



APRIL 2023

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of North Carolina**

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Brothers and Sisters,

The end of the year is near. I have faith that we can finish our year on a successful note! Membership reports are changing on a daily basis. 230 members are needed to attain 100% membership, I know with a little grit, we can accomplish this goal! I am asking each of our Auxiliaries to aid our Membership Chairman Lin Moore by recruiting two members over the next two months.

REMINDERS:

👉 APRIL 15th Paperwork Deadline is as follows:

- Reporting – All reports must be entered by the 15th as the reporting system shuts down.
- Of the Year Applications – please see applications for contact information on the department website

President, Member, and District President of the year are due to Donna West.

Treasurer of the Year applications are due to Department Treasurer Sandra Johnson Leu.

Chaplain of the Year applications are due to Department Chaplain Anna Holm.

👉 When nominating officers this month please keep in mind the following:

- While it is great to have someone fill a position, that person may not be the best choice.
- Good leaders are kind but firm, show attention to detail, execute deadlines, show flexibility in leadership style. They are dedicated to attending meetings on all levels and performing the duties of their office.
- Officers are elected by the members to serve the Members and also demonstrate positivity and empathy.
- Leaders should set an example by having great knowledge of the bylaws and procedures of the organization.
- Has good aim, vision, knows how to accomplish goals, communicates with the entire team, listens and aids in finding solutions that benefits the entire membership and the organization.
- Leaders are enthusiastic, tactful, considerate, and show integrity.

Finally, thank you for following in the footsteps of veterans! Keep up the EXCELLENT work!

Faithfully Serving Veterans,

Connie Holt, President

Secretary Notes

Change in Rosters:

- Dist 15, Aux 5381 Treasurer is now Teresa Pritchard. Email: tpritchard@gmail.com Phone: 828-896-6117, Address 4993 Twin Lake Dr., Granite Falls, NC 28630

Deaths/Illnesses:

- PDP Patty Harris has recently been diagnosed with cancer and is having treatments currently. You may send Get Well cards to Patty at: 1565 Spicer Mountain Rd, Sparta, NC 28675
- Dist 6, Aux 10607 President, Dianne Sellers, could use thinking of you cards to: 3853 Wesley Ct., Burlington, NC 27215
- Carol Cantu's Husband, Eric, has been having some medical battles lately. Cards of Good Wish may be sent to: 302 Darden Drive, Kinston, NC 28504
- Dist 1, Aux 6060 Past Pres Stephanie McFadden, passed away Jan 14. Cards may be sent to her mother, Mary McFadden, Life Member, at: 913 Cedar St, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
- Dist 1, Aux 6060 Mary Selma Parron passed away Feb 12. No address given or able to be located.

Upcoming Events:

Department Convention – June 8 – 11 - Embassy Suites, 204 Centreport Rd., Greensboro. Reservations may be at the link below or by phone 336-668-4535 – The code is “VFW”

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=GSOGB&groupCode=VFW&arrivaldate=2023-06-08&departuredate=2023-06-11&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT> [hilton.com]

National President's Visit - April 19-21, 2022 in Greensboro. Flyer is attached.

2023 National Convention – July 22-27 – Phoenix, AZ – you can register in Malta

DECEASED MEMBERS

Please insure that the members from your Auxiliary who have passed away this year have been recorded as such in the National database. The numbers for the Memorial Service at Convention will be taken from that database. For those without computer access, let the Dept. Secretary know the names and the count.

Election Time!!

April is election time for all Auxiliaries. After you elect your new officers, do the following on the checklist below:

- ☐ 1. Complete the Installation Form immediately after Officer Installations. (Form found in the April Newsletter and also on the Department Website.
(Warrants are no longer required as it is now part of the Installation Form)
- ☐ 2. After installation, have your installing officer sign the Installation Report, and email to the Dept. Secretary, Tracy Armstrong tarmstrongaux@gmail.com *The officers on this form will be used to create the Dept. roster for next year.

- 3. New officers must be entered into National database:
- **If your Secretary DOES HAVE computer access:** Secretary can go directly to the Malta on the National website and enter your new officers.
 - (Note that you **must** enter ALL of your officers at one time. You will need to have their membership number to do this, so it is a good idea to print a copy of your roster first.)
 - **If your Secretary DOES NOT have computer access:** Email or snail mail a list of **all** officers to the Dept. Secretary, Tracy Armstrong who will do it for the Auxiliary.
tarmstrongaux@gmail.com or mail to 4337 Spring Hill Church Rd., Lillington, NC 27546
- 4. Elect delegates to the Dept Convention (form attached and on Aux website), and mail the form and associated fees to the Dept Treasurer, Sandra Johnson-Leu. **You get 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate for each 10 members or fraction thereof.** Due: Immediately after the election of Delegates
- 5. Elect delegates to the National Convention, and enter their names into the National database or send a list to the Dept. Secretary, Tracy Armstrong, to be entered for you. **You get 1 Delegate and 1 Alternate for each 50 members or fraction thereof.** Deadline: May 31st
 - (National has requested that if the Auxiliary Secretary is unable to enter into Malta to please send them to the Dept Secretary and not to National for them to enter)

Requirements for voting at District Conventions

To be eligible to vote at the District Convention, the following is required to be on file:

- All District audits on file with State Treasurer
- District dues paid
- List of Delegates and Alternates to the District sent to District Secretary 30 days prior to meeting

Installation Form and Delegates forms for District, Department and National Conventions are attached but fillable forms will also be sent to your President and Secretary.

VFW Auxiliary Membership Moment

How to Ensure a Membership Application is Complete



One of the most critical steps in considering a new member for the VFW Auxiliary is the careful review of the prospective member's application details by a three-member Investigating Committee appointed by the Auxiliary President (as outlined in Section 102 of the 2023 VFW Auxiliary Bylaws and Ritual).

The investigating committee cannot include the Auxiliary President or the member recruiting/recommending the applicant per section 102 of the Bylaws. It is also recommended the Auxiliary treasurer not serve on the investigating committee.

