VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY



DENISE A. BECKLER, PRESIDENT 2024-2025



2024 - 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am both humbled and excited about this upcoming year. Humbled by the responsibility this position holds and excited because I love our organization and look forward to working closer than ever with our members and the VFW.

When I decided to start this journey, I had much to learn. And now that I'm about to step in to the President's position, I realize I still have much to learn! But that's OK – none of us can truly be 100% prepared. What we can be is 100% dedicated and I assure you, that I am. I have met so many great members as I've traveled up and down the state these past years and established friendships with those who have the same mindset I do, to be there for our veterans.

As most of you know, this journey has been a tribute to my father, who didn't come home from his deployment to Vietnam. And as I start my year as your president, I can think of no better way to honor his memory, then to serve the veterans of our great State of New Jersey.

I look forward to working closely with the VFW and our new commander. Together we plan to show unity, to shout out that the VFW and its Auxiliary are "All In", for our veterans and members alike. Working with one purpose together, we can conquer much in just a year's time, for the benefit of veterans.

Please never hesitate to call, text or email me with a question, comment or concern. I can't promise to fix every issue that comes along, but I can promise I will listen and treat the situation with earnest intent.

As you plan your activities this year, I do hope you'll send me an invite. I would love to attend as many auxiliary functions as possible. And not just to stand there as a figurehead, but to jump in and assist where help is needed. Working side by side with our members and veterans is one of my favorite ways to spend a day!

I wish you all a busy and productive upcoming year. Work as many of our programs as you can, while focusing on the needs of our veterans and members in your post/aux and within the community. We can't fix all the world's problems, but we can make sure the veterans in the State of New Jersey know there's an organization that will always be there for them!

Loyally,

Denise Beckler

2024 -25 VFWA Dept of NJ President

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denise.beckler@aol.com

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN & APPOINTMENTS FOR 2024 – 2025

President

Sr Vice President

Jr Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Conductor

Guard

Chief of Staff

Historian / Media Relations

Patriotic Instructor

Photographer

Color Bearer #1

Color Bearer #2

Color Bearer #3

Color Bearer #4

POW / MIA Flag Bearer

Flag Bearer

Banner Bearer

Soloist

Assistant Soloist

Assistant Conductor

Assistant Guard

Assistant Guard

Assistant Treasurer

Americanism

Audit Chairman

Denise Beckler

Gloria Lisicki

Camilla Albano

Margaret Russo

Paula Pinto

Mary Dungan

Carolyn Rovito

Victoria Hendrix

Barbara Wiener

Mary Ryan Sandman

Kelly Dowdy

Mary Ryan Sandman

Lynn Malone

Joy Horner

Cheryl Ann Stranahan

Trish Muller

Mary Bailey

Janet Farrell

Gwen Dancy-Coats

Destine' Hendrix

Lorraine Brooks

Carol Struszaiewictz

Brenda Bailey

Catherine Burkhardt

Iris Jean George

Kelly Dowdy

Ellie Eith

Audit Committee Mary Dungan

Carolyn Rovito

Alice Sandman

Guest Denise Beckler

Paula Pinto

Margaret Russo

Auxiliary Outreach Camilla Albano

Awards Anna Fox

Buddy Poppy / National Home Theresa Andrysczak

Budget / Hospital Budget Chairman Dorothy Robinson

Budget / Hospital Budget Committee Anna Fox

Gloria Lisicki

Cecelia Watkins

Guests Dept Line Officers

Cancer Aid Gloria Lisicki

Communication Center / Directory Committee Denise Beckler

Margaret Russo

Barbara Wiener

Mary Ryan Sandman

Community Service Reporting Camilla Albano

Convention Credentials Chairman Dorothy Robinson

Convention Liaison Barbara Wiener

Convention Registration Carla Lape

Susan Horgos

Department President's Dinner Chairman Victoria Hendrix

Department President's Dinner Committee Brenda Bailey

Destine' Hendrix

Barbara Wiener

Eastern Conference Delegates

Camilla Albano

Mary Dungan

Margaret Russo

Gloria Lisicki

Barbara Wiener

Eastern Conference Alternates

Carolyn Rovito

Victoria Hendrix

Extension & Revitalization / Mentoring

Barbara Wiener

Floor Work Instructor Cheryl Ann Stranahan

Grant Writing

Jan Pask

Hospital Coordinator

Carolyn Rovito

East Orange VA Representative

Gloria Corno

East Orange VA Deputy Representative

Helen Faison

Lyons VA Representative

Lorraine Brooks

Menlo Park Representative

Margaret Russo

Paramus Representative

Kathleen Shanahan

Veterans Haven North

Elizabeth Kitson

Veterans Haven South

Karen Benedetto

Vineland Representative

Barbara Wiener

Joint Special Project / National Sp. Project

Donna Avery

Legislation

Kathleen Shanahan

Membership

Victoria Hendrix

National President Visit

Denise Beckler

National President Visit Assistant

Barbara Wiener

Program Coordinator / Mentor

Carmen Peterson

Outstanding Auxiliary Contest

Noreen Locacio

School of Instruction Chairman

Delegate Training

President Aux / District Training

Treasurer / Trustee Training

Secretary Training

Scholarship

Unaffiliated Auxiliary Meet & Greet

Veterans and Family Support

Webmaster

Youth Activities

Denise Beckler

Paula Pinto

Noreen Locacio

Paula Pinto

Margaret Russo

Sandra Reed

Lorraine Brooks

Brenda Bailey

Dominick Genova

Mary Dungan

DUTIES OF AUXILIARY SECRETARY

Margaret Russo 15 Grant St. Sewaren, NJ 07077 732-887-7947 vfwadeptnjsec@aol.com

Congratulations on being appointed as your Auxiliary and/or District Secretary. Whether you are a seasoned secretary like myself or a newbie you may find that this year may be filled with challenges, if so we will get through them together. I want all of you to enjoy yourselves and have a little fun. I'm looking forward to working with each of you and getting to meet those of you I don't know.

Your President appointed you because he/she feels that you would work well with them. An important part of your job is to assist the President with keeping the meetings running smoothly. To be successful you should always be prepared and always keep the lines of communication open between yourself, the President and the Treasurer.

The most important part of your job is to keep records of what goes on at your meetings and to convey any important information received from both National VFW and Auxiliary and the Department VFW and Auxiliary. You should open any correspondence prior to the meeting and distribute the monthly promotions sent by the Department Secretary to the chairmen prior to your meeting so that they also are prepared for the Auxiliary meeting.

Your minutes and any attachments are your Auxiliary's permanent history. Please make sure that you attach all correspondence that you read at the meeting and a copy of the treasurer's report to that meetings minutes. Also remember to sign your minutes.

At the meeting a secretary should receive any new applications for membership; take the roll call of officers and record attendance, they should also make sure to record all motions made, who made the motion, seconded the motion and whether the motion was carried or rejected. He/she should be prepared to remind the president of any old business that was not finalized at the last meeting and to address any new business that may have been in any of the correspondence that he/she read at the current meeting.

Some other responsibilities of a Secretary are to record all election results and record them in MALTA. At your April meeting during your elections, along with your Auxiliary officers you also elect Delegates for your District Convention, Department Convention and National Convention. The President gets his/her own vote in addition to the delegates. The number of delegates is based on the number of members in your Auxiliary at the time of the election. One (1) delegate for every 15 members or a fraction thereof for your District Convention. One (1) delegate for every 30 members or a fraction thereof for the Department Convention. One (1) delegate for every 50 members or a fraction thereof for the National Convention.

Auxiliary officers shall be installed at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting to be held not more than 60 days prior to the Department Convention, but officers will not assume the office they were elected to until the Department President is installed. Please send me a copy of your installation report. You may either enter the information into MALTA yourself or I can enter it for you.

A Secretary can also send reminders via email or text about upcoming events/meetings.

If you are unable to make a meeting make sure you advise the President that you can't make it and try to get your book to the President so that the pro-temp Secretary has the information that they need to fill in for you at that meeting.

GOOD LUCK AND LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR TOGETHER. MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS LISTED ABOVE.

TREASURERS DUTIES

Paula Pinto, Treasurer 436 Locust Ave. Burlington, NJ 08016 Fax: 609-387-2192

Cell: 609-922-3670 ppinto@comcast.net

Madam/Mister Treasurer

Congratulations on your election to the office of Treasurer. As your Department Treasurer, I will assist you whenever I can in resolving any issues you may incur in fulfilling the duties of your office. I have given you my email and my cell number should you need to contact me. My fax is not yet up and running, however, it will be shortly. Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions/issues that need to be remedied. If I do not know the answer, I promise that I will get you an answer. It may not always be the answer you want but it will be the best answer I can get for you.

As Treasurer (all levels) you are responsible for the management of all funds. Please be sure that you have the most current version of the Auxiliary "PODIUM EDITION BYLAWS AND RITUAL" and read the section "Duties of the Treasurer".

Treasurers and Presidents must by bonded! You obtain the bond through our National Organization at a cost of \$15.00 per \$10,000.00 of coverage for each office. As Treasurer you will receive the application form once your installation report has been received at the Department Secretary's office. When applying for the bond please follow the bond directions. All auxiliaries must be bonded by September 15.

An audit of your Treasurer's books must be done **4 times a year**. You as Treasurer do **not** call the audit. Audits are called by the one (1) year Trustee. After the report is read and accepted by motion at your meeting, it is the duty of the one (1) Trustee to see that the audit is mailed to the Department Treasurer:

Paula Pinto, Treasurer 436 Locust Avenue Burlington, NJ 08016 Fax 609-387-2192 ppinto@comcast.net

Audit dates:

July thru September October thru December January thru March April thru June Due in my office by November 30th Due in my office by February 28th Due in my office by May 31st Due in my office by August 30th

When sending your audit in to the Department Treasurer, please be sure that all dates, dollar amounts, and outstanding checks information is completed on the form.

A copy of each audit must be attached to your Treasurer's and Secretary's books. Once read, the audit is to be incorporated into the minutes of the meeting in which the report was read and accepted by the members present. This is done by motion.

PER CAPITA

Per Capita is \$15.00. 2025 dues may be sent to me beginning July1, 2024. Make sure to list the members and their membership number on a piece of paper for any/all members for which you are paying dues. National dues are now \$10.00 and Department dues are now \$5.00. National will not be sending out Treasurers' kits as you can get information about your members online. If you are unable to access a list of your members call me and I will send you your membership list. You as the Auxiliary Treasurer may transmit your auxiliary dues directly to National through MALTA. Please look on the National web site for information.

When submitting membership through my office and paying by check, please make check payable to:

VFW DEPARTMENT OF NJ AUXILIARY

ALL AUXILIARY CHECKS MUST BEAR TWO (2) SIGNATURES! Please ensure both signatures appear on the check before sending them to me. If either signature (President or Treasurer) is missing the check must be returned.

Please be sure to fill in the date on the summary for the dues you are sending.

As of January 1, 2025 only those members who have paid 2025 dues are members in good standing. They are your continuous members. There are also Life members and Rejoined members.

Anyone who has not paid 2024 dues will need to rejoin the auxiliary in the same manner as a new member.

Department Treasurer's Citation

In order for an auxiliary to receive a citation the following donations **must** be sent by March 31, 2025. All checks must be made payable to the <u>VFW DEPARTMENT OF NJ AUXILIARY</u> and earmarked for the specific fund intended. Do <u>not</u> make the check out to me!! Checks must be made payable to the Department:

\$25 donation to Hospital Cheer Donation to Cancer (any amount) \$10 donation to National Home \$10 donation to Youth Fund 90% in membership by March 31, 2025

AUXILIARY DONATION LIST 2024 – 2025

Auxiliaries when sending donations, quotas, funds or pin money copy this form and attach to it one (1) check made out to <u>VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY</u> and mail to the Department Treasurer.

Please be sure all figures are correct and the check is made out for the correct amount. Miscalculations/errors will result in the check being returned and a delay in posting your donation and/or quotas.

Hospital Cheer \$25.00		
Cancer		
Cancer pins		
VFW Natl Home (.25 per member)		
Youth Fund		
VFW/AUX Special Project		
Hospital Donations for any of the (7) H	ospitals we sponsor:	
East Orange	Lyons	-
Menlo Park	Paramus	
Vineland	Vet Haven North	
Vet Haven South	-	
TOTAL DONATIONS	Auxiliary #	District #

Paula Pinto, Treasurer 436 Locust Ave. Burlington, NJ 08016 609-922-3670

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All American Auxiliary Recognition Contest

2024-2025

Department Chairperson Noreen Locacio 141 Winchester Road Fords, NJ 08863 moca15vfwa8@gmail.com

Home Phone: 732-738-7312

DEADLINE: ENTRIES SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO ME BY APRIL 30, 2025

The All American Auxiliary Recognition Contest will be judged on your auxiliary's participation in the Department and National Programs, along with the participation within the Auxiliary, Post, District and Community. The Department Communication Center provide facts that will be needed to conduct each program and gives you the criteria for a successful 2024-2025 year.

