activities? Did you send cards to our troops? How did you inform your members about these events? Articles in your newsletter or newspaper keep everyone informed. Don't forget. Send your report today.

### **AUXILIARIES NOT REPORTED:**

District 1 - 176, 4856, 5500, 6002, 8252

District 2 - 4808

District 3 - 1426, 2239, 3125, 8046, 8356, 9224, 10387, 10654

District 4 - 637, 2584, 5313, 8228, 8759, 8902

District 5 - 647, 4639, 7726, 7800, 8243, 8467

District 6 - 1264, 1444, 4522, 5311, 7854

District 7 - 2123

District 8 - 1177, 2524, 3103

District 9 - 4667, 7328, 9640

District 10 - 609, 1503, 7327, 7916, 8241, 8815, 92784, 9478

District 11 - 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 9480, 10826

District 12 - 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310

District 13 - 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10546, 10574

**Phyllis Stokes  
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**Another year is over. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are taking a little detour on our journey this month.**

**It is time for everyone to start getting those reports in. I know you all probably did something over the holidays to help our Veterans and their families. You just have to report it. Did you make food baskets? Did you help a family in need? Did you send a package to our “CHERISHED HEROES” IN THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA?**

**Go Above and Beyond the Power of Faith. Let’s see if we can get all Auxiliaries reported by fall Council in January. I have the “Faith” I know you can do it.**

**Here is a list of Auxiliaries NOT REPORTED as of December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**District:**

**1---- 5500, 8252(almost there)**

**2----9382(just 1 more)**

**3---1426, 3125, 4639,8356,9501,10387,10657**

**4---622,637,5313,7166,7897,8048,8163,8228,8617,9855,9954**

**5---647, 4637, 7800, 8467**

**6---1444, 4522, 5311, 7854**

**7---2123, 9872**

**8---1177, 2524**

**9---4667, 7328, 7969, 9640,**

**10---8241, 8815, 9274**

**11---1499, 2424, 3136,4204,7814,9339,9480,10826**

**12---1994, 3782,6975,8652,8979,9600,9830,10298,10310**

**13---1827, 2217, 7638,8947,10546**

**Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Virginia  
VFW National Home for Children  
January 2007**

The holidays are over, the decorations are put away, and now it's time for New Year's Resolutions! My resolution is to have the Department of Virginia fully 100% reported as soon as possible! The VFW National Home is one of our most shining programs. Our support is vital to their very existence!

Remember the fund-raiser sponsored by General Motors last spring, to coincide with the Memorial Day Weekend? Here are the details as to where the money is going - A new duplex to be built for the National Home residents. Scheduled for completion in spring 2007, the two-family home will house residents of the National Home's various family programs that serve single parent families, families of deployed service members and the families of disabled veterans participating in VA Vocational Rehabilitation. The National Home also offers long-term residential services for children in a family-like home environment.

Each side of the 2,400 plus-square-foot duplex will include three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The brick structure was selected to fit current program needs while fitting seamlessly within the campus neighborhood of over 70 buildings, including 36 individual family homes and one other duplex.

This will be the second new housing construction at the National Home since 1966 and closely follows the completion last summer of a duplex built and sponsored by the National Veterans Affairs Department of the United Auto Workers.

It is great to get so much support from an outside organization, but we can not rely on outside efforts. A recent budget spreadsheet for the Virginia House shows them to be needing funds - very badly! When making a contribution, please earmark the funds for our own Virginia House. The current family in the Virginia House is someone from one of our own Virginia Auxiliary family, so we are helping our own when we send support to Virginia House.

District Presidents, it is now that time of your term to please check to see which of your Auxiliaries has not reported. I am confident that by the January Council meeting in Williamsburg we can give President Becky a report of 100%. I know that she would really appreciate all of your efforts. And it would be great for the Department as well.

Auxiliary Presidents, if your auxiliary is not reported, please send in a report right away. I take them over the phone (703) 680-3869 - and my answering machine works! I will also take them via email: [vfwbabe@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwbabe@yahoo.com) and finally, snail mail - also known as the U.S. Postal Service - 13361 Prospect Ct., Dale City, 22193.

To those Auxiliaries that have sent in 25¢ instead of just 10¢ per member - thank you so very much and there'll be a little something extra for you at awards time. For those that haven't, please consider raising your donation to 25¢. Every little bit makes a big difference. For your banner, the requirement is only 10¢ per member, but that extra 15¢ is really welcome.

