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General Orders from your President

Please remember that these General Orders must be read by your Secretary at every meeting and program articles should be read by your chairman.

Thank you, thank you, thank you – and congratulate yourselves – we made over 95% in Membership by the end of November!! Now let’s go for that elusive 100% by the end of the year.

At the November 5th Council of Administration meeting held in Rothschild, the Council voted to allow Sr. Vice President Sherrie Rosenau and I to buy into the National Auxiliary’s website program. This program will give us a professional looking website in the style of the National Auxiliary and other state auxiliary websites. Giving us a consistent look. (You could check out the Michigan or Ohio Auxiliary websites to see some samples.) The National webmaster provides the set up of the initial website and their program is very user friendly to the point that anyone, even without website experience will be able to do the updates we do all year. The first year is free and then it will be just $360 per year to maintain it. We will certainly send out an email to let you know when it is up and running.

Since most Auxiliaries take a bit of a break from the normal monthly business through the holidays, we are sending you reports from the Program Chairmen in this December General Orders/E-News but will skip program reports for January. I know that even my Auxiliary has a Christmas party on our normal meeting night in December. I also know many find January too cold to leave the house for an Auxiliary meeting. Just remember, the National Bylaws do state in Section 210 that an Auxiliary shall hold at least 10 business meetings per year. In January I will be emailing out the Program Year-End Reports and they will be posted on the website. Please read them over to figure out what you need to do to accomplish before the year end reports are due.

From all your State Officers and Program Chairs:

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
To All Auxiliary Members & Our Veterans

Sign Up for the Mid-Winter Conference in Oshkosh! Join us on February 3 & 4 at the Best Western Waterfront Hotel. Check out the deadlines on the copies of the registration forms that are included. Fillable forms are on the WI VFW Auxiliary website.

That’s all for now. Please pray for our Veterans and Auxiliary members that the sick get well; the grieving are comforted; and that everyone treats their fellow members with kindness and love as we continue to “Connect For & With Our Veterans” and show everyone that we have “Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care”.

2022-2023 President Faith Elford    You can email me at: wivfwafaith@outlook.com
We continue supporting our Veterans and their families by embracing the VFW’s Military Assistance Program (MAP), VFW “Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship” program, and Unmet Needs to provide for our veterans, service members and their families.

MAP is the adopt a-unit program, providing VFW posts and auxiliaries the opportunity to adopt hundreds of military units around the world. The goal is to develop relationships with units around the world, before, during and after deployments to deliver vast network of resources that are available. Contact the VFW Veterans & Military Support office at 816-757-3390.

“Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship” program provides service members and veterans with financial assistance needed to complete their educational goals. Scholarships of up to $5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants. Visit vfw.org for application and information.

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to send out a few reminders:

Has your Auxiliary made the Health & Happiness donation of $.25 per member based on June 30, 2022 Membership? Your donation can be entered thru MALTA or mailed directly to VFWA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 406 W 34th St, 10 floor KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

I hope that your Auxiliary is on pace designing their entry for the Mid-Winter Poppy display. Entry form and award breakdown can be found on the Department Website. Be creative, think outside the box and enter your unique creation.

Remember to have one Buddy Poppy in its original form with the tag attached. I am looking forward to viewing the entries.

Upcoming Patriotic Holidays – December 7th — Pearl Harbor Day

This is an excellent opportunity to host a remembrance ceremony at your Post or speak to students about the honor, sacrifice and dedication of America’s “Greatest Generation” and the “date which will live infamy” that pushed America into World War II and changed Hawaii and America forever.

The correct way to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

From our National Patriotism Chairman. Many people have asked the correct way to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This is the right way from the By-laws and Rituals.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE to the Flag of the United States of America and to the REPUBLIC for which it stands, (pause) one nation under GOD (pause) INDIVISIBLE (pause) with LIBERTY and JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Emphasis is given to the words in all caps. Please share!


LAST CALL for two items! If your Auxiliary has not yet sent your NEWS donation, please do so this month. Standard donation is $.50 per member, based on your June 30, 2022 membership. But if you send $1.00 per member, the Auxiliary will be entered into a drawing for one of two $5 awards to be announced at State Convention in June 2023.