THIS YEAR WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. Not only will we be taking two pocket folders, we will also be looking at the Auxiliary's Facebook page to see how it is being used. We would like to see the Auxiliaries post not just what is going on at their Post homes, but also the interaction with the Department and National Pages and even photos from a service your Post and Auxiliary may have had. (ie sharing post from Department and National pages to your local Auxiliary's pages.)

Participation at any Auxiliary, Post or Community activity that honors our veterans or any patriotic celebration that the auxiliary attends will need to include the DATE, PLACE OF ACTIVITY, PROOF SUCH AS A PHOTOGRAPH, AND THE NAME OF INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE WITH A TELEPHONE NUMBER SO THAT YOUR INFORMATION CAN BE VERIFIED. THIS INFORMATION CAN BE EMAILED, MAILED OR EVEN PUT ON EITHER THE AUXILIARY, DISTRICT OR DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE. Only proof of participation during the 2024-2025 year will be accepted. If you include proof from a previous year, the auxiliary will not get credit.

If the auxiliary attends any Department function, such as a School of Instruction, State run Hospital Christmas parties, Fall and/or Spring Conference be sure to include how many members (even if the president isn't there) please be sure to sign the attendance sheet.

All Auxiliary's year-end reports mist be mailed to the appropriate chairpersons by the due date.

Below is an outline of the criteria that will be needed to join those that have become an All American Auxiliary. You will be judged on what the auxiliary has done to promote the programs, how the auxiliary members show their loyalty and patriotism and their participation with yours or any Auxiliary, Post, District or Community activity. You will be judged on a point score system. Please use the outline as a checklist as to what the auxiliary has done during the year. Please remember the information that is submitted is what the auxiliary does as a whole.

· · · · /	Example:	
	X Voice of Democracy – help promote and work with your post	5 points
	EMAIL to moca15vfwa8@gmail.com – 3 members attended Voice on January 1, 2025, at Post 0000, and Jane Doe is the contact XXXX Attached please find photos which were taken at the event.	of Democracy Dinner person at XXX-XXX-
	This section below will be verified by the Department Treasure Chairperson No Proof Needed	er and Department
	Growth in Membership	
	85% by August 31, 2024 95% by November 30, 2024 100% by January 31, 2025 100%+ by April 30, 2025	10 points 10 points 5 points 5 points
	Comply with Bylaws/Administrative follow-through:	
e diag	Installation reports from the auxiliary received in Department Secreta Office or entered into MALTA before June 30, 2024 The auxiliary bonded their president and Treasurer by August 31, 20 The auxiliary audits are handed in for all four quarters	ro points
	July 30, 2024 Cottober 30, 2024 January 30, 2025 April 30, 2025 (Will be verified through the Department Treasurer)	5 points 5 points 5 points 5 points
	Are the dues of the Auxiliary President, Secretary and Treasurer and three trustees paid by December 31, 2024. (Will be verified by the Department Treasurer)	10 points
	TRAINING/CONFERENCES How many auxiliary members not including the auxiliary secretary, treasurer and trustees attended a School of Instruction	5 points per member (25 Points Max)
	Did the auxiliary's secretary, treasurer and trustees attend a School of Instruction	5 points each
	(Attendance will be verified by Department Secretary) How many auxiliary members attended the Spring and Fall Conferences (Sign in required)	5 points per member (25 Points Max)
	How many of your members are acquainted with MALTA	5 points per member (25 Points Max)

PROMOTED AND PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS (F The auxiliary must be reported by April 15, 2025, for the auxiliary to ga been accomplished this year	Proof is needed) in credit for what has
Show proof that the auxiliary has promoted and covered all the Nat	ional Programs. 15 points
	D ANY OTHER 5 per member/event (25 Points Max/event)
AMERICANISM POW/MIA Program Veterans Day Program Pearl Harbor Day Flag Education Gold Star Family Recognition Patriot Day Services (9/11 Services)	5 points
Other Americanism events you were involved in	5 points
AUXILIARY OUTREACH Did the auxiliary participate with another outside organization for the Auxiliary Outreach Program How many auxiliary members participated	5 points 5 points per member (25 Points Max)
BUDDY POPPY & NATIONAL HOME Did the auxiliary use Buddy Poppies in any way (ie. Centerpieces, corsages, etc.) Did the auxiliary send a donation to Department for the NJ House At the National Home	5 points 5 points
HISTORIAN AND SOCIAL MEDIA Does the auxiliary have a Facebook Page.	5 points
Does the auxiliary use/promote the National and Department Programs on social media	5 points
Does the auxiliary use/promote the Post, Auxiliary or community events on social media	5 points
HOSPITAL How many auxiliary members attended a State Sponsored Christmas Party at one of the seven (7) facilities	5 points per member (25 Points Max)

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SCHOLARSHIPS Voice of Democracy – Did the auxiliary promote and work with post Patriots Pen – Did the auxiliary promote and work with post Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest – Did the auxiliary promote Promoting the continuing Education Program – Did the auxiliary promote	5 points 5 points 5 points 5 points
VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT Did the auxiliary promote National Veterans Service (NVS) Did the auxiliary promote and send their donation to department to support the Veterans & Military Support Program	5 points 5 points
YOUTH ACTIVITIES Did the auxiliary promote Patriotism through Literacy Did the auxiliary promote Illustrating America Did the auxiliary promote youth reading to veterans and/or	5 points 5 points
veterans reading to youth	5 points

GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY THE YEAR

Americanism 2024-2025

Kelly Farrell-Dowdy 609-152-132 Kelly02Farrell@gmail.com 132 Spring Garden St. Riverside NJ 08075



Welcome to the 2024-2025 Year!

What is Americanism to me?

Americanism is a noble endeavor that involves fostering a deep and unwavering love for our country, being loyal to its institutions and ideas, and defending it against all adversaries. It's about showing undivided allegiance to the flag and striving to secure the blessings of liberty for future generations. Embracing Americanism means cherishing the values that make our nation unique and working to preserve the freedoms and opportunities that define the American spirit. Through education, community involvement, and upholding the principles of democracy, we can ensure that the legacy of Americanism endures for generations to come.

Every day and especially on holidays, it's important to encourage and promote Americanism. Embracing the values of our country and fostering a deep love for our nation is essential for preserving the American spirit for future generations.

One way to promote Americanism is through education. Teaching the history, values, and principles of our nation can help instill a sense of patriotism and appreciation for what makes America unique.

Over the year, I plan to share ways to promote Americanism and the offered programs.

Please review and familiarize yourself with the year-end report and programs we will be doing this year.

As always remember to post pictures of your events on social media, and spread the word.

Patriotic days

Washington's Birthday (Presidents Day) - third Monday in February

National Vietnam War Veterans Day - March 29th

Loyalty Day - May 1

V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day) - May 8

Armed Forces Day - Third Saturday in May

Memorial Day - May 30th

Flag Day - June 14th

Independence Day - July 4th

Patriot Day - September 11th

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day - September 17th

POW/MIA Recognition Day - Third Friday in September

Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day - Last Sunday in September

Veterans Day - November 11th

Pearl Harbor Day - December 7th

Branch of Service Birth Dates:

U.S. Army – June 14, 1775
U.S. Marine Corps – November 10, 1775
U.S. Navy – October 13, 1775
U.S. Air Force – September 18, 1947
U.S. Coast Guard – August 4, 1790
U.S. National Guard – December 13, 1636
U.S. Space Force – December 20, 2019

More information on each day can be found at:

Flag Education

Displaying the Flag:

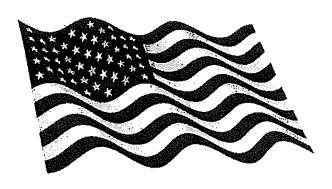
- On Same Staff: U.S. flag at very top, above any other flag
- Grouped with other flags: U.S. flag goes to its own right.
 - o Flags of other nations are flown at the same height.
- Marching with other flags: U.S. flag to marcher's right
 - o Observer's left
- -Decoration: Never use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

Half Staff (Halfway up the flag pole)

- On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff
- On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until Noon and then raised.

Flag Disposal: This should be done with adult Supervision

- -The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- -it is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure the complete burning of the flag
- Place the flag on the fire
- The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire code or ordinances.



All information can be found at:



POW/MIA Remembrance

The single red rose in a vase is there as a reminder of the lives of each of the missing and their loved one who keep the faith, still waiting for answers

The red ribbon tied around the vase shows our continued determination to account for the missing

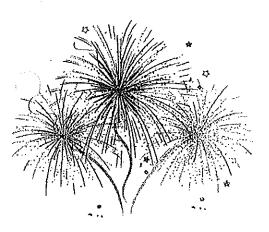
A lemon slice at each bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.

A pinch of salt recalls the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers.

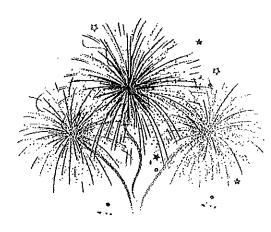
The bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, which was founded as one nation under God.

An inverted glass symbolized their inability to share in the day's toast.

The chairs at each place stand empty to express their absence.



Americanism Program Awards



Department Awards for Auxiliaries:

- 1. A citation will be awarded to each Auxiliary that participated in the Americanism Program.
 - 2. An award will be given to the Auxiliary who promotes the most Patriotic holidays.

Send a 2-pocket folder or by email containing all promotions, along with any photos, press articles, etc. For judging no later than <u>APRIL 15, 2025</u>

National Awards for Auxiliaries:

1. Most outstanding activity and or event educating their community about lesser-known patriotic holidays.

*Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about lesser-known patriotic holidays.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging.



VFW Auxiliary Year-End Report Americanism 2024-2025

DUE NO LATER THAN (Can send via snail mail or email)

Auxilia	ary Name	_Aux #	District #
Auxilia	ary Chairman	Phone #	
Auxilia	ary President	_Phone #	
¹ 1.	Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, or recogn birthdays?		
2.	Did your Auxiliary distribute and/or present Amer		
) 3.	If yes to number 2 - Approximately, how many distribute and/or presented?	/ American Flag	s and/or POW/MIA did your Auxiliary
4.	Number of Patriotic Appreciation Citation, Certil presented to citizens and/or businesses in recog Flag and/or other displays of American pride.	icate of Apprecia	ation or Respect for the Flag Citations playing of the American Flag, POW/MIA

Please send the completed report along with any pictures to:

Kelly Dowdy 132 Spring Garden St. Riverside NJ 08075

Or

Kelly02Farrell@gmail.com

Auxiliary Outreach 24-25

Camilla M. Albano 153 Indiana Ave Blackwood N.J 08012 Home [856] 227-6097 Cell [609] 828-7220 camilla.albano@comcast.net

The National President's theme is "From Our Roots to our Branches EXTENDING SERVICES TO OUR VETERANS" That is exactly what the Auxiliary Outreach Program does. We branch out and extend our services to the community, by volunteering to help nonprofit organizations, local groups and veterans not affiliated with the VFW or Auxiliary.

This program is about time given to help but not with monetary or in-kind donations. It's a partnership with the community for one or more of your auxiliary members, helping another organization or group with the needs in their community. There needs to be a vote approval given by the auxiliary and recorded in your meeting minutes prior to the project, except in a community emergency then the project may be voted on at your next meeting.

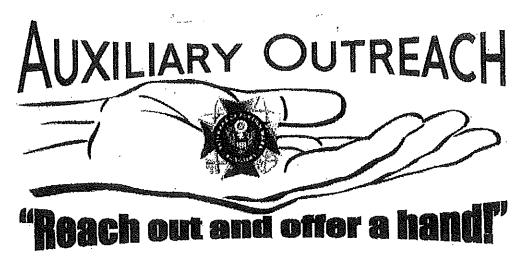
VFW Auxiliary members work with other organizations, in their community, often individuals and often behind the scenes. But Auxiliary Outreach gives us the opportunity to work together as members alongside members of other organization, to do more with their community and be recognized in doing so.

Be visible by wearing auxiliary attire, name badge, shirt, jacket, or hat.

Keep track of the numbers of volunteers and hours, so you can report them at the end of year.

I've enclosed the VFW Auxiliary Outreach Guide to What Does and Does Not Qualify.

Department President Theme "HONORING Though Service To Our Veterans"



VFW Auxiliary Outreach Guide to What Does and Does Not Qualify

What is Auxiliary Outreach? Auxiliary Outreach is volunteer work performed by an Auxiliary under the direction of another organization, for the benefit of their community or its institutions. It is a donation of time, not in-kind or monetary donations. It's about partnering with other organizations in our communities to help improve where we live.

