



**Department North Carolina
VFW Auxiliary
2024-2025**



National Theme:

“From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service To Our Veterans”

Department Theme:

“Serving Those Who Have Served With Love”

Greetings Brothers & Sisters:

Just let me say that I am proud of each and everyone of you. This year has been great. Yes, we have had some hiccups, but we have survived and still strive to work harder for our Veterans and their families. Spring is here and we have even more daylight available to work. There is so much to do, and we will not give up now. April 15th is not just Tax Day, but it is also the deadline for program reporting. If you have not sent your reports to your auxiliary team member that do the reporting, please do so quickly. District meetings are fast approaching, and we want to make sure that we are prepared. Make sure delegates are properly chosen and fees sent to district, department and national in a timely manner. Anyone considering running for office please take the time to examine yourself to make sure that you are ready for the job. We need officers on all levels willing to work hard and make decisions for the good of this organization. It is not an “all about me” type of job. Our VFW need our support, and we need to make sure that we are on top of exactly how we can be of assistance. This year while traveling around the state I saw and learned so many things about the VFW that I did not know. Our comrades whether active or inactive are truly amazing and their stories are breathtaking.

Hurricane Helene relief has not stopped. We are still sending out checks to auxiliary members in need and will continue to until the money runs out. If you are aware of any member that still need help, please let me know so that I can have a check mailed. Special thanks for all the donations sent from NC to New Mexico, Tennessee, Florida, California and Kentucky. We have been helped this year and we have also helped others.

Our membership is over 100% we need about 50 more members to take the gold (102+). There are about 3 months’ left of recruiting for this year. Keep the members coming. As a reminder, contact new members to your team to make sure that they are still happy and excited about being members. The first year is always the hardest. Do not let them get bored put them to work.

To all my Program Chairman, thanks for all your hard work. Members we need your help to make sure that you are reporting so that we can take home awards at National. I have personally seen and heard of extraordinary work on Facebook pages, in pictures, and in the Leader magazine. Currently, we have reports from all 17 districts but not for all 72 of our auxiliaries. District presidents and program chairmen are sending emails and making calls to see if help is needed.

More reminders:

- Send “Of the Year” awards to Amanda Troy, new form with address is on the website.
- National President’s visit in Havelock Post 7315, April 8-10, 2025, flyers have been sent out to book your hotel room and to get a headcount for the menu. Please send these monies in immediately.
- District meetings are coming up in April & May make calls to make sure attendance is good as elections will be held. Asking all districts and any auxiliaries to donate a gift with the value of \$25.00 for our Brown Bag Auction. Gifts will need to be in a concealed brown bag. All proceeds will benefit my Special Project, Brain Injury Association of NC
- June Convention will be held June 12-15, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. Please made sure to reserve your hotel room, hospitality room badge and your banquet ticket. Please use the link at www.vfwno.org website
- President Sandra’s homecoming will be held during convention on June 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Kernersville Post 5352 hope to see you to celebrate the great year we have had.
- National Home representatives will be at our convention please bring any gifts/monetary donations that you have for them, you can still sign up for the centennial membership. Here is the Link www.vfwnationalhome.com

Finally, my eyes fill with tears as I think about all the love and support you have shown this year. We are one great team, and you have proven that. Our VFW is strong and so are we. Make sure to support candidates that are running for office let them know that they have your support.

Loyally Serving Our Veterans,



Sandra Jeffries, President 2024-2025



A Message from the Department Treasurer

April 2025

Vfwauxnc.org



Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter and Happy Spring. This means our program year is winding down. However, it also means we still have a lot of work to do.

The audits for the period ending 3.31 are due no later than 5.31. All audits must be received by this date in order for your Auxiliary to be able to vote at the Department Convention. When submitting your audits, PLEASE include the date the audit was presented to and voted to be accepted by the Auxiliary members. The North Carolina audit form has a line for this information, which is required according to the Bylaws. If this date is not included on the audit, it cannot be accepted. And it delays everything if I have to call or email you for this information. Please make sure the audit form is completely filled out prior to submitting it to me. No extensions will be granted for these Audits. District Audits are due within 30 days of your district meeting convention. District meetings held in April and prior to 10 May must have their audits to me before the Department Convention in order for the District to be in good standing at the Convention, and the District President have a vote at the Council meetings.