As an exclusive veterans' service organization, the VFW Auxiliary must ensure that every prospective member's eligibility has been thoroughly vetted by an Investigating Committee before any action can be taken on the application. According to Page 1 of the VFW Auxiliary Booklet of Instructions, "it is the duty of the Investigating Committee to see that the applications are filled out completely before they are presented to the body for consideration." The following fields are to be completed on each application:

All information must be completed neat and legible. Application forms dated prior to 2021 will not accepted. You should be using the most current application form.

- Recruited by (Name and membership number)
- Auxiliary Name and Number
- Kind of Membership (annual, life, etc.)
- State
- Name (spelled correctly)
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Gender
- City, State, Zip
- Phone
- E-mail
- Post Affiliated or Non Affiliated
- Applicants Relationship to the Veteran
- Veteran (name)
- Post Number (if applicable)
- VFW Member ID if Post affiliated
- Name of campaign ribbons or medals
- Foreign Service dates
- Location
- Applicant's signature and date
- Signatures of the Investigating Committee (at least 2)
- Signature line following the Obligation.
Date the application is signed

In addition to the prospective member's application, it is the responsibility of the Investigating Committee to review proof of honorable service of the eligible veteran, unless he/she is a member of the VFW Post to which the applicant is applying for membership.

Proof of the veteran's honorable service in any foreign war, insurrection or expedition (as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces) may be determined through careful examination of a Separation Document (DD214) with a VFW-authorized campaign or service medal of the United States; receipt of Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay, as verified by a copy of a Leave and Earning Statement (LES) issued by the U.S. Armed Forces; or service in Korea for 30 consecutive/60 non-consecutive days after June 30, 1949.

Performance reports, travel orders, medical orders, medals reports, morning reports, assignment listings, buddy affidavits, and letters from a foreign war zone may also be reviewed if a DD214 is not available. For veterans pre-1946, a report of their discharge listing the medals and decorations that were earned is acceptable proof.

For soldiers currently on active duty, they will not have a DD214. In those cases, the appropriate orders showing overseas deployment to a qualifying area, or awarding of an authorized campaign medal, or a LES showing Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger pay will suffice to prove eligibility.

In order for the applicant to join as a Post affiliated member, the Veteran MUST be a member of the same Post the applicant is joining AND the Veteran MUST still be living. If the Veteran is deceased, they are no longer affiliated with the Post. Therefore, the applicant may not join as Post affiliated and will need to provide proof of eligibility.

Once the investigating committee has thoroughly reviewed the application to ensure it properly completed, the application should be given to the secretary to present to the membership a vote of acceptance. (Any application missing any information, including Date of birth, Veterans information, etc., should not be presented to the members until all omissions have been completed). Once the application has been voted on and accepted by the membership, it should then be given to the Auxiliary Treasurer to complete the process. A final inspection of the application for accuracy lies with the Auxiliary Treasurer. The application should not be sent to the Department Treasurer if any information is missing from the application.

The application, along with the proper amount of dues, is then submitted to the Department treasurer for processing. If the applicant is an annual member, the current amount to submit with the application is \$11. If the applicant is joining as a Life member, you must submit the full amount of the Life dues, unless the dues are being paid by credit card. Any application, especially those being paid with credit card, that was signed more than 3 months prior to the application being submitted to the Department for processing, will be returned. National considers these a "dead signature" and an updated application with a new signature is required. (Please remember that the applicant IS NOT a member of the Auxiliary, and cannot be elected into an office until the application has been processed and a membership number has been assigned to the applicant.)

Please keep in mind the Department Treasurer is not permitted to alter an application in any way. Applications missing information will be returned to the Auxiliary to complete. If multiple applications are sent with one check and there is an error on one application, all the applications will be returned.



NC District Meeting Schedule Spring 2023



Date	Dist.	Time	Address	DepartmentRep
22-Apr	1	11:00 AM	6060 Elizabeth City 1433 N Road St., Elizabeth City	Annie Cummings Anna Holm
2-Apr	2	1:00 PM	2771 Kinston 300 N. McLewean St., Kinston	Craig Armstrong Anna Holm
22-Apr	3	12:00 PM	2057 Rocky Mt 11270 E. Hwy 97, Rocky Mt	Greg Stafford Sandra Jeffries
21-May	4	1:00 PM	7315 Havelock 120 Lynnwayne Cir., Havelock	Annie Cummings Connie Holt
22-Apr	5	10:00 AM	9983 Holly Ridge 188 Hines Stump Sound Ch Rd, Holly Ridge	Craig Armstrong Wendy Rachels
20-May	6	10:00 AM	10607 Burlington 634 W. Webb Ave, Burlington	Helen Nelson Sandra Johnson-Leu
6-May	7	11:00 AM	5586 Smithfield 100 Pritichi St., Smithfield	Helen Nelson Ginger Amos
22-Apr	8	11:00 AM	670 Fayetteville 3928 Doc Bennett Rd, Fayetteville	Russell Chambers Sandra Johnson-Leu
6-May	9	10:00 AM	4203 Rockingham 106 Old River Road, Rockingham	Annie Cummings Wendy Rachels
6-May	10	10:00 AM	2087 Greensboro 2605 S.Elm Eugene St. Greensboro	Russell Chambers Connie Holt
20-May	11	12:00 PM	5352 Kernersville 618 Edgewood St., Kernersville	Tim Woods Connie Holt
7-May	12	1:00pm (lunch) 2:00 mtg	8989 Kannapolis 2500 N Cannon Blvd, Kannapolis	Helen Nelson Sandra Jeffries
23-Apr	13	2:00 PM	1160 Charlotte 2831 The Plaza, Charlotte	Annie Cummings Ginger Amos
29-Apr	14	11:00 AM	2031 Statesville 139 Jordan Lane, Statesville	Helen Nelson Connie Holt
21-May	15	2:30 PM	7031 Boone 144 VFW Drive, Boone,	Helen Nelson Lin Moore
22-Apr	16	1:00 PM	9157 Black Mountain 165 Cramont Rd., Black Mountain	Tim Woods Lin Moore
6-May	17	11:00 AM	7339 Franklin 60 W Palmer St., Franklin	Tim Woods Lin Moore

Are you ready for the Dept. Convention?