And don’t forget to take advantage of the half-price subscription to the NEWS - $5 instead of $10. The form was in the August mailing and is on the website at wivfwaux.org. Remember: the list of subscribers and Auxiliary check should be sent to VFW State Headquarters by December 15, 2022!

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
With the holiday season upon us make sure your taking pictures of the projects and events you are working on. Piles of cards, trunks full of goodie bags, donations for food pantries, holiday dinners, etc. all show that your Auxiliary is actively supporting our veterans and your community during these trying times.

Once you have photos of these projects/events, post them to your Auxiliary’s Facebook page, send them to the VFW News and send them to me! It’s a great way to share your Auxiliary in action in your community.

As an added request, I would love to get a picture of every Auxiliaries Christmas tree or outdoor Christmas display, if you put one up. I think it would make for an amazing entry in President Faith’s scrapbook and in my PowerPoint presentation to National. Show me how your spreading love and holiday cheer!

Thank you all and have a wonderful and safe Holiday season!!

Legislative  Dept of WI Program Chair Kim McWilliams  mrsffliemt@gmail.com

Happy Holidays everyone! I hope you had an opportunity to encourage your family, friends and neighbors to get out and vote. Voting for veteran issues is one of the easiest ways in which everyone can support them. Last month I spoke about the priorities of the VFW. This month I am going to talk about Health Care for our veterans. This is a BIG topic for our veterans. Some veterans do not know that some medical concerns they have may be service related.

To ensure that our veterans get high quality health care there are many things the VA, Congress, and DOD must do while keeping the cost down or unchanged. Below is found on the VFW website under the Legislative Priorities and Health Care for you to review.

- Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide to zero. 
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries. 
- Require an assessment of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding. 
- Improve programs and services for women and minority veterans. 
- Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures. 
- Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive health care, including medications. 
- Research the efficacy of medical cannabis. 
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE. 
- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems. 
- Expand telehealth services. 
- Expand nursing home eligibility, and long-term care options.

The holidays can be one of the hardest times during the year our veterans struggle the most. I want to remind everyone of the new suicide hotline number for veterans. This can also be found on the Department of Wisconsin VA website. Veteran Crisis Line - 988-1 or text 838255

Hospital  Dept of WI Program Chair Kathie Lendosky  Lendosky16@charter.net

Christmas and New Year’s is just around the corner and Auxiliaries can start their projects early by making draw-string bags and fill the bags for Veterans at all the VA and non-VA facilities with mental health items. The items needed are squeeze balls, calming strips and just breath strips, stress buster punching bag, mindfulness stress calendar, positive messages in a bottle, stress less and self-care cards, spring dog fidget toys, Dammit dolls, mini cube puzzles, paint by sticker books, coloring books, or any other sensory item, model cars or other etc. *Don’t forget those cards and letters, during the holidays, or call a Veteran.

* Tomah is in need of volunteers assisting veterans for lunch and dinner, drivers, fly fishing experts, and Honor escorts, or No Veteran dies alone. *Tomah - current needs are several items. Please see the new wish list under Tomah hospital on the following Department Hospital site https://wivfwaux.org/ for the list of clothing and other items needed for Veterans. * Union Grove is also in need of items: please keep checking the hospital wish list site https://wivfwaux.org/ for the list of volunteer needs and wish list items. If unable to retrieve wish lists on the department hospital site please email me.

* Dollar Donations to Hospital Projects are always needed; please send to Lenore Otto, and make check out to VFWA Department of WI and earmark Hospital projects. *Sponsor a Christmas dinner, or New Year’s meal, game day snacks, pizza parties, send snacks, poinsettias, super bowl party etc., at any of the VA or non-VA facilities. Call the VA, and speak with Volunteer services. * Please don’t forget to recruit volunteers/award the volunteers, and also keep track of your volunteers and submit a name for the Department Hospital Outstanding volunteer award at end of year.
“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” was first recorded in 1963 by Andy Williams (my Mom’s favorite singer!). Yes, I think that we can all agree that Christmas is certainly a wonderful time – a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus, gathering with family and friends, and exchanging gifts. Even in this age of technology, books still remain a very special present to give to our children. Reading improves writing and grammar skills, promotes better focus and concentration, stretches the imagination, and helps boys and girls understand and share the feelings of others.

