



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of North Carolina

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Department President 2023-2024

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APRIL 2024

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to those Members who attended the National President's Visit. We had great support and truly showed our National President how we continue "Cultivating the Future for our Veterans", here in North Carolina. I also attended the National Legislative Conference in Washington DC. Please be sure to download from the National Website the 2024 Priority Goals and continue reaching out to our legislators on Veterans issues.

REMINDERS:

- **Membership** – Our Department needs 120 members to be 100%. We can ACCOMPLISH this goal. Each Auxiliary should meet their previous years total plus 1 new member. I know with a little grit and determination we can accomplish this mission. I am asking each of our Auxiliaries to aid in this endeavor by recruiting 2 new Members.
- **Reporting** – All reports must be entered by the 15th, please don't wait to enter those reports.
- **District Delegates** – Auxiliaries should elect delegates no more than 30 days prior to the District Convention. Forms can be found on the Department Website and should be sent to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention.
- **Department Raffle Tickets** - District Presidents should have disbursed raffle tickets to Auxiliaries. Please be sure to follow the instructions that were with the tickets. Auxiliaries needing more tickets can contact the Department Treasurer. All tickets (sold and unsold) and monies should be returned by 26 May to the Department Treasurer.
- **Elections** – Please keep the following in mind when nominating Officers
 - 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, 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 the example by having great knowledge of the bylaws and procedures of the organization.
 - Leaders are tactful, considerate, and show integrity.

Finally, thank you for expressing the grit and determination needed to make our Department a Successful one. Your efforts do not go unnoticed! I appreciate each and everyone of our members, Keep up the EXCELLENT work!

Faithfully Serving Veterans,
Connie Holt, President



Date	District	Post	Meeting Time	Contact	Address	VFW Rep	AUX. Rep
23-Mar	16	Post 891 Asheville	12:00 PM	David Collins	626 New Leicester HWY, Asheville		Preston
6-Apr	5	Post 9983 Holly Ridge	10:00 AM	Nicholas Conrad 319-217-8395	188 Hines Stump Sound Church Rd, Holly Ridge		Holt
20-Apr	7	Post 9103 Spring Lake	11:00 AM	Robert Kennedy 540-630-1071	14258 NC 210 Spring Lake		Holt
20-Apr	3	Post 4147 Bailey	12:00 PM	Jimmy Baugham 252-370-4902	7621 Harris Rd, Bailey		Crowder
21-Apr	13	Post 6724 Paw Creek	2:00 PM	Nathaniel Drisker 757-675-8909	8520 Mt. Holly R, Paw Creek		Jeffries
28-Apr	2	Post 6088 Washington	1:00 PM	Robert Brock 252-413-8287	3375 River Rd, Washington		Jeffries
4-May	10	Post 2087 Greensboro	10:00 AM	John Marion 336-49-4967	2605 S Elm Eugene St, Greensboro		Armstrong
5-May	12	Post 2908 Albemarle	1p (Lunch) 2p MTG	Bobbi Sheets 704-840-6733	119 Anderson Rd, Albemarle		Holm
5-May	4	Post 11119 Vanceboro	12:00 PM	David Burger 910-320-3430	102 First Ave, Vanceboro		Holt
11-May	8	Post 6018, Fayetteville	11:00 AM	Mickey Biggs 910-536-9818	116 Chance St. , Fayetteville 28302		Crowder
11-May	9	Post 7318 Southern Pines	10:00 AM	Craig Armstrong 910-585-1245	615 S Page St, Southern Pines		Holt
11-May	14	Post 1706 Lincolnton	11:00 AM	Art Gordon, 864-884-5496	1306 County Club Rd, Lincolnton		Holm
11-May	11	Post 5352 Kernersville	10:00 AM	Steve Amos 336-462-2024	618 Edgewood St, Kernersville		Rachels
18-May	1	Post 10950 Outer Banks	11:00 AM	Graham Leaver 757-580-8261	108 Schoolhouse Rd, Kill Devil Hill		Armstrong
18-May	6	Post 1920 Mebane	10:00 AM	Christopher Brown 919-869-0611	W. Clay street, Mebane		Moore
18-May	17	Post 6812 Hayesville	11:00 AM	John Glenn 828-293-9722	357 Sanderson St, Hayesville		Rachels
19-May	15	Post 7946 Jefferson	2:30 PM	Lonnie Joines 336-200-0083	446 Ashe Park Rd, Jefferson		Moore

 Indicates Assignment Change

Chaplain's Corner

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April 2024

Seek to understand first. . .