Did you file the following reports and forms?

<u>Form</u>	<u>Found in</u>	<u>Send to</u>	<u>Due By</u>
All Program Reports	Enter into online reporting system	Enter online or contact Report Admin Sandra Johnson Leu	April 15 *
Love Gift for the Dept President	Dept Contribution sheet	Dept. Treas Sandra Johnson Leu	By May 15
List of Delegates and Alternates to District	April Mail, in printed Program book & on website	District Secretary	30 days prior to District Convention
Report of Installation of District Officers	District Convention Reps	Dept. Sec'y Tracy Armstrong	Immediately after District Convention
Report of Installation of Auxiliary Officers	On Dept. website ¹	Enter online at Nat'l website <u>and</u> send to Dept. Sec'y Tracy Armstrong	Immediately after Installation or by May 15
List of Delegates and Alternates to Nat'l Convention	On Dept. website ¹	Enter online at Nat'l website or send form to Dept Secretary Tracy Armstrong	Immediately after election but no later than May 20 *
List of Aux Delegates and Alternates to Dept. Convention	On Dept. website ¹	Dept. Treas. Sandra Johnson Leu with delegate fees	Immediately after election but not later than May 20 *
State officers with vote at Dept Convention	On Dept. website ¹	Dept. Treas. Sandra Johnson Leu with delegate fees	By May 20 *
Department Convention Credentials	Will be picked up at Dept. Convention		Close of Registration at Dept Convention (10 ^{AM} on Saturday)
State Membership award form	On Dept. website ¹	Dept. Treas. Sandra Johnson Leu	May 20
Nat'l membership award form	On Nat'l website Resources page ¹	Mail to Nat'l	May 31
Deceased members	Nat'l database record for each member	Mark individuals as deceased in Natl database or mail list to Dept Sec'y Tracy Armstrong	As they happen or by May 20
40 plus Year mbrs who will or might attend Dept Conven	No form	Mail list of names to Dept. Sec'y Tracy Armstrong	May 20
Member, President and Dist. President of the Year Application	On Dept website ¹	Awards Jury Chairman Farres Upton	April 15 *
Chaplain of the Year application	On Dept website ¹	Dept. Chaplain Connie Holt	April 15 *
Treasurer of the Year Application	On Dept website ¹	Dept. Treas. Sandra Johnson Leu	April 15 *
2023 Membership Transmittal	List of members w/Mbr nbr and check	Dept Treas Sandra Johnson Leu or bring to Convention	Mail by June 15 or bring/send to Convention (do not hold applications if possible)
Convention banquet Ticket		VFW Dept. Headquarters	June 1

If you have missed any, please mail them immediately. Even if you have passed the deadline, some reports are still acceptable (those marked with an * will not be accepted if received after the cut-off date).

¹ – form will be mailed to all on paper mail list

INPUT INTO MALTA OR MAIL TO DEPARTMENT SECRETARY BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023

2023-2024 Installation Report for Auxiliaries and/or Districts

The following information about the Auxiliary's meetings is required:

Date of Installation: _____ Continuous Annual Dues Per Member: \$ _____

Meeting Date: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ Last _____ (select Date)

Meeting Day: Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun. _____ (select Day)

Meeting Time: _____ A.M. _____ P.M. _____ (select A.M. or P.M.)

Meeting Place: _____

Meeting Street Address: _____ Meeting City: _____ Meeting State and ZIP: _____, _____

Phone No. of Meeting Place: (____) _____

Please note offices/positions denoted with an asterik (*) listed below are REQUIRED.

President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Senior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Junior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

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Secretary*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Treasurer*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Trustee No. 3*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Trustee No. 2*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Trustee No. 1*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home Cell Work

Chaplain	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
Conductor/ Conductress	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
Guard	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work	

REQUIRED:

The Installing Officer certifies that he/she is a Past Auxiliary President or held higher elective Auxiliary office; or he/she is a Past Post Commander or held higher elective Post officer; and all Bylaws and Regulations have been complied with according to National and Department Headquarters.

Signature of Installing Officer _____ Title of Installing Officer _____ Date _____

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Meeting Date: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ Last _____ (select Date)

Meeting Day: Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun. _____ (select Day)

Meeting Time: _____ A.M. _____ P.M. _____ (select A.M. or P.M.)

Meeting Place: _____

Meeting Street Address: _____ Meeting City: _____ Meeting State and ZIP: _____, _____

Phone No. of Meeting Place: (____) _____

Please note offices/positions denoted with an asterik (*) listed below are REQUIRED.

President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="text"/> Cell <input type="text"/> Work <input type="text"/>

Senior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="text"/> Cell <input type="text"/> Work <input type="text"/>

Junior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="text"/> Cell <input type="text"/> Work <input type="text"/>

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Secretary*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="text"/> Cell <input type="text"/> Work <input type="text"/>

Treasurer*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="text"/> Cell <input type="text"/> Work <input type="text"/>

Trustee No. 3*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="text"/> Cell <input type="text"/> Work <input type="text"/>

Trustee No. 2*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="text"/> Cell <input type="text"/> Work <input type="text"/>

Trustee No. 1*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="text"/> Cell <input type="text"/> Work <input type="text"/>

Chaplain	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work
Conductor/ Conductress	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work
Guard	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work

REQUIRED:

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Signature of Installing Officer _____ Title of Installing Officer _____ Date _____

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Auxiliary Number _____

To be completed and sent to the **DEPARTMENT TREASURER by 25 May** after the election of Delegates. All Delegate fees must be included. **(Do not pay for Alternates)**

Sandra Johnson-Leu, Dept Treasurer
103 Covered Bridge Rd., Clayton, NC 27520

Auxiliary Secretary:

Please complete this form and return to the **Department Treasurer, Patty Harris IMMEDIATELY** after the election of Delegates and Alternates and before the Department Convention in June. Include a fee of \$5 per Delegate, plus the \$5 fee for your Auxiliary President. The fees shall be paid for each member included in the composition of the Department Convention, regardless of the number of Delegates present at the Department Convention.

