

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3

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

1. I would like to thank **ALL** members of the Virginia Delegation for your support in Phoenix. And, thanks to all our Auxiliary members, the Department of Virginia earned many awards at the National VFW Convention. Congratulations to our 2008-2009 Past Department President Mary Profit for receiving Outstanding President of the Year!

2. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN:** Members of Virginia you can be proud! Thanks to your efforts, the Department was 56.22% in membership at National Convention. We must continue to **recruit, reinstate, and retain** members if we are to achieve 100% in membership by December 31, 2009. Remind your members their dues must be paid no later than December 24, 2009 to allow processing time prior to the December 31st due date. Dues must be processed by December 31, 2009 in order for a member to remain in good standing and maintain eligibility for cancer grants. Read the promotional information from the Membership Chairman each month as she always has some good ideas on how to **recruit, reinstate, and retain** members.

3. **PLAN A MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT:** The Department Line Officers will be glad to come to your area and help you recruit new members for your District and Auxiliary. If you need help in organizing the event, writing letters to send to your unpaid members, or brainstorming ideas for retaining your current members, do not hesitate to call any of the Department Line Officers or District Officers.

4. **DUES TRANSMITTALS:** Treasurers are reminded to transmit all dues as soon as they are received to our Department Treasurer Mary Richards at 6351 Tappahannock Dr, Norfolk, VA 23509. Treasurers, be sure to include the bottom section of the three-part dues card when sending in your transmittal and check. When you have a new annual member, send one copy of the application card and the bottom of the blank Membership card filled out with the necessary information.

5. **CANCER AID & RESEARCH DONATIONS:** Auxiliaries, don't forget to make your donation of \$2.00 per member (or more) to provide the needed funds for the Cancer Grants and the ongoing research needed to find a cure or interim treatment until a cure has been found. Funds from your **Ladies Auxiliary Relief Fund** may be used. Refer to page 20, paragraph 5 of your Booklet of Instructions.

6. **Treasurers, remember that National Headquarters does not send out dues reminders.** Ask the members of your Auxiliary to help you contact members for retaining and reinstating their membership status for 2010 by the end of September. **Keep up the GREAT work** that you do for our organization. Your services are greatly valued by our organization.

7. **ATTENTION PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS -- LAST DUES TRANSMITTAL FOR 2009:** Please make sure that you have **your last transmittal for 2009** to Department Treasurer Mary Richards, **by December 24, 2009.** This will give our Department Treasurer sufficient time to make sure that National has dues processed by December 31, 2009. We can reach our goal of 100% in membership only through your efforts.

8. **ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS, TREASURERS AND TRUSTEES:** The third quarter Auxiliary audit covers the months of July, August and September. The audit shall be conducted during the month of October. A copy of the audit must be mailed to the Department Treasurer, Mary Richards, by October 30, 2009. **Bylaws Section 814A:** "It shall be the duty of the Trustees, no later than the end of the month following the expiration of each quarterly period, to properly audit the books and records of the Auxiliary Treasurer and Secretary. The Trustees shall submit and read a written report during an Auxiliary meeting. A motion to accept the Audit is required. A copy of the accepted audit shall be included in the minutes record book. Any negligence on the part of the Trustees in carrying out the mandates of this section or in attending audits, shall make them individually and collectively responsible, with any others, for any discrepancy." **Trustees please take special note of the last sentence of that bylaw.** Any officers or chairmen handling money must have their books audited by the Trustees. Trustees must sign and date the books of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairmen **after** completing the Audit.

9. **REMEMBER, ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER IS BONDED:** The bond is a straight dishonesty bond and proof of loss resulting from dishonest acts on the part of the Treasurer is required in settlement of claims. We

realize some Auxiliary give funds to the Chaplain, Hospital Chairman and Kitchen Manager. It is very important that they be held accountable for the funds in their possession. Audit all accounts regularly and keep accounts to a minimum to prevent losses.

10. NATIONAL PRESIDENT JAN TITTLE TO MAKE HER OFFICIAL VISIT TO VIRGINIA October 1-3, 2009. Call the National President's Visit Chairman Karen Wagner at (540) 955-7007 or email her at karenw@cni-usda.org for more information.

11. MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, October 24, 2009 -- is the most all-encompassing national day of helping others. I hope that your Auxiliary has planned special projects within the community to celebrate this day of neighbors helping neighbors. There are many in our communities who need our help and we can make a difference. Your Community Service Chairman's promotion in the General orders will give your Auxiliary ideas of projects that you can have for this special day. And, remember to report your activities!

12. 2009 STATUE OF LIBERTY 123rd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. The Department of District of Columbia plans to again hire a bus and has invited the members of Virginia to join them on this one-day round trip to Liberty Island. If you want to attend, please call Department President Kathy Birch (540) 955-3311 by October 1st. The more individuals who take the bus trip, the lower the cost per person.

13. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY & PATRIOT'S PEN: All Auxiliary Chairmen should have distributed the information to their area middle and high schools by the first day of the school year. The November 1, 2009 deadline for these two programs is fast approaching. Please pay close attention to the Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Chairman's promotion in this General Orders and help her get the information on these important youth scholarship opportunities into your schools and communities.

14. YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST deadline is not until March 31, 2010 but it takes time for these young artists to create their masterpieces. Get the information and entry forms to art teachers in area schools now. Start early, advertise a lot, and encourage entries from all students who are eligible. Don't forget the home-schooled children.

15. AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN: Get the habit -- report every project that your Auxiliary completes and report in detail. The more often you report, the more details you give in your reports, the better chance you have to win an award at our Department Convention in June. Beginning in this General Orders, Department Chairmen will be listing those Auxiliaries who have not reported. Please send your reports in by the 5th of each month to make sure your Auxiliary's name is not on that list. Use the Department Chairmen's award guidelines to plan some projects that can be submitted for awards. By believing in our great organization, by learning from your chairmen and participating in every program, you can achieve anything!

Sisters, this General Orders has ideas for helping your Auxiliary, your community and most of all, your veterans. **It's Time for America's Military Heroes** and, by following the guidelines of our organization; you will be **Supporting our Legacy of Freedom**.

By the Order Of,



Kathy Birch
Department President

Attest:



Department Secretary

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October, 2009

Roster Changes and Updates

- **New Department Hospital/VAVS Chairman:** Ellen Carleton, 13440 Pinwheel Court, Dale City, VA 22193. Phone Number (703) 878-1019. E-Mail elcvfw1503@msn.com
- **New Phone Number for Department Secretary:** 757-575-3719. My home phone has been on the blink for the last few weeks, in order to ensure that everyone can reach me when needed I am giving you all my cell phone number.

Calendar Update

- **Statue of Liberty Birthday:** October 28, 2009, Liberty Island, NY.
- **Southern Conference:** November 5-8, 2009, Corpus Christi, TX. Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Room rate \$99.00 Call 361-887-1600. For further information contact Department Secretary.
- **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.

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.