One day a little old and very cute couple walked into the local fast-food restaurant. The little old man went up to the counter and ordered their food. He brought back to the table a hamburger, a small order of fries and a drink.

Carefully he sliced the hamburger in two and then neatly divided the fries into two small piles. He sipped the drink and then passed it to his wife. She took a sip and passed it back.

A younger man at a nearby table observed this couple and begin to feel sorry for them. He offered to buy them another meal, but the old man respectfully declined saying that they were used to sharing everything.

The old man began to eat his food while his wife sat still, not eating. The young man continued to watch the old couple feeling there was something he should be doing to help. As the old man finished his half of the burger and fries, the old lady still had not started eating hers.

The young man couldn't take it anymore. He asked, "Ma'am, why aren't you eating?" The old lady looked up and politely said, pointing to the old man, "I'm waiting on the teeth."

Your first reaction was probably a giggle and "Gross!"

But think about it- how many times have we jumped to conclusions without seeking to understand the problem first? Each of us should take the time to understand first and do whatever it takes to make sound judgments, instead of quickly jumping to wrong conclusions.

Seek first to understand. . .

Please remember to send me the name of anyone who needs a "Get Well," "Thinking of You," or Sympathy card. Also, please send me the name of your Auxiliary Chaplain, including address, phone number, and email.

We must Band Together with cooperation for our Veterans and CuliVETe the Future of Veterans!
Loyally,
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Veterans and Family Support April 2024

Greetings once again Sisters and Brothers, while the grass is getting greener, the flowers are blooming, the birds are singing and the pollen is in the air. As we spring into the month of April, the air fills with the joyful sounds of kids playing in their yards and riding bikes because days are getting longer, let us not forget that April is the Month of the Military Child (MOMC). For nearly 40 years, April 1 has been marked by the Defense Department's kickoff for the MOMC. This is a time to focus on and celebrate the contributions of military children and the unique needs of their lives.

The objective for this month's recognition is to highlight the unique life and challenges of military children. The goal is to improve their quality of life and help mitigate the demands they experience from all the transitions, such as frequent moves, parental separation for military training and worrying about their parents when they're deployed. While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children. This support for the MOMC should not come only the month of April but year-round. So, when your post or auxiliary adopts a unit, they are primarily adopting the children of that unit as well. At each installation families will find such support resources as child development centers, youth center, military and family life counselors.

Adopt a unit



2024 Month of the Military Child Toolkit



If you know of a Veteran going through a crisis, please do not hesitate to help by dialing 988 then PRESS 1.



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#WE CAN AND WE WILL



“Buddy”® Poppy



V F W
NATIONAL HOME



“Buddy”® Poppy

Out of the 76 Auxiliaries in the state, we have had 55 report under the “Buddy”® Poppy Program.

I know that we can make it to 100% by the April 15th deadline.

If you need any help, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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Chairman

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REPORT REPORT REPORT

Please Do Not Wait to Enter Reporting

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

**Do Not Forget to Make your
Health & Happiness Contribution!!**

www.VFWNationalHome.org

www.vfwauxiliary.org

Reporting Website
<http://vfwauxnc.org>

VFW National Home

Centennial Membership Program

Coming Soon! We're excited to announce the Centennial Life Membership program, which will begin April 1, 2024, and end December 31, 2025, in honor of our 100th anniversary. For just \$100, you can join this special program by upgrading your existing membership or becoming a new member.

As a Centennial Life Member, you'll receive a special centennial membership pin and membership card that will allow you to display your affiliation with pride. Plus, you'll enjoy discounts on souvenirs and apparel that are not available to regular members.

