

VFWA—DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
GENERAL ORDERS
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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 9 (MUST BE READ AT MEETINGS)

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Our Department is at 95.71% up slightly from last month. A big “Thank You” to the Auxiliaries that recruited new members this past month! There is a lot of work to be done to reach 100% Plus. Let’s do it!

2. **NATIONAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AND CAFÉ:** Eleven members, several guests and myself spent 5 days in Honolulu. The Café event was at the Punch Bowl National Cemetery in the Pacific. It was a sombering experience as we heard from the Cemetery Director and VFW Commander, “Doc” Schmitz. Through DNA technology many “Unknown” remains have been identified and returned home to their loved ones. Because of this, the cemetery is having burials and one was taking place while we were there. President Peggy and the Department of HI treated each of us with the Aloha spirit. From the bottom of my heart I want say, “Thank You” to each member to allow me to experience this event.

3. **CHAIRMEN BULLETINS:** My Chairmen spend a lot of time writing their Bulletins and out of respect PLEASE read at each meeting. The Secretary can read or distribute the Bulletins to the Aux. Chairmen to be read. It isn’t necessary to read the bulletin in its entirety. Pick out some highlights to share—I know that many bulletins are lengthy because of so much information that the Chairmen receives from the Ambassadors. Some Auxiliaries print extra copies of the Bulletins for their members. It is up to the Auxiliary on how to present the bulletin information—JUST present it!

3. **DELEGATES:** Last month Heather Fifield, Credential Chairman, had an excellent Bulletin to explain the Delegate forms that Sec. Jackie has had in the recent Dept. communications. The Auxiliary Secretary (Sec. 812 A in the By-Laws)—is to send the completed Delegate list to the right Secretary—the District Secretary receives the Delegate List (white paper) for the spring District Convention and the Department Secretary receives the Delegate list (buff paper) for the Department Convention. The Delegate/Alternate lists are to be maintained by the respective Secretary for 1 year. If a vote is needed, only the individuals that are on the Delegate list are eligible to vote. No List, No Vote.

4. **AUDITS:** Per the Department Standing Guide Lines, ALL Audits must be on file to be eligible for awards that will be presented at the June Convention. As soon as the Jan 1-March 31 audit is accepted at the April meeting, please send it to Dept. Treasurer, Lenore Otto, 1383 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, WI 53066. Don’t forget to write the acceptance date on the Audit report. Also, all audits must to be on file with Treasurer Lenore in order to be a Delegate for the District and Department Conventions.

5. **LOYALTY DAY:** April 25, 2020 at Hart Park in Wauwatosa. Parade starts at 10:30 with staging starting at 9 AM. Parade route 1.4 miles in a residential area. The program will begin at 1 PM. More info. in the VFW Newspaper. See you there! (CANCELLED!!)

6. **ELECTIONS:** Each Auxiliary will need to nominate and elect their 2020-2021 officers. Instillation takes place in May. If your Auxiliary is unable to get officers, **PLEASE** contact Chief of Staff, Linda Moran, at 920-337-9922, or Dept. Pres. Mary at 262-251-9037 immediately for guidance/help.

7. **YEAR END REPORTS:** Thank you for submitting your reports. I'm looking forward in reading about all the good things that your Auxiliary accomplished! The data from these reports is used for the Auxiliary Fact Sheet that the National organization compiles each year. This is an excellent recruitment tool.

8. **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:** This year's Convention will take place June 10-13 in Rothschild. The Patriotic Rally will be different this year. Watch for more information in the VFW Newspaper and the Auxiliary website for information of events and registrations.

8. **TESTIMONIAL: POSTPONED!!**

Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to those celebrating these occasions. To those that are recovering from surgery or illness—a speedy recovery. Deepest sympathy to those that lost a loved one.

“Giving Hope to Veterans and Families” and “Serving Veterans with Aloha”

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ROSTER CHANGES FOR APRIL:

Email Change:

Lisa Wolfinger
District 8 Veterans & Family Support Chairman, pg. 70
VFW Auxiliary President, Aux. 3319, Kaukauna, pg. 75

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Aux. Meeting Time Change:

District 9, Aux. 8514, Osseo, Pg. 90

New Time:

6:00 P.M.