1st	Date	10/3/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Location	Post 176, Newport News
	Rep:	Jr. Vice President Robin Milewski

8th	Date	10/25/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 2524, Culpeper
	Rep:	Sr. Vice President Betty Gimble

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

9th	Date	9/27/2009
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 1184, Pulaski
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

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

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

4th	Date	11/8/2009
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 8163, Clarksville
	Rep:	Chaplain Cathy Graham

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

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

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

6th	Date	11/8/2009
	Lunch	After meeting
	Meeting	2:00 p.m.
	Location	VAMC Salem, Bldg. 77
	Rep:	Chief of Staff PDP Pat Baldwin

13th	Date	10/11/2009
	Lunch	After Meeting
	Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Location	Post 8947, Mineral
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

7th	Date	12/13/2009
	Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Meeting	After Lunch
	Location	Post 2123, Winchester
	Rep:	President Kathy Birch

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	9/10/09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT PAID	1-1-09 thru 3-31-09	4-1-09 thru 6-30-09	7-1-09 thru 9-30-09	10-1-09 thru 12-31-09	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID
176	16	34	47.06%	\$ 68.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 11.90	
824	24	20	120.00%	\$ 40.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 7.00	
3219	119	205	58.05%	\$ 410.00	\$ 410.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 71.75	\$ 71.75
5500	33	33	100.00%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00	x	x			\$ 11.55	\$ 11.55
6002	31	61	50.82%	\$ 122.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 21.35	
7167	75	81	92.59%	\$ 162.00	\$ 162.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			x	x			\$ 28.35	\$ 28.35
Total - District 1	298	434	68.66%	\$ 868.00	\$ 638.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 175.00						
392	260	323	80.50%	\$ 646.00	\$ 646.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 80.75	\$ 80.75
993	49	90	54.44%	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 22.50	\$ 22.50
3160	227	278	81.65%	\$ 556.00	\$ 556.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	x	x			\$ 69.50	\$ 69.50
4411	36	51	70.59%	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 12.75	\$ 12.75
4809	246	341	72.14%	\$ 682.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 85.25	\$ 85.25
8545	14	30	46.67%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 21.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50
9382	34	58	58.62%	\$ 116.00		\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50
Total - District 2	866	1171	73.95%	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 1,544.00	\$ 61.00	\$ -	\$ 245.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00						
1426	0	25	0.00%	\$ 50.00				\$ 35.00									\$ 8.75	
2239	82	91	90.11%	\$ 182.00	\$ 186.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 150.00		x	x			\$ 31.85	
4639	36	38	94.74%	\$ 76.00	\$ 76.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 13.30	
6364	30	45	66.67%	\$ 90.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 15.75	
8046	52	58	89.66%	\$ 116.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 20.30	
8356	12	28	42.86%	\$ 56.00	\$ 58.00		\$ 110.36	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 9.80	
9224	0	23	0.00%	\$ 46.00				\$ 35.00									\$ 8.05	
9501	3	42	7.14%	\$ 84.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 14.70	
9808	88	157	56.05%	\$ 314.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 54.95	
10387	17	36	47.22%	\$ 72.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 12.60	
10654	24	33	72.73%	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 11.55	
10657	17	29	58.62%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.15	
Total - District 3	361	605	59.67%	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 386.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 110.36	\$ 420.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -						

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622	51	47	108.51%	\$ 94.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 25.00	x	x			\$ 4.70	
637	49	74	66.22%	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x				
2584	7	35	20.00%	\$ 70.00				\$ 35.00					x					
5313	24	34	70.59%	\$ 68.00				\$ 35.00					x					
7059	59	62	95.16%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00		x				
7166	64	88	72.73%	\$ 176.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
7819	36	76	47.37%	\$ 152.00				\$ 35.00					x					
7897	0	2	0.00%	\$ 4.00				\$ 35.00										
8048	4	27	14.81%	\$ 54.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
8163	19	72	26.39%	\$ 144.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
8759	25	52	48.08%	\$ 104.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
8902	0	12	0.00%	\$ 24.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
9855	8	30	26.67%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
9954	194	198	97.98%	\$ 396.00	\$ 396.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x				
Total - District 4	540	809	66.75%	\$ 1,618.00	\$ 768.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 490.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 125.00						
								\$ 89.00										
647	56	103	54.37%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	x	x			\$ 36.05	
1115	134	456	29.39%	\$ 912.00	\$ 912.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			x	x			\$ 159.60	
2820	0	12	0.00%	\$ 24.00				\$ 35.00									\$ 4.20	
4637	9	51	17.65%	\$ 102.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 17.85	
7568	8	30	26.67%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 10.50	
7726	116	159	72.96%	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 55.65	
7800	3	27	11.11%	\$ 54.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 9.45	
8243	11	60	18.33%	\$ 120.00	\$ 128.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 21.00	
8467	44	53	83.02%	\$ 106.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 18.55	
Total - District 5	381	951	40.06%	\$ 1,902.00	\$ 1,564.00	\$ -	\$ 89.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00						
1033	39	104	37.50%	\$ 208.00				\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	x	x			\$ 36.40	
1264	57	63	90.48%	\$ 126.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 22.05	
1444	36	39	92.31%	\$ 78.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 13.65	
1841	19	56	33.93%	\$ 112.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 19.60	
2157	15	53	28.30%	\$ 106.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 18.55	
4522	13	56	23.21%	\$ 112.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 19.60	
5311	36	46	78.26%	\$ 92.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 16.10	
7854	13	30	43.33%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.50	

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Total - District 6	228	447	51.01%	\$ 894.00	\$ 239.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
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621	90	108	83.33%	\$ 216.00	\$ 216.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 300.00	x	x			\$ 54.00	
1860	86	154	55.84%	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 77.00	
2123	23	84	27.38%	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00			x			\$ 42.00	
2447	58	83	69.88%	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 41.50	
8613	32	77	41.56%	\$ 154.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 38.50	
9292	1	33	3.03%	\$ 66.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 16.50	
9660	70	82	85.37%	\$ 164.00	\$ 164.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 41.00	
9760	52	184	28.26%	\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
9872	0	29	0.00%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 14.50	
Total - District 7	412	834	49.40%	\$ 1,668.00	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 300.00						
2524	48	63	76.19%	\$ 126.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 22.05	
3103	92	111	82.88%	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00			x	x			\$ 38.85	
7589	51	63	80.95%	\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 22.05	
Total - District 8	191	237	80.59%	\$ 474.00	\$ 348.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 105.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -						
1184	28	40	70.00%	\$ 80.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 14.00	
4667	103	133	77.44%	\$ 266.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 46.55	
6000	81	113	71.68%	\$ 226.00	\$ 250.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 39.55	
7136	20	59	33.90%	\$ 118.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 20.65	
7328	11	30	36.67%	\$ 60.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.50	
7969	18	32	56.25%	\$ 64.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 11.20	
9640	18	38	47.37%	\$ 76.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00						x			\$ 13.30	
9696	58	134	43.28%	\$ 268.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 46.90	
Total - District 9	337	579	58.20%	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 592.00	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -						
609	30	30	100.00%	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 10.50	
1503	277	358	77.37%	\$ 716.00	\$ 716.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 125.30	
3150	126	161	78.26%	\$ 322.00	\$ 322.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 56.35	
7327	115	142	80.99%	\$ 284.00	\$ 284.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 49.70	
7916	65	102	63.73%	\$ 204.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 35.70	
8241	27	43	62.79%	\$ 86.00				\$ 35.00					x				\$ 15.05	
9274	46	62	74.19%	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 21.70	
9478	26	26	100.00%	\$ 52.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 9.10	
Total - District 10	712	924	77.06%	\$ 1,848.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						