As part of our Youth Activities Program, National has given us a new expanded Patriotism through Literacy Suggested Book List. Patriotic books introduce youth to our nation’s rich history and pivotal figures while fostering a love of reading and a lifetime of learning. Your Auxiliary could donate books from this list to your local library, schools, shelter, Boys and Girls Club, etc. Place a label inside each book that shows that the donation is from your Auxiliary and is in honor of National President Jane Reape. Both the suggested book list and the labels are found on our WI Auxiliary Website under the Youth Activities Program. In addition to donating books, your Auxiliary could volunteer to read fiction or non-fiction historical books to kids, host a read-a-thon, run a writer’s workshop for aspiring teen and tween authors, or invite an author of historical books to do a book talk/signing.

Thank you in advance for promoting Patriotism Through Literacy. As former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy said, “There are many ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is best of all.”

Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2023!

Department Scholarships  Program Chair Sally Lamers

Our ’22-23 Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship (LCMS) high spots are: One Auxiliary sent a report of their donation and activity: Thank you 5729 Medford!

The 1st LCMS application was received and two applicants from District 8 reached out for more information. Regarding monetary donations, we are heading in the right direction to match last year. My personal thank you to the 51 Auxiliaries that have already donated (Fort Atkinson/1879, Richland/2267 and Crivitz/2063 donated more than once). As your Chair, I am grateful. If you haven’t yet made your donation, please send to Lenore Otto/Dept. WI Treasurer, 1383 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, WI 53066 before May 1, 2023.

The Dept-WI VFWA family can share in the knowledge we assist future medical students in reaching their goal and if all entries are like the one received today, we will be in good hands when they enter their fields upon graduation. Please encourage LCMS, EMT/Paramedic and Frank Brown Scholarship opportunities to eligible applicants you meet. Program details can be found in our October General Orders and on our website at https://wivfwaux.org/scholarships-department

Happiest Holidays to all, make it a Merry Christmas!

Achievement Awards  Dept of WI Program Chair Sherrie Rosenau

Can you believe that winter is almost here? This year is just flying by! Since it’s December, that means that half the year is over and it’s time to think about your second quarter Achievement Awards Report.

This is a reminder that Auxiliary Presidents need to fill one out each quarter and District Presidents fill one out after the second and fourth quarters. Copies of these forms are included with the December general orders. They are also available on our website: https://wivfwaux.org

This quarter we are concentrating on membership, 990s, and attending meetings.

Here’s an important note: These reports should be emailed between January 1st and January 15th for 5 bonus points.

If you are not submitting your reports quarterly, you still need to complete all four quarters at the end of the year and submit it between May 1st and May 15th. You just miss out on the bonus points each quarter.

In closing, I’d like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!
And here we are at the mid-point of our program year, with the busy holiday season adding just that extra dose of “crazy”. It’s a good time to pause and review:

- Has your Auxiliary completed all tasks required by December 31st? Including but not limited to: all dues paid – especially Officers; both audits (so far) submitted; suggested donations made – especially those with contest deadlines; etc.
- Have you ordered your 2023 Podium Edition of our Bylaws and Ritual?
- Have you participated in District and Department events and activities?
- Are you registered for the Mid-Winter Conference?

It’s not too late (yet!) to get these accomplishments done to stay in “Healthy Auxiliary” status. And while you’re at it, RESOLVE to check out the WEALTH of RESOURCES available at vfwauxiliary.org (login to MALTA) and wivfwaux.org.

Have questions or concerns? You may reach the Dept. Chief-of-Staff at 715-384-2500 OR marla.morgan@charter.net. My very best wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Membership    Dept of WI Program Chair Cheryl Woodards  Cherylwoodards8797@gmail.com

With the Holidays fast approaching I am hoping your membership bus hasn’t hit a roadblock. Every year it seems we wonder what to get our loved ones. Why not an give a member in your family, the gift of membership to the Auxiliary. Wrap up an application with the annual membership cost included and put a bow on top. This gift of membership could grow into something greater down the road.