This is in accordance with Article IV of the Department Bylaws which reads:

Section 1: Reference is made to Article IV, Section 1 of the Department Bylaws which reads, "Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary, held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the annual Department Convention: One (1) delegate and One (1) Alternate for each Ten (10) members or fraction thereof, in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election. This is in accordance with Article III, Section 304, of the National Bylaws. Auxiliaries instituted less than thirty(30) days prior to the Department Convention shall elect Delegates and Alternates immediately."

Section 2: A registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be paid by each Auxiliary for every Delegate to which the Auxiliary is entitled according to Section 1, and for the Auxiliary President, regardless of the number present at the annual Department Convention."

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL NAMES CLEARLY

Delegates

_____	_____
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Alternates

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(Use a separate sheet of paper if more room is needed)

MUST BE RECEIVED BY 25 MAY

I certify that the above Delegates and Alternates have been duly elected to represent our Auxiliary at the DEPARTMENT CONVENTION to be held in June.

(Auxiliary Seal) Signed: _____ title: Auxiliary Secretary

Signed _____ title: Auxiliary President

_____ Delegates x\$5= \$ _____
1 Auxiliary President x\$5= \$ _____
Total Included= \$ _____



NOT ACCEPTED BEFORE APRIL 1, NOR AFTER MAY 31
of the Current Calendar Year

NATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

~~DO NOT SEND THIS FORM IN IF NAMES HAVE BEEN INPUT ONLINE~~

TO: National Secretary
VFW Auxiliary
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

FROM: AUXILIARY NO. _____ DEPARTMENT OF _____
AUXILIARY NAME _____
CITY AND STATE _____

Per Section 305 of the National Bylaws, "Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April; one for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing on March 31. The VFW Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Secretary, along with their membership ID number, within thirty (30) calendar days of the day of election" and no later than MAY 31. The Auxiliary Secretary is asked to input his or her Auxiliary's Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) online in MALTA via use of their respective membership ID number(s) and to print out a copy of the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) for his or her records.

This is to certify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) listed below were duly elected to represent our VFW Auxiliary at the upcoming National Convention on _____ based on the total VFW Auxiliary membership as of MARCH 31 in the MALTA System.

ID Number and Name ARE REQUIRED to complete this form.
TYPE or PRINT NEATLY each Delegate's or Alternate's ID NUMBER and NAME.

~DELEGATE CREDENTIALS WILL BE ISSUED AT CONVENTION SITE UPON CHECK-IN.~

DELEGATES		ALTERNATES	
ID NUMBER	MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME	ID NUMBER	MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME
_____	_____	_____	_____
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(Auxiliary Secretary)

(Address)

(City, State & Zip Code)

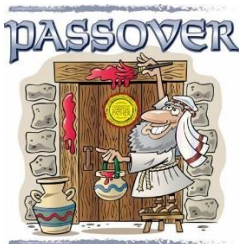
NOTE: This is a listing only. (NO CHECKS ARE TO BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM.)

Department Chaplain - April 2023

Old Testament – *For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.* Exodus 12:12-13

New Testament – *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.* 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4

In the Jewish and Christian faith, two major events are loosely aligned, Passover and Easter.



Passover is the major Jewish spring festival which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, lasting seven or eight days from the 15th day of Nisan. God commanded Moses to tell the Israelites to place a mark of lamb's blood above their doors in order that the Angel of Death would pass over them (i.e., that they would not be touched by the tenth plague, death of the firstborn). This year Passover begins at sunset on April 5 and ends at sunset on April 13.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ who was crucified on Friday (Good Friday) and resurrected three days later on Sunday (Easter). The Council of Nicaea in AD 325 set the date of Easter as the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. As Jesus' arrest and execution were said to have occurred during the Jewish observance of Passover, the Easter holiday is often close to that celebration on the Judeo-Christian calendar. This year Easter falls on April 9.



The Last Supper was essentially a Passover feast. However, the New Testament describes it as being given new significance by Jesus: He identified the matzah (or bread) he shared with his 12 apostles as his "body" and the cup of wine they drank as his "blood."

I want to remind everyone, especially Auxiliary Chaplains, that the 2022-2023 reporting year ends **April 15**. Please be sure that you have submitted your reports by then. Don't forget to fill out the **Chaplain of the Year** form. It can be found on the **Department Website** under **Resources** and then **Of The Year Forms**. I will be using these forms along with the online reports to choose the winners. No one will be considered unless I have received a form.

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Veterans and Family Support March

Hello once again brothers and sisters, living in North Carolina you may have notice a slight change in the weather and with that slight change you may see more and more people about. Some of those people that you may have notice because of the warmer weather may have been homeless Veterans. Just about every town in North Carolina has a street that you may see a Veteran asking for monetary donations, food or even someone that would just listen to them. Often times we don't know how we can help these homeless Veterans so we go about our business as if the problem does not exist. Many shelters house homeless Veterans and you can start by volunteering your time at these shelters. If your auxiliary is capable of adopting a shelter that houses homeless Veterans you may consider that as an alternative project. A lot of homeless shelters will be more than happy to take monetary donation or clothes that you may have just laying around never to be worn by you again. Another way of helping our homeless Veterans is by giving care packages to organizations or programs that support homeless Veterans and their families. These care package may include toothpaste, toothbrush, socks, soap, protein bars, beanie hats and other toiletries. If you happen to know a homeless Veteran the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans is **1-877-4AID-VET**.



Loyally Serving,
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“Buddy” ® Poppy



V F W
N A T I O N A L H O M E

Did you know that reporting ends for the year on **April 15th**? Please be sure to get your reports entered. If you have not submitted any reports, I will be calling the Auxiliary Presidents. If you need any help entering a report, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

**Military &
Veteran Family
Help Line
800-313-4200**

[www.VFWNational
Home.org](http://www.VFWNationalHome.org)

Health & Happiness Contributions:

Mail donations to:

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111
Memo: Health & Happiness

Minimum is .10¢ per member or National Citation for anything over .25¢ a member

Chairman – Angi Hardy

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Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care” National President Theme 2022/2023

“Following in the Footsteps of Veterans” NC Department Presidents Theme 2022/2023



AUXILIARY OUTREACH



National Theme:
Hands That Serve Hearts that Care

Department Theme:
Following In The Footprints of Veterans

When you the member or the Auxiliary as a group, **VOLUNTEER** with another organization
DONATIONS of TIME and **SERVICE** with other organizations in our communities

April 2023

******Extended CHALLENGE: During Month of April: Auxiliary Outreach Family Feud—Keep playing!!**

Just wanted to keep this going for another month. I have not received as much participation as I anticipated. Let's have some fun and play Aux Outreach Family Feud.