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632	174	224	77.68%	\$ 448.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 56.00	
1499	43	80	53.75%	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 20.00	
2216	62	142	43.66%	\$ 284.00				\$ 35.00					x				\$ 35.50	
2424	25	40	62.50%	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.00		x	x			\$ 10.00	
3136	7	19	36.84%	\$ 38.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 4.75	
4204	39	42	92.86%	\$ 84.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.50	
7814	6	21	28.57%	\$ 42.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 5.25	
8279	12	26	46.15%	\$ 52.00		\$ 14.00		\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 6.50	
8644	60	103	58.25%	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x	x			\$ 25.75	
9339	32	52	61.54%	\$ 104.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 13.00	
9480	11	22	50.00%	\$ 44.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 5.50	
10826	8	14	57.14%	\$ 28.00				\$ 35.00						x			\$ 3.50	
Total - District 11	479	785	61.02%	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 446.00	\$ 34.00		\$ 420.00	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -						
1994	37	36	102.78%	\$ 72.00				\$ 35.00										
3782	24	21	114.29%	\$ 42.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
6975	11	95	11.58%	\$ 190.00				\$ 35.00										
8652	6	31	19.35%	\$ 62.00				\$ 35.00					x					
8979	4	40	10.00%	\$ 80.00				\$ 35.00										
9600	13	54	24.07%	\$ 108.00				\$ 35.00					x					
9830	6	29	20.69%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
10298	0	2	0.00%	\$ 4.00				\$ 35.00										
10310	0	23	0.00%	\$ 46.00				\$ 35.00					x	x				
Total - District 12	101	331	30.51%	\$ 662.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						

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Auxiliary	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital			Special Project	National Military Services	X = Audit Received by Department Treasurer by the due date				District Dues Due to District Treasurer By 9-30-2009	
	9/10/09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT PAID	1-1-09 thru 3-31-09	4-1-09 thru 6-30-09	7-1-09 thru 9-30-09	10-1-09 thru 12-31-09	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID
1827	31	77	40.26%	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00				x				\$ 26.95	
2217	10	19	52.63%	\$ 38.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 6.65	
7638	39	45	86.67%	\$ 90.00	\$ 92.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00									\$ 15.75	
8169	31	35	88.57%	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00			\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00								\$ 12.25	
8436	0	29	0.00%	\$ 58.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 10.15	
8947	24	60	40.00%	\$ 120.00				\$ 35.00					x				\$ 21.00	
10574	23	110	20.91%	\$ 220.00				\$ 35.00					x	x			\$ 38.50	
Total - District 13	158	375	42.13%	\$ 750.00	\$ 316.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						

Members at large	74	81	91.36%
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	Membership			Cancer Aid				Hospital			Special Project	National Military Services
	9/10/09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	Cancer Pins	OTHER	AMOUNT OWED	AMOUNT PAID	OTHER	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT PAID
Total - VIRGINIA	5,138	8,563	60.00%	\$ 16,964.00	\$ 9,737.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 359.36	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,000.00

District Percentages				
Place	District	9/10/09 Total	6-30-09 Total	Percentage
1st	8	191	237	80.59%
2nd	10	712	924	77.06%
3rd	2	866	1171	73.95%
4th	1	298	434	68.66%
5th	4	540	809	66.75%
6th	11	479	784	61.10%
7th	3	361	605	59.67%
8th	9	337	579	58.20%
9th	6	228	447	51.01%
10th	7	412	834	49.40%
11th	13	158	375	42.13%
12th	5	381	951	40.06%
13th	12	101	331	30.51%
Members At Large		74	81	91.36%

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Department' s Total	5138	8,563	60.00%
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Chaplain's Report
October 2009

Cathy Graham
9691 Lindenbrook St,
Fairfax, VA 22031

e-mail: grahamcrouche@msn.com

The following cards were mailed from August 9, 2009 through September 10, 2009:

SYMPATHY CARDS

Family of Patricia Wilson #637 142 Windsor Ave, Colonial Hgts, VA 23834
Fanshaw Family #7819 325 Watson Wood Rd, Crewe, VA 23930
Helena Sexton #1115 10 Oak Hollow Cir, Galax, VA 24333 Death of Husband
Sally Anne Knigge #9339 77 Princess Anne Ln, Stuart Drafts, VA 24777 Death of
Mother
Janet Fitzpatrick #3219 907 Laredo Ct., Hampton, VA 23669 Death of son Dennis
Jazombek
Vivian Bernatos National Director CA&R 712 7th Ave North, Wahpeton, ND 58075\
Death of Step-father Cleo Griffin
Carol Denning #392 1605 Lilac Ave, Chesapeake, VA 23323 Death of Son
Barbara Campeau #6364 10117 Locklies Dr, Glen Allen, VA 23060 Death of Mother
Thelma T. Lacy
Grace Thomas #7327 6360 English Ivy Way, Springfield, VA Death of Husband Thomas
Otis Deal Jr & Family #2524 4440 Massaponax Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 Death of
Francis Deal
James T. & Charlie B. Hitt #2524 309 Jenkins Ave., Culpeper, VA 22701 Death of
Madeline T. Fogarty
Family of Rosalie Brittingham #1860 16565 Back Rd, Strasburg, VA 22657
Katrina Spicer #10574 1825 Baynesville Rd., Montross, VA 22520 Death of Husband
Family of Doris Dupriest #9954 Box 395 Victoria, VA 23974
Family of Ruth Mattox #9954 Box 152 Victoria, VA 23974
Family of Alby Myers #637 391 Red Oak Dr Hopewell, VA 23860
Family of Katherine Powers #637 4248 Cedar Creek Ln Prince George, VA 23875
George Baker #9760 718 Senseny Rd Berryville, VA 22611 Death of wife Sandra
William Wall #2239 301 Wright Ave Colonial Heights, VA 23834 Death of wife Nellie
Family of Shirley Grymulski #8356 17800 Polish Town Rd Barhamsville, VA 23011
Gordon Holsinger #609 1400 20th St S Arlington, VA 22202 Death of Sister Virginia

GET WELL CARDS

Martha Coakley #4639 110 Redbird Ln Williamsburg, VA 23185 – Surgery
Glendon Webb PDP #1115 4974 Danville Pike Hillsville, VA 24343 – Illness
Elsie Weeks (Pres)#3150 3911 6th St South Arlington, VA 22204 – Hospitalized
Richard Haake HI 69 Leipapa Pl Kahului, HI 96732 – Heart Surgery
Patsy Gough #7589 9205 Mathis Ave Manassas, VA 20110 – Appendectomy
Edith Phipps #7726 35 Rimrock Ln Independence, VA 24348 – Surgery
Linda Felicita #7726 739 Pine Branch Rd Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363 - Surgery

THINKING OF YOU

Christine Martin (Pres)#1115 PO Box 342 Wilkesbarre, NC 28697 – Father very ill

Fran Booth PNP 2095 Old State Rd Norwalk, OH 44857 – Sister ill

Helen Bookman #2524 140 Morningside Dr Culpeper, VA 22701 – Recovering from
Illness

Peggy Haake HI Sec/Treas 69 Leipapa Pl Kahului, HI 96732 – Husband had surgery

Susie Hines #7726 Grayson Nursing & Rehab 300 Independence Ave Independence, VA
24348 – Stroke

Mary K. Rowland #8545 10127 Paschal Pl Carrolton, VA 23314 – Breast Cancer

MEMORIALS

Larry Matera – PDC

Nellie P. Wall – PDP

Sandra Baker – Department Soloist

Shirley Grymulski – President Auxiliary #8356

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 e-mail alert.

Some supplies that an auxiliary should have on hand that will be rarely used, hopefully, is a casket flag for conducting a memorial service. They are available in the supply catalog and they do add to the service when it is conducted.

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
LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPT. OF VA.

