

**Must be read by the Auxiliary Secretary at the first meeting following receipt and filed for reference.**

1. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** As of November 2009, the Department's membership was 73%. While your efforts to retain, recruit and reinstate are working, we need to exert even more effort to involve more members in recruiting more new members, reinstating members, and striving to reach the Banner goal of 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Our National President, Jan Tittle, has asked every member to recruit or reinstate 20 members this year and be honored as an Aide-de-Camp at the 2010 National Convention in Indianapolis. A strong membership is a great way to strengthen our organization, help our veterans and let them know that **It's Time for America's Military Heroes.**
2. **DUES REMINDER MAIL-OUT:** The Department did send out Dues Reminders in mid-November 2009. Please check with your treasurer to see if you can help the Auxiliary achieve the 100% goal by sending out the second notice to your members or by calling members who have not paid 2009 or 2008 dues. The Department needs the members working together as a team to achieve our goal of 100% in membership
3. **SEC 110 – MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING:** “The calendar year for the Auxiliary is from January 1 through December 31. A member who has paid her dues through December 31 is in good standing. She ceases to be in good standing on January 1 immediately following the year for which her dues have been paid. She shall not again be in good standing until her dues have been paid for the current year.” Many members do not fully understand that failure to remain a “member in good standing” impacts eligibility to remain in Auxiliary meetings or hold office, eligibility for cancer grants, or eligibility for cancer insurance benefits. Members should be encouraged to pay their dues early so that they may be processed by the Department and National Treasurers prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY TREASURERS:** Please send dues to Department Treasurer, Mary Richards, 6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 as soon as you get them. Please make sure you have your last transmittal for 2009 to Department Treasurer Mary Richards, by **December 26, 2009.** This will give our Department Treasurer ample time to make sure that National has our dues by December 31, 2009. Late transmittals may not get processed in time – but send dues in immediately upon receipt – use “Overnight” mail if necessary.
5. **SEC. 810A--AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:** The Auxiliary President “shall appoint a committee of not less than five (5) members, including the Treasurer, to contact all members during the year for payment of dues. They shall also contact those who have not paid dues for the preceding years. This committee shall report on all contacts made and turn any money collected over to the Treasurer as soon as possible, but no later than the first meeting following collection.” Auxiliary Presidents should monitor the committee's progress and encourage the committee to continue to contact those members that did not renew last year and get them reinstated. The more members we have, the louder our voice will be on Capitol Hill when we lobby for veterans' entitlements. And, of course, we want to be 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

6. **HOSPITAL AND VAVS PROGRAM:** Our volunteers play an important role in the medical facilities and nursing home, especially during the holiday season. We need to provide something special for our hospitalized veterans this holiday season. Many of our veterans are hospitalized far away from their homes and families; many need a smiling face and a pat on the back to make their day a little better. Now is the time for your Auxiliary to schedule and plan your parties at the hospitals and nursing homes for those men and women who have given so much to our country.
7. **VAVS AND HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES:** Are reminded to account for all hospital funds they receive and expend. This means a Representative is to record her receipts and disbursements in books used for this purpose, such as books used by a Treasurer. Her books must be submitted for audit at the same time the books of the Department Treasurer are audited. **The next audit will be conducted in January 2010 at Winter Council.**
8. **PEARL HARBOR DAY:** Please help plan or participate in a program for December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day, to honor all veterans who sacrificed so much for the freedom of this country. Flags should be flown flag at half-staff all day on December 7<sup>th</sup> to honor those veterans who went above and beyond the call of duty.
9. **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Winter Council of Administration and Conference Meeting will be held January 15-17, 2010, at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail in Williamsburg, VA. Room rate is \$67.00 plus tax based on single/double occupancy. Room rates are guaranteed until December 24, 2009. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 227-6963. Tickets for the Winter Council Banquet are \$40.00 per person. All tickets must be pre-purchased and money mailed to the VFW Virginia State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401. **No banquet tickets will be sold at the Winter Council Meeting.** The price of the ticket includes the reception and banquet.

Sisters, as the end of 2009 draws close we should celebrate the success of our programs and what our Veterans have done for our country. **Remember: By “Supporting our Legacy of Freedom” we remind ourselves that “It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”.** I wish each of you, your family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By order of



Kathy K. Birch  
Department President

Attest:



Linda DeShano  
Department Secretary

Linda (Susie) DeShano  
403 Lee Jackson Highway  
Staunton, VA 24401  
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[Secretary62@gmail.com](mailto:Secretary62@gmail.com)

December, 2009

## **ATTENTION**

### **VAVS & HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE:**

Virginia's Hospital & VAVS representatives and VAVS deputies serve four hospitals - Hampton VAMC, McGuire VAMC, Salem VAMC and Martinsburg, WV VAMC. Sandra Baker, Honorary VAVS Associate Representative, served the Martinsburg, WV VAMC for many years until she lost her battle to cancer this fall. Sylvia Hollen of Harrisonburg, VA, current VAVS Representative has asked to be relieved of her appointment due to personal and professional commitments. Being a VAVS Representative is a rewarding position and it means a lot to our hospitalized veterans to see the Ladies Auxiliary volunteers. If any member located in the Northern Shenandoah Valley (Districts 7 and 11) or Northern Virginia area (Districts 8 and 10) is interested in this position and would like more information, please call Department President Kathy Birch at (540) 955-3311.

### **Roster Changes and Updates**

- **New Meeting Night:** for Coeburn Auxiliary 8652, the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- **New President:** for Melvin Rosson Auxiliary 8356, Elizabeth Webb, 4011 Henpeck Road, Quinton, VA 23141. Phone number 804-932-8723.
- **New President:** for Melvin Rosson Auxiliary 8356, Donna Pauley, P.O. Box 30, Westpoint, VA 23181. Phone number 804-843-2303.
- **New Meeting Night and Time:** for Brunswick County Auxiliary 8648, the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
- **New Secretary:** for Barns-Beaver Auxiliary 7136, Samantha Pruet, 202 Brook Street, Tazewell, VA, 24651. Phone number 276-322-3427.
- **New Secretary:** for Denbigh Auxiliary 6002, Dee Guillory, 7984 Croydon Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061. Phone number 804-693-6519.
- **New Deputy Chief of Staff:** for District 5, Elsie Turner, 85 Whitetown Road, Hillsville, 24343. Phone number 276-766-0212.

### **Calendar Update**

- **Winter Council:** January 15-18, 2010, Williamsburg, VA. Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg 800-227-6963. Room Rate \$67.00 Hotel Reservation deadline is December 24, 2009.
- **Homecoming:** April 24, 2010 Department Commander Rex Faris and Department President Kathy Birch; 9:00 am – 12:00 am; Gypsy Hill Park, Staunton. Reservations at Best Western Hotel, Staunton 540-885-1112 Rate \$59.95
- **State Convention:** June 10-13, 2010, Richmond, Rate \$89.00 Reservations by May 10, 2010
- **National VFW Convention,** Aug 21-26, 2010 Indianapolis, IN

## District Meetings Assignments

District Presidents:  
 If the the date, time or place of your District meeting  
 changes, please make sure **YOU** Contact your  
 Department Representative and the Department Secretary  
 of these changes.

<b>1st</b>	Date	12/5/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 6002, DAV/Newport News
	Rep:	PDP Ellen Stogsdill

<b>8th</b>	Date	1/10/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 3103, Fredericksburg
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

<b>2nd</b>	Date	12/5/2009
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 3160, Ocean View
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

<b>9th</b>	Date	1/24/2010
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 4667, Marion
	Rep:	Chaplain Cathy Graham

<b>3rd</b>	Date	12/5/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Location	3rd District Headquarters
	Rep:	PDP Rebecca Mason

<b>10th</b>	Date	2/21/2010
	Lunch	12:00 noon
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location:	Post 7916, Occoquan
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

<b>4th</b>	Date	2/6/2010
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 637, Hopewell
	Rep:	Jr. Vice President Robin Milewski

<b>11th</b>	Date	1/10/2010
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	12:30 a.m.
	Location	Post 2216, Staunton
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

<b>5th</b>	Date	11/14/2009
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 1115, Hillsville
	Rep:	Guard Ellen Carleton

<b>12th</b>	Date	1/9/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 6975, Bristol
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

<b>6th</b>	Date	11/22/2009
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	VAMC Salem, Bldg. 77
	Rep:	Chief of Staff PDP Pat Baldwin

<b>13th</b>	Date	1/24/2010
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	To Be Announced
	Rep:	To Be Announced

<b>7th</b>	Date	12/13/2009
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 2123, Winchester
	Rep:	Guard Ellen Carleton

# REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 8th

## WINTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 15-17, 2010

Crown Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder ~ Williamsburg, Virginia ~ 800-227-6963 ~  
67.00 Per night

*(Group Rate Deadline is December 24th)*

PRE REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET TICKET  
\$40.00 INCLUDES RECEPTION AND DINNER BANQUET

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

**There will be no Dance Saturday night.**

### Dinner Menu

Your choice of:

**Sirloin Filet with a Mushroom Demi Sauce**

~or~

**Cod with a Seafood Cream Sauce**

Both Served with:

Chef's Choice of Fresh Vegetable and Starch  
Salad with Assorted Dressings      Warm Rolls and Butter      Dessert  
Freshly Brewed Coffee/Decaffeinated Coffee/Herbal Teas/Iced Tea

RETURN THIS PORTION TO STATE HEADQUARTERS BY **JANUARY 8, 2010 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**  
Check, Visa, or MasterCard Accepted

Person placing the order (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post \_\_\_\_\_ Aux \_\_\_\_\_ Food Choice: (circle) Sirloin or Cod

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

Please Circle One: MasterCard or Visa      Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to: State Headquarters, 403 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton, VA 24401

You may also e-mail this form to: [stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:stateheadquarters@va.vfwwebmail.com) or fax it to: 1-866-416-0586 if paying by Credit Card only

*Pre-paid tickets will not be mailed to you; they will be available for pick up at registration.*

# TREASURERS

December 2009

From: Mary V. Richards, Dept. Treasurer.  
6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA. 23509  
Home Phone 757-961-5692 Cell 757-651-4813  
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To: **All Auxiliaries Treasurers:**

## **TREASURERS: NEW MEMBERS: ANNUAL OR LIFE MEMBERS**

**NEW ANNUAL:** When you take in a new **annual** member you have them fill out applications card with the given name of the applicant, address, service date, date of birth and relationship to the veteran whose service is relied upon to establish eligibility. The application card shall be accompanied by an **ADMISSION FEE** and the required membership dues. Admission Fee is a fixed amount that the auxiliary as voted on but not less than \$5.00. This admission fee entitles each new member to a membership pin and a copy of the current Bylaws and Booklet of Instructions.

Each application shall be referred to the investigating committee (appointed by the President) who shall make a careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application. The committee shall see proof of honorable service of the eligible veteran, unless he/she is a member of the VFW post to which the applicant is applying for membership. **THE SIGNATURE OF AT LEAST TWO PERSONS WHO SERVED ON THIS COMMITTEE ARE NECESSARY ON EACH APPLICATION. BYLAWS. SEC 102, 103, 104 105.**

**MEMBERSHIP CARD.** This form is a (3) part form. I top part goes to the Member. The Middle part is the Auxiliary record of this Membership; **NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BOTTOM.** This part must be fill out by the Auxiliary Treasurer and sent to the Department Treasurer with the second copy of the application card. **In many case's this is not being done.** The Department keeps the application card for their records and the **BOTTOM PART 3** of the membership card is sent on to National.

If there is anything I can help you with please feel free to call or e-mail me and I will do what I can to help. Thanks for all the good work you do for the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW.

**Dues Notices was sent out to your unpaid 2009-2008 Members on November 17<sup>th</sup>. As you receive the dues PLEASE send them in each week. For our President to go on her NIGHT ON THE TOWN the Department of Virginia must be 90% in Membership. We need each of your help to see that this happens. We know that we can do this. Thanks to all of you for your help with this matter.**

**NOW TO THE 990 REPORTS: NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> has pasted. Did you report to the IRS? If not please do so ASAP. This is a list of the Auxiliaries that I don't have your Federal ID# (EIN).**

**District 4, Auxiliary 647 Hopewell, 5313 Nottoway, 9640 Richland, 4204 Hot Springs, 10826 Verona, 1994 Abington, 8652 Coeburn, 10310 Ewing, 2217 Orange, 8169 Scottsville**

Summary for Filing Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

1. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
2. Click on Charities & Non-Profits
3. Bottom of page- Click on Annual Electronic –Filing for Small Exempt Organizations
4. How to file. Click on the blue underlined word “here”
5. Click the “Leave IRS Site” button
6. If this is your 1<sup>st</sup> time you must register as a new user
7. After you have registered as a user you click on “Next” button
8. Enter your Auxiliary’s EIN (9 digit tax ID number) If you have not given me your number and I have reported it to IRS you number will not come up. **NOW YOU SEE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GET YOUR EIN NUMBER REPORTED.**
9. You should see you’re Auxiliary’s EIN and name appear. Enter your password for your auxiliary, and your (the Auxiliary Treasurer’s) name, e=mail address, and phone number. Now press NEXT.
10. This should take you back to the first screen to allow you to click Step 2 to create your 990=N (e-Postcard). **Clicking on Step 2 will prompt you for your Login ID and Password you just created.**
11. Last step is Step 3 – Submit you Form 990-N (e=Postcard)  
Remember to print copies of your return and file in Auxiliary files.

***Chaplain's Report***  
***December 2009***

Cathy Graham  
9691 Lindenbrook St,  
Fairfax, VA 22031

e-mail: grahamcrouhc@msn.com

The following cards were mailed from October 11, 2009 through November 10, 2009:

*SYMPATHY CARDS*

Donald Pushaw PNP 10 Lisa Ln Biddeford, ME 04005 Death of Mother Fran Booth  
Cora Thomas & Family #8436 310 Home Port Ln Charlottesville, VA 22903 Death of  
Husband  
Sheila H Smith # 2524 13195 Windmill Way Culpeper, VA 22701 Death of Mother  
Jean Hawkins  
Martha Ross #2123 Easy Living Trailer Court Stephenson, VA 22656 Death of Brother  
Harry Palmer  
Family of Mary Whitehead #621 2162 Beahm Ln Rileyville, VA 22650  
Glen Whetzel #9660 19019 Cub Run Rd Bergton, VA 22811 Death of Wife Donnie  
Gladys Berry #637 3303 Clay St Hopewell, VA 23860 Death of Husband PDC Otis  
Floyd Johnson #3150 1317 N Stuart St Arlington, VA 22201 Death of Wife Marta  
Isobel Dickerson #1841 2864 Blue Ridge Trnprk Fincastle, VA 24090 Death of Husband  
Family of Kathleen Clark #3219 32 Turner Terrace Hampton, VA 23666  
Elizabeth Holt #2157 1001 Turnpike Apt 23 Bedford, VA 24523-1846 Death of Son  
Family of Jean Hawkins #2524 13195 Windmill Way Culpeper, VA 22701  
Family of Lois Redd # 8759 11921 Pincecroft Ln Amelia, VA 23002  
Family of Helen Creasy #9954 3720 Knollridge Rd Salem, VA 24153-1925  
Freddy Anderson #9954 1812 8<sup>th</sup> St Victoria, VA 23974 Death of Alease Childressy  
Mable Jennings # 1115 575 Pleasantville Rd Austin Villa, VA 24312 Death of Husband  
Christine Rakes #1115 688 Stone Mountain Rd Laurel Fork, VA 24352 Death of Sister  
Thelma Massie #9339 PO Box 108 Greenville, VA 24440 Death of Daughter

*GET WELL CARDS*

Lila Armentrout PDP 1923 Rugby Ave Covington, VA 24426 – Broken Shoulder  
Patty Stokes # 392 2092 Grey Fox Ln Virginia Beach, VA 23456 – Heart Surgery  
Phyllis Witt P2157 1038 Hills Estate Dr Bedford, VA 24523

*THINKING OF YOU*

Evelyn Britten #3150 966 Oyster Bay Ct #226 Bremerton, WA 98312 - Fell  
Doris Whitlow #647 145 Executive Ct Danville, VA 24541  
Glendon Webb PDP 4974 Danville Pike, Hillsville, VA 24343 - Surgery  
Rose Chapman #4411 21324 Black Creek Rd Franklin, VA 23851 – Kidney Removed

MEMORIALS

Otis Berry - #637 PDC – CA&R

For those who would like to be added to the e-mail Chaplain alert list, please send me an e-mail at the above address. All notifications should be sent to the above address. If you wish a card from the notification, addresses should be included in the hard copy and e-mail alert.

**The Navy Hymn**

Eternal Father strong to save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

# **Americanism 2009 - 2010**

December 2009 General Orders

To: Department President; PDP's; District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents and all Americanism Chairmen.

From: Laura Dianne Absher  
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Ladies,

You have done a great job in promoting the pride we feel for our country by going to the schools, clubs and other organizations, and letting them know "It's Time for America's Military Heroes" by showing respect for the flag and appreciation of our freedom.