I'm still looking for your recipes. Please send them to me either on a separate piece of paper or via email. Include your auxiliary/district numbers. Those that I have seen so far look great. I knew we had good cooks in the Dept. of Virginia. Remember to use as many of the Campbell's products as possible in the recipe. Happy cooking!

And unfortunately, a couple of Auxiliaries have reported sending in the boxtops for education. They aren't being accepted at National Home at this time. While the local school may be able to accept them, they don't count towards your contributions for National Home. Sorry about that.

Auxiliaries that have **NOT** reported:

District	Auxiliary #
1	5500, 6002, 8252
2	9382
3	3125, 4639, 8046, 8356, 9334, 10387, 10657
4	637, 5313, 7819, 8228, 8617, 9954
5	4637, 7568, 7800, 8243, 8467
6	1033, 1264, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
7	621, 2447
8	1177, 7589
9	4667, 7136, 7328, 9640, 9696
10	8241, 8815, 9274, 9478
11	632, 1499, 2424, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 10826
12	1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 9600, 9830, 10298, 10310
13	1827, 2217, 7638, 8947, 10546, 10574

Let's see if we can make this list grow smaller!

Loyally,

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Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season.

We have elections behind us now. I hope those elected will do a bang up job for our Cherished Heroes.

You can do your part by going Above and Beyond the Power of Faith. Make your donations to PAC and send me a Report.

Send your donations to VFW-PAC, 200 Maryland Avenue N.E., Washington DC 20002.

Ladies I have bad news. I did not have a District to be 100% by December 1, 2006. I do have some very nice reports and some very nice donations, but not nearly enough. There are 50 auxiliaries that have not reported.

Those of you that have not reported hold a fundraiser and get your report in. Those that have reported, feel free to hold another fundraiser and send another report. We cannot do enough for our Cherished Heroes. Remember all auxiliaries who donate \$25.00 or more, will receive a certificate.

The following list is the auxiliaries that **HAVE NOT REPORTED;**

District # 1 - 5500 -6002 - 8252  
District # 2 - 4809 ONE TO GO  
District # 3 -1426 - 3125 - 8046 - 8356 - 9224 - 10387 - 10654 - 10657  
District # 4 - 637 - 2584 - 5313 - 7136 - 8228 - 8759  
District # 5 - 4637 - 8243 - 8467  
District # 6 - 1444 - 4522 - 7854  
District # 7 - 2123 ONE TO GO  
District # 8- 1177 ONE TO GO  
District # 9 CONGRADULATIONS  
District # 10 - 1503 - 7916 - 8241 - 8815 - 9274 - 9478  
District # 11 - 2216 - 2424 - 4208 - 10862  
District # 12 - 1994 - 3782 - 6975 - 8652 - 9600 - 9830 - 10298 - 10310  
District # 13 - 1827 - 7638 - 8436 - 8967 - 10546 - 10574

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Sue Barrie

General Orders No. 6 January 2006  
**PATRIOTIC ART/VOICE OF DEMOCRACY**

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Happy New Year!

Patriotic Art contest should now underway in the schools. Our youth express the ***Spirit of America*** through their patriotism as shown through their creativity! Go **above and beyond the power of faith** to make the programs of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW a huge success.

In order for the Auxiliary to earn its banner, the Auxiliary **must** participate in **one or both** of these contests. Even if your Auxiliary submitted the information to the schools, but did not receive any entries, **report it!** You put forth the effort, so report and get credit for that effort!

**NOTE: any type of report sent in must indicate that the programs (VOD & Patriotic Art) were promoted in the school; some received do not mention them. If several auxiliaries feed into the same school districts, sponsor the programs together and share in the cost of rewards.**

***Patriotic Art***

***New News Alert!!!***

Ladies Auxiliaries can now set up a perpetually established scholarship for the Young American Patriotic Art program at the National level costing \$500.00 which requires a one-time investment of \$12,500.00. Awards can be increased in increments of \$500.00 up to \$2,000.00. The following chart indicates the investment required for each scholarship:

<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>	<b>One-Time Investment</b>
\$ 500.00 scholarship	\$ 500.00	\$12,500.00
\$1000.00 scholarship	\$1000.00	\$25,000.00
\$1500.00 scholarship	\$1500.00	\$37,500.00
\$2000.00 scholarship	\$2000.00	\$50,000.00

Scholarships are based on 12 months of accrual. A check for the full amount to establish a scholarship should be made payable to **Ladies Auxiliary VFW**. The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW retains the authority to invest the assets of the fund in such a manner as to perpetuate the annual award within the parameters as defined by the initial investment. Assets are reviewed annually to determine the future sponsorship of the award in cases where the return on the initial investment is less than the amount of the annual award.