“Banding Together for Our Veterans” National Presidents Theme 2023/2024

“CultVETing the Future for our Veterans” NC Department Presidents Theme 2023/2024

2023-2024 Americanism Goal : Build on the knowledge of our Auxiliaries with

*** Flag Education * Promote Patriotism * Star Families ***

*** Prisoner Of War / Missing In Action Recognition #MoreThanLetters**



With April now here, so is a favorite season, Spring! Now is the time to rejuvenate and start thinking of fresh ideas to bring to our **AUXTRIBE**. Let's educate our youth about all upcoming Patriotic Holidays as well as teaching ways of volunteering and all about the work the Auxiliary does as we know our mission surrounds those who served our country. Here are a few ideas with upcoming holidays. So get out and spread awareness.

5 APRIL - GOLD STAR SPOUSES DAY

A day dedicated to honoring the husbands and wives of those who died while serving on active duty. Since 2010, Congress has annually acknowledged April 5th as "Gold Star Wives' Day," paying tribute to the contributions of individuals associated with Gold Star Wives of America, a non-profit organization established in 1945 by women who lost their husbands in service to our country. As the Military has evolved, so has the role and demographics of the "military spouse," leading to a more inclusive resolution that now recognizes April 5th as "Gold Star Spouses' Day."

26 APRIL - ARBOR DAY

Its purpose is to encourage people to plant trees, and many communities traditionally take the opportunity to organize tree-planting and litter-collecting events on or around the holiday.

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants cool shade and tender rain,
And seed and bud of days to be,
And years that fade and flush again;
He plants the glory of the plain;
He plants the forest's heritage;
The harvest of a coming age;
The joy that unborn eyes shall see—
These things he plants who plants a tree.

—Excerpt from *The Heart of the Tree* by Henry Cuyler Bunner (1855-1896)

1 MAY - NATIONAL LOYALTY DAY

The United States of America was founded by Patriots who risked their lives to bring freedom to the nation. The nation's founders are remembered on Loyalty Day, which is a day when people celebrate their freedom while remembering their responsibilities to continue the legacy of liberty. Loyalty Day is celebrated with parades and ceremonies in several communities across the United States. Schools, churches, and various organizations participate in these events. Nothing on this planet can stop Americans from celebrating their love for the nation.

**"Banding Together
For Our Veterans"
National President,
Carla Martinez's Theme**



**"CultiVETing The Future
For Our Veterans"
NC Dept President,
Connie Holt's Theme**



Americanism Chairman & Patriotic Instructor

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“CultiVeting the Future of Our Veterans”



NC. Department
President
Connie Holt

AUXILIARY OUTREACH

APRIL 2024

“Banding Together for Veterans”
Nat’l President
Carla Martinez



The seasons are changing again. We are now welcoming the Spring. I have been watching your reports and have seen some amazing outreach in your communities. We have gone through the holiday season of giving, where people tend to give more, and do more in their community. We as a VFW Auxiliary never stop giving at any time of the year, no matter what season it is. Everything that you do in Auxiliary Outreach touches someone. You may never know who that person may be. Please never turn down a chance to help in your community, even if it is not reportable in a program or you forgot to vote on it. What you do in is important. Our proud Veterans are everywhere. If we just touch one veteran, we have made a difference in one life. You may have planted that one seed of hope for someone.

Remember To Vote on your activity with your Auxiliary.

It makes me sad to have to disqualify your report.

Remember you still did a wonderful thing in your community!

Remember if you can report your event in another program, that is where you need to report it.

Remember All Reports are great no matter where they go.

Remember You must Partner with another organization.

**Remember to REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!
NOW ! DO NOT WAIT!!!**

VFW Post 6018 Auxiliary
member Rhonda Ru Ru Bright
Partnering with the
Salvation Army Shelter
of the Sandhills



Continue to plant seeds in your community with your Auxiliary. If you get one bloom out of your harvest, you have made a world of difference in someone’s life.