Here are the questions:

- A) Name requirements for an activity to qualify under the AUX Outreach program. (5 answers)
- B) Name organizations you can partner with under the AUX Outreach program. (5 answers)
- C) Give reasons why an activity would not qualify under the AUX Outreach program. (5 answers)

***Send your answers to me via my email and I will enter you in a drawing for \$10.00 just because you played. Play at your district meetings or during training sessions. Be sure to list your top 5 for each question. This will be lots of fun & get more attention/participation when presenting the program. Thanks for your help.



For those that have reported and sent me the email confirmation I will add your Aux names to the drawing 2 times since you met the deadline!!!!

Last day to send in your Reports is April 15, 2023.....Report, Report, Report

Make sure to review all of your reports that they meet these requirements:

- If you had events at your post make sure that you were the volunteer not the host
- If you spent monies this activity can't be reported as Auxiliary Outreach
- Make sure events/reports were voted on by the Auxiliary



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"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer"-General James H. Doolittle

Extension/Auxiliary Revitalization
April 2023
Vfwauxnc.org



Brothers and Sisters,

As we are coming to the end of another reporting year, this is your last opportunity to complete the Healthy Auxiliary Questionnaire and report on to receive your certificate. All the information must be entered by midnight 14 April.

Do you have members in your Auxiliary that go above and beyond to support the Auxiliary and the organization? Are they there to help with the events sponsored by the Auxiliary to support our Veterans and the programs of the organization? What about members that take the time to mentor the members of your Auxiliary? Then why not thank them and recognize their efforts with a "Good job " certificate award. These can be found on the Department website and on the National website under 'Extension and revitalization'. The members that do these things usually do it because of their dedication to your Auxiliary and not for "a pat on the back'. But you would be surprised how far a *Thank you, we appreciate all you do* goes. And this is such a small way to say "Thank you."

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the difference between MALTA and our Department website. MALTA is the National website information, located at vfwauxiliary.org. On this site you will find more detailed information and additional forms, but you need a MALTA account to access these. You will need your membership number, as well as other information to create your account. If you need assistance with this, please contact me, and I will be happy to help you. Our Department website, vfwauxnc.org, is where you will find information regarding our Department, as well as information on the National programs. Our monthly Department mail is on the website every month for all members to access as soon as our secretary, Tracy Armstrong, has it completed. This is also where each Auxiliary goes to enter the reports for the work they do in our National and Department programs. You do not need a login to access the website, but you do need one to enter your reports.

As a reminder, the Department is still conducting the Motivational Monday's training sessions. This training is open to EVERY member of this Department and we strongly encourage all members to accept this additional training opportunity. Our April training is going to focus on Auxiliary election installation reports and the Department Convention delegates and delegate fees. When the Zoom meeting invitation is sent to Auxiliary Presidents, secretaries and treasurers, President Connie is requesting that you share this information with all of the members of your Auxiliary to give them the opportunity to attend.

Remember we are:" *Following in the footsteps of Veterans*" while doing it with *"Hands that serve. Hearts that care."*

Serving Loyally,

Sandra Johnson-Leu
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"Be strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when you need help, and brave enough to ask for it"

"Your job isn't to judge. Your job isn't to figure out if someone deserves something or who is right or wrong. Your job is to lift the fallen, restore the broken, and heal the hurting."
Joel Osteen

VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC President Historian/ Media Relations



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This year has almost come and gone. I must say it has been a year of uncertainty, to say the least. We still have a couple of months to make a difference in our community. As your Historian/Media Chair, I encourage the Auxiliaries to reach out into the community for your Outreach Program. Find out who needs help with a project they are doing and rally your Auxiliary members to help. Take lots of pictures and share what you did at the activity/event with our department. Don't forget to include the media to cover the story in your local newspaper. **Wear your uniform or a cap or shirt identifying your group as the members of the VFW Auxiliary.** Then report it to your Outreach Chairman. Don't forget to send me pictures for the National President PowerPoint Presentation. Listed below are a few ideas.

Community Outreach Project Ideas:

1. Community Youth Easter Egg Hunt
2. Make Easter Baskets for Youth
3. Nursing Home Easter Baskets (Fill with needed items toiletries, socks, etc)
4. Spring Cleaning (for Veterans that are unable to clean home or property)
5. Host a Yard Sale
6. Volunteer at local non-profit organization
7. Participate in a charity walk



Photos Needed!!!

I need at least 4 or 5 pictures from all Auxiliaries for the PowerPoint presentation for National. You can share your pictures and stories on the VFW Auxiliary Department of NC Historian Facebook page, email or mail them to me. The pictures are required by April 15, 2023. The first (5) participants will receive a small token of appreciation at the Department of NC Convention in June. Ensure that you caption your pictures to include the 5 W's (Who, What, Where, When, Why).

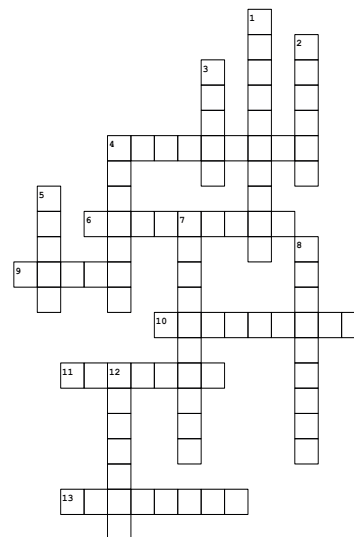


Report, Report, Report!!!