Auxiliary Outreach can:

- Be performed by people of any age, skill set or ability level.
 enefit any group of people such as youth, senior citizens and those with disabilities.
- Benefit animals, the environment and public spaces.
- Be done in communities of all types and sizes rural, suburban and urban, small and large.

What's Considered Auxiliary Outreach

Examples include:

- Working walks or runs that benefit other organizations as an event spotter, water station volunteer, time keeper, etc. (Walking or running in the race is not part of Auxiliary Outreach; that's participation, not partnering.)
- Working with local police on child ID kits or with EMTs to host CPR Training.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.
- Working with parks and recreation departments to plant trees, develop non-veteran related community art installations and on adopt-a-park initiatives.
- Helping with a spay and/or neuter animal clinic.
- Serving food at soup kitchens.

What's NOT Considered Auxiliary Outreach

Auxiliary Outreach is for projects NOT AFFILIATED with VFW or VFW Auxiliary Programs. Volunteer work that is performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary is NOT considered Outreach. Examples projects that do not qualify include:

- Repairs to, maintenance or beautification of the Post home.
- Cooking or serving a meal for a Post or Auxiliary fundraiser.
- "Buddy"® Poppy distribution.
- VFW or Auxiliary meetings, conventions, conferences or schools of instruction.

AUXILIARY OUTREACH PROGRAM AWARDS 2024-2025

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARY

- 1. Most outstanding photo collage created by the VFW Auxiliary of their VFW Auxiliary Outreach partnership during the current Program Year.
 - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 program Divisions that creates the most outstanding photo collage of their VFW Auxiliary partnership during the current Program Year.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to me your Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman no later than Mach 31, 2025 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary Account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARY

1 Citation to each Auxiliary Outreach Chairman for participation in the Outreach Program.

2 Award to the Auxiliary Outreach Chairman who has the most outstanding activity in their community. An Explanation of how you participated **MUST** be sent to me in a two-pocket folder. Deadline for submission is April 15.2025.

Award will be presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary Department Convention in Wildwood NJ.

Auxiliary Outreach Year End Report 2024-25 Due April 15, 2025

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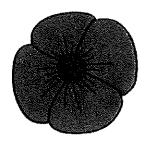
<u>Auxili</u>	ary Name	Post#	District#
<u>Auxili</u>	ary President	Phone#	
<u>Auxili</u>	ary Chairman	Phone#	
1	Did your Auxiliary as a group partner with another or VFW Auxiliary. Yes No	er organization not	affiliated with the VFW
2	Number of organizations that your Auxiliary partr	nered with during th	ne year
((Number of hours your Auxiliary members volunte affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary Count total of hours for all of your Auxiliary volunt Example: 4 members 2 hours each – total 8 ho	teers an attendanc	

DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2025

"BUDDY" ® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME 2024-2025

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Email: vfwpost1302@gmail.com



"Buddy" ® Poppy

The "Buddy" [®] Poppy has become synonymous with veterans. It is the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) official memorial flower and has been an integral part for 100 years, and still going today. The Poppy symbolizes the sacrifices that must not be forgotten.

The inspiration behind the Poppy was a poem by Canadian Army Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a brigade surgeon, titled "In Flanders Fields." McCrae was struck by how quickly poppies grew around the graves of those who died at Ypres during World War I.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row. That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago.
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Moina Belle Michael, aka "The Poppy Lady", was inspired by McCrae's poem and wrote her own poem.

We Shall Keep the Faith

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

Moina felt a symbol was needed to remind people of the sacrifices and courage of America's soldiers and hence, the red poppy was adopted in 1918. In the Spring of 1919, Moina assisted in designing flags and pins on "a border of blue on a white background, with the Torch and Poppy entwined in the center" (quoted from The Poppy Lady by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh) benefiting veterans and their families.

Also in the Spring of 1919, Madame E. Guerin, founder of the American and French Children's League in the United States, traveled to America from France to raise money for the children of France. She was inspired by both McCrae's and Michael's poems and used the concept of exchanging poppies for donations.

The U.S. Patent Office granted the VFW all trademark rights to the name "Buddy" Poppy in May 20, 1924 under the classification of artificial flowers. The Poppy, small but mighty, has raised millions of dollars for veterans and their families. The symbol of remembrance is easily recognized. The Poppy program is far reaching. It provides state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs with funding, and partially supports the VFW National Home.

How to Order "Buddy" Poppies: contact your VFW post; request an order form from your Department headquarters, or purchase metal ones through the VFW Store.

Some distribution tips: work with your VFW post on a joint drive (remember to wear VFW/Auxiliary branded clothing); share distribution events via social media, local paper, or post flyers in high traffic locations; work with youth groups to assist; and remind all that the Poppies are not to be sold but distributed for donations – do not refuse anyone that cannot donate.

Friendly reminder: proceeds are to be deposited into the Relief Fund and "Buddy" [®] Poppy drives can be hosted any time of year – quarterly, monthly – not just Memorial Day and Veterans Day.



VFW NATIONAL HOME

Located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, the VFW National Home will be celebrating 100 years of supporting our military and their families in 2025. Founded in 1925, the VFW National Home was a place where families — mothers and children, brothers and sisters - left behind by war, could remain together fulfilling the VFW pledge to "honor the dead by helping the living". A living memorial. A commitment to help our nation's military and veteran family during difficult times continues to this day.

The origins of VFW National Home can be traced back to a 23-year-old woman, Amy Ross, in 1922. Amy made it her mission to help find jobs for the thousands of unemployed veterans in Detroit. Her vision inspired a millionaire cattleman, Corey Spencer, to gift 472 acres of land. The beginning of VFW National Home.

There are 42 single-family homes situated in a safe and peaceful environment of tree-lined streets. Families have access to facilities such as a gym, library, computer and science labs, day care center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails and more!

The VFW National Home has helped military and veteran families who need a fresh start. The families have access to professional case management series, on-site licensed child care, life skills training, tutoring and other educational services, as well as recreational and community service opportunities. Due to changing needs, National Home is evolving to meet these different challenges — reintegration, post-traumatic stress, high unemployment, rehabilitation from battlefield injuries, emotional wounds, financial stress, fractured family relationships and morel VFW National Home recognizes that the effects of war can last for generations.

VFW National Home does not only take care of those in Eaton Rapids, but those not living on the National Home campus. The National Home Helpline, staffed by caring professionals who help callers with urgent needs seek solutions in their own communities. Assistance is a call (1-800-313-4200), an email (help@vfwnationanlhome.org), or a visit (vfwnationalhome.org/help) away.

There are a few ways you can support VFW National Home. An Auxiliary can make donations of 10 cents per member to the Health & Happiness Fund. Make a Gift online via MALTA on behalf of an Entity (Auxiliary, District, Department) or by individuals; or donate via mail. The best way is to become a Life Member of the National Home.

There are two types of membership:

- 1. VFW and VFW Auxiliary members and organizations are eligible to become Life Members. Life Members may vote for the Trustees who represent their National Home District and approve any proposed changes to the bylaws and articles of incorporation.
 - The cost of becoming a Life Member is a one-time fee of \$50 and includes a membership certificate, a wallet card and a Life Member pin.
- 2. Any individual or organization wishing to support the National Home's mission can become an Associate Life Member. Associate Life Members do not have voting privileges.

Through it all, one thing has remained constant: VFW National Home's commitment to honor our nation's veterans and active-duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families.

NATIONAL "BUDDY" ® POPPY CONTEST

A "Buddy" Poppy Display Contest will be held at the Department 2025 Convention. Rules have been designed to put emphasis on the purpose and effectiveness of the displays. It is suggested that Department Contest rules be set up in conformance with this outline.

Rules: Displays will be presented and judged in three categories. Awards will be given to the First-Place winners in each of the categories.

Category 1.

Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW "Buddy" Poppy. At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Category 2,

Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes.)

Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the "Buddy" Poppy. At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Category 3.

Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies (Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 and 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3. At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Displays may be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4x6 inches in size, on which is lettered in black ink an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewer or the judges.

Post name, Post number, city or state including the shape of your state) may not be visible on display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification.

"Buddy" ® Poppy & VFW National Home Program Awards

NATIONAL AWARDS

Awards for Auxiliaries

"Buddy" ® Poppy

Most outstanding activity and/or event using the VFW "Buddy" Poppy to educate their community about the VFW "Buddy" Poppy.

• Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event using the VFW "Buddy" Poppy to educate their community about the VFW "Buddy" Poppy.

VFW National Home

Most outstanding activity and/or event to recognize and celebrate the VFW National Home's 100th Birthday.

 Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to recognize and celebrate the VFW National Home's 100th Birthday.

Entry forms required for each award and is available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry forms to their Department VFW "Buddy" Poppy/VFW National Home Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

A citation will be issued to each Auxiliary that has promoted the VFW "Buddy" ® Poppy/VFW National Home.

An award will be given to the Auxiliary with the best promotion of the VFW "Buddy" Poppy/VFW National Home at the Department Convention in Wildwood in 2025. To be eligible for an award, all submissions must be in a two-pocket folder with documentation, photos, newspaper article(s), and a write up about your event fundraiser/awareness display.

"Buddy"® Poppy

Best overall promotion of VFW "Buddy" ® Poppy education in their community.

VFW National Home

Best overall promotion of VFW National Home's 100th Birthday.

"BUDDY" ® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME Year End Report 2024-2025

Terri Andryszczak 24 Beech Street Kearny, NJ 07032 vfwpost1302@gmail.com

Chairman Signature:

This form is for statistical purposes only.

Auxiliary Chairman must submit this report to their Department Chairman by April 15, 2025.

VFW "	Buddy" [®] Poppy
1.	Did your Auxiliary hold a VFW "Buddy" [®] Poppy drive with your VFW Post? (Yes or No)
2.	Did your Auxiliary hold a VFW "Buddy" [®] Poppy drive without your VFW Post? (Yes or No)
3.	Number of VFW "Buddy" ® Poppies that were distributed
4.	Did your Auxiliary participate in the VFW "Buddy" Poppy Display Contest at Department Convention? (Yes or No)
VFW	National Home
1.	Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home? (Yes or No)
2.	Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home Helpline? (Yes or No)
3.	Did your Auxiliary purchase at least one VFW National Home Life Membership in the current Program Year? (Yes or No)
4	. Did your Auxiliary purchase at least one VFW National Home Tribute Brick in the current Program Year? (Yes or No)
Auxil	iary Name & Number: District #:
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Gloria Lisicki 45 Wheeler Avenue Carteret, NJ 07008 Home: 732-541-5392 Cell: 732-841-8037 glisicki@comcast.net

CANCER 2024-2025

The most important thing to remember is **EARLY DETECTION**:

Since I am a 22 year cancer survivor, I will try to help you understand the specific types of cancers, and what treatments you may need assistance with. I will be giving you awareness information monthly of the cancers.

We have 2 Cancer centers one in South Jersey Cancer Fund out of Brigantine, NJ., This organization gives assistance to persons who have cancer issues. They offer up to \$1000 per patient, to help with RX, cell phone, utility, medical bills, including some insurance co-pays. They have 30 active members that receive no pay.

The second one in Central Jersey, Breast Intentions in Middletown, they are a 501 (c) 3 and 100% of money donated goes directly to the patients. They don't have an office as the are volunteers and work out of their homes. They service all of New Jersey. This organization was organized by two 15 year old cousins and they now sit on the Board. They purchase food, and things that the patients might need.

As I do Cancer Awareness monthly, I hope it will be helpful, I will provide links to educational resources.

During the year we will have some fund raisers, also we will be passing the hat at Spring & Fall Conferences.

I'm hopeful? and dedicated enough to bring you all information to help build awareness surrounding the various types of cancer.

Cancer survivors in the United States are living well, through, and beyond their disease.

REMEMBER: ALL DONATION GO DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY TO PAULA PINTO TREASURER.

Chaplains Message

Mary Dungan
46 Jones Mill Rd. Lot@220
Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562
Phone 609-351-5852

I want to congratulate all Auxiliary and District Chaplins for this year. As we go through this year I hope we will do the best we can if you have any questions I am a phone call away.

These are our duties

Opening and closing prayer at our meetings;

We give a prayer for our departed brothers or sisters at the draping of the charter;

When we go to give the prayer no one is to be talking or moving. No one is to talk or walk whenever the chaplain is opening or closing the Bible.

When asked to close the Bible, we are to proceed slowly and reverently to the Bible.