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**CHIEF OF STAFF
EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION**

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Wow! Time has flown and we are approaching the end of our program year. I can't believe we will be electing officers at the Auxiliary and District levels over the next few weeks. Please make sure everything is in order for your Auxiliary to move forward in the election process. I encourage anyone who wishes to hold an office in our great organization, to make their wishes known to their fellow members. If your goal is to continue to promote the work of our organization in serving veterans and their families, please ask someone to nominate you. Any member in good standing is eligible to hold an office in our organization. Do some research on the duties and responsibilities of each office. Our *Bylaws and Ritual* book is an excellent source for this information. In addition, you can look under resources in MALTA, and find more information in the section called *Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation*. You may ask, what does this have to do with Extension and Revitalization? I'll tell you my objective in promoting the election of officers. Some Auxiliaries have a difficult time finding enough members to take an office, and some end up having one person take on multiple tasks. If we encourage our members to accept an office, we decrease the number of Auxiliaries that need revitalization. We might even manage to keep an Auxiliary from voting to close. I think if we all work together to learn more about our organization, we will be more successful.

I checked the Department's online reporting system before composing this promotion, and I'm a bit disappointed that out of 17 districts, only 12 have Auxiliaries that have reported in this program. That is not to say that all Auxiliaries in those Districts have reported. Some are missing. I find it hard to believe that each Auxiliary in our Department has not utilized MALTA and printed the Member Questionnaire. All Auxiliary Presidents should have the members complete this questionnaire. It will provide them with some insight as to why their members joined the VFW Auxiliary, and what they would like to see happen in their respective Auxiliaries. This exercise is also used to help qualify the Auxiliary as healthy and in good working order. Once the questionnaire has been distributed and studied for information, the Auxiliary can enter a report in the Department online reporting system.

ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS!

Please contact each Auxiliary President in your District and encourage them to use the Member Questionnaire and then to file a report. I'm including the questionnaire so they don't even have to go into MALTA!

HOSPITAL

Farres Upton, Chairman

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Blooming Flowers , Trees Budding, Warm Weather: Spring is arriving, as well as the

End of Our

2023-2024 VFW Auxiliary year.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT, RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT

1-Did your Auxiliary members volunteer at any VA and/or non-VA Medical facility?

Number of hours?

2-Total number of hours that sponsored Volunteers and/or students volunteered under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision at any VA and/or non-VA facility?

Number of hours?

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY: APRIL 20TH.

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS—WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE---HONORS ESCORT

3-Did your Auxiliary promote, participate or host any activity listed below?

***Honors Escort**

***National Salute to Veteran Patients-----Valentines for Veterans**

***Women Veteran Health Care Program**

***Veterans Health Care (VHA)**

4-Did your Auxiliary promote, participate or co-host with your VFW Post, any activity listed below?

***Honors Escort**

***National Salute to Veterans Patients-Valentines for Veterans**

***Women Veterans Health Care Program**

***Veterans Health Care (VHA)**

5-What was the total \$ amount your Auxiliary spent on all Hospital related items and/or projects _____.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF OUR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS.

Loyally,

Farres

Durham VA Medical Center ~ April 2024

508 Fulton St., Durham, NC 27705

Center for Development and Civic Engagement

(Voluntary Services)

919-286-0411, Ext. 177810

Dianne Sellers, VAVS Rep.

Betty Bradsher, Deputy Rep. & Sandra Johnson-Leu, Deputy Rep.

*The Durham VA will hold **4 Baby Showers in 2024!** Please help the VA shower pregnant and postpartum Veterans in Raleigh/Durham, Greenville and Morehead City. Volunteer groups are asked to support this fun event with baby shower gift bags and door prizes. This is the procedure to follow by using SignUpGenius. The purpose of this is to let the VA know what **new** items your group will be providing:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COB4FA8A72FAOF5C25-47409656-durham>

*For more information or to **arrange drop-off no later than April 12, 2024:***

Raleigh/Durham

Greenville/Morehead City

Kate Berrien, Maternity Care Coordinator

Brenda Roberson, Women Veterans Program

919-396-1952

252-417-6512

Spring Baby Shower – May 16, 2024

Spring Baby Shower – May 1, 2024 – Greenville

Spring Baby Shower – May 2, 2024 – Morehead City

URGENT NEED

The Recreational and Music Therapists are re-creating leisure in the new era since COVID-19 restrictions. To deliver services to CLC, CLC Hospice, Acute Care, Blind Rehabilitation/Medical Foster Home, Surgery unit/outpatient services and PARC, they are in need of the following:

NETFLIX	2	Premium acct for multiple screens	\$240 (x2)
APPLE MUSIC	1	Family Plan for 10 devices	\$200
SPOTIFY	1		\$180

WISH LISTS

- * Gift cards to purchase tickets to concerts (DPAC and/or other venues)
- * Gift cards to sporting events (hockey, baseball, basketball, football), movie theaters, restaurants

ONGOING WISH LISTS for CLC

- * Plastic Model Kits
- * Charging Cables (10 ft. only) Apple & Android Types: MFI, USB C & Micro USB
- * USB Charging Blocks (to plug charging cables into wall)
- * Wheelchair Bags (drawstring or regular backpacks & walker bags)
- * Ink Pens
- * Reading Glasses (assorted prescriptions)
- * Electric razors and/or electric nose trimmers
- * Personal Care Items (lotions, body spray/cologne, bodywash, toothpaste, toothbrush, 5 blade razors)
- * Clothes (t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, underwear/boxers) large & XL sizes

SALISBURY, NC

Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe this Auxiliary year is coming to a close, however volunteering, and supporting the needs of our Hospitalized Veterans is ongoing.

- As we welcome Spring, many of our Veterans will enjoy sitting on a patio or other outdoor areas. Put a smile on their face by planning a visit. Sun glasses and caps would be appreciated.
- The Homeless Program is discussing a Stand Down event. Exact date is unknown at this time. Will keep you informed.
- **CHEERWINE FESTIVAL**, May 18th. in Charlotte. Salisbury VA Medical Center will have a booth. Volunteers are needed. Contact Volunteer Service at 704-638-9000 X 13409 for all information.
- **REMINDER**, The **Greenhouse** is open and available for visits. The greenhouse project is in need of:
 - Plant donations, flower and house plants are accepted, food related plants (fruits and vegetables)) are not accepted due to dietary concerns of residents.
- **NEEDED ITEMS:**
 - Body Wash
 - Summer sweat pants: men and women all sizes
 - Summer sweat tops men and women all sizes
 - Underwear: men all sizes

Thank you for supporting the needs of our Hospitalized Veterans.

Loyally,
Farres Upton
Salisbury VAVS Representative



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—APRIL 2024

“BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS”

National President Carla Martinez’s theme!

Welcome Spring! Let’s spring into action for our Veterans!

It’s time for CultiVETing the Future for our Veterans!



2024 Second Primary Election (Runoff) May 14, 2024 for the following races:

- US House of Representatives District 13: Kelly Daughty with 27.39% of the vote vs. Brad Knott with 18.67%.
- NC Lt. Governor: Hal Weatherman 19.59% of the vote vs. Jim O’Neill with 15.84% of the vote.
- NC State Auditor: Jack Clark, 23.24% of the vote vs. Dave Bolick with 22.10%.
- Gaston County Commissioners, South Point Township: James Bailey with 27.45% of the vote vs. Ronald Worley with 27.44%.

Early Voting will run from April 25, 2024 to May 11, 2024.

For all the Primary Results and Voter information, go to <https://www.ncsbe.gov/>

Things to do:

- Review the 2023 [VFW Priority Goals](#).
- Ask your members if they are subscribed to [VFW Action Corps Weekly](#). If not, sign them up! Report the number that are and additional members that subscribe throughout the year. Are they responding to the Action Alerts?
- For more information visit [Legislative Priorities](#). The more our members know and understand legislative matters the better they can support the veterans, service members and their families.
- Ensure that our members know about the resources available to them in Malta member Resources such as *“VFW Auxiliary Guide to Contacting your Legislators”* and *“VFW Auxiliary Guide to the Legislative Process”*.
- Communicate with your legislators and elected officials (via phone, email and personal visits). Be brief and to the point. Stick to one issue per phone call or email. Use your voice. Make it heard!
- Encourage your members to attend town hall meetings held by legislators.
- Host a Town hall meeting or Forum at which all candidates are invited to attend and comment on veterans’ issues.