I hope you are having success in selling your Department Fundraiser raffle tickets. Remember, this is the only way the Department has to raise funds for the expenses we incur, the same way your Auxiliary has expenses. It is very important that each Auxiliary participates in this fundraiser and support the Department. Please return your stubs, along with your Auxiliary check for the monies and any unsold tickets as soon as you can. We do have other Auxiliaries requesting additional tickets if any become available. All tickets stubs and monies should be returned to me no later than 30 May. Please do not wait until the Department Convention to bring your tickets and monies.

The list of your Department Convention delegates should be sent to me, along with the check for the delegate fees no later than 25 May. Per the North Carolina Bylaws, and what is on our Delegate form, every Auxiliary gets 1 delegate and 1 alternate for every 10 members of fraction thereof. So an Auxiliary with 62 members would have 7 delegates and 7 alternates. The fees are \$7 per delegate, (do not pay for the alternates) plus \$7 for the President. Every Auxiliary is required, per the National Bylaws, to pay the fees, even if no one from your Auxiliary will be attending the Convention. Department Officers (Current line officers and PDP's), please remember, if you plan on voting as an officer, you must send in a registration form with your \$7 fee. Even if you change your mind at Convention, if there is a possibility of you voting as an officer, you must send in your registration form. All of the delegate forms can be found on the Department website. A copy of your list should also be sent to Department Secretary Tracy Armstrong.

WE ARE SO CLOSE to achieving our goal of 101% in membership. Keep beating the bushes for those unpaid members. And don't stop recruiting! Now is the time to consider offering a new member a discount on their membership and allow them to pay only the \$18 to cover the Department and National dues. Especially since you will be asking them to pay their 2025-26 dues in July.

TREASURER OF THE YEAR: All of my awesome treasurers that have worked so hard this year, please apply for the treasurer of the year. You have done the work. Not get recognized for it. The application can be found on the Department website. I want to see a lot of applications.

As always, if there is anything I can do to assist you, please reach out.

Sandra Johnson-Leu,

VFWA Department Treasurer 2024-2025 Department of NC 919-906-7592 ctrysun@embarqmail.com

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Be HUMBLE. Never think you are better than anyone else. "For Dust you are and to dust you will return." Genesis 3:19

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>POST</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AUX REP</u>
May 10	1	10950	11:00 am	Graham Leaver 757-580-8261	108 Schoolhouse Rd., Kill Devil Hills	Theresa Billips
April 27	2	2771	1:00 pm	Robert Brock 252-413-8287	300 N McLewean St., Kinston	Sandra Jeffries
April 5	3	4147	12:00 pm	Jimmy Baugham 252-374-4902	721 Harris Rd., Bailey	Sandra Jeffries
May 4	4	9133	12:00 pm	David Burger 910-320-3430	1450 Piney Green Rd., Jacksonville	Lin Moore
April 26	5	9983	10:00 am	Nicolas Conrad 319-217-8395	188 Hines Stump Sound Ch Rd, Holly Ridge	Anna Holm
May 10	6	1920	9:00 am	Chris Brown 919-869-0611	103B S Fifth St, Mebane	Sandra Jeffries
May 3	7	9103	11:00 am	Robert Kennedy 540-630-1071	14258 NC Hwy 210 S, Spring Lake	Sandra Jeffries
April 19	8	670	11:00 am	Jerry Moser 910-818-3577	3928 Doc Bennett Rd., Fayetteville	Deborah Crowder
May 3	9	7318	9:30 am	Craig Armstrong 910-585-1245	615 S Page St., Southern Pines	Sandra Johnson-Leu
April 5	10	2087	9:30 am	John Marion 336-259-2913	2605 S. Elm- Eugene St Greensboro	Julia Stancil-Warren
April 12	11	2019	10:00 am	Eric Brown 336-978-0164	691 W. Lebanon St, Mt Airy	Anna Holm
April 27	12	9134	1:00 PM	Bobbi Sheets 704-840-6733	605 Depot St, Rockwell	Tracy Armstrong
April 27	13	9337	2:00 pm	Nathaniel Drisker 757-675-8909	3250 W Franklin Blvd, Gastonia	Theresa Billips
April 26	14	5362	11:00 am	Art Gordon 864-884-5496	529 Hopewell Rd., Morganton	Tracy Armstrong
May 18	15	4286	2:30 pm	Kevin Ross 757-575-6822	3139 Miller's Gap Hwy, Newland	Sandra Jeffries
April 26	16	891	12:00 pm	David Collins 864-230-9806	626 New Leicester Hwy, Asheville	Lin Moore
May 17	17	4309	11:00 am	Robert Morrow 864-449-2548	50 Veterans Cr, Brevard	Sandra Jeffries

NATIONAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT



Incoming Department Commander, Ed Beard, has requested my assistance in obtaining the names of **EVERY** Auxiliary member who will be attending the National Convention in Columbus, OH, 9 August through 14 August.