CHAPLAIN

Year End Report 2024-2025

Due no later than April 15, 2025

Mail To: Mary Dungan 46 Jones Mill Road Lot#220 Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562 Auxiliary Name _____ Number_____ District_____ Auxiliary Chaplain _____ Phone Number_____ Auxiliary President_____Phone Number_____ Did you have any deceased members this year? Yes or No The Memorial Service will be at the Department Convention in Wildwood in May 2025. In order to prepare the Memorial Booklet containing the list of deceased members. I need your report sent to me, Department Chaplain and to your District Chaplain NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2025. Names received after April 15, 2025, will go on the following year's program. Please print carefully if you need to include more names. You may attach another sheet of paper to this form. Be sure to include the Auxiliary number and District number on the attached sheet. 1._____

My Email Address is marydungan217@yahoo.com

Department Chief of Staff 2024-2025 Extension and Revitallization Mentoring for Leadership

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First let me thank President Denise Beckler for having the confidence in choosing me to be her Chief of Staff. It is an honor and I hope to live up to all the expectations and to help you make this a fabulous year.

The theme from National Chief of Staff, Betty Arnold is the "Stop Light".

"GREEN LIGHT - YELLOW LIGHT - RED LIGHT

*GREEN LIGHT - Healthy Auxiliaries. Refer to MALTA Member Resources for the Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit.

YELLOW LIGHT - Auxiliaries who are exhibiting a Red Flag and a caution light. This is when an assist from the Chief of Staff will come in and take a look to help out the Auxiliary. This could be a failure to meet any one or more of the essentials of a healthy Auxiliary. Examples, no new members, failure to report in Programs to assist veterans and families, no new officers, not growing and failure for members in attending District and State meetings and trainings.

*RED LIGHT - This is when an Auxiliary is put on suspension as a time to step back and regroup. I will work closely with the Department President and observe what is happening on the Auxiliary level and be ready to step in and help the Auxiliary recover and come back even stronger.

Maintaining Current Auxiliaries

- 1. The Healthy Auxiliary Took Kit includes 7 resources to assist Auxiliaries in identifying and solving issues:
- Healthy Auxiliary Checklist
- * Healthy Auxiliary Member Questionnaire
- Auxiliary Meeting Clinic
- * Communication Phone/Text Tree
- Good Job Certificate
- Healthy Auxiliary Certificate
- VFW Auxiliary Mentoring Guide.

- 2. Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation.
- 3. Saving an Auxiliary may be achieved by recruiting new members. (See Membership in MALTA Member Resources for recruiting tools.)

5 Essentials of an Auxiliary

National requires 5 things of an Auxiliary

- 1. Auxiliaries should have at least 10 business meeting per year (sec. 210, A.) Five members in good standing (of that Auxiliary) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (sec. 212, A.)
- 2. Dues should be paid by at least 10 members on or before February 1 of the current year (sec. 207, C.)
- 3. Quarterly Audits by Trustees must be submitted. (sec. 814)
- 4. Officers elected, installed and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30. This generates the bond application via email. (sec. 804A and 806A)
- 5. The offices of President and Treasurer MUST be bonded by August 31. (sec. 814, E.)

MENTORING

Definition of Mentoring - A mentor is someone with valuable experience and knowledge, who offers guidance and support. They are guides that help promote growth and skill, they share insights, and they help the mentees reach their full potential.

A strong membership on all levels can be accomplished through mentoring.

When a new member joins or even someone who has been inactive, extend your hand of friendship and welcome these members from the start. Make them feel part of the organization.

Utilizing the Mentoring at the VFW Auxiliary

* Relationship Building for the Future document will help you get started for a program for your Auxiliary. (found in MALTA)

I will have different programs and promotions for your Auxiliary to pick up throughout the year. These programs over time will build a stronger Auxiliary and make the organization in whole a better one.

We need to train and educate new, as well as current members to become strong future leaders. Please do not allow our Auxiliary to say, "that's how its always been done". With new and younger members there will be change, some traditions need to be updated to keep up with the new technology and to keep younger members a part of the our great organization.

- C Catch the member when they first join.
- A Ask them to participate.
- R Remember what it felt like to be new.
- E Engage them in a Program that fits them.

Honoring Through Service to our Veterans

EXTENSTION AND REVITALIZATION AUXILIARY AWARD 2024-2025

GREEN - YELLOW - RED LIGHTS

This year we will be doing a point system for the Extension and Revitalization award.

The Auxiliary with the most points will win a Department award, plus a Department President Challenge Coin and all others that enter will receive a citation.

I'm hoping this program will help Auxiliaries that are yellow or red lights become GREEN.

This is a year-round contest for your auxiliary and should be sent at the end of the year. You're Auxiliary could get as much as 78 points.

Let's all become GREEN lights!!!!

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Attached is the form to be filled out by your Auxiliary and returned to me no later than April 15, 2025.

Barbara Wiener NJ Department Chief of Staff Barb.wiener@yahoo.com

EXTENSION AND REVITALIZATION AWARD SHEET

FOR 2024-2025

Name	Aux.#	PH#
1 point for	Sept _ Oct Nov	
Meeting?	or each meeting -	nd Treasurer of the Auxiliary attend a District
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Did your 1point fo	auxiliary hand out any Podium Edition: Byla or every new or used (2022 or newer) 10 ma 	w and Ritual Books to your new members? ximum
Can be o	give your new member(s) an auxiliary membordered through the VFW store. 10 maximur or each pin given to a member 	pership or Life membership pin? n
2 points Number	POINTS for each member (max 10 Members) of traditional obligations/initiation ceremony ony found in the Bylaws)	performed with any new members (not transfers) –
	ompleted report by April 15, 2025 ara Wiener	

NJ Department Chief of Staff Barb.wiener@yahoo.com

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR 2024-2025

An award will be given to the Auxiliary that has an activity and/or event that supports a mentor program. Citations will be given to all who enter.

This can be done with flyers - social media - photos, meetings, etc. formally or informally.

The more members you have and the more quickly your Auxiliary is growing indicates that you need to have a process in place to get those new members involved and included.

Up to three members could take on this project, especially those who remember what it felt like to be new and are not sure how everything works.

- Introduce new members to your Auxiliary, Department, and National web pages and Facebook pages.
- Have meetings with your program chairmen explaining the programs.
- Get them a book on the By-Laws, (so they can become familiar with traditions and rituals)
- Explain the different kinds of meetings, Auxiliary, District, Department and National.
- Tell them about the traditions your Auxiliary, District, Department and National has.

To enter, please send me a write up about your mentoring program, make sure that you put your District and Post number. You can have more than one throughout the year. The more mentoring you can do, the better your Auxiliary can become.

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Historian/Social Media/IT

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How are you preserving the history of your Auxiliary? This is the ultimate goal of the Historian portion of the program.

How does your Auxiliary use Social Media to communicate with the community? With the emergence of all the platforms of Social Media, it has become a vital tool for Auxiliaries and Districts.

The Historian & Social Media Chairmanship is a rare program. This is the **ONLY** Chairmanship that can use all other programs. One can promote upcoming events on all programs, Scholarship themes, Hospital parties, etc.

The backbone of the Historian program always goes back to the 5 W's in writing: Who, What Where, When, Why (and I add a 6th), and hoW. And we all know the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words. This can be said of the subject and the recipient.

Social Media

It seems like every time we get used to an update on a Social Media platform, here comes another update. We all know that we (the VFW Auxiliary) are a veterans best kept secret. Well now is the time to tell everyone who we are and what we do.

In order to be a successful Auxiliary, we need to use all forms of media. First, there is traditional media (newspapers, TV, and radio), and then there is modern media, social media (all platforms). We need to educate the community about all of our programs, including scholarships, and how we serve Veterans, their families, youths, and the community.

If anything, involving technology scares you, first don't worry. Reach out to the members of your Auxiliary or District, you may find someone who would be willing to help you or work with you.

E-mail and websites are the best ways to keep your membership and the community informed about events going on in the area. Most e-mail programs are at no cost. Some website servers come with a free version, however, if you pay there may be more you can do.

The National Organization recommends E-Mail and Facebook as vital means of communication. I am adding one more. Instagram. If your Auxiliary follows the National Organization, they will follow you back. And so will the Department. The Department of New Jersey is currently about 80% all e-mails. That means about 80% of the Auxiliaries in NJ receive all their communication by e-mail.

Recording Auxiliary History

There are two ways an Auxiliary's History can be recorded. The traditional method is written and includes photos. This is similar to a scrapbook. The second is a more modern method. You can create a photo book. These can be created online using any of the photo websites. No matter

which method you choose, there are somethings that should be included: Newsletters, Event Flyers, Thank You Notes, Menus, and other mementos.

When the Department Presidents visits your Auxiliary or District, the best way to show that your Auxiliary or District is "All In" is to have your VFW attend the events. By going "All In", we will show how much we can achieve by working with the VFW.

"Believe in the power of teamwork. Together, we can achieve great things." – Ted Lasso

Auxiliary and District Historian & Media Relations Chairman

This member keeps a written record of the Auxiliary or District. This record is then presented to the respective President at the end of the year. You can also include photographs, programs from events attended, and newspaper articles about Auxiliary events.

For Media Relations, the best place to start is Malta Member Resources. Some of the resources available are:

- The VFW Auxiliary Publicity Guide includes valuable information and ideas to promote the Auxiliary
- The VFW Auxiliary Elevator Speech/What We Do summarizes who we are, what we do, and how we describe ourselves as an organization to the media.
- Website and Social Media Information how to set up a Facebook page for your Auxiliary or District

With regards to Media Relations, this makes the Historian-Media Relations Chairman a unique one. With this program, you can highlight all the other programs.

- Americanism Promote Patriotic Holidays, Military Birthdays, Memorial Services
- Auxiliary Outreach Photos and Info of Working with another organization at their event
- Buddy Poppy/National Home Different uses for the Buddy Poppy and the news and updates from the VFW National Home
- Extension/Revitalization/Mentoring Show you are mentoring or being mentored; how you are bringing members into or back to your Auxiliary
- Hospital Different ideas for Hospital parties
- Legislation Pending legislation on State and National levels; VFW Priority Goals; VFW **Action Alerts**
- Membership Let's face it Memberships is the name of the game. when the Auxiliary or Auxiliaries in your District hit certain percentages
- Scholarships Deadlines for all Scholarships; previous winners entries
- Veterans & Family Support The one has the most components you can post about each of the different aspects of this program
- Youth Activities the youth events hosted by your VFW/Auxiliary; how the youth help with projects

And don't forget there is a Holiday for everything!

Photography

You don't need a special camera to take photos. With every new version of a phone, the cameras are getting more and more sophisticated. Make sure the photos you do take are clear and sharp.

Here are some things to avoid while taking photos (I take multiple photos to avoid these):

- Closed Eyes
- · Mouths open or full of food
- Distracting objects or awkward placement of people or things (Example trees popping out of people's heads or bunny ears)
- · Offensive language on articles of clothing
- Please do not tag Madam President in any photos
- ♦ Be creative with photos!

Also, be aware of edits you may make while using editing software (Photoshop).

Remember we are "Honoring Through Service to our Veterans", while we are promoting who we are and what we do for Veterans, their families and the Community.

"Be curious, not judgmental" - Walt Whitman via "Ted Lasso"

Important Links
VFW Auxiliary – National
MALTA
VFWA NJ
VFWA NJ Facebook
VFWA NJ Instagram

www.vfwauxiliary.org
malta.vfwauxiliary.org
www.njvfwaux.com
www.facebook.com/vfwadeptofnj
www.instagram.com/vfwadeptnj

National Awards

Awards for Auxiliaries

- 1. Most Outstanding Promotion of VFW Auxiliary Programs to the Community through Social Media
 - Citation and \$25 to one (1) VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with the Most Outstanding promotion of the VFW Auxiliary Programs to the Community through Social Media sources.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send required entry form to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging. The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Department Awards

- Most Outstanding Promotion of VFW Auxiliary Programs to the Community through Social Media
 Citation to each Auxiliary that enters with the Most Outstanding Promotion of the VFW Auxiliary programs through Social Media. Submit a two-pocket folder with screenshots of posts promoting the programs. Entries are due to the Department Chairman by March 15, 2025.
- 2. Department President's Official Visit
 This contest is open to Auxiliaries not in a District and all current Districts. Submit your report in a two-pocket folder detailing the visit of the Department to your District or Auxiliary. All entries are due by April 15, 2025.
- 3. Outstanding Social Media Page
 Submit a two-pocket folder with screenshots from your Auxiliary Facebook page (max 25 pages). Each Auxiliary submitted will receive a citation. All entries are due by April 15, 2025.