To follow the progress of a bill through the legislative process, visit [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov/) or my favorite, [Govtrack.com](https://www.govtrack.com/). Find your representatives and more:

- US Senate at <https://www.senate.gov/>
- US House of Representative at <https://www.house.gov/>
- North Carolina General Assembly: <https://www.ncleg.gov/>

Camp Lejeune Justice Act lawsuit: Claim Sharks want us to stop calling them Claim Sharks! Check out the video from the VFW: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIDKnUWRB1g>

REMINDER: ALL PROGRAM REPORTING MUST BE ENTERED BY APRIL 15TH!

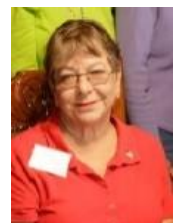
Be sure and report all your election activities. Be sure to note your activities after that date, so you can report them when MALTA comes back on line. That will count for the 2024-2025 year!

“The rights of persons, and the rights of property, are the objects, for the protection of which Government was instituted. These rights cannot well be separated.” —James Madison (1829)



Visit our Facebook Page, Dept of NC VFW Auxiliary Legislative Program to keep up with Legislative News and Action Alerts! If you need help or have questions, please contact me for help!

Contact info: Lynn Childs, 252-528-0500. Email: lynn.ccta@gmail.com, 1476A Northside Rd, Elizabeth City, NC 27909





MEMBERSHIP



April 2024

Banding together for our Veterans ~ CultiVETing the Future for our Veterans

Membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31 – however, you have a grace period until June 30 of that following year.

Reminder: Dues must be paid by June 30th or they will have to reapply for membership on July 1.

EXTENSION for earning \$\$\$\$

Go back and read the February NC Department Membership newsletter, complete the challenge & report back to me by April 30th
Only had 2 Auxiliaries submit! We have 79 auxiliaries in NC.
Its \$\$ for your auxiliary that only takes 5 mins of time!!

Department membership stands at 98.3%* and we need 115 more members to renew or join to hit 100%!
(*as of 3.24.24) (Keep up the great work!!)



AWARDS!!! You must apply for them....



Did you recruit at least 5 people? You qualify for High-Five Award

Did you recruit 10 or more?? You qualify for Aide-de-Camp Award

Find the department award form on our website (Click on Resources Tab > Department Forms/Information and look for NC Membership Award Form). High Five Award and Aide de Camp are the same form.

Important Dates to Remember as an Auxiliary!

April 15th – Last day to report activities!!



Did you recruit new members?

Did you create a membership packet this year?

March 31st – Each Aux that reaches 98%+ in membership will receive \$25 (from National!)

Congrats to the following Auxiliaries: 670, 891, 1706, 2031, 2057, 2087, 2615, 2771, 2972, 4147, 4203, 4286, 5305, 5352, 5464, 5631, 6018, 6060, 6365, 6724, 6812, 7034, 7288, 7312, 7315, 7318, 7383, 7775, 7794, 7946, 8297, 8866, 8986, 9103, 9116, 9736, 9810, 9959, 9960, 9983, 10225, 10400, 10607, 10999, and 11173



Congrats to Districts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 14 for hitting 100% +!!!

June 30th – Each Aux that reached 100%+ will receive \$25 (from National!)

Congrats we have 43 auxiliaries already here!! Keep pushing we have 2 more months to achieve this!

June 30th - Each Aux that reaches 101% + by June 30, 2024* will be entered into a onetime drawing to receive \$500!! (*Based on the June 30, 2023 year-end membership numbers)

Respectfully,

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**MENTORING
FOR LEADERSHIP
DEBORAH CROWDER
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Can you believe that this year is almost over? You will be electing officers at the Auxiliary and District levels over the next few weeks. It will be a good opportunity for mentoring. If someone has a question about the duties and/or responsibilities of an office, be willing to help them learn where to look for the answer. Don't just give them the information, teach them where to look. When someone is given the tools to do research on their own, they most likely will remember the information, and will be able to share that experience with others. AND, don't forget to report your efforts! I just checked the Department's online reporting system and discovered that two Districts do not have any reports in the Mentoring for Leadership program. I want to commend the Auxiliaries that have entered reports. Some of you remembered what I said at the last Council of Administration training session. Attending that training session was an event you could report. I want to remind you that it is never too late to invite someone to join the Auxiliary. I know the year is almost over, but we will welcome a new member anytime! When someone new attends your meeting, be sure to make them welcome. Present a little mini training session for their benefit. Tell them about the raps of the gavel, the way to stand for a prayer, how to salute, etc. AND, don't forget to report your efforts!