Reports due by April 15, the Reporting system closes April 15!

Historian/Media Relations Crossword Puzzle

The first 5 individuals that complete and return the puzzle will receive small prize at the Convention in June.



Across

4. To freely offer to do something
6. a printed publication
9. The main means of mass communication
10. A group of people living in the same place
11. The study of the past
13. a popular type of social media

Down

1. bulletin issued periodically
2. to give a spoken or written account of something they observed
3. a planned public or social occasion
4. A person who has served in the military
5. used to advertise an event
7. Another name for picture
8. a person providing additional help or support
12. the action of helping or doing work for someone

HOSPITAL

April 2023

It is hard to believe this month we will have election of officers, as we prepare for our 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. However, our work in our VA Medical Centers and other medical facilities are ongoing.

Warm weather, blooming flowers, and trees welcome spring. Many that have been confined to a Medical Center all winter, may enjoy sitting on a patio or other outdoor areas, talking and visiting with someone. Plan a day at your local Medical facility to make visits which will put smiles on many faces, if restrictions will allow.

Restrictions are beginning to change, please check with VA Medical Centers, VA Veterans Homes, and other medical facilities, where you volunteer, to see if outside visits are allowed.

EASTER WILL BE ARRIVING SOON. Easter cards would be appreciated by our Veterans. Also, Dollar Tree has cute little Easter baskets. They would love Easter baskets filled with Easter goodies for their room. If restrictions will not allow you to visit and give them Easter treats, the staff would be glad to deliver them to each Veteran. An Easter or Spring decoration for their door would be nice, and easy to make.

MAY 1, LOYALTY DAY, an important day for our Veterans and the United States of America. Our Veterans would appreciate patriotic items, if you are allowed to visit on Loyalty Day. A card would be appreciated, thanking them for their many sacrifices they have made to preserve our freedom, the freedoms we enjoy daily.

Thank you for all you do for our hospitalized Veterans. Let us continue to be "Hands that Serve and Hearts that Care".

**Loyally,
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SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER

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Brothers and Sisters,

April, 2023

In March you received a new Salisbury VA Medical Center "VETERAN NEEDS LIST". Please remember to call 704-638-3409 to schedule an appointment, before driving to Salisbury to drop off your donated items. Help is always available to assist you.

The Dine-In-Program is still in effect, hopefully you are supporting it which is, a request for gift cards in the amount of \$100.00 from Cracker Barrel, The Smoke Pit and Domino's Pizza. The Veterans can select one of the three restaurants to order food. Having the opportunity to have food, other than Hospital food is a treat for our hospitalized Veterans.

Please do not send a check to our Department Treasurer Sandra Johnson Leu to support this program. You need to select and buy gift cards directly from the restaurants listed above and mail to:

**CDCE (which is Voluntary Service)
1601 Brenner Avenue
Salisbury, NC 28144**

April 9th., is Easter Sunday, hopefully you are planning something special for our Veterans. They love treats, decorative items for their room, cards, and wreaths for their doors.

We must not forget our fifteen (15) Women Veterans at our Salisbury VA Medical Center. Easter in April and Mother's Day, second Sunday in May. A nice potted plant or a bouquet of spring flowers would be nice for their room.

Thank you for continuing to support our hospitalized Veterans.

**Loyally,
Farres**

Durham VA Medical Center ~ April 2023

Dianne Sellers, Hospital Rep
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April is here and it's time to evaluate as we head toward the end of reporting on the 15th:

- * Every Auxiliary is requested to contribute \$20.00 toward the Hospital Reserve Fund.
- * Review what you have done for nursing homes, hospice, memory care, hospitals, taking Veterans and family members to appointments, sending cards and/or even donating canned drink tabs to Ronald McDonald House. These are examples of reportable activities for Hospital.

When reporting, the above is reported under Hospital.

The May 11th Baby Shower

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|--|---------------------------|----------------|
| * Baby blankets/swaddle blankets | * Size 1 diapers | * Wipes |
| * Individually wrapped tethers (not multi-packs) | | * Rattles |
| * Baby wash/baby shampoo | * Infant thermometer | * Diaper cream |
| * Musical toys | * Bath toys | * Baby bathtub |
| * Activity gyms/play mats | * Blocks stackers/sorters | |

IMPORTANT – Please limit donations to the above items so that all pregnant Veterans can be showered equally.

~~ An exciting addition is **coming to the Durham VA – Fisher House!** As most of you know, the VA is landlocked, so this will be in a different location, which is to be determined.

“The Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military & Veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital. The Foundation has provided service to more than 27,000 families and awarded over \$2.3 million in scholarships.” Once the house is built, we will have many opportunities to provide service to these families.

Fayetteville VA Hospital

Hello Hospital Volunteers

Spring has officially sprung, getting ready for the new season and the greater opportunity for us to help our hospitalized veterans. With COVID still around and being apart of our everyday life it's still a little awkward as to what we can do. However thinking outside of the box there is a great deal of things we can do. Take a personal step into your life and as yourself if you were incapacitated what would you want others to do for you. What are some of your likes, what do you enjoy doing by yourself, what can you and someone else in the like environment can do together.

Remember, a few years ago we provided tablets, do they need to be upgraded? Do they need to be discarded and new ones provided? What can we do to help them with this little pricey project?

Magazine, are we still donating magazines and books for them to enjoy? Puzzles books, seek and find, sudokus, coloring books and other forms of individual entertainment.

They can still use snacks, bottled water, sodas, coffee, creamer, sugar and sugar supplements, just to name a few items.

Clothing, items that are suitable for the weather, shoes, lightweight's jackets, pant with elastic for easy removal and access. Athletic shoes that don't require lading (slip ons).

Our veterans are always happy to have visitor's, remember you can visit only in their rooms now.

Volunteers, thank you for all that you do, be safe to yourself and your family and continue to spread the love to our extended family our veterans and their families. By helping our veterans we do an even greater service to their families.

"Love thou neighbor, as thy self".