October 2009 General Orders

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

From: Laura Dianne Absher
9241 Swannanoa Trail
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116
Phone: (804) 746-1793
Email - Lcabsher@verizon.net

Ladies,

I am so excited! The reports have started arriving in both the snail mail and my email. I get home from work each evening and the first thing I do is check the mail and I must admit sometimes I cheat and call home to see if there is any mail for me. Sometimes there is a surprise with your report "Pictures" and I thank you it is always nice to put a face with the report. Let's see if we can get my postman coming to my door because the mailbox can not hold all of the reports.

Now on the serious side of our work, the teachers and children are back at school, let's try and get in the door and teach them about "Americanism". Tell them about the flag, show them how to fold our flag and give them their very own flag, but most of all teach them how to respect the flag when it goes by. Let's work with our comrades, offer our help and if we are able to go to the schools for a program ask your comrades if they would like to go along and participate in the program.

We all know our Themes for this year but does the public have an awareness of this? We need to remind everyone that we come in contact with that "It's Time for America's Military Heroes". As we are in the schools we need to remember that they the youth are the leaders of tomorrow and they will be "Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom".

Calendar of Events for October and November: (Information obtained from the VFW website)

Statue of Liberty's birthday - October 28. Visit www.statueofliberty.com for information.

Election Day (November 3rd) -

Veterans Day (November 11th)

Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans. Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar congressional action.

If World War I had been "the war to end all wars," November 11 might be still called Armistice Day. Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, Congress decided to make the day an occasion to honor all those who have served America. In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Historically, the first Veterans Day parade was held in 1953 in Emporia, Kansas.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington D.C. It soon became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe).

October 2009

These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918, (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day".

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Promised last month – awards that will be presented this year:

Awards:

For each program award, unless otherwise noted:

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

Second-place District 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 9/10/09:

District 1 – 176, 824, 5500, 6002

District 2 – 392, 993, 4411, 4809, 8545

District 3 – 2239, 4639, 8046, 8356, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10654, 10657

District 4 – 622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 8048, 8163, 8759, 8902, 9855, 9954

District 5 – 647, 1115, 4637, 7800, 8243, 8467

District 6 – 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 5311, 7854

District 7 – 1860, 2123, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9760

District 8 – 2524, 7589

District 9 – 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640, 9696

District 10 – 1503, 3150, 7327, 7916, 8241, 9274, 9478

District 11 – 632, 1499, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 9480, 10826

District 12 – 1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10310

District 13 – 1827, 2217, 7638, 8436, 8947, 10574

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 10th of the month in order to show reported.

Sisters, working together I know we will have a great year!

Laura Dianne

Americanism

Report Form 2009-2010

Date: __/__/__ Auxiliary # _____ District _____
President or Chairman _____
Phone # ____-____-_____

1. Did your Auxiliary conduct any special Patriotic Programs at schools? _____
Details: _____
2. Did your Auxiliary conduct any projects that American Flags were presented? _____
Number of American Flags presented (at least 2 in. x 3 in. or larger): _____
Details: _____
3. Did your Auxiliary participate in a POW/MIA program? _____
Number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2 in. or 3 in. or larger): _____
Details: _____
4. Did your Auxiliary sponsor an Americanism contest (essays, posters, scrapbooks, coloring projects, etc.)
preschool through grade 5? _____
Details: _____
5. Did your Auxiliary present certificates to businesses or citizens in recognition of displaying the U.S. or
POW/MIA flags? _____
Details: _____
6. Did your Auxiliary ___ or VFW ___ participate in a Loyalty Day program? (Check both if it was a combined
program).
Details: _____
7. Did your Auxiliary participate in the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award? ___
Details: _____
8. Did your Auxiliary participate in any other Americanism activity (i.e. flag retirement program; Veterans in the
Classroom programs; Pledge of Allegiance programs with youth; "Get out and Vote" program; Patriotic
Literature Distributed)? _____
Details: _____

Describe any other Patriotic Program you held or participated in.

Fill out any of the above that apply. Use the back of the page, and please give complete details (i.e. Mileage, Number of Members that participated, Total of Hours worked and Total Amount of \$ spent). Reports must be received no later than the 9th of the month or you will not be reported until the following month.

Send reports to: Laura Dianne Absher, Chairman
9241 Swannanoa Trail
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116
Phone: 804-746-1793
E-mail: Lcabsher@verizon.net

**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG,
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FORWHICH IT STANDS,
ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
INDIVISIBLE,
WITH LIBERTY
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!**

For all of our military personnel, wherever they may be.
We the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars,
support all of the troops defending our Country.

*God Bless our Military,
who are protecting our Country for our Freedom.
We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have,
for which we should be eternally grateful.*

*I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.*

*I looked at him in uniform;
so young, so tall, so proud.
With hair cut square and eyes alert,
he'd stand out in any crowd.*

*I thought how many men like him
had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil;
how many mothers' tears?*

*How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.*

*I heard the sound of Taps one night,
when everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
and felt a sudden chill.*

*I wondered just how many times
that Taps had meant 'Amen.'
When a flag had draped a coffin
of a brother or a friend.*

*I thought of all the children,
of the mothers and the wives,
of fathers, sons and husbands
with interrupted lives.*

*I thought about a graveyard
at the bottom of the sea,
of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.*

*Enjoy Your Freedom
and
God Bless Our Troops.*

Gail M. Payne
Department Patriotic Instructor
3709 Palace Place
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Gail101@cox.net
757-438-4689

BANNER

***Kay S. Kibler, Chairman 9652 Phillips Store Rd Broadway, VA 22815
540-896-5335 or 540-820-2331 (cell)***

Fall is certainly here. As I write this, it hasn't reached 70° yet today and it's noon already! There is so much happening in small towns in the fall. Craft fairs, fall festivals, football games and so much more. Take these opportunities to promote the Ladies Auxiliary and what we are all about. Set up at a festival and create a display showing the programs we are involved with. If we don't tell it, how will the community know? So get out there, promote your auxiliary and what you are doing, take pictures (the Historian wants to see what you do) and have a good time! I've been around a lot of you ladies and you are fun! Share that enthusiasm as you are out and about and others will want to join you.

I hope everyone's District School of Instruction has gone well or you have it coming up soon. It was proposed and accepted at Convention that the Auxiliary President, Treasurer or Secretary must attend the District School of Instruction. This is now a Banner requirement. The District Secretary will report this to me.

Concerning audits, it is written more clearly as to when the audits need to be to the Department Treasurer, Mary Richards. The audits must be to her by the last day of the following month after the audit.

District dues should have been paid by September 30. The dues are paid to the District Treasurer. She will then notify the Banner Chairman that dues have been paid.

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!

*** * * * 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 30th 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. 34th STREET 10th 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

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

Date: October 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

When you think of October, you usually think of all the beautiful gold, red, orange and burgundy leaves. You think of big orange pumpkins and black cats right? Or do you think of PINK? PINK why would you think pink? I'm not having a baby or.... or....Wait a minute I know what you are thinking now, yep the girls. Yes it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. October is bathed in Pink everywhere you look. It is on TV, on yogurt cups, even on race cars. We too should be involved in promoting BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer some time during her life is about 1 in 8. The chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 35. Breast cancer death rates are going down. This is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier and improved treatment. Right now there are about two and a half million breast cancer survivors in the United States. (As of 09/16/2008 per the American Cancer Society) Early detection by monthly self examination and yearly mammograms can prevent death. Ladies there are many websites that provide educational information on cancer. If you do not have a computer, go to the nearest library and use the computers at the library to obtain the information. Two sites that are good to use are <http://www.acs.org> and <http://www.cancer.gov>

Breast cancer will one day be a thing of the past, you ask how will that be? Research is being done every day. The Ladies Auxiliary is doing its part by providing a two year \$100,000.00 Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship. The application form is available on the National Headquarters Website. Please visit research facilities at hospitals, universities, and veteran's health care facilities and encourage those eligible to apply. The application must be postmarked by March 1, 2010. If you cannot visit in person send a cover letter with an application to the facilities. I have enclosed a sample letter to help you in preparing a cover letter to send to these facilities.