**The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing.**

US Code, Title36, Chapter 10, 176. (j)

Calendar of Events for December:

**December 7<sup>th</sup> – Pearl Harbor Day:** On the morning of December 7, 1941, Japanese bombers staged a surprise attack on U.S. military and naval forces in Hawaii. In a devastating defeat, the United States suffered 3,435 casualties and loss of or severe damage to 188 planes, 8 battleships, 3 light cruisers, and 4 miscellaneous vessels. Japanese losses were less than 100 personnel, 29 planes, and 5 midget submarines.

The day after the attack, before a joint session of Congress, President Roosevelt asked Congress for a declaration of war against Japan. President Roosevelt's message conveyed the national outrage over the Pearl Harbor attack by pronouncing December 7, 1941 "a date which will live in infamy."

FDR expressed outrage at Japan and confidence in the "inevitable triumph" of the United States. On December 8, 1941, the United States declared war against Japan; on December 11, Germany and Italy declared war against the United States.

**Bill of Rights Day: December 15<sup>th</sup>** is Bill of Rights Day, celebrating the addition of Bill of Rights to the US Constitution on that day in 1791. This holiday celebrates the freedoms and rights that the Bill of Rights, preserve for Americans. In 1941, on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the date a federal holiday.

**December 15<sup>th</sup> – Teacher of the Year Award (Department deadline)**

Teachers are recognized for their work and dedication with the "Citizenship Education Teacher Award" this is one of many ways for us to help in "Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom". Report support of your Post in promoting the **Citizenship Education Teacher Award** for grades K-12. Be sure to include this information in your reporting – Post/Auxiliary number, number of schools that participated, number of

teachers nominated and Post Monies expended. Deadline for applications to the Department is **December 15, 2008** and to National is **January 15, 2009**.

Federal Legal Holidays in January:

- **January 1, 2010: New Year's Day** [Jan. 1 every year]
- **January 18, 2010: Martin Luther King Day** [3rd Monday in Jan]

**Report your activities for Veterans Day** which was celebrated on **November 11**. Many posts and auxiliaries hosted or participated in parades held on the 8th and 9th. You may have participated in school Veterans Day assemblies, etc. I would love to hear from each of you on how you our veterans were honored in your locality.

#### **Awards:**

For each program award, unless otherwise noted:

First-place Auxiliary will receive \$15 and a citation to the Chairman;

Second-place Auxiliary will receive \$10 and a citation to the Chairman.

1. \*Citation to each District Chairman with at least 80% participation by Auxiliaries (Let's go for 100%)
2. The best overall promotion of POW/MIA awareness program.
3. The most unique promotion of teaching the youth patriotism.

The following Auxiliaries have **not reported** as of 11/10/09:

<b><u>% Reported</u></b>	<b><u>District - Auxiliaries not Reported</u></b>
83%	District 1 – 176
71%	District 2 – 392, 993
40%	District 3 – 2239, 4639, 8356, 9808, 10387, 10654
31%	District 4 – 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 8048, 8759, 8902, 9954
63%	District 5 – 4637, 7800, 8467
38%	District 6 – 1444, 1841, 2157, 5311, 7854
63%	District 7 – 2123, 8613, 9292
67%	District 8 – 2524
38%	District 9 – 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640
50%	District 10 – 1503, 8241, 9274, 9478
33%	District 11 – 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8644, 9480, 10826
0%	District 12 – 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10310
43%	District 13 – 1827, 2217, 8436, 10574

The reports have been wonderful but, there are still many empty spaces in my files.

Please keep in mind that I not only need to report to the Southern Conference Chairman and the National Director but also my reports are turned into the VFW representative.

At the Fall Conference I announced there would be a drawing at Winter Conference for \$25 for the District having no less than 80% participation turned in no later than 12/31/09.

The report form to be used for this year will be found on the following page. Please make as many copies as you need and send them to me no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to show reported.

Sisters, working together we are having a great year!  
Laura Dianne

***Evolution of the United States Flag***

No one knows with **absolute certainty** who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson, from New Jersey, seems most likely to have designed it, and few historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one. Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted officially were used. The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

- On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the **first Flag Act**: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."
- Act of January 13, 1794 - provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
- Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.
- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

Source: Duane Streufert,

**Happy Holidays to one and all! Please be safe. Hope to see you all in the New Year!**

**Gail M. Payne**  
**Department Patriotic Instructor**  
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# BANNER

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

My best wishes to all of you and your family for a very happy holiday season.

As December is here, it also means our year is half over. So much has been done and there is still a lot to do. Our biggest goal for everyone should be Membership. The deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>. But remember, applications and money has to be mailed and you should allow for this! Get your membership to our Department Treasurer early.

Next is your District School of Instruction. District Secretaries...be sure to get this information to me as soon as possible. Remember to include the district you are reporting for.

Attendance at either a District Meeting or Department Council/Conference. Our Department and District Secretaries are reporting this to me. For those of you that have not attended one of these meetings, you are missing out on the next level of the Ladies Auxiliary. Take the time to attend one of these meetings. In December and January, there will be District meetings going on, along with Winter Council in January.

Ladies, we only have three months left to report on our programs. The holiday season is so full of activities. There should be NO reason that every Auxiliary can't complete the Banner Requirements on our programs. We say this all the time..."You do the work, just report it"!

**Ladies, when sending me information, please remember to include what district you are reporting for. I am still learning where everyone belongs! This would be a big help to me. I thank you in advance!**

*Kay*

\*\*\* REMINDERS \*\*\*

The **BANNER PROGRAM** is strictly a Department of Virginia Ladies Auxiliary program with certain requirements to be completed by the Auxiliaries in a specified amount of time. A program set up to include all National Programs and contributions. These requirements were presented at the June 2009 Department Convention and accepted by the Delegates. Remember to take notice of the Banner changes. Changes in the Banner Program are on the Banner Requirements page on the back of this sheet.

### **REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2009 – MARCH 31, 2010**

This time frame is the period of time the Auxiliaries have to participate in programs and report to the Department Chairmen. Get those reports to the chairmen by March 31, 2010 to count for Banner. You may still report what you are doing. Read your General Orders to see how long the chairmen will accept reports.

**AWARDS: (To be presented at the June 2010 Department Convention)**

**BANNER:** A Pennant for **2009-2010** year will be given to each Auxiliary completing **ALL BANNER REQUIREMENTS**, in the allowed time.

**CITATION:** for the **2009-2010** year will be given to all Auxiliaries who complete **ALL** Banner Requirements, except Membership.

**BANNER REQUIREMENTS 2009-2010**  
**LADIES AUXILIARY VFW – DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

**REPORTING PERIOD: JULY 1, 2009 - MARCH 31, 2010**

**MEMBERSHIP: 100% dues paid no later than Dec. 31, 2009**

All requirements are based on June 30, 2009 membership.

All dues are sent to: Department Treasurer, Mary Richards, 6351 Tappahannock Dr. Norfolk, VA 23509.

**CHECK PAYABLE TO:** Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia. (postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2009)

**AUXILIARY AUDITS:** Auxiliary Quarterly Audits Reports must be conducted for the calendar quarters ending in **MARCH 2009, JUNE 2009, SEPTEMBER 2009, DECEMBER 2009, (National By-laws Sec.814A)** This report must be sent to Department Treasurer by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month following the Audit that is due: (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE). **The Department Treasurer will verify the audit report to the 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 the 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 and Election of Officers DO NOT count..**

**DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:** An Auxiliary President, Secretary or Treasurer must attend the District School of Instruction. **The District Secretary will notify the Banner Chairman.**

**PARTICIPATION:** Each Auxiliary **must participate** in the National Programs shown below and **MUST REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY MARCH 31, 2010. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

**\*Americanism/Patriotic Instructor**

**\*Cancer Aide & Research**

**\*Community Service**

**\*Hospital/VAVS**

**\*Legislative &/or PAC**

**\*VOD &/or Patriot's Pen**

**\*Veterans & Family Support**

1. VFW National Military Services  
(MAP, Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs)

2. VFW National Home for Children

3. Continuing Education Scholarship

4. Buddy Poppy

(MUST COMPLETE 3 out of 4 of V&FS)

**\*Youth Activities**

1. Snowball Express

2. Jr. ROTC Program/Sea Cadets

3. Young American Patriotic Art

4. Junior Girls Units

5. Any youth activity

(MUST COMPLETE 2 out of 5 for

Youth)

**DONATIONS:**

**1. CANCER FUND: \$2.00 per member.** Based on June 30, 2009 membership. Checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Virginia marked for **Cancer Fund**. Send to Department Treasurer no later than **MARCH 31, 2010**.