Historian & Media Relations 2024-25 Year-End Report

This form is for statistical purposes only. **Deadline is April 15, 2025**

Auxilia	ary Name:			
VFW A	Auxiliary No.:	Dis	strict No.:	
1.	Does your Auxiliary cor	mmunicate quarterly with your	members via e-ma	ail, printed mail,
	text or phone call?	Yes	No	
2.	Does your Auxiliary hav	ve a Facebook page with your \	/FW Post? Yes	No
3.	Does your Auxiliary hav	ve a Facebook page without yo	ur VFW Post?	
	Yes No			
4.	Does your Auxiliary hav	ve a website with your VFW Po	st? Yes	_ No
5.	Does your Auxiliary hav	ve a website without your VFW	Post?	
	Yes No			

Mail Year-End Report to:

Mary Ryan Sandman 176 Patty Bowker Rd. Tabernacle, NJ 08088 Maryryan40@outlook.com

Hospital Program 2024-2025

Carolyn Rovito 251 Church Street, Apt. 1 Lodi, NJ 07644 Crovito.2@gmail.com 201-233-7010

I am looking forward to an amazing year working with our Auxiliaries and hospital representatives to ensure our New Jersey veterans in our 5 Department sponsored hospitals and other hospital facilities feel a bit more special every time we visit. There are many facets to the hospital program and many ways along with locations to volunteer. Please remember to report the great work you are doing for our hospitalized veterans.

This year we will explore and highlight the programs of the National organization. These national programs are the Honors Escort, Women Veterans Health Care Program, Valentines for Veterans, and recruiting and recognizing volunteers.

The Honor Escort is an opportunity to honor a veteran at their time of death in an open yet respectful manner with their family, friends, and other veterans. Women Veteran Health Care program is an initiative to help connect female veterans with the comprehensive health services that are available to them. See more details behind member resources in MALTA. Valentines for Veterans is just as it sounds! Delivering cards to veterans for Valentine's Day. You can make the cards personally or recruit students or community members to participate and deliver the cards to veterans. Most importantly, we must continue to recruit and recognize our hospital volunteers. We can recruit volunteers within the community and our Auxiliaries through communication and active engagement of the great work we are doing. Recognition can be given throughout the Auxiliary and Department reporting along with Hospital Volunteer Services pins through National.

There are 7 Department sponsored hospitals and all monetary donations to these hospitals should be given directly to the Department Treasurer. The treasurer's checklist references these hospitals and by completing the form and mailing it to the Department Treasurer the funds will be deposited into the respective hospital's account and distributed to the hospital representatives to conduct their various activities.

Hospital Representatives for the 5 Auxiliary sponsored Hospitals

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Representative</u>	Contact Info.
East Orange	Gloria Corno	<u>vfwa5@aol.com</u> 732-287-6598
East Orange Deputy	Helen Faison	sister@verizon.net 973-763-1664
Lyons	Lorraine Brooks	lorrainebrooks52@yahoo.com 908-689-2564

Menlo Park

Margaret Russo

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Vet Haven South

Karen Benedetto

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Vineland

Barbara Wiener

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Hospital Program Awards

National Awards

- 1. Awards to Auxiliary Members:
 - a. Citation to one Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA Facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. Entry Form required and available on MALTA Member Resources. Winners will be announced, and citations presented at the 2025 National convention in Columbus, Ohio.
 - b. "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA Facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. Entry Form required and available on MALTA Member Resources. Winners will be announced, and citations presented at the 2025 National convention in Columbus, Ohio.

2. Awards to Auxiliaries

- a. An award for the most creative ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients.
 - i. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program divisions that were the most creative in ways to interact-with and to provide happiness to veteran patients. Entry Form required and available on MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging.

NOTE Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Department Awards

- 1. Award to the Auxiliary with the most hours/visits supporting our hospital programs.
- 2. Award to the Auxiliary member who showed the most creative and engaging interaction with the hospital residents.
- 3. Citation to any Auxiliary who donates to five or more hospitals.

Chairman must send proof to me either in a two pocket folder via mail or via email by April 15, 2025.

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Hospital & VAVS Activity Report

Please mail/email this report within 30 days of any activity.

Carolyn Rovito 251 Church Street, Apt 1. Lodi, NJ 07644 or by email crovito.2@gmai	.com
Auxiliary President Date	
Auxiliary Name & Number District	-
Auxiliary ChairmanPhone Number	
Section 1 – Items or Money Donated to Hospital * LIST NAMES OF VOLUNTEERS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET* Name of Hospital the donation was made	
Date of Donation Approx. Dollar Amount of Donation	
Number of Volunteers Number of Hours Number of Students Number of Hours Total cost to Students (items purchased & milage @.12 cents per mile)	
Section 2 – Hospital Party, Off Station or other Activity * LIST NAMES OF VOLUNTEERS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET* Name of Hospital/Facility the Party was held	
Type of activity	
Number of Volunteers Number of Hours Number of Students Number of Hours Total cost to Students (items purchased & milage @.12 cents per mile)	
Section 3 – Reporting Regularly Scheduled Volunteers	
Name of Volunteer	
Name of Hospital/Facility	
Total Hours for this report Dates volunteered Does this Volunteer qualify for a Hospital Service Pin Yes No Total Number of projects for this report Total Number of Members that participated Hours worked this report Total miles traveled Total dollar value spent	

To receive credit, please provide proof of hospital, if not one of the five Auxiliary sponsored hospitals.

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Hospital Program Year-end Report 2024-2025

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Auxiliary Name:	
Auxiliary Number:	District Number
	Phone #
Auxiliary Chairman	Phone #
1 Number of Auxiliary members	that volunteered at any VA and/or non-VA medical counted one time only per year.)
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3.Total number of hours that Sp the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship-facility.	onsored Volunteers and/or students volunteered under and supervision at any VA and/or non-VA medical
4. Did your Auxiliary promote, p your Post. Yes No	articipate, host or co-host any activity with or without
If yes how many	
projects.	riliary spent on all Hospital Program-related items and/or

REPORT IS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2025

VFW Auxiliary 2024-2025

Department of New Jersey VA New Jersey Health Care System East Orange Campus

Gloria Corno VAVS Rep. 41 Brookville Rd. Edison, NJ 08817 Helen Faison Dep. VAVS Rep. 31 Wellesley St Maplewood NJ 07040

Voluntary Service is now Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

The East Orange Campus is one of the two medical centers of the VA New Jersey Health Care System. The mission of all VA centers is: "Honor America's veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves the veterans' health and well-being."

Volunteers are now allowed into the facility to volunteer but it is on a limited basis with no more than 6 volunteers for a party. They also must pre-plan this with volunteer services and be approved. So far we have been able to distribute individual Christmas gifts and have a pizza party and a few other parties. We are able to visit the PTSD unit and a few other areas of the hospital. They are still asking for volunteers to help in the clinics as wheelchair pushers, greeters, and feeders for the veterans who are unable to feed themselves. There is still much that we can do even if unable to attend in person. There is always a need for coffee, both pods and canned and the patients love to receive snacks etc. We continue to provide items and goods to our veterans and we thank you for your continued support. Your VA rep will be attending all quarterly and other meetings as requested and will be happy to contact volunteer services if requested by you with any questions or concerns.

Our involvement as volunteers is dictated by the VA, and we continue to be the "Voice and Service for our Veterans and Family" and we remain available and willing to meet the needs to our hospitalized veterans. We will provide you with updates as they become available. Please feel free to contact voluntary services at (973) 676-1000 to set up any visits and they will advise you of any updates and so will I by our monthly mailings. We are hopeful that restrictions will be lowered again in the near future and we will be able to do more at the hospital.

National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans is an annual event held during the week of February 14th. (Valentine's Day week) and this is a great time to say "Thank You" to our hospitalized veterans. They usually like to see as many volunteers during this week and appreciate luncheons, bingo games, and other entertainment. I will give you more information as the date gets closer.

Donations make it possible for us to provide social events and support special projects as requested by the veterans and staff at the East Orange Campus. Please make all monetary donations through our Department Treasurer. All material donations must be pre-approved by voluntary services and accompanied with a Donation Form. Please help to make the life of our veterans better. You will be glad you did. It is very rewarding.

Please also remember to make your donations for Hospital Cheer for the holidays.

Department of New Jersey VA New Jersey Health Care System Lyons Campus

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I want to thank Madam President for allowing me to stay on as the VAVS representative. In the past I have enjoyed this position and I am looking forward to a bright New Year. I will continue to work with voluntary services, so that not only both our organizations will strive forward, but our Heroes will have there needs and wishes at hand. Our Veterans gave there all for our freedom and now it is our turn to serve our beloved heroes.

If you want to volunteer, you will need to call Voluntary Services at 908-604-5814. To order canteen books you need to call in advance 908-647-0280. If you would like to book a party or an outing, you will need to call Recreation Therapy Department to schedule 908-604-5810. The head of voluntary services is Mercedes Chambliss, and she is for Lyons and East Orange campuses. The Lyons Voluntary Services are Sonia Kelley and Kim Gregory.

May Gods love help us to strive to continue to show our Veterans we support them, appreciate all they gave for us, and we will always be there to give them hope for a brighter future.

Lorraine Brooks

MENLO PARK VETERANS HOME EDISON NEW JERSEY 2023-2024 PROGRAM YEAR

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I am happy to once again be appointed as Menlo Park Hospital Representative.

I want to thank all the Auxiliaries and Posts who have supported the residents during the time that the home was closed. I'm pleased to announce that after about 4 years of constantly being open & closed the home is now open to volunteers and visitors and is on a comeback.

Menlo is accepting individually wrapped snacks; party items for holidays; donations for movie nights and other activities. All food must be from a restaurant/caterer it can no longer be cooked by the Auxiliary. If you are interested in donating snack etc. please let me know & I will be happy to coordinate it for you.

The Home is now cashless so if you are going to book a bingo party. You will need to either bring a check made payable to the Home, or hand the cash over the night of the bingo to the recreation staff & they will keep a record of which residents win the bingo and put the money in the residents' hospital account. Please contact me if you would like to book a bingo or any other activity/event.

Anyone who is interested in making monetary donations please send them to Jean George and earmark them what you would like to do at the home (any of the above things or perhaps a plan of your own).

Once again thank you for all your past support and I look forward to working with all the Auxiliaries again this year in making the lives of our Veterans at Menlo a little sweeter by Honoring Through Service to our Veterans .

Paramus Home

Our senior veterans at Paramus are doing well. They continue to hold a special place in our hearts. Remember them throughout the year by providing respite activities and donations. I've created an Amazon Wish List containing suggestions for items to donate. Follow this link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2K4TAK7IUCNYC?ref =wl share

You can send donations directly to Paramus. The address is: Paramus Memorial Veterans Home, 1 Veterans Way, Paramus, NJ 07652, Attn: Sini Joseph. If you would like to receive a thank you from Paramus, please email or mail in a donation form, as well. Email Sini at: Mariamma.Joseph@dmava.ni.gov I've attached a donation form for your convenience to print, scan, and email. The home can accept donations throughout the year. Many of the clothing items, etc. are used around the holidays and as birthday gifts for residents that do not have family. Any donation, great or small, is appreciated. You may also drop donations at the front reception desk (They will have donation forms on hand.)

Other ideas for our vets in Paramus are scratch-off lottery tickets, holiday themed paper party goods, large print coloring books and crosswords, art and craft items, garden supplies, happy hour contributions, and special snacks. Finally, cards made by community youth are sure to bring smiles.

As far as activities that your Auxiliary can provide, I have a few suggestions. BINGO is always a big hit. Don't forget to recruit the youth in your community to help with this. Another favorite is entertainment. You can schedule a performer such as a singer or magician for the residents. Entertainment generally costs between \$150.00 - \$350.00. There are several that I can recommend, so please contact me if you need assistance. Scheduling entertainers to brighten our vets days is a large part of what I do as your Paramus Hospital Representative. We also sponsor outings to baseball games, Post picnics, etc. This is a state run facility. They have a meager budget for respite like this. That is why it is important to send your quotas in and make an effort to donate to our individual hospitals. Donations for Paramus may be sent to our department treasurer. Please put "Paramus Home" in the memo.

Our hospital program is very special. We can never do enough to repay our debt to these individuals. Thank you for everything that you do for our senior veterans. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for assistance.

Yours in Service, Kathleen Shanahan NJ VFWA Paramus Hm Rep shanahank2@gmail.com 201-410-6814 NJ VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME AT PARAMUS 1 VETERANS DRIVE PARAMUS, NJ 07652 201-634-8212

DATE:

DONATION FORM

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VETERANS HAVEN NORTH

2024-2025

ELIZABETH (BETTY) KITSON kitsonbetty@gmail.com (551)655-0511

399 LINCOLN AVE CLIFFSIDE PARK, NJ 07010

Veteran's Haven North is in Glen Gardner, NJ. It is a program that was established in September 2012. The program is a perfect combination for a highly effective and efficient transitional housing program for homeless Veterans.