Ladies, cancer grants are not a loan, they do not have to be repaid they are a love gift. These can be used for anything, i.e.: doctor co-pays, food, gas, meds, and caretakers, anything to help you through this trying time. You must have been a member for one year and a member in good standing (dues paid to date). You are allowed two cancer grants in a lifetime but there must be at least one year between old and new treatments and/or surgery to be considered. Continuous treatment which last beyond the twelve month period will qualify for a second grant. Grants request will not be accepted for deceased members however grants "in process: date stamped upon receipt at National headquarters at the time of a member's death will be processed.

Ladies, I implore you to sell your Cancer pins and get that money in quickly. If you have not turned in last year's cancer pin money please do so now. If every Auxiliary paid the \$ 2.00 per member in the Cancer Aid and Research Program we would have \$16,964.00. In the past three weeks, we have lost three of our Auxiliary Sisters, they passed away from cancer, a cure was not to be had for them. Let's not let this happen to any more of our Sisters or to you. Help us find a cure by finding a research facility and nominating them for the Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship, and by paying the \$2.00 per member in the Cancer Aid and Research Program. Hold fundraisers, sell those cancer pins, do whatever you can to make this year the best year Virginia has ever had. Let's do our part in raising the \$3.5 million dollars needed by National so they will be able to help each Sister who request a cancer grant should the need arise.

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

You and I can make difference if we only BELIEVE and do our part.

Loyally,
 Jean Mull, Chairman
 Cancer Aid and Research
 Department of VA

Auxiliaries not reported: several districts have 0 % reported we need to get busy!!!!!!!

District 1 176 824 3219 6002 67% reported

District 2 993 9382 71% reported only 2 to go

District 3 4639 6364 8046 8356 9501 9808 10387 10654 10657 20% reported

**District 4 622 637 2584 5313 7059 7166 7819 7897 8048 8163 8759 8902 9855
 8% reported**

District 5 647 115 2820 4637 7568 7726 7800 8243 8467 0% reported

District 6 1033 1264 1444 1841 4522 5311 7854 13% reported

District 7 621 1860 8613 9292 9660 9760 9872 22% reported

District 8 2524 7589 33% reported

District 9 1184 4667 7136 7328 7969 9640 9696 13% reported

District 10 609 1503 3150 7327 7916 8241 9274 9478 0% reported

District 11 632 1499 2216 2424 3136 4204 7814 8279 8644 9339 9480 10826 0% reported

District 12 1994 3782 6975 8652 8979 6900 9830 10298 10310 0% reported

District 13 1827 2217 7638 8169 8436 8947 10574 0% reported

**CANCER AID & RESEARCH
2009 - 2010 REPORT**

(Must be received by Department Chairman by March 31, 2010)

Department Chairman

Auxiliary Chairman

Jean Mull

P.O. Box 5179

Auxiliary # _____

Fort Lee, VA 23801-0179

District # _____

Email: Valorsrest@yahoo.com

Phone # _____

804-733-1131 home or 804-731-1813 cell

1. Describe how your Auxiliary promoted & publicized the Cancer Aid & Research Program in your community: _____

2. Did your Auxiliary submit an application for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship? _____

3. Did your Auxiliary contribute \$2.00 (or more) for each member in your Auxiliary toward Cancer Aid & Research? _____ Amount \$ _____

4. Did your Auxiliary sell Cancer pins? How many? _____ Has all the money been turned in? Yes _____ No _____ (money to be sent to Mary Richards, Dept. Treasurer)

5. Describe how your Auxiliary promoted the Cancer Grant program. _____

6. Did your Auxiliary hold a fundraiser? Describe what you did to raise money. How did you promote it. _____

How much money did you raise? \$ _____

7. Has your Auxiliary held a Cancer Education Program and passed out literature regarding Cancer to your members? _____ Did you have a community program? _____



October 2009

Community Service News

Department of Virginia

2009-2010

**"It's Time for America's Military Heroes"
"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom"**

The leaves are changing colors and the entire state of Virginia is full of beautiful colors. As the days get cooler and the frost begins to set in, communities are getting ready for many of their fall festivals and events. What a wonderful time to get involved and volunteer to help with these happenings.

REMEMBER: All community service projects must be approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the minutes prior to doing any project. No individual participation can be counted as community service. Every auxiliary should work with the Post in reporting hour and dollars spent on each project. Auxiliaries are encouraged to present to the auxiliary meeting any and all projects.



Is your auxiliary getting ready for Make a Difference Day on Saturday October 24, 2009? Be sure to take pictures and share your experiences with the local media. Be sure to report on what you did and send any publicized article or picture along with your report. Remember, certificates will be presented at the Winter Council of Administration to each auxiliary who participates in Make A Difference Day and reported on it by December 15, 2009. Remember that an award will be given at the June 2010 Department Convention for Award to the auxiliary with the most unique event and celebration of Make a Difference Day.



Veterans History Project: District Presidents have a field kit to explain the requirements for this wonderful project. In conjunction with the Library of Congress, your help is needed to create a Living History of America's War Veterans. Ask for a copy of the forms, become familiar with the requirements, and work together to submit the story of veterans in your community. What a wonderful tribute to each veteran and a great gift to our nation.



Wreaths Across America: December 12, 2009 is the day when wreaths will be placed on graves at each national veterans cemetery across the country. Virginia has 22 such cemeteries. Wreaths are purchased from the Wreaths Across America Headquarters in Harrington, Maine at \$15.00 each. For those that participated last year, you know that many more wreaths were needed at each site. Cemetery locations, location IDs and the Point of Contact for each cemetery were listed in the September promotion of the General Order. To order wreaths, please have someone from your auxiliary log on to www.wreathscrossamerica.org then go to the sponsorship link. You will need the cemetery location ID to be sure that your wreath(s) delivery comes to the correct place.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

in conjunction with PartyLite Candles, auxiliaries can raise money for WAA and their own auxiliary. District Presidents have order forms and a brochure for each auxiliary with the three choices of candles and scents to choose from. Auxiliaries are asked to place at least one order before November 15, 2009. PartyLite requires a copy of your Tax Exempt Verification so you will not have to pay taxes on the orders. If you send it with a self addressed and postage paid envelope that she will send it back with your packets. Orders are shipped to each seller; each seller is responsible to deliver what they sold. Please allow a week to receive order forms for sellers (number of auxiliary ladies selling). She will mail forms along with a expectance letter for TAX EXCEMPT; each Auxiliary needs to mail or fax TAX EXEMPT form and TAX EXEMPT acceptance letter back to me upon receiving for the PartyLite Office. The PartyLite representative who is helping the department with this wonderful fundraiser should be contacted prior to

a scheduled date that you begin to take orders. Our representative is Dianna Fogel. She can be reached at 4005 Foxwood Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462-5210, 757-469-3325.