*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, 2010**.

*Department Treasurer will report this donation to the Department Chairman.*

**3. HEALTH & HAPPINESS FUND: \$0.25 per member,** based on June 30, 2009 membership. New Auxiliaries based on institutional membership. Checks payable to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW, marked **Health &**

**Happiness Fund.** Send to: NATIONAL TREASURER, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> STREET 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, KANSAS City, MO. 64111, postmarked no later than MARCH 31, 2010.

**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 mail to: 200 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington D.C. 20002. Send report to: Department Legislative/VFW-PAC Chairman postmarked no later than MARCH 31, 2010.

**Department Chairman will verify to the Banner Chairman.**

**Approved: DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**  
Chairman      **June 14, 2009**

Kay S. Kibler, Banner

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Auxiliary	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital			Special Project
	11-12-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID
							\$ 175.00				
176	16	34	47.06%	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
824	27	20	135.00%	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
3219	148	205	72.20%	\$ 410.00	\$ 410.00		\$ 113.75	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
5500	33	33	100.00%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
6002	43	61	70.49%	\$ 122.00	\$ 122.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	
7167	81	81	100.00%	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	
<b>Total - District 1</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>80.18%</b>	<b>\$ 868.00</b>	<b>\$ 868.00</b>	<b>\$ 94.00</b>	<b>\$ 344.75</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ 145.00</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
392	281	323	87.00%	\$ 646.00	\$ 646.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00
993	50	90	55.56%	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
3160	239	278	85.97%	\$ 556.00	\$ 556.00	\$ 70.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	
4411	57	51	111.76%	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
4809	255	341	74.78%	\$ 682.00	\$ 682.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 115.00
8545	26	30	86.67%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 50.00
9382	43	58	74.14%	\$ 116.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
<b>Total - District 2</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>81.21%</b>	<b>\$ 2,342.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,342.00</b>	<b>\$ 241.00</b>	<b>\$ 39.00</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ 325.00</b>	<b>\$ 265.00</b>
1426	0	25	0.00%								
2239	87	91	95.60%	\$ 182.00	\$ 186.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 150.00
4639	37	38	97.37%	\$ 76.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
6364	32	45	71.11%	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
8046	52	58	89.66%	\$ 116.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
8356	26	28	92.86%	\$ 56.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 110.36	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9224	0	23	0.00%								
9501	41	42	97.62%	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 22.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9808	125	157	79.62%	\$ 314.00	\$ 314.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
10387	24	36	66.67%	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
10654	28	33	84.85%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.27	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
10657	17	29	58.62%	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
<b>Total - District 3</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>77.52%</b>	<b>\$ 1,210.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,120.00</b>	<b>\$ 182.00</b>	<b>\$ 128.63</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>

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Auxiliary	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital			Special Project
	11-12-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID
622	56	47	119.15%	\$ 94.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
637	61	74	82.43%	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
2584	7	35	20.00%	\$ 70.00				\$ 35.00			
5313	24	34	70.59%	\$ 68.00				\$ 35.00			
7059	62	62	100.00%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
7166	66	88	75.00%	\$ 176.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
7819	59	76	77.63%	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 50.00
7897	0	2	0.00%								
8048	14	27	51.85%	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
8163	64	72	88.89%	\$ 144.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
8759	36	52	69.23%	\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00
8902	9	12	75.00%	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00						
9855	19	30	63.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9954	194	198	97.98%	\$ 396.00	\$ 396.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
<b>Total - District 4</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>82.94%</b>	<b>\$ 1,618.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,486.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>	<b>\$ 85.00</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
<b>\$ 89.00</b>											
647	80	103	77.67%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00
1115	322	456	70.61%	\$ 912.00	\$ 912.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 60.00	
2820	0	12	0.00%	\$ 24.00				\$ 35.00			
4637	29	51	56.86%	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00		\$ 305.96	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
7568	8	30	26.67%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 15.00
7726	142	159	89.31%	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
7800	15	27	55.56%	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
8243	39	60	65.00%	\$ 120.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
8467	46	53	86.79%	\$ 106.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
<b>Total - District 5</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>71.61%</b>	<b>\$ 1,902.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 180.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,094.96</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 215.00</b>
1033	68	104	65.38%	\$ 208.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00
1264	64	63	101.59%	\$ 126.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
1444	39	39	100.00%	\$ 78.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 20.00
1841	19	56	33.93%	\$ 112.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
2157	35	53	66.04%	\$ 106.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 50.00
4522	16	56	28.57%	\$ 112.00		\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00			
5311	43	46	93.48%	\$ 92.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
7854	13	30	43.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00			

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Total - District 6	297	447	66.44%	\$ 894.00	\$ 703.00	\$ 195.00	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 95.00
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Auxiliary	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital			Special Project
	11-12-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID
621	95	108	87.96%	\$ 216.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
1860	107	154	69.48%	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
2123	93	84	110.71%	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00
2447	67	83	80.72%	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
8613	32	77	41.56%	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9292	12	33	36.36%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00		\$ 15.20	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9660	74	82	90.24%	\$ 164.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
9760	124	184	67.39%	\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
9872	0	29	0.00%								
<b>Total - District 7</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>72.42%</b>	<b>\$ 1,668.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,610.00</b>	<b>\$ 310.00</b>	<b>\$ 105.20</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 225.00</b>
							<b>\$ 120.00</b>				
2524	52	63	82.54%	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00
3103	94	111	84.68%	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
7589	55	63	87.30%	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
<b>Total - District 8</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>84.81%</b>	<b>\$ 474.00</b>	<b>\$ 474.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 620.00</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
							<b>\$ 271.00</b>				<b>\$ 50.00</b>
1184	34	40	85.00%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 50.00
4667	126	133	94.74%	\$ 266.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00
6000	91	113	80.53%	\$ 226.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 50.00
7136	20	59	33.90%	\$ 118.00				\$ 35.00			
7328	19	30	63.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
7969	18	32	56.25%	\$ 64.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9640	19	38	50.00%	\$ 76.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00			
9696	64	134	47.76%	\$ 268.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
<b>Total - District 9</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>67.53%</b>	<b>\$ 1,158.00</b>	<b>\$ 998.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ 271.00</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 275.00</b>
							<b>\$ 114.00</b>				<b>\$ 15.00</b>
609	34	30	113.33%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
1503	329	358	91.90%	\$ 716.00	\$ 716.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	
3150	144	161	89.44%	\$ 322.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
7327	132	142	92.96%	\$ 284.00	\$ 284.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
7916	78	102	76.47%	\$ 204.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00
8241	27	43	62.79%	\$ 86.00				\$ 35.00			
9274	48	62	77.42%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 126.40	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9478	26	26	100.00%	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
<b>Total - District 10</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>88.53%</b>	<b>\$ 1,848.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,762.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ 255.40</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>

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	11-12-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID
											\$ 50.00
632	180	224	80.36%	\$ 448.00	\$ 448.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
1499	62	80	77.50%	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00
2216	62	142	43.66%	\$ 284.00	\$ 284.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
2424	28	40	70.00%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
3136	15	19	78.95%	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
4204	39	42	92.86%	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
7814	6	21	28.57%	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00			\$ 35.00			
8279	24	26	92.31%	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 14.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 10.00
8644	69	103	66.99%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9339	37	52	71.15%	\$ 104.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
9480	18	22	81.82%	\$ 44.00	\$ 44.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
10826	8	14	57.14%	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 178.66
<b>Total - District 11</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>69.81%</b>	<b>\$ 1,570.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,574.00</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>		<b>\$ 420.00</b>	<b>\$ 385.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 388.66</b>
1994	37	36	102.78%	\$ 72.00				\$ 35.00			
3782	34	21	161.90%	\$ 42.00	\$ 68.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
6975	69	95	72.63%	\$ 190.00				\$ 35.00			
8652	6	31	19.35%	\$ 62.00		\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00			
8979	4	40	10.00%	\$ 80.00				\$ 35.00			
9600	13	54	24.07%	\$ 108.00				\$ 35.00			
9830	10	29	34.48%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
10298	0	2	0.00%	\$ 4.00				\$ 35.00			
10310	25	23	108.70%	\$ 46.00				\$ 35.00			
<b>Total - District 12</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>59.82%</b>	<b>\$ 662.00</b>	<b>\$ 68.00</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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	11-12-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID
							\$ 131.00				
1827	50	77	64.94%	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
2217	15	19	78.95%	\$ 38.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00			
7638	46	45	102.22%	\$ 90.00	\$ 92.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
8169	33	35	94.29%	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
8436	29	29	100.00%	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
8947	42	60	70.00%	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00
10574	64	110	58.18%	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
<b>Total - District 13</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>74.40%</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 714.00</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>	<b>\$ 211.00</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