\*\*\* Some school districts require that approval be made by the Superintendent or his/her designee...check with your local school board office on this issue.

Your auxiliary can focus on the Patriotic Art contest now that the VOD contest at the auxiliary level has ended. Placing this information in the schools now will ensure that the students have a full three months to channel their artistic talents for the Patriotic Art contest. **Reminder: ALL entries must be completed this school year.** See your President's handbook for all guidelines and "helpful hints". **And...consider sending the teachers,**





*Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
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Department of Virginia*

**2006 - 2007 Report Form**  
***Young American Creative Patriotic Art and Voice of Democracy***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] Auxiliary President [ ] Auxiliary Chairman

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art**



No. of Schools given scholarship information: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Presentations Made: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Schools Participated: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Students participated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Promotion of the Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Spent (Awards, Promotional Events, Flyers, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to Young American Creative Patriotic Art Escrow Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Fundraising Events: \_\_\_\_\_

**Voice of Democracy**



Did the Post and Auxiliary work together? \_\_\_\_\_  
Details of the assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Schools Participated: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Students participated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Entries Forwarded to District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Promotion of the Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Spent (Awards, Promotional Events, Flyers, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Send Report to: Beverly B. Abbott, Chairman  
130 Brookview Rd  
Danville, VA 24540-3408



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*2006 - 2007 Donation Report Form*

**YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART Escrow Fund**

***District, Auxiliary, or Post Donation***

Post/Auxiliary Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post/Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post/Auxiliary Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Individual Donation***

Post/Auxiliary Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to write on your check: ***"Patriotic Art Escrow Fund"***

**MAIL YOUR DONATIONS TO:**  
Ladies Auxiliary VFW National HQ  
C/O Celia Davis, National Treasurer  
406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111-2731

**MAIL REPORT TO:**  
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January 2007

## *YOUTH ACTIVITIES*

### **“In the Spirit of America-We Are The Champions Of America’s Cherished Heroes”**

“Above and Beyond The Power of Faith”

Alas, a new year is upon us already. I hope your resolutions included preparing and mailing those wonderful reports that were set aside during the holiday rush. The work you have done is so very important and has benefit so many, so please take a few minutes to let me know how truly great you are.

Youth Activities is one of the most rewarding programs of the Ladies Auxiliary. The field is wide open for us to make a positive and lasting impression on the young people of our nation, We have the ability and resources to help form the foundation from which they can build their future on. It doesn’t matter if your auxiliary has a lot of funds or a small amount; it matters only that you care enough to be involved.

I received some very nice reports on “Supporting Our Troops.” We need to encourage our youth to do everything possible to learn about our Veterans and what they have done, and are continuing to do, for you and me in support of our country. I have not received many auxiliary reports for the Patriot’s Pen Program. If your Auxiliary did not sponsor this program, perhaps you assisted the Post, and if so, send me a report to let me know.

Perhaps you have sponsored a safety program in your church, school or scout program. If you help with, or sponsored, a Halloween party for the youth in your area, please send me a report. With the busy holidays, I am sure that your youth have participated in many projects, helping in their communities, i.e., parades, Christmas collection of food for the needy, ring Salvation Army bells; just send me a report.

Sisters, please send your reports in now, don’t wait until the last minute. There are so many programs in the month of December to do with our young people. So lets all work together “Above and Beyond the Power of Faith”.

**THE FOLLOWING AUXILIARIES REPORTED AS OF DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

District 1—176 , 824 , 3219, 4856	8—3103 , 7589
2--- 993, 3160,4411	9---7136, 7167, 6000
3--- 2239, 4639, 95019808, 10567	10---609, 7327
4--- 8048, 8163, 8228, 8759, 9954	11--- 2216, 8279, 8644, 9339, 9480
5--- 7568	12--- -0-
6---1033, 1841, 2157	13--- 8436, 10546
7---2447, 8613, 9660, 9760, 9872	

**I would like to wish everyone A Happy New Year!**

Remember to pray for our troops to come safely home to us and for their families who will be without them for the holidays!!

Betty Jo Department Chairmen