Reporting: Please take some time to understand the different areas of Community Service that your auxiliary can report on. Utilize the report form for this year and provide as much information as necessary to obtain credit. Ladies, we all are in this great organization to provide assistance. Our Family and the veterans will always come first. But, the community is just an outreach of our extended family. I know that you do the work, I just ask that you let me know.

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

District President/District Program Chairman

www.vfwdepartmentresources.org

www.usaweekend.com/diffday

www.loc.gov/vets

www.vfw.org

www.volunteermatch.org

Veterans History Project: 1-888-371-5848

Local Media: newspapers, television, radio

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *"You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments when you really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love."* **Henry Dummond**

Loyally,

Lorraine (Laine) Beckwith, Chairman

41 Kings Point Drive,

Hampton, VA 23669

(757) 722-0235

e-mail: Dabeck41@cox.net

Auxiliaries **NOT** reported as of 9/5/09

District													
1	176	5500	6002	7167									
2	392	993	3160	4411	4809	8545	9382						
3	2239	4639	6364	8046	8356	9501	9808	10387	10654	10657			
4	622	637	2584	5313	7059	7166	7819	8048	8163	8757	8902	9855	
5	647	4637	7568	7726	7800	8243	8467						
6	1444	4522	5311	7854									
7	621	1860	2123	8613	9292	9660	9760						
8	2524												
9	1184	36000	7136	7328	7969	9640	9696						
10	609	1503	3150	7327	7916	8241	9274	9478					
11	6321	1499	2216	2424	3136	4204	7814	8279	8644	9480	10806		
12	1994	3782	6975	8652	8979	9600	9830	10310					
13	1927	2217	7638	8436	8947	10574							
Dept Total													

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

HISTORIAN 2009-2010

OCTOBER 2009

Dear Ladies,

The Historian program is off and running. Your response is taking wings!

I have gotten at least one report from almost every District. Were you able to go to the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ? Do you know anyone who did go? Ask around and see if any pictures were taken. It's a possibility reports could be made from your auxiliary or

District. Keeping in mind that we have important dates this month that could render lots of reports!!

Let's get busy. And please remember those all important words

Who, What, Where, When and Why while

we are taking the "TIME" for "*Our Military Heroes*" and "*Supporting Our Legacy of Freedom*"

To BELIEVE is to ACHIEVE. WE BELIEVE!!!

Next month I will be listing Auxiliaries NOT reported.

Will you be one of them??? DON'T GET ON THE "WANTED" LIST.

Loyally,

June Tucker, Historian Dept. of Va.

June Tucker

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Department of Virginia Hospital/VAVS

Carol Vangi, Chairman
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Norfolk, VA 23503

757-621-5519
Submission for Oct, 2009

It's time for America's Military Heroes" and "Supporting our Legacy of Freedom"

Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project www.veteransvoices.org

The mission of HVWP is to encourage veterans to write, through the coordinated efforts of volunteers and/or VA medical center staff. Veterans often experience traumatic and life-changing experiences in the service of their country. Writing serves as therapy for many veterans who participate through the VA medical centers across the United States of America.

HVWP's therapeutic writing program is designed to acknowledge veterans' experiences and build self-esteem through creative expression and possible publication. Veterans are encouraged to submit their manuscripts (prose, poetry and artwork) for national publication in *Veterans' Voices*, the only publication dedicated solely to veterans' writings.

HVWP was established in 1946 by Elizabeth Fontaine with the support of the Chicago North Shore chapter of Theta Sigma Phi (now Association for Women in Communications, Inc.) Writing as therapy was a new and untried idea, but Elizabeth and the other volunteers quickly gained the confidence of the Veterans Administration. Soon hospitalized veterans, with the help of writing aides, were expressing their feelings in stories and poems and competing for prizes at the local level.

Can I volunteer? How?

The Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project (HVWP) is actively seeking volunteers -- just like you from across the nation. Please inquire further about the many rewarding volunteer opportunities that show appreciation and pay tribute to those who served our great nation.

Persons wanting to get involved with the project are urged to contact the HVWP office at 913-432-1214. You may also contact your nearest Veterans Administration facility and visit with the volunteer services director and/or the recreation therapy director.

Don't forget to send your Auxiliary check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to the Department of Virginia earmarked Hospital VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service). These funds are used to offset the expenses of our VAVS representatives.

Awards for this year: A drawing will be held at Winter Council in the amount of \$25.00 for the auxiliaries that have submitted the \$35.00 Hospital & VAVS to the Department Treasurer and have submitted at least one report. At the Department Convention there will be a drawing. For each report an Auxiliary submits you will have any entry. So the more reports the better chances of winning the prize of \$50.00.

This will be my last submission to the General Orders. Ellen Carlton will be taking my place as the Hospital VAVS Chairman. The Department is off to a great start. I know Ellen will do a fantastic job. I wish all of the Auxiliaries continued success.

Auxiliaries NOT Reported as of Sept. 10th

Dist 1 176, 824, 3219, 6002 = 33%

Dist 2 993, 8545, 9382 = 57%

Dist 3 2239, 4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10657 = 10%

Dist 4 622, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 8048, 8163, 8759, 8902, 9855, = 8%

Dist 5 1115, 4637, 7726, 7800, 8243, 8467 = 25%

Dist 6 1444, 1841, 2157, 4522, 7854 = 38%

Dist 7 621, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9760 = 25%

Dist 8 100% Reported

Dist 9 4667, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640, 9696 = 25%

Dist 10 609, 1503, 3150, 7327, 8241, 9274, 9478 = 13%

Dist 11 No Reports Received = 0%

Dist 12 No Reports Received = 0%

Dist 13 No Reports Received = 0%

LEGISLATIVE – PAC

Irene Peters, Chairman
Department of Virginia
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October 2009

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

Thanks to the hard work of our Washington Office and all those who have worked diligently on this Legislative Priority Goal, the **Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 (Advanced Appropriations)** passed the House and Senate before the Senate recessed! This bill authorizes funding for VA medical accounts two years in advance. **Well done, all!**

Now is not the time to relax. We must remain vigilant and continue to work for legislation to protect the entitlements our veterans gave so much to earn and protect. The **Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act (H.R. 1211)** will expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, including studies in barriers to care, mental health services for PTSD, MST, and extended health care to newborns of female veterans immediately following birth.

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.

Host a town meeting at your post home and invite several politicians to come and discuss the issues and legislation currently before Congress.

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

IMPORTANT: REMEMBER, if you have a fundraiser for PAC you must make it known that all proceeds will be for support of the VFW PAC. This should be done with posters or flyers prominently displayed. All donations from non-members of the VFW or Ladies Auxiliary must be recorded along with the name of the donor. 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:

DISTRICT 1	176, 824, 3219, 6002, 7167 (17%)
DISTRICT 2	392, 993, 3160, 4411, 4809, 8545 (14%)
DISTRICT 3	4639, 6364, 8046, 8356, 9501, 9808, 10387, 10654, 10657 (10%)
DISTRICT 4	622, 637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166, 7819, 8048, 8163, 8759, 8902, 9855, 9954 (0%)
DISTRICT 5	647, 1115, 4637, 7568, 7726, 7800, 8467 (12%)
DISTRICT 6	1033, 1264, 1444, 1841, 4522, 5311, 7854 (12%)
DISTRICT 7	621, 1860, 2123, 8613, 9292, 9660, 9760 (12%)
DISTRICT 8	3103, 7589 (33%)
DISTRICT 9	1184, 4667, 6000, 7136, 7328, 7969, 9640, 9696 (0%)
DISTRICT 10	1503, 3150, 7327, 7916, 8241, 9274, 9478 (12%)
DISTRICT 11	632, 1499, 2216, 2424, 3136, 4204, 7814, 8279, 8644, 9339, 9480, 10826 (0%)
DISTRICT 12	1994, 3782, 6975, 8652, 8979, 9600, 9830, 10310 (0%)
DISTRICT 13	1827, 2217, 7638, 8169, 8436, 8947, 10574 (0%)

***Legislative &
Political Action Committee***

REPORTING FORM

Auxiliary # _____

District: _____

Auxiliary Name: _____

Auxiliary President
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Auxiliary Chairman
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

1. How did your Auxiliary promote the VFW Legislative & Security Priority Goals?

2. How did your Auxiliary educate members on the legislative process? _____

3. Number of contacts made personally/written on any National Legislative Action Alerts _____

4. Number of contacts made by members personally/written to legislators on veterans' issues:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| a, **Personal Contact _____ | d. Letters _____ |
| b. Phone Calls _____ | e. E-mails _____ |
| c. Faxes _____ | |

**May include town/city or country council meetings, state legislative or national congressional sessions, and legislative/congressional field visits.