<b>Members at large</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>93.83%</b>
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	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital			Special Project
	11-12-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID
<b>Total - VIRGINIA</b>	<b>6,532</b>	<b>8,563</b>	<b>76.28%</b>	<b>\$ 16,964.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,499.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,096.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,069.94</b>	<b>\$ 3,745.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,163.66</b>

District Percentages				
Place	District	11-12-09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage
1st	10	818	924	88.53%
2nd	8	201	237	84.81%
3rd	4	671	809	82.94%
4th	2	951	1171	81.21%
5th	1	348	434	80.18%
6th	3	469	605	77.52%
7th	13	279	375	74.40%
8th	7	604	834	72.42%
9th	5	681	951	71.61%
10th	11	548	784	69.90%
11th	9	391	579	67.53%
12th	6	297	447	66.44%
13th	12	198	331	59.82%
<b>Members At Large</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>93.83%</b>

Ladies Auxiliary, VFW  
Department Of Virginia Banner Report  
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

<b>Department' s Total</b>	<b>6532</b>	<b>8,563</b>	<b>76.28%</b>

CANCER AID AND RESEARCH  
2009-2010  
“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”  
“Supporting Our Legacy Of Freedom”

Date: December 2009

To: District & Auxiliary Presidents and Cancer Aid Chairmen.

Cc: Vivian Bernotas, National Director

Sherry Jiles, Southern States Director

From: Billie Jean Mull, Chairman Department of Virginia

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Christmas Greetings;

Here we are in the middle of the holidays, Thanksgiving has just past and we are rushing quickly towards Christmas. With a whirlwind of activities occurring we are probably getting tired but when we sit down for a few moments or take a nap we are ready to go again. Right? Well people you have cancer get very tired during their treatment as we all know. They are weak; nauseated sometimes to the point they are ready to stop treatment. But then something or someone will encourage them to go on and finish their treatments thinking it will get better, only find out that up to one-half of all survivors have reported fatigue lasting months or even years after treatment. Between 70 and 100 percent of cancer patients receiving treatment have fatigue, according to the American Cancer Society. Cancer related fatigue is one of the most distressing side effects of cancer and can affect personal relationships, one's sense of well-being, and even compliance with treatment. Signs of cancer-related fatigue include feeling tired or exhausted even after sleep, having trouble concentrating, feeling unmotivated, and lacking interest in normal day-today activities. Cancer fatigue is very different from the fatigue of everyday life, because it is not relieved by rest and often hits unexpectedly, thus affecting a person's ability to perform ordinary tasks. Many patients believe that fatigue is a side effect from treatment that cannot be managed. Although there is no cure for cancer-related fatigue, there are ways to cope and reduce symptoms. Cancer patients and their caregivers should always feel free to talk to their primary care doctors, nurses, and oncologist about any side effects they are experiencing. December Is Cancer-Related Fatigue Awareness Month.

Ladies, you are doing fantastic with your reporting, we are almost 100% for the Department. We only need 17 more Auxiliaries to send in their monies and reports. Remember the awards are based on the criteria listed below not just the monies sent in. Don't forget to REPORT< REPORT< REPORT. No job is finished till the paper work is done.

I have requested each district to make a “basket” it does not have to be a basket per say it can be put into anything i.e.: wagon, milk can, basket, flower pot, wheel barrow etc (you get the point) but it should be worth \$75.00 to \$100.00. and appealing. It could be a basket of chocolates, NASCAR, VA Tech Theme or other sports teams , Bath & Spa etc. The even number districts would bring their baskets to Winter Conference in January 2010 and the odd number ones to the June Convention in June 2010.

Don't forget to send all checks to the Department Treasurer, Mary Richards her address is 6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA 23059.

Keep up the good work!

\*\*\*\*\*NEW AWARD FOR WINTER CONFERENCE\*\*\*\*\*

CITATION AND AWARD FOR THE AUXILIARY FOR OVER ALL CANCER FUND-RAISING WITH REPORT TO ME, AND MONEY SENT TO MARY RICHARDS, DEPT. TREASURER. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDED PINS OR \$2.00 PER MEMBER. THIS IS FUNDRAISING ONLY.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS & CITATIONS

1. Citation and check to Auxiliary with the Best Promotion of the Post-doctoral Cancer Research Fellowship to a cancer institution
2. Citation and Award to the Auxiliary for the best promotion of the Cancer Grant Program
3. Citation and Award for the Auxiliary for over-all cancer reporting

Loyally,

Jean Mull, Chairman  
Cancer Aid and Research  
Department of VA

Auxiliaries not reported: 6 Districts are 100% reported WAY TO GO VIRGINIA !!!!!!!!!!!

District 1 100% reported

District 2 100% reported

District 3 9808 90% reported

District 4 2584 5313 7897 8902 69% reported

District 5 2820 8243 75% reported

District 6 5311 88% reported

District 7 100% reported

District 8 100% reported

District 9 7136 88% reported

District 10 8241 88% reported

District 11 100% reported

District 12 1994 6975 8979 6900 9830 10298 10310 25% reported

District 13 100% reported



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***“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”  
“Supporting our Legacy of Freedom”***

The busy holiday season is here and many of us will be shopping, cooking, decorating and being extremely busy. There will be various Holiday parties for the youth, your membership and the community. Please take the time to enjoy the festivities. But also take the time to listen to and assist those in your communities who may need an extra smile or a helping hand. Each member of our community is a part of our legacy. Reach out and touch someone to make a difference.



Make A Difference Day may be past for 2009, but now is a great time to get together in your auxiliary to review what you did this year. Consider what went well and what else you could have done. Next year, Make a Difference Day will be October 23, 2010. Make some preliminary plans now to schedule events for next year. What other organizations do you want to involve? Who can you invite to honor or to respect? Form a committee to begin planning. Make your lists. Contact local businesses for contributions and input. Plan to invite the entire community. It is never too late to plan.



***Veterans History Project:*** With Veterans’ Day behind us, think about the veterans who you met and talked to during that day. Is there one or two who had some really great stories of their service? Did any of them mention pictures and mementoes they had at home? If so, you can contact them and plan on submitting a package to the Library of Congress for the VHP. Several auxiliary sisters can work together over a period of time to record and gather information on the story of each veteran and what they did during their time of service to help keep this country free.



***Wreaths Across America:*** Has your auxiliary made plans to lay the wreaths on December 12<sup>th</sup>? Perhaps you provided hot chocolate, cookies, coffee, drinks, or even gloves for the participants. Whatever your auxiliary did, please report on it and send pictures of your activities.

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:** Even though the deadline has passed for the Wreath laying in 2009, the fundraiser for our Department will continue so that even more wreaths can be purchased for next year. Your auxiliary can hold a PartyLite Candle show anytime. In fact, plan now for special Valentine gifts and candles for the loved ones in your area and your life. **Remember auxiliaries can raise money for WAA and their own auxiliary.** Contact our PartyLite representative, Dianna Fogel. She can be reached at 4005 Foxwood Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462-5210, 757-469-3325.

***Fisher House:*** Many auxiliaries have donated the Fisher House through President Kathy’s Special Project. I applaud each and every one of you for doing that. Credit is given for you donation both for the special project and for Community Service. Please be sure to report your donations to both program chairmen.



**Youth:** The Holiday parties will be full of joy, laughter, gifts, and food. Whatever your auxiliary does for the youth in your community, please let me know and send pictures. I really enjoy see the smiles and reading about the various activities and events. Now is the time to start sending out the information for the Young American Patriotic Art Contest if you haven't done so already. See the information in the Youth Activities portion of our Department's General Orders or go to the Ladies Auxiliary website at [www.ladiesauxvfw.com](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.com) for information and the brochure.

**Americanism:** The upcoming holidays in January and February (Martin Luther King Holiday and President's Holiday) are a great time to have a special event for the community or to visit the schools and present a program or information on the significance of these days. Tie your presentation into the patriotism of the day and how we as Americans honor the men whose day we celebrate.