I ran across the following information a few days ago, and after a few updates, wanted to share it with you. I wish I had found it earlier in the year. It is the Seven Ps of a Successful Mentoring Program.

Purpose: Mentoring provides guidance and understanding.

Participation: Anyone can be involved in mentoring at any time.

Prepare: Gather and distribute resource materials to create a positive mentoring movement.

Pursue: Mentoring provides all members an opportunity to learn about the Auxiliary.

Prevention: Mentoring will prevent your members from walking away.

Progress: The more your members know, the more the Auxiliary will grow and be successful.

Pride: Every member will be proud to belong to a successful Auxiliary.



Health Checkup for Your Auxiliary Member Questionnaire

1. Why are you a member of the VFW Auxiliary? _____

2. Do you volunteer for, or offer financial support to, any of the twelve (12) National Programs: Veterans & Family Support; Americanism; Auxiliary Outreach; "Buddy"® Poppy & VFW National Home; Extension & Revitalization; Historian & Media Relations; Hospital; Legislative; Membership; Mentoring for Leadership; Scholarships and/or Youth Activities?

YES **NO** (circle one)

3. If you answered "YES", to question #2, what do you do and why? _____

4. If you answered "NO" to question #2, please share the reason why. _____

5. Do you feel our National Programs benefit our local veterans, their families and our own members?

YES **NO** (circle one)

6. If you answered "YES", to question #5, what do you do and why? _____

7. If you answered "NO" to question #5, please share the reason why. _____

8. Are there activities you would like to see in this Auxiliary? _____

9. Is the monthly business meeting conducted at a time that is suitable for you?

YES **NO** (circle one)

If not, what time would you like to see the meeting scheduled? _____

10. Is the monthly meeting length appropriate for the business conducted?

YES **NO** (circle one)

11. Do you have ideas on how to increase meeting attendance? _____

12. What do you feel would bring new members into our organization? _____

13. Where do you see the VFW Auxiliary ten years from now? Will you still be a part of it? _____



Erline Mayberry Scholarship

April 2024

The Erline Mayberry Scholarship was established June 1, 1977, to honor Erline Mayberry who served as the 1969-1970 VFW Auxiliary National President. Erline was an active member of VFW Auxiliary 7794 Elkin.

The deadline for the completed application is April 15, 2024. Everything the student needs to know about the Mayberry Scholarship may be found on the Department website: vfwauxnc.org. The information is found under "Resources." (You will need to scroll down the drop-down menu.)

DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2024

Please report what your Auxiliary does to promote the Mayberry Scholarship under NC Scholarship on the reporting website: vfwauxnc.org. You can also report any contributions made to the Mayberry Scholarship.



Let's "Band Together" and encourage our youth to "Cultivate" their futures!

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Date: 3/21/2024

East-- Laura Verdon

District 1 Pres Rhonda Leaver					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	237	238	152	100.42%
7312	Sunbury	23	24	18	104.35%
10950	Outer Banks	39	36	32	92.31%
TOTALS		299	298	202	99.67%

District 4 Pres Karen Larkin					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2514	New Bern	109	0	0	Closed
7315	Havelock	176	188	161	106.82%
7547	Clinton	65	57	56	87.69%
8986	Newport	57	57	48	97.81%
9133	Jacksonville	183	179	149	97.81%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	272	272	220	100.00%
11119	West Craven	36	34	29	94.44%
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TOTALS		927	816	692	88.03%

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	43	44	30	102.33%
2771	Kinston	15	18	7	120.00%
7032	Greenville	55	39	25	70.91%
9959	Mount Olive	44	49	31	111.36%
TOTALS		157	150	93	95.54%