Vet Haven North is a two-year transitional housing program. The goal is to support veterans in developing a permanent solution to their homelessness. They offer skills training and counseling to help them to graduate the program with a job and their own place to live.

Admission Criteria: Veterans must be homeless. Individual must be a Veteran under USDVA guidelines. Veteran must be eligible for VA healthcare benefits. Applicant must be drug and alcohol free at the time of admission.

There are so many things we can do as an Auxiliary to help them achieve their goal to become a contributing member of society by hosting special events, parties, social or even just by visiting and talking to the veterans trying to make them feel that they have people who care and support them. We need to make them feel someone cares about them.

Through the year I will be putting out the wish list for Vets Haven North. They always need books and puzzles. Personal hygiene products like shampoo, conditioner, soap and such are always needed. They also need female hygiene products. They have been looking for women's slippers and under garments. I will be putting out what they need during the year.

If you are having something at the facility, please let me know so I can try to attend. Any department events I will share the dates. If you need any help scheduling any event call and I will help.

Our veterans need our help.

LOYALLY,

BETTY KITSON

VETERANS HAVEN SOUTH 301 SPRING GARDEN ROAD HAMMONTON, NJ 08037 2024-2025 Program Year

Karen Benedetto - VHS Representative 35 Easy Street Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 609-335-6350 krcatt756@comcast.net

Veterans Haven South is a place for struggling veterans to get back on his/her's feet. Funded by the State of New Jersey and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Haven South is fundamental in caring for our veteran's core needs through temporary housing, rehabilitation programs, utilities and meals.

VHS also provides up to 90 homeless veterans the opportunity to resume a normal life in a facility that is drug and alcohol free. In addition, with its 3 phase 3-6 month rehabilitation process of treatment, self-reclamation and community reintegration, this program is tailored to individual needs and vocational interests, after which, veterans may find employment.

Individuals promoting an average 2 ½ years of sustainable income, will now venture out of the program, being able to set-up housing to live on their own. This is a great accomplishment to the men and women integrating back into a more structured society.

But more help and support is needed. After completing the program and moving into their apartments or homes, they are in need of donations of beds/bedding, kitchen utensils, towels, and a variety of housing staples in setting up their new households.

Donations given by our auxiliaries during the year (in addition to your Auxiliary's Hospital quotas which help us to provide the Annual Christmas Party we provide jointly with the VFW) go directly to the VHS Hospital Fund and, as the representative for this fund, I am continually in contact with VHS to ascertain their current needs and "distribute your combined dollars" in meeting these needs as best we can.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or need any help planning events at VHS. These honorable men and women love our regular visitations which reinforces their need of "community" and aids in their recovery knowing they have our support in thinking of them and their welfare on a daily basis!

Two things to keep in mind:

When donating items, be sure to fill out a receipt slip (VHS keeps a copy so they know who donated and a copy should be submitted with your hospital activity report within the month of your visit, which lets us know the running total of donations by the VFWA and the awesome event your auxiliaries are doing). Please, only donate new clothing, used clothing can no longer be accepted.

Suggested Items For Residents Living in the Facility Individually Wrapped Snacks for their rooms Soda and refrigerated snacks for room New Blankets and Pillows Gift Cards- \$20.00 to Wawa or Walmart (really in need) Mini Refrigerators for their rooms (need more)

Suggested Items For Veterans Transitioning to An Apartment Sheets, Blankets, Pillows, Trash Cans/ trash bags Mattresses, Beds (twin or Full) or Air Mattress Shower Curtains and Liners, Towels Dishes, Silverware, Glasses, Pots & Pans Non-Perishable Food Items, Papers products

VINELAND VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME

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N. Brigantine NJ 08203

I wanted to thank Madam President for appointing me as The Vineland Rep. once again. As the party girl with the roses, I look forward to visiting with all the residents and employees.

Thank you also to all the Auxiliaries and Posts who contribute monies and goods to Vineland. Without these donations we wouldn't be able to do half of what we do at the Homes. The residents enjoy and look forward to our visits, bingos, parties, BBQ's, ect....

Here's a little bit about Vineland. It is the state's oldest continually operating veteran's home, have opened its doors in 1899. The Vineland Home has been providing services to NJ Veterans from every war or armed conflict since the Civil War. Their new replacement facility was constructed on the same site of the previous buildings and opened its doors in 2005. This new state-of-the art nursing home can accommodate 300 residents. The Home is Medicare certified and is licensed by the State of NJ to provide skilled nursing home services. Additionally, the Home is also certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to provide long-term care services.

The upcoming year is looking like it's going to be another fun filled few months, alot of activities are being planned.

Throughout the year we will have special National non-traditional days, Donut day, hat day, ice cream day, hug a veteran day, to just name a few.

Save the date alert:

October 31, our extravagant and spooky Halloween Party

November 22, Turkey Bowling and Pie Party

December 15, State Christmas Party (theme to be announced at a later date)

Throughout the year I will be putting out emails with all upcoming events. We are always looking for volunteers to help at our events. I'm always available to call with any questions.

Look for an Amazon list and wants and needs of the residents. They also have a store in the home that they are able to get supplies that they might need.

Joint Department Special Project 2024-2025

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This year's Department Joint Special Project will consist of 3 projects. I am so honored to have been asked by Department President Denise Beckler to Chair this committee. So, remember there is no I in team. Let's all put our ideas together to try to raise lots and lots of money for these three projects to help our Veterans. All three projects are equally important to help our Veterans succeed in life. We owe them our support.

#1—BRIGVET SURFCAMP- this is a two day event being held July 8th and 9th 2024 on 16th Street Beach, Brigantine, NJ. All donations and help are appreciated.

Through Brig-Vet's Surf therapy program, we start to enhance the psychological and physical well-being of our Veterans, active duty service members through the experience of surfing. This project was founded by American Combat Veterans and addresses transition challengers such as PTSD, Moral Injury from guilt, and TBI, through surf therapy, yoga, and community wellness.

#2—LIVE GOLF- this is a program that our Department Chief Brian Green will run.

This is a nonprofit organization developed for improving the well-being of Veterans, Law Enforcement and First Responders through the therapeutic benefit and the transformative power of golf therapy. It will give them physical interaction and emotional healing.

#3 – The NJVFW Veterans Assistance Program was added this year. The Department of New Jersey sustains this very important program to serve Veterans in the future. This program helps with the lives of hundreds of Veterans and their families to keep a roof over their heads, food on the table, and to keep them safe and out of crisis

Let's make this year a great one. Feel free to email me with any ideas or questions.

All 3 of these projects are important, this is why we insisted that all monies donated stay in New Jersey.

Legislation

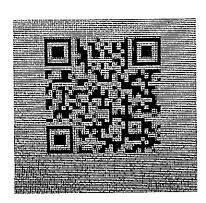
Friends, we are going to change the world. Our strength is in our numbers (This is why membership is important!). A primary aim of our VFW and subsequently of we as its Auxiliary is to use our strength to influence our government. We are blessed to live in a democracy. Our soldiers fought for this right. Perhaps the purest and highest gratitude that we can give to our veterans is exercising our right to vote and raise our voices to our elected officials.

Please begin by signing up for the VFW Action Corp. The Action Corp will inform you on current legislation that focuses on VFW Priority Goals. I have attached a copy of the VFW Priority Goals for your convenience. You can explore the legislative process, as well as your role in its influence, under "Legislative" in "Member Resources" on MALTA at https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources. Sign up for the Action Corp at: https://votervoice.net/VFW/register. You can also scan the QR code below with your phone to bring you to sign-up. That's right, open your camera and point it to the QR code. It's that easy. It's so easy that you should stop reading right now and take the 30 seconds it takes to bring our VFW Priority Goals to your email, right now.

Do you want to really be a rockstar and take it a step further? Print out the sign-up sheet I've attached (it has the QR code right on it) and put it up at your Post, town hall, senior center, library, etc. Your Auxiliary Legislative chair can manually enter emails for those that prefer that method. Honestly, you will find that most people will simply scan the QR.

I need each and every one of our Auxiliary Legislative chairs to bring this sign-up to every single Auxiliary meeting. When your meeting is over, sign people up at your canteen. I'll need one more thing. I also need you to read my promos at your Auxiliary meetings. Each one will focus on legislation that promotes our VFW Priority Goals. This is your birthright as an American. Do not dismiss the opportunity to be informed and have your voice heard.

Yours in Service, Kathleen Shanahan NJ VFWA Legislation shanahank2@gmail.com 201-410-6814



Year End Report

uxiliary name and number:
egislative chair name, email, and phone:
A) Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, host or co-host with your VFW Post any activities that promoted VFW Priority goals? Circle one: Yes No B) If yes, please describe the event. Examples are holding a legislative event at your Post or it your community (senior center, library, a dedicated legislative table at a Night Out or town picnic. The activity or event should include informing your community on current legislation it government and signing individuals up for the VFW Action Corps, as well as communicating out VFW Priority goals to the public. *There will be a Department recognition for the Auxiliary that holds the best activity or event.
3. Number of Auxiliary members that contacted their legislators on veterans' issues by any mean (examples: emails, letters, phone calls, etc.) Obtain this information by asking at every one your Auxiliary meetings and having your secretary record answers.
4. A) Number of Auxiliary members that attended events where they could interact with legislate (example: legislative conferences, town halls, meet-and-greets, etc) Again, ask at every sing meeting that your Auxiliary has to obtain an accurate account. B) Please report if any of your members specifically attend the March Legislative Conference *Department citations will be awarded to those members that do. Information on that will forthcoming in our Department newsletter later in the year. You may list names here.

Mail or email reports by April 15, 2025 to:

Kathleen Shanahan

43 Birk St. Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

shanahank2@gmail.com

If you have questions or need guidance please reach out to Kathleen via email or cell at 201-410-6814.



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary



Yes! I would like to sign up for VFW Action Corps Weekly

Your information will be kept confidential and used solely for our communications.
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Support Today's Veterans and Military

Please contact or visit your congressional and supported by the men and women of the we will be fighting for in the 118th Congress. representatives and stress that these are the issues representatives, visit vfw.org/ActionCorps. VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed

Play a Role in the Process

Engage and help us ensure that these priority goals Weekly and VFW Action Alerts: are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps

- Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps
- Text "VFW" to 50457"
- Scan QR Code below

*Messaging and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply HELP and STOP to unsubscribe.



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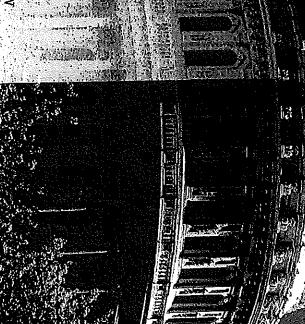
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o fully fund programs for veterans, service members, nd their families, Congress must:

- Reform the dysfunctional federal budget process:
- Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from 1.5 TRICARE and Medicare.
- Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for

o ensure veterans succeed after leaving military ducation, Employment, and Transition Assistance

ervice, Congress, VA, DOD, and DOL must:

- online student housing allowances, child cares Improve education benefits through increased stipends, parity for Guard and Reserve members, and elimination of delimiting dates.
- Enhance outreach and counseling to veterans Employment program. eligible for the Veteran Readiness and
- Ensure parity of VA and DOD education programs
- with other federal programs.
- Expand small business, hiring preference, tax weterans and military spouses... incentives, and entrepreneurship resources for
- combat veteran homelessness: and per diem payments, and pilot programs to increase funding for HUD-VASH vouchers, gran
- Conduct oversight of VAs Transition Assistance and require the inclusion of aggredited claims Program to ensure compliance with the law,
- education and employment benefits
- Provide housing relief for surviving spouses.

Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must: To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely

- Crack down on unaccredited claims consultants known as Claim Sharks.
- and implement programs to ensure health Study all toxic and environmental exposures service members and veterans. care and benefits are provided to all exposed
- appeals process and digital claims processing Properly oversee and update the modernized
- Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits for survivors
- Improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma
- Increase burial allowances to account for inflation
- Ensure that earned VA benefits are never offset by he use of other federal benefits.