In order to assist you with this year's program, the following resources are available:

District President/District Program Chairman	<a href="http://www.vfw.org">www.vfw.org</a>
<a href="http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org">www.vfwdepartmentresources.org</a>	<a href="http://www.volunteermatch.org">www.volunteermatch.org</a>
<a href="http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday">www.usaweekend.com/diffday</a>	Veterans History Project: 1-888-371-5848
<a href="http://www.loc.gov/vets">www.loc.gov/vets</a>	<a href="http://www.wreathacrossamerica.org">www.wreathacrossamerica.org</a>

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

Loyally,

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**Auxiliaries NOT reported as of 11/5/09**

District										
<b>1</b>	176	<b>83%</b>								
<b>2</b>	8545	<b>86 %</b>								
<b>3</b>	4639	8046	8356	9501	9808	10654	<b>40%</b>			
<b>4</b>	622	637	2584	5313	8048	8902	<b>50%</b>			
<b>5</b>	8467	<b>89%</b>								
<b>6</b>	4522	5311	7854	<b>63%</b>						
<b>7</b>	621	8613	9292	<b>63%</b>						
<b>8</b>	<b>CONGRATULATIONS 100%</b>									
<b>9</b>	7136	7328	7969	9640	<b>50%</b>					
<b>10</b>	609	7327	8241	9274	<b>50%</b>					
<b>11</b>	2216	3136	4204	7814	8279	8644	9480	<b>42%</b>		
<b>12</b>	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10310	<b>0%</b>	
<b>13</b>	1927	2217	7638	8436	10574	<b>15%</b>				
<b>Department Total</b>						<b>55%</b>				

**REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!**

## **THIS IS AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN!**

Be on the look out for the Auxiliary that has found the secret to retaining their members. This is an active Auxiliary with good attendance at meetings, interested members who participate in those meetings (no ownership problems here) and enthusiastically volunteer to help with any and all projects.

The Auxiliary gives an incentive at dues renewal time...like lowering the dues by a small amount to encourage more members to pay earlier...or maybe they have a drawing for a Life Membership from among the members who pay prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Could it have been the thank you note a member received for joining or volunteering? Was it the mentor the member was assigned when she first joined who was there to answer her questions and explain our programs and help her follow the meeting in her Ritual? Was it being asked to help not long after becoming a member (best way to hook 'em for life!)? Maybe it was the simplest of things...like being treated in a way that made her feel welcome and not like an outsider or the new kid on the block. Could it have been the fact she could suggest a change or maybe even a new idea and she wasn't told "We don't do it that way"? Was it because members were never ridiculed or embarrassed in front of anyone by another member? Or is it because someone LISTENED TO THEM AND COMMUNICATED WITH THEM?

This Auxiliary should be considered an Auxiliary in good working order and is probably the envy of others in the District and Department. Do approach these members and learn from them. All Auxiliaries can be just like the one described in this APB.

Recruiting is good but retaining is better. I am looking forward to Winter Conference. Hopefully I'll be seeing pardons issued and prisoners being released by the droves.

I hope that each and every one of you has a wonderful Holiday Season and that The Department is at least 90% in membership before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

If I can be of help in any way please do not hesitate to call.

Pat Baldwin PO Box 69 Rice VA 23966 434-392-4630 (H) 434-607-1155 (C)

HISTORIAN

DECEMBER 2009

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

IT'S STILL HISTORY MAKING "**TIME**" LAST MONTH WAS OUR "**MILITARY HEROES**" DAY. (NOV 11<sup>TH</sup>).

I KNOW YOU HONORED THEM WITH ALL KINDS OF FESTIVE OCCASIONS, SO I WILL BE LOOKING FOR PLENTY OF PICTURES.

SOME OF YOU HAVEN'T STARTED YET. THAT DAY WAS A GREAT START.

REPORTS ARE COMING IN VERY SLOW!!

LETS ALL GET BUSY.

THE FOLLOWING AUXILIARIES HAVE YET TO DO SO:

District 1- 176,5500,6002.(50%)

District 2- 993,3160,4411,4809,9382,(43%)

District 3- 2239,4639,6364,8356,9808,10387,10657(40%

District 4- 622,637,2584,5313,7059,7166,8048,8163,  
8759,8902,9855(15%)

District 5-4637,7568,7800,8467(50%)

District 6-1444,1841,2157,4522,5311,7854(25%)

District 7-621,2123,8613,9292,9760(38%)

District 8-3103,7589(33%)

District 9-6000,7136,7328,7969,9640(38%)

District 10-609,1503,7327,7916,8241,9274,9478(13%)

District-11-1499,2216,2424,3136,4204,7814,8279,  
8644,9480,10826(17%)

DISTRICT 12-NOT A ONE REPORTED!!

DISTRICT 13- 1827,7638,8436(57%)

LOYALLY, JUNE TUCKER

5102 TIFFANYWOODS CT. HENRICO, VA 23223-2713

## **HOSPITAL & VAVS 2009 – 2010**

### **DECEMBER 2009 GENERAL ORDERS**

**To: Department President; PDPs; District Presidents; Auxiliary Presidents; Secretaries; Hospital & VAVS Chairmen and members**

*From: Ellen Carleton, Department Hospital & VAVS Chairman*

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*Dale City, Va. 22193*

*Email: [elcvfw1503@msn.com](mailto:elcvfw1503@msn.com)*



#### **National Advisory Committee (NAC) Volunteer of the Year**

**This Award Program permits the NAC to honor members who have given extraordinary service to our nation's veterans. Nominees for the award must participate in established VAVS assignments and serve as an RS (regularly scheduled) volunteer.**

**Nominations must be submitted in narrative format, not to exceed 300 words, and are due to me postmarked by January 1, 2010. All submissions will be judged and the winner will be sent by me to my National Director. She will not accept entries sent directly to her. You must submit them to me for judging on the Department level and I am looking forward to receiving plenty because I know we have many wonderful, dedicated volunteers here in Virginia!**

**If you need a nomination support form, or have additional questions, please contact me by phone or email.**

#### **Patterns - Just in time for the Holidays!**

**Can you believe that it is almost Christmas?!? At the September Council of Administration meeting, I was asked by several of the ladies if I had any patterns that I could put in my General Orders for items to make for our hospitalized veterans. I am pleased to say that I have included 4 patterns sent to me by my National Director, Rosetta Quartarone. The patterns are from various VA facilities in the country. Please check with your VAVS representative to see which could be used at your location. Although a heart monitor bag, shirt protector, bag for the back of a wheelchair or a urine bag cover may not be typical gifts for the holidays - when made with our love and given to our *military heroes* with that same love, what better gift could there be?**

**For those who are not handy with a needle and thread, I have received a list of items that patients at McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center are often in need of:**

**Toothpaste, Alcohol free mouthwash, toothbrushes, denture cleanser tablets, denture brushes, denture adhesive, shaving cream, deodorant, talcum powder, shampoo, combs, hair brushes, nail clippers, hand lotion, facial tissues, white "T" shirts, white socks, men's briefs and boxers, new sweatpants and sweatshirts, handkerchiefs, postage stamps, phone cards, canteen books, CD's and DVD's.**

Please continue with your plans to make or donate items to our veterans or to visit veterans in any of the many facilities throughout the state. *It's Time for America's Military Heroes* to be remembered each and every day, but especially on the holidays. Please continue volunteering and *Supporting our Legacy of Freedom* and be sure to report all of your efforts to me.

### Department Awards June Convention

Department awards at the June 2010 Department Convention will be a citation and check to:

1. **Auxiliary with the best overall Hospital Program**  
First place - \$ 15 Second place - \$ 10 Third place - \$ 5
2. **Auxiliary with the best overall promotion to recruit regularly-scheduled volunteers**  
First place - \$ 15 Second place - \$ 10 Third place - \$ 5
3. **Auxiliary with the best reported Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project**  
First place - \$ 20 Second place - \$ 10

### Additional Awards

- A check for \$100 will be given to the Department of Virginia's Outstanding Hospital & VAVS Volunteer of the Year.
- I will present a special citation to each Auxiliary that submits an application for the Outstanding Hospital & VAVS Volunteer of the Year *and/or* for the National Advisory Committee's (NAC) Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year.

**Auxiliaries not reported as of 11/10/09 (%reported in parentheses):**

**District 1:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!  
**District 2:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!  
**District 3:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!  
**District 4:** 2584, 5313 (83%) (no change)  
**District 5:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!  
**District 6:** 4522, 7854 (75%)  
**District 7:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!  
**District 8:** 100% reported! Way to go, sisters!  
**District 9:** 7136, 9640 (75%) (no change)  
**District 10:** 8241 (87%) (no change)  
**District 11:** 7814 (92%) (almost there!)  
**District 12:** 1994, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 10310 (25%)  
**District 13:** 2217 (86%) (no change)

As of 10/31 there are still 18 auxiliaries who have not donated their \$35 to the Hospital & VAVS fund. Please send your donation to the Dept. Treasurer as soon as possible so that we can maintain our programs for our hospitalized veterans. Thank you, sisters.

The Department currently has 90 auxiliaries reported and is at 86 %.