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	274	287	178	104.74%
8866	Holden Beach	99	101	95	102.02%
9983	Holly Ridge	144	155	117	107.64%
10226	Oak Island	87	85	71	97.70%
10400	B Spring Lakes	75	80	37	98.67%
121966	Leland	0	17	3	
TOTALS		679	727	498	107.07%

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	68	68	48	100.00%
4147	Bailey	21	21	15	100.00%
TOTALS		89	89	63	100.00%

District 7 Pres Ivy Bluhner					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6983	Angier	21	17	14	80.95%
6722	Lillington	20	17	15	85.00%
7383	Cary	153	153	120	100.00%
9103	Spring Lake	100	100	92	100.00%
10225	Garner	110	108	92	98.18%
10999	Raleigh	40	42	23	105.00%
TOTALS		444	437	356	98.42%

EASTERN	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2595	2517	1904	96.99%

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Central Sandra Jeffries

District 6 Pres Sandra Je Jeffries					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1920	Mebane	41	40	19	97.56%
10607	Burlington	32	33	23	103.13%
TOTALS		73	73	42	100.00%

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	18	20	6	111.11%
2972	Gibsonville	35	36	30	102.86%
3074	Lexington	48	41	16	85.42%
8297	Mway Monroeton	58	57	49	98.28%
TOTALS		159	154	101	96.86%

District 8 Pres Julia Stancil Warren					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	121	145	97	119.83%
4542	Spring Lake	0	0	0	0.00%
6018	Fayetteville	189	194	155	102.65%
10,630	Hope Mills	35	34	24	97.14%
TOTALS		345	373	276	88.18%

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	94	90	37	95.74%
3006	Salisbury	110	94	50	85.45%
6365	Locust	18	18	4	100.00%
8989	Kannapolis	138	133	59	96.38%
9134	Rockwell	30	28	17	93.33%
TOTALS		390	364	167	93.33%

District 9 Pres Angi Hardy					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	51	54	30	105.88%
5631	Sanford	111	114	95	102.70%
7318	Southern Pines	311	340	280	109.32%
9881	Biscoe	merged	0	0	0.00%
10,403	Wadesboro	46	44	24	95.65%
TOTALS		519	559	429	101.27%

CENTRAL	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1486	1523	1015	102.49%

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Western Lin Moore

District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1119	Cooleemee	27	26	9	96.30%
5352	Kernersville	122	140	52	114.75%
7794	Elkin	36	37	12	102.78%
9010	Clemmons	59	56	49	94.92%
9436	Pilot Mountain	72	68	25	94.44%
11173	Walnut Cove	20	21	0	105.00%
TOTALS		336	348	147	103.57%

District 15 Pres Sherry Brooks					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	84	81	66	96.43%
4286	Newland	34	36	23	105.88%
5381	Lenoir	56	37	37	66.07%
7031	Boone	43	42	21	97.67%
7034	Sparta	59	60	43	101.69%
7946	Jefferson	29	29	11	100.00%
TOTALS		305	285	201	93.44%

District 13 Pres Becky Rowe					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	146	140	127	95.89%
2423	Indian Trail	108	101	87	93.52%
5464	Monroe	45	46	33	102.22%
6724	Paw Creek	34	37	28	108.82%
7775	Charlotte	21	21	19	100.00%
9337	Gastonia	71	67	27	94.37%
9736	Croft	16	16	5	100.00%
TOTALS		441	428	326	97.05%

District 16 Pres Joyce Preston					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	81	82	67	101.23%
5206	Hendersonville	84	73	60	86.90%
9116	Columbus	25	25	18	100.00%
TOTALS		190	180	145	94.74%

District 14 Pres Linda Owens					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	72	70	47	98.61%
2031	Statesville	68	71	57	102.94%
4066	Shelby	21	19	12	90.48%
5305	Newton	31	37	10	119.35%
TOTALS		192	197	126	102.60%

District 17 Adele Barcia					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	200	165	121	82.50%
5202	Waynesville	217	212	112	97.70%
6812	Hayesville	52	52	37	100.00%
7339	Franklin	79	73	44	92.41%
TOTALS		548	502	314	91.61%

WESTERN	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2012	1940	1259	96.42%

DEPT	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	6872	6754	4904	98.11%

NC At-Large	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	668	774	726	115.87%

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