



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8 (MUST BE READ AT MEETINGS.)

- 1. MEMBERSHIP:** Our current membership is at 95.57% and we need 395 to reach 100% and 1 more to reach the Department goal of 100%+. Check your membership report to see how many more you need as an Auxiliary. We currently have District 6 and 13 Auxiliaries at 100+% and 12 Auxiliaries at 100% to get **JUST ONE MORE!**
- 2. VETS AND FAMILY SUPPORT:** In a recent Zoom meeting, National President Sandi reported her Special Project, Stars, Stripes, and Support is doing very well. Please help these military families put food on the table. Fifteen percent of military families worry about how they are going to feed their families according to a recent study. Please check Sherrie Rosenau's bulletin for information on National Veterans Service and Mental Health.
- 3. BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME:** The Mid-Winter Auxiliary Buddy Poppy has been moved to the Department Convention. The Post will have their VFW Poppy Contest and the Auxiliary will have a Poppy Display Contest as well--two contests with two separate awards. Please check Laura Coffin's bulletin for more information.
- 4. ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:** Are you checking your Achievement Report to see that you are meeting Inez's expectations for the outstanding work for our Veterans and their Families?
- 5. WAYS AND MEANS:** Thank you for supporting our main Fundraiser, Money Raffles at Mid-Winter. Please check Diane Lutovsky's bulletin for information about the Fundraisers for the Dept. Convention.
- 6. RELEVANT vs SOAR COMPETITION:** The money that is being donated for this project will be given to our VA Homes. You can continue to donate to VFWA (Soar) until May 31, 2021. Who will raise the most money, the VFW or the Auxiliary? I believe we will. Donate, donate. Of course, our Veterans are the winners.
- 7. LOYALTY DAY:** This is an annual event and is scheduled for April 24, 2021. The final decisions regarding Loyalty Day will be made at a Zoom Meeting on February 18, 2021.
- 8. YEAR-END REPORTS:** Most of these reports are due on **April 1st, 2021** to your District President. You have a whole month to reach these goals. Plan to complete them with no blanks. The District President needs to get them to the Dept. Chairmen by April 15. The Dept. Chairmen need to get them to Dept. President by May 1.
- 9. ELECTIONS:** At our April Meeting we nominate and elect new officers for the 2021-2022 year. These officers are installed at the May Meeting. If you think you will be unable to get some officers, please let the Chief of Staff Rita Byers at 608-654-5470 or Dept. President Linda at 608-246-8414 know immediately so we can assist you.
- 10. DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:** By now you may know that COVID-19 has caused us to cancel the VFW 100th Year Anniversary this year but will be celebrated next year. **The 2020-2021 Convention has been moved to Tundra Lodge in Green Bay and the date has been changed to June 23-26, 2021.** Check the VFW News and our website as more information becomes available.
- 11. MID-WINTER:** Thanks to all the members that attended our conference, either in person or virtually. We had a great turnout for the live streaming of the Conference. I would like to thank our Host, Jr. Vice President Faith Elford for a job well-done. I hope you found it informative and you have ideas to share with your Districts and Auxiliaries.
- 12. IN MEMORY:** Please drape the Charter for 30 days for PDP Patricia Danielson who went to her heavenly home on January 13, 2021.

"Soar Like an Eagle for Veterans as we are "Honoring our Mission to Serve Veterans."