5. Describe how your Auxiliary promoted VFW-PAC _____

6. How did your Auxiliary publicize the Legislative/PAC program to your community? _____

Mail Report to: **Irene Peters, 202 Forest Ave., Henrico, VA 23223**

MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER 2009

To: District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Treasurers, and Membership Chairmen and Auxiliary Members

CC: Susan Eveland, National Membership Director
Helen Bell, Southern Conference Chairman

From: Robin Milewski, Department Membership Chairman
207 Coinjock Run, Yorktown, Virginia 23693
vmilewski@msn.com

"It's Time for America's Military Heroes"

"Believe ... and you will receive; doubt ... and you do without"

"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom"

The bars are rattling! The PRISONERS are getting restless! LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THERE WILL BE LENIENCY (and lunacy) FOR ANY DISTRICT PRESIDENT THAT STARTS A NEW AUXILIARY IN THEIR DISTRICT. (Contact those bachelor posts!)

RETAIN - RECRUIT - REINSTATE

As the Chairman for the Department of Virginia Parole Board, I am expecting a mass release at the Winter Council of Administration Meeting in January. Please note that there will be no time off for GOOD BEHAVIOR. Release will only come after a completed sentence of 100% Membership. Keep reviewing your monthly General Orders, as there will be an opportunity to obtain a much-coveted and quite elusive "BUS PASS".

Reminder Membership Deadlines:

Auxiliary:

- **100% Membership - Auxiliaries 10-75 members: Received at Nat'l Hq by September 30th, 2009 - \$75 award.** (*We already have 7 Auxiliaries qualified for this award - Time is running out on the rest of you!*)
- **100% Membership - Auxiliaries 76-150 members: Received at Nat'l Hq by October 31st, 2009 - \$75 award.** (*7161 has 87.65%; 2239 has 87.91%; 621 has 83.33%; 9660 has 82.93%; 3103 has 82.88% - So close to receiving \$75 for your Auxiliary!*)
- **100% Membership - Auxiliaries 151-250 members: Received at Nat'l Hq by November 30th, 2009 - \$75 award.** (*Aux 9954 already has 97.98% only 4 more members (194/198) impressive!*)

- 100% Membership - Auxiliaries 251 or more members: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31st, 2009 - \$75 award. *(3160 has 81.65% (227/278) keep up the good work!)*
- 100% Membership - Special Award Auxiliary Presidents: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31st, 2009 - Special Pin from the Nat'l President. *(We already have 7 Auxiliaries qualified for this award!)*

District:

- 90% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by December 31, 2009 - "America's Pride" Pin from the National President for the District President and Membership Chairman. *(We have 3 Districts already above 70% and 2 more above 60% - keep those memberships coming in!)*
- 100% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by April 30th, 2010 - \$100 to the District and an "It's Time For America's Heroes" Plate for the District President and the Membership Chairman.
- 105% Membership: Received at Nat'l Hq by May 31st, 2010 - \$200 award.

As of August 27th, 2009

The Department of Virginia is at 57.12% in Membership.

District 8 is in 1st place with 78.06% in Membership.

District 10 is in 2nd place with 75.65% in Membership.

District 2 is in 3rd place with 73.19% in Membership.

Congratulations to:

Dist 3 Aux 8046 with 160.34%

Dist 1 Aux 824 with 120%

Dist 12 Aux 3782 with 114.29%

Dist 12 Aux 1994 with 111.11%

Dist 10 Aux 9478 with 100%

Dist 1 Aux 5500 with 100%

Dist 10 Aux 609 with 100%

Honorable Mention:

Dist 4 Aux 9954 with 97.98%

Dist 4 Aux 7059 with 95.16%

Dist 3 Aux 4639 with 94.74%

Dist 6 Aux 1264 with 90.48%

President's Special Project
Fisher House

Ashley Crider
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Greetings Fellow Sisters:

Hooray for FALL!! This time of year is PERFECT for having a wonderful fundraiser for vital programs that this organization supports including President Kathy's special project, Fisher House. There's craft shows, golf tournaments, fall festivals, car shows, square dances the list goes on and on!! I have already been getting reports in for the monetary donations your auxiliaries have been sending in for Fisher House. I am pleasantly surprised at the money raised so far...but we have a long way to go. I would like to see the Department collect at LEAST \$10,000 this year to go to Fisher House. I know the goal seems high, but this is THE best group of ladies to get the job done.

Please remember when you send ANY money to Department Treasurer Mary Richards for Fisher House that you earmark it with Fisher House and PLEASE send me a report stating how much you sent. I will be accepting reports through May 15, 2010. I will be giving an award at convention in June for the best promotion of Fisher House, not necessarily who raises the most money. However it could be both!! Don't forget when planning any fundraiser to take lots of pictures (I like pictures!) and send them to me with your report. I am looking forward to seeing what all you have planned. Make my award decision hard!!!

Blessings,

Ashley Crider

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW, DEPT OF VIRGINIA TREASURERS

October, 2009

From: Mary V. Richards, Dept. Treasurer.
6351 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, VA. 23509
Home Phone 757-961-5692 Cell 757-651-4813
Email - undbird@cox.net

To: **All Auxiliaries Treasurers:**

Summer fun is over and now we must get down to work. Children, grandchildren are back in school so we have time to get to auxiliary business. Treasurer, you have been appointed along with other members of your auxiliary to contact those members who have not paid dues. You should also contact those who have not paid for the preceding year.

National is giving awards of \$75.00 for being 100% reported by groups

Auxiliary with 10-75 Members	100% by September 30, 2009
Auxiliary with 76-150 Members	100% by October 31, 2009
Auxiliary with 151-250 Members	100% by November 30, 2009
Auxiliary with 251 or more	100% by December 31, 2009

National is also giving a award of \$50.00 to each Auxiliary that increases NEW Life Membership (Transfers does not apply) by 10%

The Department of Virginia can also win money if they meet some deadlines:

\$100 if we were 60% by August 31, 2009 - Missed this one 57.70%
\$100 if we are 70% by September 30, 2009
\$100 if we are 75% ny October 31, 2009
\$100 if we are 85% by November 30, 2009
\$500 if we are 100% by December 31, 2009

Ladies let's work together and get the dues collected and sent in. Thanks for all your hard work. I know we don't say that enough, but you Treasurer are really appreciated.

NOW TO THE 990 REPORTS: NOVEMBER 15TH IS FAST APPROCHING.