Health Care

mereasing cost shares, Congress, VA, and DOD must nmely access to high-quality health care without To ensure service members and veterans receive

- Eliminate service member and vetegan suicide by addressing both clinical and non-dinical needs.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
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- underserved yeterans: 🤫 🗝 Enhance programs and services for women and
- health care and medications. Eliminate copayment requirements for prevent
- Research the efficacy of metheat cannabis and other alternative therapies
- Preserve the integrity of URICARE.
- Broperly implement VA and DOD health II.
- Expand nursing home eligibility and long-term
- Enhance services for veterans outside of the

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William Quality of Life

preserving the all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD and retirement package that is the backbone for To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits

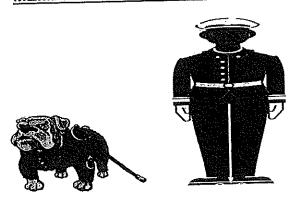
- compensation offset. End the military retirement pay and VA disability
- Protect and improve on-base quality of life and support programs.
- Eliminate sexual assault and harassment from
- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages
- toxic substances. Ensure that military housing is safe and free of
- Eliminate food insecurity in the military
- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve Component service members

National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA

around the world, Congress and DOD must: nation's citizens, and defend American interests To fully support the all-volunteen force, protect our

- personnel recovery mission Ensure DPAA is fully funded to perform its.
- possible accounting of U.S. military personne Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest
- supporting our allies in Ukraine, Israel, Kor Deter threats to our national security by
- Provide recognition and support for Afghan and Fastire all service members who served in ha way to include to reign nationals, receive th recognition, care, and benefits they have earned raqi manslators and allies:
- Award the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for operations in Eastern Europe.

<u>DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2024 -2025</u>



Victoria L. Hendrix P O Box 385 Mt. Holly, NJ 08060 legal.vhendrix@gmail.com (856) 577-1314

Allow me to welcome you to a new year of Membership; as we navigate ways and means of recruiting and retaining our Auxiliary's growth. "From our Roots to our Branches – Extending Service to our Veterans."

We're taking orders from our National Department President Brenda Bryant, and Membership Ambassador Linda Roloff, as they have put together a phenomenal program year. We also have a Membership Coach Wayne LaFleur, and as they pass down orders to me, I will in turn pass them to you. Things are off to a great year and I am excited for what's to come! The conferences will be representing each branch of service this year. Our branch is the United States Marine Corp "Oorah". We will be strapping up our boots, and getting on the front line of service for membership.

We will be exploring all aspects of membership starting within because it is very important to know "who" you are within this Auxiliary. Trying to get others to join you is tough until you know who you are and what you actually stand for. We will go back to our who, what we stand for, and why we are serving. It has been said that to know where you are going, you must know where you have been.

A great piece to read is our Congressional Charter issued by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It is an awesome reminder of exactly "WHO WE ARE". Our VFW Auxiliary Charter closely aligns with that of the VFW. The purposes include: preserving and strengthening camaraderie among our members, assisting worthy comrades, perpetuating the memory and history of our dead, assisting their surviving spouses and orphans, maintaining true alliance to the government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws, fostering true patriotism, maintaining and extending the institutions of American Freedom, and preserving and defending the United States from all enemies.

I believe that these reminders of the mission will help us as we move forward in recruiting members if we adhere to the Charter. So, let's use what we have to get what we want in membership.

We have now reacquainted ourselves with our "roots", we need to concentrate on moving skyward with our "branches"! This simply means finding the disconnect between us and the current generation of war veterans and their families, which equates to our potential members. The magic in this will be meeting them WHERE THEY ARE. Those places will be online, on their phones, and social media. We must get out of the old way of doing things, and figure out how to reach them by being places they are and doing the things which interest them.

Membership for this year will be about changing our approach. Get your "ask" in gear! We need to step into the gap between the branches. "Like a mighty Redwood, our goal is to be "Sempre-Virens" Always Living! We MUST root ourselves firmly in our history, traditions, and legacy of service. We MUST branch out and include EVERY one of our qualifying family members in our mission. And we MUST provide our new branches and young leaves with all of the necessary support to thrive indefinitely like the mighty Redwood. We are constantly reaching skyward. So, don't leave any qualifying member behind".

Let's keep in mind the artillery we are already equipped with via MALTA: VFW Auxiliary Applications, VFW Auxiliary Fact Sheet, VFW Auxiliary Brochure Order Forms, New Member Engagement Guides, New Member Orientation Checklist, New Member Packets, and various Retention Tools.

I pray that God keeps us true to our best selves along this journey we are embarking upon. Let us work together as a united front. Amen!

Warm regards, Victoria L. Hendrix Membership Chairperson Department of New Jersey VFW Auxiliary

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES, DEPARTMENTS AND CONFERENCES WILL BE BASED ON THE PAID TOTAL LISTED ON THE CMR-PAID CANCELED & DECEASED REPORT IN MALTA.

Awards for Members:

 Recruiter pin to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary Member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025. The Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2025. The Recruiter pin will be mailed directly to the member from National Headquarters.

2. National Membership Achievement Award to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits 20 new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025. Department Treasurers must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2025. VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are NOT eligible for this award. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. If the winner is not in attendance, the award will be mailed directly to the winner from National Headquarters after National Convention.

3. There will be a Top Recruiter award to the one recruiter in each of the 4 conferences who recruited the most new and/or rejoined members in their conference. VFW
Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. If the winner is not in attendance, the award will be mailed directly to the winner from National Headquarters after National Convention.

4. VFW Auxiliary Recruiter Drawing for each VFW Auxiliary National Membership Achievement Award winner. Winners will be entered into a drawing to receive one \$500 Visa gift card. VFW Recruiters and VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. If the winner is not in attendance, the award will be mailed directly to the winner from National Headquarters after National Convention.

Recruiter award forms are no longer needed for VFW Auxiliary members. Reports are compiled by VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters from information entered in MALTA.

VFW members who recruit new and/or rejoined VFW Auxiliary members will need to fill out the required VFW members-only form that is available in MALTA Member Resources. Completed forms must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and the Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA by June 10, 2025.

Awards for Auxiliaries:

1. \$50 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100%, Plus in Membership by June 30, 2025.

2. VFW Auxiliary Drawing - Each VFW Auxiliary that reaches 101% Plus by June 30, 2025 will be entered into a one-time drawing to receive \$500.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- \$20 for Auxiliaries that reach 80% by August 31, 2024
- \$30 for Auxiliaries that reach 90% by September 30, 2024
- \$50 for Auxiliaries that reach 100% by December 31, 2024
- \$100 for Auxiliaries that reach 104% by March 31, 2025

Plus \$50 for any District that reaches 100% by December 31, 2024

Fall and Spring Conference Drawing From the Department of New Jersey

Fall Conference: Three (3) \$50 Drawings for Auxiliaries that reach 90% membership Spring Conference: Three (3) \$50 Drawings for Auxiliaries that reach 100% membership

Department Convention In June

One (1) Drawing for District that reached 100% by April 30, 2024

JUST ONE CARD

Fall Conference: One (1) \$25 Drawing to the individual recruiter of a new member Spring Conference: One (1) \$25 Drawing to the individual recruiter od a new member Department Convention: One (1) \$25 Drawing to the individual recruiter of a new member

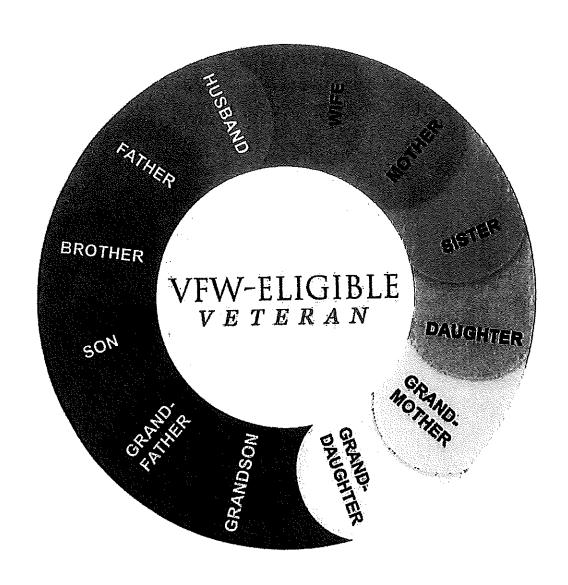
Membership Year End Report 2024 – 2025 DUE NO LATER THAT APRIL 15, 2025

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Auxilia	ry # District #
Preside	ent: Chairman:
Contac	et Info:
1.	Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, host or co-host with your VFW Post, activities regarding VFW and/or VFW Auxiliary education and Membership Recruitment? Yes No
2.	Did your Auxiliary regularly educate their members on the benefits of their membership? (Example: insurance plans, travel benefits, cancer grants, hearing plans, etc.) Yes No
3.	Did your Auxiliary educate your members on the National Membership Program Awards?
	Yes No
4.	Number of Auxiliary members that participated in any recruiting events at any level (Auxiliary, District, Department, National).
	Answer:
5.	Did your Auxiliary utilize any of the Membership material/resources available on MALTA Member Resources?
	Yes No
6.	Did your Auxiliary Recruit (5) members or more? Yes No
7	Did your Auxiliary Recruit (20) members or more? Yes No

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date. plicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E. Recruiter Member ID Recruited/Recommended by: Member ID (If already a member) State: City Auxiliary No. Rejoin Annual Membership Transfer Life Membership Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters Member at Large in Department of (If not a transfer, skip to B.) **Previous Auxiliary** LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Paying Nonpaying **ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary** ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary THESE FIELDS REQUIRED Date of Birth Name Male Female Address Email ZIP Phone State City POST-AFFILIATED ("Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.) VFW Membership ID to Eligible Veteran* Relationship THESE FIELDS REQUIRED NON-AFFILIATED (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.) VFW Post (If applicable) to Eligible Veteran* Relationship Name of campaign ribbons or medals: Location: Dates of Service: to **Investigating Committee Signatures** 3 X 2 X 1 X Obligated Date Accepted Meeting Date Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. LIFE I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization **MEMBERSHIP** cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. **FEES** I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. Life Membership fees I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated are not refundable. relationship to the Veteran. Attained age at 12/31 f year applying for Date Signature X Life Membership. Through 20 \$253 (Must be signed by all members.) \$242 21-25 26-30 \$230 LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY Check here if this is a gift. 31-35 \$219 Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues. 36-40 \$213 41-45 \$201 Life Membership Fee Discover **AMEX** MasterCard Cash Check Visa 46-50 \$196 51-55 \$184 Name on credit card \$173 56-60 \$161 61-65 66-70 \$150 Billing address for card 71-75 \$132 76-80 \$109 State ZIP City 81-85 \$86 \$69 86-90 CVV Code Credit Card No. 91 and over \$58 Signature X Date Exp. Date

VFW Auxiliary Member Change/ Update Form

Rev. 8-18

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NAME CHANGE Former Name:	First	Last	
ADDRESS CHANGE			
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CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBER			Effective 1/1/2017 Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership. Through 20 \$253
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\$5 Annual \$10 Life	You can also order a replace "Member Login."	cement card online in MALTA by	y visiting vfwauxillary.org and selecting

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Brochure Order Form

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters is pleased to offer the following brochures to our members at no charge. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

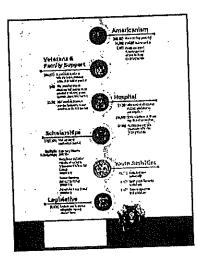
Fillable/printable copies are also available in MALTA/Member Resources: Historian & Media Relations, Membership and Scholarships.



Membership Brochure (includes application)



Fact Sheet



Patriotic Art & 3-Dimensional Art Brochure



Please indicate the quantity requested below. Order quantity is not to exceed 50 copies of each.* *Please contact National Headquarters should you need larger quantities for a recruiting event.

Brochure Auxiliary Membership Brochure (includes application) Auxiliary Fact Sheet Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure & 3-Dimensional (2 sided)	<u>Quantity</u>
MAIL BROCHURES TO:	·
First and Last Name	
	ZID
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Daytime Phone ()Email	
Auxiliary Number Member Number	

Submit order forms to:

VFW Auxiliary, Attn: Brochure Orders, 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111 or email to info@vfwauxiliary.org with "Brochure Order" in the subject line.

Note: VFW program brochures (including "Buddy® Poppy", Teacher of the Year, Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy) can be ordered from the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org or by calling 1.833.VFW.VETS.

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I pledge to recrult one new member to the VFW Auxiliary by

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Sandy Reed, Chairman 732-343-1133 vfwauxiliary7508@gmail.com

Let's try something a little different this year! I cordially invite all our NJ Auxiliary Scholarship chairs to join the 2024-2025 Facebook page "State of NJ VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Page". All Chairman should join, but the entire State of NJ Auxiliary and Posts are invited as well!

On this page, I will be sharing information and providing support regarding each of our scholarships.

Not sure of a deadline? Visit the Facebook page! Not sure of the age group? Visit the Facebook page! Want to ask a question? Message me or create a post for more information! Others may have the same question that you do.

Continuing Education Scholarship (Auxiliary scholarship to be promoted all year)

- Any VFW Auxiliary member who has been a member for one year, spouse, daughter, or son.
- 18 years old to enter.
- Brief essay of 300 words of how this scholarship will help you attain your goals.

Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot's Pen (VFW scholarship supported by the Auxiliary to be submitted by your Post by October 31, 2024)

VOD: "Is America Today our Forefathers' Vision?"

- Students in grades 9-12
- Audio Essay and typed essay

Patriot's Pen: "My Voice in America's Democracy"

- Students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th grades
- 300-400 word essay

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (Auxiliary scholarship to be submitted by March 31, 2025)

- Students in grades 9-12
- Two-dimensional piece of artwork

Illustrating America (Auxiliary Scholarship to be submitted by March 31, 2025)

- Students in grades K-8
- Patriotic Art that encourages students to express how they see America through art.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Program Awards

An award will be presented to the Auxiliary who reached out through the most resources to advertise the Auxiliary Scholarships.

To be considered for this award, please send an email to vfwauxiliary7508@gmail.com with screenshots of emails, social media posts and/or pictures of how you connected with the community regarding Auxiliary Scholarships (Patriotic Art and 3D Art).

A Second award will be given to the Auxiliary who assists their Post with promoting and advertising the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy contests.

To be considered for this award, please send an email to wfwauxiliary7508@gmail.com with screenshots of emails, social media posts and/or pictures of how you supported the Post with Patriot's Pen and VOD.

Each Auxiliary that participates in the scholarship programs and submits an "End of Year report" will be presented with a citation at the Department Convention!

SCHOLARSHIPS

End of Year Report
Scholarship 2024-2025
Please send to vfwauxiliary7508@gmail.com by April 15, 2025
Sandy Reed
732-343-1133

CHAIRMAN NAME	AUX. #	
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BATRIOT'S PEN



2024-2025 Theme

"My Voice in America's Democracy?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024

Patriotic Written Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What is the Patriot's Pen Program?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 73,000 students who participated last year in this contest.

Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, State and national level. Department (State) winners receive a portion of \$55,000 in national awards. National Winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000.

The Internal Revenue Service requires a recipient awarded more \$599 be given Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable me. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition.

Who Can Enter?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for nermanent residence (the application which has not been denied)

I intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. (Foreign exchange students are ineligible.)

How Do I Get Started?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot's Pen writing contest.
- Contact a participating VFW Post and indicate your interest in

- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its VFW Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of October 31, 2024. You can submit your essay and entry form by email upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to the VFW National Headquarters directly will be returned.

How Am I Judged?

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points:

You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points:

Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points:

Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

What Is the Theme?

VFW's Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year's theme. The 2024-2025 theme is:

"My Voice in America's Democracy?"

Deadline Information.

To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2024.

Note:

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post, follow these instructions:

First, visit vfw.org/FindaPost to "Find a VFW Post."

If you don't have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble contacting them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) headquarters office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit vfw.org/contactus to look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email.

> For assistance contact the VFW National Headquarters at 816.968.1155 Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org

2024-2025 Official Entry Form Patriot's Pen Competition

Be Completed by All Contestants

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lame: First, M.I., Last	VFW Auxiliary President/Chairperson Signature (If applicable)
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Pate of Birth (mm/dd/yy) Grade in School Essay Word Count	No. of participants No. of winners
	Amt, of Post/Aux, scholarships awards \$
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feacher's name and Email (if applicable)	Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (Banquet, Pins, etc.) \$
Fo Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian Required even if student is 18 or over)	To Be Completed by the VFW District I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department.
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	into the Department.
Parent/Guardian Signature Date	District Chairperson Signature Dist, #
Guardian's Daytime Phone	Address
Parent/Guardian's Email	City, State, Zip
What Are the Rules? You must write your own essay.	Phone Email
All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics. 300 - 400 words in length (+ or - 5 word max). Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to	To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairperson I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected

- the word count.
- In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.) Do not put your name on the essay. The entry form is your essays cover sheet. Secure the Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Contestants are allowed to enter only once each year if otherwise eligible (one Post competition).
- The essay must be contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. Inappropriate use of ChatGPT or other Al tools is not allowed. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally. All essays become the

perty of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars. The VFW retains non-exclusive nents to the use of your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

· At any time during the contest additional participant personal information (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.) could be requested by the VFW.

I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules

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is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Department Competition and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairperson Signs	ture
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Local VFW Post Information:

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

Patriot's Pen Competition.

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post level

Contact:	
Phone:	Best Time To Call:
Alternate Contact:	
Phone:	Best Time To Call:





40ICE OF DEMOCRACY



2024-2025 Theme

Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024 Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$35,000 Award

What is the Voice of Democracy Program?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Poreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 27,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an ypense-paid trip to Washington DC, to tour the city, be h. Fred by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$171,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$35,000.

The Rules

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 second max.) audio essay on a flash drive, or other electronic device. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. Inappropriate use of ChatGPT or

her AI tools is not allowed. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to your name, school, city, state, race, or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your

Where Do I Submit My Entry?

All entries begin at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. Entries sent to VFW National will be returned. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post, follow these instructions: First, visit this website vfw.org/FindaPost to "Find A VFW Post." If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link https://www.vfw.org/ ContactUs/ and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email. If you still need assistance, please email us at VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org

What Is the Deadline for My Entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31, 2024. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

What Are the Judging Criteria?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

:024-2025 Official Entry Form ce of Democracy Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants lame: First, M.I., Last ddress lity, State, Zip Email Jacket Size Age Grade in School Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) School Name, City, State Feacher's name and Email (if applicable) To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian (Required even if student is 18 or over) Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) Date Parent/Guardian Signature Pount/Guardian Daytime Phone Parent/Guardian Email **Participant Agreement for Students**

Advancing to National Level

If selected as a first-place state winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian and school to attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C. as a guest of the VFW National Organization. In consideration for permission to participate in the National Voice of Democracy Competition ("Competition") I do hereby, for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the Competition and/or arising out of any travel related to the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my audio file, essay, name and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

Have Read and Understand the Rules and

Participant Agreement I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have not inappropriately used any AI tools or Chat GPT. I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible. I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander/Chairperson Signature	Post#
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VFW Auxillary President/Chairperson Signatu	re (if applicable)
Post Address	
City, State, Zip	
VFW Post Email	
No. of students participating	
No. of winners advanced to District	
Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$	
Amt, of Post/Aux. additional expenses (band	quet, pins, etc.) \$
To Be Completed by the VFW Dis	strict
I certify that the student named in selected winner of the Voice of Del Competition and is our sole entry i	the previous section is the duly mocracy Contest District
District Chairperson Signature	Dist. #
Address	
City, State, Zip	
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To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairperson

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Voice of Democracy Department Competition and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

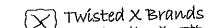
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For assistance contact: 816.968.1155 Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org

Local VFW Post Information:

Contact;	
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Veterans and Family Support

Brenda Bailey 58 Georgetown, Rd Apt2 Wrightstown, NJ 08562 (609)694-6591 Cell bb.bailey27@gmail.com

Another convention has gone by. Well, brothers and sisters, it is time to roll up our sleeves, start sharing the wealth we have a lot of work to do. We need to let our veterans know how much we care for them and love them and show them that they're not alone. And also let our veterans' family know that they're not alone as well. There are many things that they can do if they need help. All they have to do is pick up the phone and call the nearest VA hospital or the VA clinic or stop by and they'll be happy to assist you. Besides going to the VA hospital or the VA clinic, there are other places that they can go for help. Such as the Vet Center, The Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), American Legion, Disabled American Veteran(DAV). That's why I say that they're not alone. We have multiple places that we can send them to.

As an auxiliary member, we need to start talking to our veterans and their families, letting them know about the programs that they have for them. For example, every year they have a stand down, that's when they bring the homeless Veterans to the stand down. They have medical screenings for them, also have new and used clothing, they have different vendors for the veterans talk to and they also feed them lunch just before the bus takes them back. This is just one program that we have for our veterans, but there are also many, many hore programs for our veterans and their families. To give you a clear picture on what type of programs that we have for our veterans and families, as we go through the year, I will explain about each one of the programs that we have.

If you happen to have a family day at your VFW, please let me know and I'll do my best to make it there.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) 816-756-3390

www.vfw.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFW Auxiliary) 816-561-8655

www.vfwauxiliary.org

VFW National Home Military & Veteran Family Helpline 800-313-4200

www.mvfhelpline

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit Line: 800-827-1000

www.va.go

Military Kids Connect

www.militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mi

YOUTH ACTIVITIES 2024-2025

I hope everyone is ready for this year. I hope that we have a fun year. There are a number of awards that are available:

1. Illustrating America Art Contest

In this program you have 3d Art

2. Literacy in your community.

You can provide reading material to our youth in schools.

There will be an award for the best promotion in illustrating America Art Contest.

There will also be an award for the Literacy in your Community project.

For judging in either of these awards, please submit a two-pocket folder with your promotions to me by April 15th 2025.

You can get involved with youth groups such as boy scouts and girl scouts. You can also get involved with the Civil Air Patrol if you have one in your area. They can do service hours at your VFW.

During the year I will give you information on the various programs.

I look forward to us having a great year.

Mary Dungan Youth Activities Chairman marydungan217@yahoo.com 609-351-5852

Youth Activities Year End Report

AUXILIARY NAME & NO
CHAIRMAN'S NAME
Did your Auxiliary/Post participate in the Illustrating America Contest? Yes No
How Many Auxiliary Members Participated
2. How did you promote this program
Did you promote on Social Media Yes No
4. Did you promote Literacy Yes No
5. How many youth groups did you support through the year
6. Did you use any RAP cards if so how many?
7. Did you engage in any other Youth Activities?
8. Did your Post /Auxiliary participate in any celebrations such as Halloween, Christmas or Easter? Explain which ones
9. If you have anything else please submit on this line

Please submit this report to me by April 15, 2025

Mary Dungan Youth Activities Chairman marydungan217@yahoo.com 609-351-5852

WE WANT TO VISIT WITH YOU!

If you would like to have the Department President or one of her representatives attend an event/activity your auxiliary/post is hosting, please complete this request form and mail request 30 days prior to the event to:

Department President Visit Invitation C/O Margaret Russo, Department Secretary 15 Grant St. Sewaren, NJ 07077

Auxiliary Member/Coordinator of Event/Activity:			
		Aux/Dist#	
Phone #	Email Address		
Event/Activity Description:			
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Date / Time of Event/Activity:			
Location of Event/Schedule:			
If the Department President is not availa	ble, who would you like as	s a Department Representative attend?	
#1			
#2			
#3			

What attire is required for the event/activity (circle one) CASUAL UNIFORM BUSINESS

FORMAL



Form for VFW Auxiliary to turn in to VFW Post RE: VFW Community Service

Auxiliary to VFW Post # Date from:		Date through:		
Auxiliary programs that count:	# of members	# of hours	# of miles	Donations
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Auxiliary Outreach				×
VFW National Home				
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Scholarships				
Veterans & Family Support				

Youth Activities				
Total Auxiliary Community Service Information	0	0		0

Auxiliary Programs that do not count for VFW Community Service - Extension & Revitalization, "Buddy" @ Poppy,



Mailing Preference Request Form



There are several options to control the number of mailings you receive. Please choose only one option below and fill out the bottom portion of this form. \square 1. I want to continue to receive all regular mailings. Regular mailings include gifts throughout the year. ☐ 2. I want to receive a **reduced mail schedule** which will include about 10-12 mailings per year, and will include gifts. \square 3. I want to receive the Quarterly Gift and the VFW Annual Newsletter, which will include the VFW Calendar, Christmas Cards, Greeting Cards and Labels. ☐ 4. I want to receive the VFW Quarterly Newsletter only. This mailing will not include any gifts. Complete and return this form to VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Suite 718, Kansas City, MO 64111 or fax to 816.968.1129. Questions? Please call Donor Services toll-free at 833.VFW.GIVE (833.839.4483) or email vfwfundraising@vfw.org. Thank you! POST _____ MEMBER# ____ _____CITY______STATE___ZIP_____ PHONE NUMBER (______EMAIL ___



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☐ Option 1: Credit Card ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express ACCOUNT NUMBER EXP. DATE	Option 2: Checking Account Deduction Please send us a voided check along with the completed information below and return it to: VFW National Headquarters 406 West 34th Street, Suite 718 Kansas City, MO 64111
Amount to be charged: \$ monthly quarterly annually Minimum amount is \$10.00, processed on/or around the 20th of the month.	Amount to be charged: \$ monthly quarterly annually Minimum amount is \$10.00, processed on/or around the 20th of the month.
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Return this completed form to VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Suite 718, Kansas City, MO 64111 or fax to 816.968.1129. Questions? Please call Donor Services toll-free at 833.VFW.GIVE (833.839.4483), or email vfwfundraising@vfw.org. **Thank you!**