Congratulations to Districts 2, 4, 6, for reaching over 95% by November 30, 2022. If you have been able to get some at large members to come back into your auxiliary, I want to know about it. It could mean money in your pocket. I know you are all working hard to keep those memberships coming in.

Have a wonderful holiday with family and friends, stay safe, stay healthy and keep our bus moving forward.

Mentoring    Dept of WI Program Chair Linda Moran    Loopylin1950@gmail.com

It’s hard to believe that we are mid-way into our Auxiliary year. We still have some challenges to meet as we continue to get through the problems due to Covid but at least we can again have meetings. Now is the time to get on the bus and push Mentoring for Leadership.

Mentoring is based on relationships. No matter the different backgrounds and cultures members may come from, they all have something in common: Veterans. Start each relationship from that common ground, and build on it with time, patience and caring. Which brings us to the CARE Concept.

**C is for Catch** Catching a member when he or she first joins. When that new person arrives at your meeting, make them feel welcome, don’t let them sit alone in the back.

**A is for Ask** Not everyone will jump up and volunteer for events. Just ask and invite them to join you in upcoming activities.

**R is Remember** Everyone was new once. Everyone had that first meeting. Try and remember how you felt at your first meeting. Remember there are rules and guidelines to follow, make them aware of certain things.

**E is for Engage** There are many different ways to become involved in this organization. You need to get to know that new member. Why did they decide to join? There must have been some program or project that made them decide to join. Find out what it was and get them involved.

Now that you have the idea put the CARE Concept into use. District Presidents and Auxiliaries for a little fun I would like you to design a TEAM Mentoring Bus for the Mid-Winter Meeting. Let’s see how creative you can be! All that participate will be put in a drawing for a wine basket and goodies.

Keep up the good work you do for our Veterans and their families. Until next time: When stars shine whiter---Candles burn brighter----and---Cares seem lighter----That’s Christmas. When friends are dearer---Life’s meaning clearer----and---Peace comes nearer----That’s Christmas. FROM MY HOUSE TO YOURS HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
SECOND QUARTER (OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31, 2022)

Auxiliary Name: ___________________________________________  Auxiliary #: _________

10. IRS 990 filed and ACCEPTED? (Deadline November 15, 2022)  
Yes ___  No ___

11. 1st Qtr. Audit filed with approved date to Dept Treasurer by November 30, 2022?  
Yes ___  No ___

12. Did you attend the National President’s visit?  
Yes ___  No ___

13. Did your Auxiliary sell your quota of (calendar) money raffle tickets?  
Yes ___  No ___

14. Did you attend your District meeting?  
Yes ___  No ___

15. Did you attend the Fall Conference?  
Yes ___  No ___

16. Did your Auxiliary reach 80% by October 31, 2022?  
Yes ___  No ___

17. Did your Auxiliary reach 90% by November 30, 2022?  
Yes ___  No ___

18. BONUS: 5 points if 100% by December 31, 2022 or  
Yes ___  No ___

19. BONUS: 10 points if 100% Plus by December 31, 2022  
Yes ___  No ___

20. Were your officer’s dues paid by December 31, 2022?  
Yes ___  No ___

21. Have all annual members of your Auxiliary paid dues by December 31, 2022?  
Yes ___  No ___

Email in a copy of the 2nd Quarter by January 15 for an extra 5 points. Email to: littlemama6@yahoo.com
(If emailed before January 2nd, minus 5 points.)

TREASURERS!!!!!

This is a heads-up as we are drawing near the Holiday Season.

Please allow plenty of time if you are mailing any Membership Applications or sending dues in for Annual Members. To be sure that I have time to process all mail in the office make sure it is:  Postmarked NO!! later than December 15th.

I will be out of the office from December 19th-December 27th. This still allows me plenty of time to enter everything into MALTA before the close of December.