If you will be attending and will be participating in the Patriotic Parade on Tuesday evening, please contact me as soon as possible with your shirt size and whether you prefer a male or female cut. (My personal suggestion is to order a size larger than you normally wear, as we all know most of these shirts are not generally true to size.) Incoming Commander Beard wants to purchase matching shirts for North Carolina so everyone participating will show unity.

This is for every member, not just officers. He needs this information no later than the Department Convention in order to have time to have the shirts ordered and delivered in time for Convention.

Please get your information to me as soon as possible. Let's show the other Department's what North Carolina is truly made of.

Please send your information to :

Sandra Johnson-Leu 919-9067592

ctrysun@embarqmail.com.

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance with this project.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

THE DEPARTMENT REPORTING SYSTEM CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT 15
APRIL.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN ENTERING YOUR REPORTS, CONTACT
YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT, THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN OR SANDRA
JOHNSON-LEU, THE SITE ADMINISTRATOR.

ALL REPORTS FOR THE 2024-25 YEAR MUST BE ENTERED BY THIS
DATE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS

YOUR AUXILIARY MUST ALSO BE CURRENT IN YOUR AUDITS AND
ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE
CONSIDERED FOR AWARDS.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR RECORDS.

CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER AND WORK THE PROGRAMS AFTER 15
APRIL AND BE READY TO ENTER THE INFORMATION FOR THESE
EVENTS AS SOON AS THE REPORTING SYSTEM REOPENS, WHICH
WILL BE IN EARLY MAY.

OF THE YEAR AWARDS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO APPLY FOR THEOF THE YEAR AWARDS

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT AND MEMBER, DISTRICT PRESIDENT,
CHAPLAIN, HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER AND TREASURER. ALL
APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 15 APRIL. THE ADDRESS TO SEND THE
APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON EACH FORM, WHICH CAN BE
FOUND ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE.

Candidacy for Guard 2025



Sisters and brothers, I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Guard for the VFW Auxiliary Department of North Carolina. With a strong commitment to change and transparency, I will continue to serve and contribute to the safety and well-being of our Veterans and their Families. I am asking for your support and your vote!

Respectfully,
Joe Nelson

Dear Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Sherry Brooks and I am declaring my candidacy for NC Department Guard for 2025-2026.

I have been a member of the VFW Post 1142 Auxiliary for over 15 years. I have served as Treasurer for the past 4 years. I am currently serving my second year as District 15 President and also served as Conductor in the past. I currently serve on the Erlene Mayberry Scholarship Committee.

I am dedicated to my auxiliary and I hope to bring this dedication to our Department. I feel we need some continuity to our department and all of us work together for our common goals to help and support our North Carolina veterans.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this important step in my life. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Loyally,

Sherry Brooks

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VFW Post 1142 Auxiliary

Veterans and Family Support

April 2025



From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans, the VFW Auxiliary plays a vital role in addressing the unmet needs of soldiers and their families. Through programs like the VFW Unmet Needs initiative, the Auxiliary provides financial aid to service members facing unexpected hardships, while serving on foreign soil, covering essentials such as rent, utilities, and medical expenses. The VFW Auxiliary also offer emotional support through community outreach and advocacy, creating a network of care for both soldiers and their loved ones. By organizing fundraisers and partnering with other organizations, the VFW Auxiliary ensures that soldiers have access to the resources they need during challenging times. Their efforts make a tangible difference in improving the well-being of those who serve.

Eligibility



Joe Nelson
Veterans and Family Support
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AMERICANISM APRIL 2025



Military Saves Month
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This is the month of THE MILITARY CHILD!

National Military Brats Day!
April 30th

April 15th
Purple Up Day!



GET YOUR REPORT FILED NOW !!!!!!!

It is hard to believe how fast this year is going by. **Please Check your Reports** and make sure you have filed them in the right program. Remember to fill in the questions asked in the report when filing. **Make sure you hit Submit at the end of your reporting. FILE NOW don't risk missing a report.** I have seen you doing some wonderful things to get people interested in the patriotic holidays that are lesser known. You have been very creative.