Your Hospital Representative
For the Fayetteville VA Hospital

Amelia Bennett and
Fayetteville Area Volunteers

CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



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Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy

Willie Glance – Honorary VAVS Representative

April 2023

Some of the items that the Hospital would like to have:

Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers

Small Can Sodas

Bottle water

Puzzles

Puzzle books

Word books

Word Search Books

Granola Bars

Trail Mix

Oreos

Chip Ahoy

Fig Newtons

Spiced Apple Juice

Gatorade Mini Juices

Art Supplies

Adult Coloring Books

Color Pencils & Markers

Sketch Pads

Canvas

Shower Shoes

Flip-flops

Unsigned Sympathy Cards for Oncology & Hospice

Denture Adhesive & Cleaner

New Reading Glasses

Extra Large Men's Underwear

REPORT - REPORT – REPORT

**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR OUR
VETERANS IN THE HOSPITAL, CLINICS AND HOMES!**



Following in the Footsteps of Veterans

Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

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April 2023



It's always time to recruit new members

Here are a few recruiting techniques to use when recruiting a new member.

- ❖ Know your organization and how it can benefit members. Use tools such as brochures, websites and talking points. (Many tools can be found on MALTA!)
- ❖ Question and listen effectively.

3-Step Questioning process:

- Gather background information
 - Ask questions to learn about specific needs and concerns
 - Ask questions that offer a solution
- ❖ Do's and Don'ts of Handling Objections
 - Do- Remain positive
 - Do- Act politely
 - Do- Talk about benefits and what they mean to the prospective member
 - Don't- Respond to personal references to the Auxiliary
 - Don't- Refer to any personalities or the operation of a particular Auxiliary
- ❖ Presentation
 - Dress appropriately
 - Know what you want to say
 - Make sure the prospective member is in the right frame of mind
 - Be aware of the emotions, feelings, and responses of the prospective member
 - Arouse and sustain interest
 - **K-I-S-S** (Keep it short and simple!)
- ❖ **SIGN THEM UP!**

Congratulations to Beth Stewart. Beth won the Just One Challenge!

Remember the District Challenge. All Districts are working toward increasing the membership of the District by 10%.

We will Follow in the Footsteps of Veterans by creating a path filled with members- both current and new- .determined to serve our veterans and their families!

Serving Loyally,
Lin

Department of North Carolina's Special Project 2022-23



Support Our Troops

249-J Third St, Ayden, NC 28513

Friends: NCpacks4patriots/supportourtroops, is in desperate need of donations for care packages. This is the lowest stock we have had in the past 19 years. Please ask your local businesses, churches, civic groups, school groups, families to collect items. Ask your local stores to donate products. You can order on our Amazon wish list, or order from Sam's club for delivery. Our troops need your care and support.

This is an edited message from a chaplain serving on the frontlines:

(Posted on Facebook: NCpacks4patriots/supportourtroops)

"Folks, I'm SO sorry it's taken this long to reply, I have been gone for well over a MONTH - I just returned from a week in (XXXX), after a week in (XXXX), after a week in (XXXX), and other places in between- now I'm catching up!

If you remember, we still have something like 5000 troops in (XXXX), another 6000 in (XXXX), around 100,000 in all of Europe - but as we speak, the first units that arrived when the war kicked off are now headed home and new ones are coming in to replace them.

As always, your care packages are a huge hit, all over. Here on this base, we only have a small PX with some of the necessities, but with 5000 troops and including the other country's troops - nothing lasts long on the shelves.

As I may have mentioned, the popular items are little pocket meals and small cans, microwave-ables, simple ready-made canned food and beef jerky, chips, pretzels, popcorn, corn nuts and peanuts, sweet stuff like M&Ms – anything that'll hold over a soldier who missed a meal at the mess hall, really

anything like that is a big hit. They're living in tents, for the most part, with no kitchen facilities, but there's usually a microwave oven somewhere nearby. Please note, we don't need instant oatmeal packets or tuna, as they are in supply at the mess hall.

Once again, we can't thank you enough for your fantastic job, you're amazing, keep up the great work, only blessings to you and yours and everyone with you, and thank you again!

Our efforts make a difference, we have not completed our mission!

Go to Facebook page: NCpacks4patriots/supportourtroops

And Like/Follow. Purchase items from the Amazon Wishlist and get updates on how many troops are being served and who is volunteering.

"Following in the Footsteps of Veterans" President Carol's Theme for 2022-2023
National's Theme **"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"**

**Special Project Chairman,
Becky Rowe
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Youth Activities

"Following in the Footsteps of Veterans"

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April Highlights

"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"

"Following in the Footsteps of Veterans"

Deadlines for both of these contests are rapidly approaching. The deadline for getting entries to local Auxiliaries for both of these is March 31. By the time you get this newsletter, this deadline may be past. I have received several questions from individuals and Auxiliaries about submittals. Submittals may be made in any electronic format. YouTube submittals are great. In this case, the submittal would simply be a web address that you would go to in order to view the video or art submittal. Submittals on any other electronic media (a thumb drive, for example) are also fine. It's challenging for us, but the young folks won't have a problem with this!

Auxiliaries, have your submittals to me by April 15. Please note there is no District judging for these contest!

Please continue to enter your reports for the Youth Program! You're doing a great job!

▪ *Get excited for the Red, White and Blue*

Open to youth in grades K-12 (Group 1 – Grades K-8, Group 2 – Grades 9-12) at the time of local entry and a US citizen or US National. Entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation, and entertainment value.

Contest Rules:

- Video of contestant's solo vocal performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" must be recorded between July 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.
- Contestants may sing a capella, with backing tracks or instruments
- Contestant may sing in the arrangement and genre of their choice.
- Contestant may NOT change the words.

Deadlines: Local Auxiliary – March 31 Department – April 15 National Headquarters – May 5

▪ *Illustrating America*

Open to all students in grades K-8 at time of local entry and a US citizen or US national. It will be judged on patriotic theme and technique.

Contest Rules:

- Art must be two-dimensional on canvas or paper.
- Any art media may be used.
- Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted in white or reinforced with heavy paper.
- The art should be no smaller than 8"x10" but no larger than 18"x24", not including mat.
- **Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are not accepted.**

Deadlines: Local Auxiliary – March 31 Department – April 15 National Headquarters – May 5

Involve youth in all the Auxiliary programs you can! They are our future!