From my house to your........Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays

Lenore Otto, Dept Treasurer WI
262-560-1222
lennylavfw@yahoo.com

God Bless and practice caring as we “Connect For & With Our Veterans” and have “Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care”.
VFWA Department of WI Roster Book Changes

Please make the following changes to your roster book

Page 5, 9, 17, and 30
Delete 608-246-8414 under Linda Schluter - she has gotten rid of her landline

Page 3, 29, 37
Janey Owens
201 Frost Woods Rd Apt 201
Monona, WI 53716

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District 8 -  
Chief-of-Staff/ Lisa Wolfinger (920) 766-7911
Extension 407 Whitney St
& Kaukauna, WI 54130
Mentoring lisawolfinger86@gmail.com

Page 72
Auxiliary 2778 Appleton
Wednesdays @ 5 pm

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Auxiliary 1038 Chippewa Falls
American Legion Hall, 12 E Spring St, Chippewa Falls
2nd Thursday @ 6pm

Page 97
Auxiliary 7929 Amery
2nd Monday of the month - November – March @ 3:00 pm
April – October @ 7:00 pm
Hotel Room Reservation Form

Last Name_________________________ First Name_________________________
Address________________________________________________________________
City_________________________ State_________________________ Zip________________
E-Mail_________________________ Daytime Phone_________________________

Additional Names Sharing Accommodations
Last Name_________________________ First Name_________________________
Last Name_________________________ First Name_________________________
Last Name_________________________ First Name_________________________

Rooms will be assigned at Check-In
Check In 3:00 pm - Date:_________________________
Check Out: 11:00 am - Date:_________________________

Hotel Room Rates
$103 plus taxes

To reserve accommodations include a Full Deposit for the first night.
Check #_________________________ Amount $_________________________

Or use a major credit card and Reserve by phone: (920)230-1900
• Request Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Room Block
• Reservations must be received by cut-off date of January 6, 2023.
• Reservations received after cut-off date are subject to space & availability.
# Wisconsin VFW & Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference

**February 3rd & 4th, 2023**

**BEST WESTERN WATERFRONT HOTEL**

& **CONVENTION CENTER**

1 N. MAIN ST., Oshkosh, WI 54901 • (920)230-1900

## VFW MEMBER REGISTRATION

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**Check here to register:**

Advance Registration with this form is $15. At the door is $20

## AUXILIARY MEMBER REGISTRATION

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**Check here to register:**

Advance Registration with this form is $15. At the door is $20

## PAST COMMANDERS LUNCHEON ~ $25

12:00 Noon Friday, Feb. 3rd

**Check to select**

- Root Beer Marinated Pork Loin, redskin mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, water, coffee, tea.

## VFWA DUTCH-TREAT LUNCHEON ~ $25

12:00 Noon Friday, Feb. 3rd

**Check to select**

- Root Beer Marinated Pork Loin, redskin mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, water, coffee, tea.

## AWARDS LUNCHEON ~ $25

12 Noon, Saturday, Feb. 4th

**VFW MEMBER** Wrap Buffet - Choice of Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, Veggie

**AUX MEMBER**

With seasonal fruit, vegetables, crudite, potato salad, chips, cookies, water, coffee, tea.

## MID-WINTER BANQUET ~ $30

5:30 pm Cocktails, 6:30 pm Dinner, Saturday, Feb. 4th

**Choice 1:** Wild Mushroom Chicken Marsala w/roasted potatoes & veg.

**Choice 2:** Beef Tender Tips w/creamy mashed potatoes & vegetables

Both choices include salad, rolls, water, coffee, tea and dessert.

## VFW TOTAL DUE: __________

## VFWA TOTAL DUE: __________

Total Payment Due __________ & Enclosed: __________

Contact Phone #: __________

Make all checks payable to:

VFW DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

Earmark: 2023 Mid-Winter

Mail to: VFW OF WISCONSIN

P.O. BOX 6128

MONONA, WI 53716-0128

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This form accommodates up to 1 VFW Member and 1 Auxiliary Member, for a total of TWO registrations. Use additional forms for more registrations.

- Cut-off date for meal orders and advance registrations is January 17, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS! This is the final date we can give the hotel a meal count!

- Unused meal reservations will not be refunded unless the missed meal is sold to another attendee.

- If you have special dietary needs, please let us know at the time you submit this form.

## MEMBERS OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS MAY NOW ORDER & PAY ALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & MEALS ONLINE USING YOUR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES AND CREDIT CARD, DEBIT CARD OR PAYPAL™