Keep up your Good Works even as this year begins to wind down!

Make Plans for the month of April

- 1st Have fun with April Fool's Day!
- 5th Gold Star Spouses Day**
- 9th National Former POW Recognition Day**
- 12-20th Passover
- 14th Air Force Reserve Birthday**
- 15th Purple Up Day**
- 18th Good Friday
- 20 Easter**
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Army Reserve Birthday**



Theresa Billips
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April Auxiliary Outreach



April is the 4th month of the year. The name comes from aperire which means “to open.” Diamonds are the birthstone. Daisies and sweet peas are the flowers. The U.S. Civil War began April 12, 1861 and ended April 9, 1865. The Titanic sank on April 14, 1912. April 1st is sometimes called “April Fools Day,” where you can prank your friends.



If you haven't done a report in Auxiliary Outreach yet, this is your last chance to report for the 2024-2025 year.

- ✓ Remember that your Auxiliary must vote on the project/event before the event, and it must be recorded in your minutes.
- ✓ No money can be involved in the project/event. It cannot be reportable under any other projects.
- ✓ You also need to wear something that identifies you as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.
- ✓ Auxiliary Outreach is working with other organizations in your community. Blood drive, working with your church, other civic organizations on projects.
- ✓ Volunteering to clean headstones in cemeteries.
- ✓ Helping to maintain jogging and walking trails.
- ✓ Planting flowers in public gardens. Distributing coffee at rest areas on holidays.
- ✓ The list is only limited by your imagination.



15 **April 15th** is the deadline for reporting. The reporting system will shut down at that time and no reports can be entered. When the system is back up, you can start reporting again. I will do one more Department promotion for May. There will be no promotion for June as everyone will be busy starting our new Auxiliary year.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries –

Dist. 1	10950		Dist. 7	7383, 10225, 10999		Dist. 13	1160, 2423, 9337
Dist. 2	2615, 2771		Dist. 8	670, 6018, 10630		Dist. 14	1706, 5305
Dist. 4	7315, 7547, 9960		Dist. 9	4203, 5631, 10403		Dist. 15	1142, 7034, 7946
Dist. 5	7288, 9983, 10226, 10400, 12196		Dist. 11	1119, 5352, 7794, 9010, 9436		Dist. 16	5206
Dist. 6	1920, 10607		Dist. 12	2908, 8989, 9134		Dist. 17	5205, 6812, 7339

“April is a reminder that life is a beautiful, ever-renewing cycle.”
— E.E. Cummings

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“Buddy”® Poppy



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NATIONAL HOME

“Buddy”® Poppy

Please make sure that you have entered all your reporting for the year. The reporting system will close on **April 15th**.

We still have 19 Auxiliaries that have no report entered for the “Buddy”® Poppy/National Home Program. If you need help, please reach out to me and I will gladly help you get your report entered.

Angi Hardy-
Chairman

angihardy@yahoo.com

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National Home

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

Join the VFW National Home in celebrating its **100th** anniversary, honoring veterans and military families on June 28th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Eaton Rapids, MI campus. This a family friendly event featuring carnival rides, car show, various food trucks, live music and activities for all ages. The celebration will conclude with a laser light show. Admission is free. For more information visit vfwnationalhome.org/news-and-events/events/community-celebration/

www.VFWNationalHome.org
www.vfwauxiliary.org

Reporting Website
<http://vfwauxnc.org>

Are you planning on attending the National Convention this year in Columbus, Ohio? There will be Anniversary Bus Tours going from the National Convention to the VFW National Home. More information on this will be coming soon!!

“From Our Roots To Our Branches” National Presidents Theme 2024/2025

“Serving Those Who Have Served With Love” NC Department Presidents Theme 2024/2025



Erline Mayberry Scholarship

April 2025

The deadline is fast approaching!!!

Please remind high school seniors to apply for the Erline Mayberry Scholarship!

ALL APPLICATIONS, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, TRANSCRIPT, AND PERSONAL STATEMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2025.

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 until you find Mayberry Scholarship.)

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.



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North Carolina Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Chief-Of-Staff
JULIA STANCIL-WARREN
Mentoring for Leadership



As we continue to build on strong foundation based on the traditions established in 1914. Our Auxiliaries continue to benefit each member of the Auxiliary by keeping them informed and knowledgeable of traditions and Programs that will help prepare stronger leaders for this prestigious organization.