*Have a wonderful Holiday Season!  
Please remember our Veterans in all  
of your thoughts and deeds. Ellen*

## MCGUIRE V. A. MEDICAL CENTER

In April we had a “STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS VETERANS”. We helped over 200 men & women. There is another one planned for December 15 & 16 and we need the following things:

Undershirts – especially large & extra large

Boxer shorts – these are the preferred kind. All sizes, especially large & extra large. We always need these.

Socks - for the “STAND DOWN” any color. Homeless people say socks are the best gift you can give. For hospital donations white is the best color.

Insulated underwear – large & especially extra & extra, extra large.

Warm outerwear – new or good condition. Please make sure it's something with zippers working and all the buttons. Hats, stocking caps, scarves & gloves should be new or nearly new.

Boots – these go fast.

Sweatshirts & sweatpants – don't have to match.

We need travel size shampoos, tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant (non-aerosol) & mouthwash (non-alcohol).

Female Veterans – clothing needs to be medium, large & some may use extra large for layering in cold weather. Boots are needed also.

Money is always the right size & the right color. We can buy what is not donated and needed.

Please don't donate anything that you wouldn't wear. These are our nation's heroes and we need to take care of them & let them know how special they are!!!

Dale Bowman  
McGuire V.A.V.S. Representative  
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# LEGISLATIVE – PAC

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December 2009

“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes” to be taken care of and protected with legislative issues to promote “Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom”!!!

## ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS:

Do **NOT** send your PAC donations to me, to the Department Treasurer, or to National Headquarters! All donations are to be mailed to **VFW-PAC, 200 Maryland Ave NE, Washington, D.C., 20002**. These donations should be transmitted within 30 days of a fund raising event (FEC requirement). Checks that I have received have been forwarded to the VFW-PAC office.

**President Signs Defense Bill:** The President has signed the National Defense Authorization Act, which authorizes \$550.2 billion for FY 2010 Department of Defense programs, and \$130 billion to support overseas military operations. Some VFW-supported highlights include:

- No proposed Tricare fee increases.
- A 3.4% pay raise for active duty, Guard and Reserve members.
- Authorizing premium-based Tricare coverage for "gray area" Reserve retirees who are under age 60.
- Authorizing special compensation on behalf of caregivers of severely wounded warriors while on active duty.
- Requiring a medical examination before administrative separations of members affected by traumatic brain injury or PTSD.
- Protecting absentee voting rights for military members and families.
- Expanding active-duty Tricare eligibility for activating Guard/Reserve members and their families

**VFW Urges Passage of Veterans Health Care Bill:** A large veterans' health care bill is being held up in the Senate and awaits final passage. It has been reported that Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) is objecting to the bills costs and has placed a hold on the legislation which prevents action. *S. 1963, The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009* contains many VFW supported provisions including:

- Health care improvements for female veterans, to include studies on barriers to care.
- Improvements into training and care for military sexual trauma.
- Requiring VA to provide a detailed plan on services provided to female veterans.
- A pilot program to offer child care at several VA facilities.
- Mental health programs for veterans in rural areas utilizing local community mental health centers.
- Health care, living stipends, counseling and support for family caregivers.
- Enhanced programs for homeless veterans.

VFW asks everyone to contact their Senators and urge quick passage of this most important bill.

**FY 2011 Independent Budget Critical Issues On-line:** *The Independent Budget (IB)* critical issues report for fiscal year 2011 is available on-line. The critical issues report is designed to alert Congress VA and the Administration as to issues we believe need special scrutiny and attention. The FY2011 IB will be released in February 2010 concurrent with the release of the President's proposed budget for VA. Co-authored by the VFW, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans of America, the *IB* is a comprehensive recommendation of what VA truly needs to provide healthcare, benefits and services to veterans. For FY 2011 IB critical issues report go to: [http://www.independentbudget.org/2011/CI\\_2011.pdf](http://www.independentbudget.org/2011/CI_2011.pdf)

**VISIT, PHONE, OR EMAIL your Representatives and Senators!** A personal visit carries the greatest impact to members of Congress, with phone calls and emails following close behind. Remember to **educate** your members and community on the legislative process! **It is very important to let those who represent you in Congress HEAR from you!** Make your wishes be known!

**Keep up the good work and REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!**

**DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** Phone each of your Auxiliaries. Urge them to get their reports in EARLY. Be the first District to be 100% reported!!!

**AWARDS** will be presented at the Department Convention to the Auxiliary with the Best Overall Promotion of Legislative issues and process, and to the first District to be 100% reported.

**AUXILIARIES NOT YET REPORTED: (as of 11/10/09)**

<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>176, 6002, (67% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>993, 3160, 4411, 8545 (43% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>6364, 8046, 10387, 10657 (60% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 8902, 9954 (46% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>8467 (88% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>1444, 1841, 4522, 7854 (50% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>621, 8613, 9292, (63% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>7589 (67% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>7136, 7328, 9640, (63% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>7327, 7916, 8241, 9478 (50% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>2216, 2424, 4204, 7814, 8644, 9339, 10826 (42% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10310 (0% reported)</b>
<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>2217, 7638, 8436, (57% reported)</b>

## Veteran & Family Support

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*It's Time for America's Heroes. Ladies you are doing a wonder reporting on these programs. We need more Auxiliaries to report. I know you are doing this work. We are having several Auxiliaries doing Farewells. This means a lot to these people.*

**Banner requirements** you must complete 3 out of 4.

**1. VFW National Military Service**

(Military Assistance Program (map) Operation Uplink, Adopt-A-Unit, Unmet needs)

**2. VFW National Homes for Children**

**3. Continuing Education Scholarship**

**4. Buddy Poppy**

**I must have my reports by the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, so I can have my report in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. I will be giving Citations to the Auxiliary that contributes 25 cents of more per member to the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund based on the June 30, 2009 membership. Also I will be having a drawing of \$25.00 .How Many Auxiliaries who have done a farewell/ homecoming. As you report your name is put in the drawing. This will be in June at convention. Please report. Reporting Period: May 1, 2009- April 30, 2010**

### **NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES**

There are three main efforts of the National Military Services department: Military Assistance Program (MAP), Operation Uplink and Unmet Needs. Each program provides its own focus of support for military service members and their families. **All donations must be sent to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, earmarked for the National Military Services. The funds used by the VFW where they are needed most. Copies of the donations (checks) and a report on how the programs were promoted go to the Department Chairman. Money is not collected by the Department Treasurer.**

***The Military Assistance Program*** (MAP) provides support for the Post, District and Department interaction with the local military community bridging the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary to active duty, guard and Reserve military units. Map offers grants to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries who participate in military unit functions such as sponsoring farewell and welcome home activities, Adopt-A- Unit and Family Readiness Group events. Another aspect of MAP is the Memorial Commendation for a service member killed in action. This commendation intended to be presented by a VFW representative, is an example of the continued support this organization provides. ***Operation Uplink*** connects active-duty troops and hospitalized veterans with their families and Friends. The connections include both international and domestic phone cards and Free Call days, one scheduled for every month of the year, where troops can call home- at no charge- from internet cafes throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. All card requests, which must include the unit designation, head count and a point of contact, are submitted through Department Chairmen. Through **Unmet Needs** the VFW provides grants up to \$2,500 to eligible service members and their families facing a hardship due to deployment or military service. This grant is available to the five branches of service, as well as members of the Reserves and National Guard. With funding from corporate sponsors and individual donations, the VFW Foundation administers and promotes the Unmet Needs program. Eligibility criteria and expenses eligible for consideration of payment are listed on the VFW Web site along with a new application to accelerate processing. National Military Service programs

**VFW National Home for Children** located on 629 acres in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is the most unique community in the nation. Established in 1925, the National Home is a multi-faceted facility created to care for the developmental, social and spiritual needs of the children and families of the VFW and active military personnel. A neighborhood of custom homes, service buildings and recreational land, the

National Home stands as a tribute to the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members who have supported and continue to support the home today through contributions. The VFW National Home receives no government funding, so contributions are critical to maintain the programs and campus. The Ladies Auxiliary promotes funding through the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund with a **donation of 10 cent per member based on Auxiliary June 30 membership quota**. Other methods of giving include the Campbell's Labels for Education Program, the new Online Giving Option, Tribute Giving and Life Membership. For information on all funding options available for individual donors, refer to the National Home's Web site, [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org), or call their toll-free number, (800)424-8360. Our commitment to the mission of the National Home remains to provide.