I have sent letter to all the auxiliaries that I don't have Federal ID#. Please fill out the form and get it back to me as soon as possible. The ones that don't answer will be on my list next month in the General Orders. Please don't make me put you on that list.

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

1. Go to 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 1st 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 your number will not come up. **NOW YOU SEE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GET YOUR EIN NUMBER REPORTED.**
 9. You should see your 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 your Form 990-N (e-Postcard)
- Remember to print copies of your return and file in Auxiliary files.

Veteran & Family Support

Rhonda Leaver

2085 Silver Lake Drive

Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Phone 757-580-8261

E-mail: grleaver@aol.com

Banner requirements

You must complete 3 out of 4,

1. VFW National Military Service

***(Military Assistance Program,
Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs)***

2. VFW National Homes for Children

3. Continuing Education Scholarship

4. Buddy Poppy

Remember Report, report.

Reporting Period: July 1, 2009-

March 31, 2010

I must have my reports by the 1st of every month, so I can have my report in by the 10th of each month.

It's Time for America's Heroes

Is the perfect complement to the Veteran's & Family Support Program. Focusing on the need of veterans, active military, VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members and their families set the parameters for a program designed to care, communicate and support these individuals. This program has been written to work in conjunction with core programs of the VFW and has four key areas: **National Military Services, VFW National Home for Children, Buddy Poppy and our Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship**, which benefits and define our Veteran's & Family Support Program. **"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom."**

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 can be downloaded at www.vfwdepartmentresources.org.

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 and must be received at National Headquarters by February 15, 2010. **Prior winners are not eligible.**

VFW National Home for Children

The 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, or call their toll-free number, (800)424-8360. Our commitment to the mission of the National Home remains to provide opportunities for growth and development for children, youth and families of members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, while serving as a living memorial to all veterans.

Buddy Poppy

The Buddy Poppy, an integral part of the VFW community since 1922, is the official memorial flower representing the bloodshed by American service members and reiterates that their sacrifices will not be forgotten. Today, as in the past, men and women veterans in VA hospitals, domiciliary and state veteran's homes assemble poppies and are paid by the VFW. The proceeds from a Buddy Poppy 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.

You can download at

www.vfwdepartmentsources.org.

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 addition 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."**

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.

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 **Has NOT Reported**

District1:176,824, 6002

District2:993, 4809, 8545, 9382

District3:2239 4639, 6364,

8046, 8356, 9501,9808,10387, 10654, 10657

District4: 622,637, 2584, 5313, 7059, 7166,

8048, 8163, 8759,8902,9855,9954

District5:647, 4637, 7568,7800,8243,8467

District6:1033, 1444, 1841,

2157,4522,5311,7854

District7:621, 1860,8613,9292,9660,

District8:2524, 3103, 7589,

District9:1184, 4667, 6000,7136,7328,7969, 9640, 9696

District10:1503,3150,7327,7916,8241,9274,9478

District11:632,1499,2216,2424,3136,4204,7814, 8279, 8644,9480,10826,

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

District13:1827, 2217, 7638,8169,8436,8947, 10574

Youth Activities

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Sisters, "It's Time for America's Military Heroes" to be honored and what better way to honor them then to instill in our youth the basic tenets of freedom and democracy. With all our involvement and work this leads to "Supporting our Legacy of Freedom". This makes each of us proud to be an American.

Now that our year is well under way, I know that we are planning lots of activities so don't forget to **Get Our Youth Involved**. Contact local schools and Police. With back to school, Halloween and the time change coming up we need to promote safety programs. Safety at bus stops, school safety, costume safety, have candy checks, bike safety and many more.

Changes to the Youth Activities Program

No award on the National level for Youth Volunteer of the Year.

No longer promoting the Girl Scout citations. You can sponsor a scout troop or help them in any way you can.

Jr. Girls Unit will have one scholarship winner on the National level in the amount of \$7,500.

Patriotic Art Digital Art - Please refer to the form/brochure for you information on Digital Art.

New Address for Snowball Express- Please disregard the address in the September General Orders. Snowball Express, 3575 Lone Star Tower, Fort Worth, TX 76177

Scholarship Deadlines and Awards

Young American Creative Patriotic Art

Students Deadline: Art to Ladies Auxiliary Chairman by March 31, 2010

District Judging: (Optional) must meet Department deadline.

Department Deadline: Entries must be submitted to the Department Chairman by April 15, 2010.

Department Award: 1st-\$150, 2nd-\$100, and 3rd-\$75.

National Deadline: Departments winner must be to National Headquarters by May 5, 2010.

National Award: 1st - \$10,000 Scholarship others range from \$5,000 to \$500.

Jr. Girls Unit Scholarship

Students Deadline: Entry to Ladies Auxiliary Chairman by March 11, 2010.

Department Deadline: Entries must be submitted to the Department Chairman by March 25, 2010

National Deadline: Department winner must be to National Headquarters by April 7, 2010.
National Award: \$7,500 Scholarship, only one winner.

Helpful Hints for Patriotic Art

A student must attend school in the same state as the Auxiliary sponsoring him/her.

Distribute the common mistakes and helpful hints sheets with your Art forms. They can be downloaded on the Auxiliary website.

Please read and be knowledgeable of the Art form.

It's time to get your reports in. The following Auxiliaries are reported:

	1 of 5	2 of 5
District 1:		3219, 5500, 7167
District 2:	3160	392, 4809
District 3:	None	
District 4:	7819	
District 5:	None	
District 6:		1264,
District 7:		2123, 2447
District 8:	7589	
District 9:	None	
District 10:	None	
District 11:	None	
District 12:	None	
District 13:	None	

Sisters, 2 of 5 is 100%, this is easy to do so just report.

Love,
Shema Peppers

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN PROGRAM

October 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"

It's hard to believe that it's already October and we are only a month away from our deadline of November 1, 2009 for our Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen program.

This year each Department must have at least 80% participation by the Auxiliaries to qualify at National for Program Awards to the Department. It is imperative that the program information is in the hands of the students. You can find and download all the necessary information to make your program successful by logging onto the VFW National Website at www.vfwdepartmentresources.org and then click on program information. When we support the Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Program we are **"Supporting our Legacy of Freedom."**

Now is the time to contact your schools

Now is the time to get the word out about the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Program.

Now is the time to jointly set up your local program with a member of your VFW.

Now is the time to approach and exhaust all local youth resources, including Home School Associations. Have fliers and promotional information with you.

Now is the time to choose your judges along with your Post counterpart from outside your Post and Auxiliary.

Now is the time to stress deadlines for both contests.

The Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen is a banner requirement. If your auxiliary is working towards a banner you must participate in one of these programs.

The Awards that will be presented at the Department Convention in June 2010 are:

- \$25.00 for the auxiliary with the best overall promotion of the Voice of Democracy competition
- \$25.00 for the auxiliary with the best overall promotion of the Patriot's Pen contest
- \$50.00 for the auxiliary with the best overall promotion of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen competition

Congratulations to Auxiliary 8243 from District 5 for submitting the 1st and only acceptable report as of 9-9-09. I am looking forward to receiving many more very soon.

**“IT’S TIME FOR AMERICA’S MILITARY HEROES” because we are
“SUPPORTING OUR LEGACY OF FREEDOM”**

Ways & Means

October 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

Raffles & 50/50

Majestic Eagle lighted figurine: Chances \$2 each or 3 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 \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Winning ticket will be drawn in June 2010 at the Department Convention in Richmond.

Winter 50/50: Chances \$2 each or 3 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 - any donation amount you send in will help the organization.

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