Date: 3/18/2023

East-- Laura Verdon

District 1 Pres Rhonda Leaver					
		2022	2023 Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent	
6060	Elizabeth City	222	227	144	102.25%
7312	Sunbury	23	23	18	100.00%
10950	Outer Banks	39	37	26	94.87%
3 Totals		284	287	188	101.06%

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
		2022	2023 Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	42	42	27	100.00%
2771	Kinston	22	15	4	68.18%
7032	Greenville	55	54	30	98.18%
9959	Mount Olive	44	45	18	102.27%
4 TOTALS		163	156	79	95.71%

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
		2022	2023 Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	69	70	46	101.45%
4147	Bailey	22	21	14	95.45%
2 TOTALS		91	91	60	100.00%

EASTERN		2022	2023 Life		
		Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS		2617	2587	1905	98.85%

District 4 Pres Ray Hansen					
		2022	2023 Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2514	New Bern	108	109	97	100.93%
7315	Havelock	175	178	148	101.71%
7547	Clinton	68	66	64	97.06%
8986	Newport	53	51	42	96.23%
9133	Jacksonville	165	168	140	101.82%
9810	Warsaw	31	29	29	93.55%
9960	Swansboro	256	265	204	103.52%
11,119	West Craven	41	36	30	87.80%
8 TOTALS		897	902	754	100.56%

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
		2022	2023 Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2573	Wilmington	63	58	49	92.06%
7288	Calabash	270	270	156	100.00%
8866	Holden Beach	102	95	94	93.14%
9,983	Holly Ridge	143	135	98	94.41%
10,226	Oak Island	64	72	53	112.50%
10,400	B Spring Lakes	72	75	33	104.17%
6 TOTALS		714	705	483	98.74%

District 7 Pres Karen Ter Meer					
		2022	2023 Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
6983	Angier	41	21	15	51.22%
6722	Lillington	26	20	16	76.92%
7383	Cary	145	153	110	105.52%
9103	Spring Lake	102	102	85	100.00%
10,225	Garner	115	110	95	95.65%
10,999	Raleigh	39	40	20	102.56%
6 TOTALS		468	446	341	95.30%

VFW Auxiliary Department of NC 2022-2023 Membership Report
President- Connie Holt Chairman-Lin Moore

Date: 3/18/2023

Central Julia Stancil-Warren

District 6 Pres Sandra Jeffries					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1920	Mebane	37	35	17	94.59%
10607	Burlington	33	34	20	103.03%
2 TOTALS		70	69	37	98.57%

District 8 Pres Julia Stancil Warren					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	112	116	85	103.57%
4542	Spring Lake	97	79	58	81.44%
6018	Fayetteville	191	181	150	94.76%
10,630	Hope Mills	36	36	24	100.00%
4 TOTALS		436	412	317	94.50%

District 9 Pres Tracy Armstrong					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	52	40	22	76.92%
5631	Sanford	107	103	91	96.26%
7318	Southern Pines	291	304	255	104.47%
9881	Biscoe	36	33	5	91.67%
10,403	Wadesboro	45	42	22	93.33%
5 TOTALS		531	522	395	98.31%

CENTRAL	2022	2023	Life	
22	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1588	1527	997	96.15%

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	18	20	3	111.11%
2972	Gibsonville	34	35	27	102.94%
3074	Lexington	43	45	15	104.65%
8297	Mway Monroeton	60	59	46	98.33%
4 TOTALS		155	159	91	102.58%

District 12 Pres Wendy Rachels					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	89	89	34	100.00%
3006	Salisbury	122	100	42	81.97%
6365	Locust	15	14	3	93.33%
8989	Kannapolis	141	133	60	94.33%
9134	Rockwell	29	29	18	100.00%
5 TOTALS		396	365	157	92.17%

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District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1119	Cooleemee	26	26	10	100.00%
5352	Kernersville	113	122	34	107.96%
7794	Elkin	21	36	12	171.43%
9010	Clemmons	57	59	49	103.51%
9436	Pilot Mountain	73	71	22	97.26%
11,173	Walnut Cove	19	20	0	105.26%
6 TOTALS		330	334	127	101.21%

District 15 Pres-Patricia Harris					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	77	82	70	106.49%
4286	Newland	31	32	22	103.23%
5381	Lenoir	54	34	31	62.96%
7031	Boone	42	38	19	90.48%
7034	Sparta	61	59	42	96.72%
7946	Jefferson	27	26	8	96.30%
5 TOTALS		292	271	192	92.81%

District 13 Becky Rowe					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	147	144	116	514.29%
2423	Indian Trail	106	107	83	100.94%
5464	Monroe	45	45	33	100.00%
6724	Paw Creek	26	32	23	123.08%
7775	Charlotte	20	20	18	100.00%
9337	Gastonia	78	72	29	92.31%
9736	Croft	17	16	5	94.12%
			0	0	
10 TOTALS		483	436	307	90.27%

District 16 Jim Tester					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	87	82	64	94.25%
5206	Hendersonville	85	80	69	94.12%
9116	Columbus	25	25	17	100.00%
10,349	Mill Spring-close	22			
4 TOTALS		219	187	150	85.39%

District 14 Pres Genny Price					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	81	64	43	89.01%
2031	Statesville	60	65	49	108.33%
4066	Shelby	22	23	13	104.55%
5305	Newton	29	26	10	89.66%
4 TOTALS		192	178	115	91.42%

District 17 Adele Barcia					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	215	188	143	87.44%
5202	Waynesville	236	207	109	87.71%
6812	Hayesville	55	51	36	92.73%
7339	Franklin	89	78	44	87.64%
5 TOTALS		595	524	332	84.93%

WESTERN					
40	2022	2023	Life		
	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent	
TOTALS	2111	1930	1223	90.38%	
Nc at large	578	616	581	106.57%	

2022	2023	Life	
Mbrs.	Mbrs	Mbrs	Percent
6916	6660	4706	96.29%
TOTAL			
WE NEED		256 for 100%	