### **Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship**

A primary objective of this Ladies Auxiliary is support to the members and their families. Education is one of these goals. The continuing Education Scholarship is available to members, their spouse or children who have reached 18 years of age to pursue a college degree or technical trade. One scholarship of \$1,000 will be given to a candidate from each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary for one year prior to application is required to qualify. The newly revised one- page application is available to download at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org) and must be received at National Headquarters by February 15, 2010. Prior winners are not eligible.

### **Buddy Poppy**

Ladies, this is the time to use some of your relief funds to help Veterans during the Holidays. Buddy Poppies proceeds from distribution are placed in **the Ladies Auxiliary Relief Fund** and used solely for veteran's welfare or the well-being of their needy dependents or the orphans of veterans. A listing of accepted expenditures from this Relief Fund can be found in the Ladies Auxiliary Booklet of Instruction. A successful Buddy Poppy Campaign requires planning and enthusiasm. Choose your campaign dates, publicize the event and select your volunteers wisely. Their enthusiasm and smiles create a friendly atmosphere which projects a good image; winning combinations. The *"It's About Service- How to have a Successful Program Year 2009-10 Program Guide"* has tips for a successful campaign and contest details. New in 2009, the Buddy Poppy Program offered an additional opportunity to distribute poppies. Along with Memorial Day and Veterans Day, March 3 was deemed the All American Star Spangled Bonus Day. This Buddy Poppy date marks the anniversary of VFW's victory in sealing "The Star Spangled Banner" as the national anthem. The additional of an official day for a Buddy Poppy Campaign reinforces the two- fold importance of the Buddy Poppy that has not changed since its inception: our continued commitment to "veterans helping veterans" and the VFW's motto of "Honor the Dead by helping the living."

You can download all forms for all programs at [www.vfwdepartmentsources.org](http://www.vfwdepartmentsources.org). Ladies, let's have a fun year and help the veterans and their families in time of need. Or just be there for them, when they just need a friend or someone to talk to. **"Remember we have Veterans among us."** Please keep all troops away in safe hands and keep them in your prayer, that they come home safe.

### **NOT Reported**

District1:176

District2:993, 9382

District3:2239 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501,9808

District4: 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 8048, 8759,8902,9954

District5:647, 4637,7800, 8467

District6: 1444, 2157,4522,5311,7854

District7:621, 1860,8613,9292

District8:2524,

District9:1184, 6000,7136,7969,9640

District10;1503,3150,8241,9274,9478

District11:632,,2216,2424,3136,4204,7814,8279, 9480,10826

District12:1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600,9830, 10310

District13:1827, 2217,8169,8436,10574

# VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN PROGRAM

December 2009

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## **Voice of Democracy—"Does America Still Have Heroes" Patriot's Pen – "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes"**

The time to get our students involved in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarships program is now behind us. The judging deadline for both programs on the local level was November 15, 2009. Judging on the district level is to be completed by December 6, 2009.

After the district judging the entries should be sent to the Department Chairman of each program.

Voice of Democracy

Earle P. Weekley, Jr.  
595 Bowman Road  
Dayton, Va. 22821

Patriot's Pen

Don Hall  
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Staunton, Va. 24401

The deadline for completion of the department judging is January 7, 2010. We will soon have the long awaited answer to the question – **"Does America Still Have Heroes"** and **"When is the Right Time to Honor our Military Heroes?"**

Following the judging of the essays each auxiliary should send a thank you note to the judges, teachers or adults who were involved in getting the students to participate. Contact your local newspaper, radio station or community newsletter to educate the general public on our essay's and how much money is going to be awarded through our youth scholarship programs.

For all of you that have reported, I thank you for your hard work. For you that have not reported I am looking forward to hearing from you. If your auxiliary submitted the information to the schools and did not receive an entry, report it. You did the work so get credit for it. Make sure your reports will be counted. I need to know how your auxiliary promoted the Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Program.

Auxiliaries **NOT** reported as of November 9, 2009

District 1	176, 824, 6002, 7167
District 2	392, 993, 3160, 4411, 9382
District 3	2239, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501, 9808, 10654,
District 4	637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 8048, 8163, 8902
District 5	647, 1115, 4637, 7726, 7800, 8467
District 6	1033, 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854
District 7	621, 2447, 8613, 9292
District 8	2524, 3103, 7589
District 9	1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640
District 10	1503, 3150, 7327, 7916, 8241, 9274, 9478
District 11	632, 1499, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826
District 12	1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10310
District 13	1827, 2217, 8169, 8947, 10574

**“IT’S TIME FOR AMERICA’S MILITARY HEROES” BECAUSE WE ARE “SUPPORTING  
OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM”**

# Ways & Means

## December 2009

*The purpose of the Ways & Means Program is to raise funds for the Department of Virginia's budget. Monies raised will be used to promote our programs and give monetary awards to our Auxiliaries at the June 2010 Awards Ceremony.*



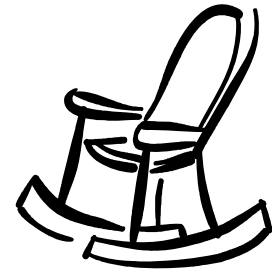
### Department Shirts

Long-sleeved button-down blue denim shirts in sizes Small through 2X; Logo on front right side; \$25.00. Available at January 2010 Winter Conference in Williamsburg.

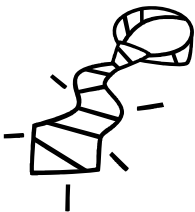
### Raffles & 50/50

Majestic Eagle lighted figurine: Chances \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Winning ticket will be drawn in January 2010 at the Winter COA/Conference.

White Rocking Chair with cushions (compares to chairs at Cracker Barrel): Chances \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winning ticket will be drawn in June 2010 at the Department Convention in Richmond.



Winter 50/50: Chances \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winning ticket to be drawn in Williamsburg.



### Available at the Ways & Means Table

RADA Knives  
Ladies Auxiliary Bears  
Scarves  
Ties  
Miscellaneous Items



### National Ladies Auxiliary VFW Labels/Notepads Program

Every time you send money in support of the National Label program, the Department receives a percentage of the amount collected. Please support the program.

### 2008-2009 Department Red Polo Shirt

A few inquiries have been made asking if the red shirts, with PDP Mary's logo, could be purchased. If you are interested in purchasing the shirt, please call Mary Horne or PDP Mary Profitt at (540) 463-6132.

### For More information

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## **Youth Activities**

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On October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, I took a wonderful trip to the Statue of Liberty for her birthday celebration. We bared the wind and the rain as the immigrants did 123 years ago. From all different countries they passed through the gates at Ellis Island. They all came together in what was called "The Melting Pot" and made us stronger. As we move to the future we need to embrace this "It's time for America's Military Heroes". For all they have done for us by "Supporting our Legacy of Freedom".

### **Snowball Express**

I hope everyone has made their donations or their plans to help. Snowball Express's departure is on December 9<sup>th</sup> going to Dallas, Texas.

### **Patriotic Art**

Go to your local schools and speak to their Art teacher. We need to contact individual students, home schooled students, place fliers in stores, and use word of mouth. Make sure the students follow the rules and give out the hints flier. If you haven't done so yet it's not too late.

### **Jr. Girls Unit**

We need to get our girls involved by starting more Jr. Units. Remember that eligibility for Jr. Girls is the same for your Auxiliary. These girls will someday be the future of your Auxiliary.

We have two Jr. Girls Units in Virginia, 4809 Tidewater, Norfolk and 6002 Denbigh, Denbigh.

You can help support our Jr. Girls by sending a donation to them.

Don't forget your Jr. Girls Inspections.

### **JROTC**

We can help them and they can help us too. They are your future leaders, soldiers, and possible members. Contact your local schools or maybe a neighboring county or city school.

Military Families need our support let them know that we have not forgot them. Have a special holiday party for them and their children.

This year is coming to an end; I would like to see all the Auxiliaries 100% at the Winter Council in Williamsburg. I would like to have all my balls back. You have to be there to find out what is going on. We are having balls of fun.

The hour glass is ticking. Time to report. The following Auxiliaries are **Not Reported**.

<b>Not Reported</b>	1 of 5
District 1: 176, 6002	
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District 3: 2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10654	10657
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District 13: 1827, 2217, 7638, 8169, 10574	

Sisters, I know you are doing the work so why not report. You can drop a note in the mail, send an email, or call me. It is really easy.

Auxiliaries at 100%

District 1: 824, 3219, 5500, 7167  
District 2: 392, 4809  
District 4: 622  
District 5: 7568, 8243  
District 6: 1264  
District 7: 1860, 2123, 2447  
District 9: 4667  
District 10: 3150  
District 11: 1499, 3136  
District 13: 8436, 8947

Hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday.

Love,  
*Shema Peppers*