Through the training, the use of the following tools:

- MALTA Member Resources for a Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit
- The seven resources to assist Auxiliaries in identifying and solving issues.



Green Light – Yellow Light – Red Light

Green Light – are healthy Auxiliaries.

Yellow Light – are Auxiliaries that shows a caution light.

Red Light – are Auxiliaries that can lead to a suspension.

As a member of this Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary we can all help our President stay focus during the meetings:

- Stop the side bar conversations
- Participating with positive ideas
- Communicate positively and invite individuals to different programs at your Post (could be eligible to join the Auxiliary)

VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC President Historian/ Media Relations



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This year has almost come and gone. But 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 am requesting at least 4 or 5 pictures from all Auxiliaries for the PowerPoint presentation for National and Department President's Memory Book. 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, 2025. 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!

WORD SEARCH

VFW Auxiliary Program

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2. ICPLASE POTJREC _____
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4. RSLIOSHPCAH _____
5. HFIEC OF TSFFA _____
6. SLOTPIAH _____
7. ISARTNHOI _____
8. MAIED ATNESIRLO _____
9. ENMRITNGO _____
10. IACMSIRAEMN _____
11. GEIEAVTLILS _____
12. ESTRVAEN NDA YMFAIL USORTPP _____
13. HSEMMIPBRE _____

Hospital Program – April 2025

Dianne Sellers, Chairman

3853 Wesley Court, Burlington, NC 27215, 336-253-5867, taikijorsel@gmail.com

'Twas the night before April 15th and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The emails and bits of paper were hanging

'round from members' volunteer service to report. **But...** what to my wondering ears should I hear, **but** our wonderful State President Sandra whispering in my ear...

* Have you reported your **Auxiliary's \$20 contribution to the VA Hospital?**

* Have you reported your Auxiliary's **Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support?**

* Have you reported **Valentines for Veterans?**

* Have you reported what you did for **Women Veterans Health Care?**

* Have you reported how you took the opportunity to be a part of an **Honors Escort?**

And then, in a twinkling, I heard the voices of our Hospital National Ambassador, Paulette McCord, and Dianne Sellers, Auxiliary Department Hospital Chairman whispering in unison...

* Did you include in your reporting the **number of members that volunteered at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility (Aux. member to be counted one time only per year)?**

* Did you list the **hours members volunteered at any VA and/or medical facility?**

* Did you include the **number of hours that Sponsored Volunteers and/or students volunteered under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision?**

* Did you include **that your Auxiliary promoted, hosted or co-hosted any activity with or without your VFW Post?**

* Did you include the **amount spent on all Hospital Program-related items and/or projects?**

I sprang to the computer, a wake-up call in my mind, and away I flew typing about our service to our Veterans and their families. How could I not love our Veterans as I thought... **"You are our Heroes and sleep tight!"**

(Adapted from "Twas the Night Before Christmas" – 1822)

CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



Joyce B. Preston – VAVS Representative

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Tryon, North Carolina 28782

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Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy

Mobile: 828-817-0939

Email: jbpreston99@yahoo.com

Willie Gance – Honorary VAVS

April 2025

Needs List:

Soft drinks

Cookies

Spiced Cider Powdered lemonade Chips – Variety snack packs

Please watch expiration dates

Robotic Pets Specialty Meals: In need of May – December Sponsorship

Colored Pencils

Journal Books

Reading glasses – Variety of strengths

Gatorade Juices Belvita

Little Debbie snacks Hot Chocolate

Pop its (poppers)

Acrylic Paints and Paint brushes

Ink pens with non removable caps

Hospice Needs List:

- Soda (Dr.Pepper, Coke & Sprite) small cans
- KIND – Healthy Grain Bars (Dark Chocolate Chunk and Oats and Honey with toasted Coconut)
- Natures Bakery Oatmeal Crumble Strawberry 10 ct Snack Bars
- Slim Jim Original Smoked Snack Sticks
- Great Value Arabica French Dark Roast Coffee Pods
- Great Value Donut Shop Arabica Medium Roast Coffee Pods
- Fritos Lay Flavor Mix Variety Snack Pack 18- Count
- Kleenex – Pop-Up Box
- Fingernail/Toenail Clipper Sets
- Schick Xtreme 3 Blade Sensitive Mens Disposable Razors 8ct.
- Hanes Mens Value Pack Assorted Pocket T-shirts 6 pack (Large, XLarge and 2XL)
- Brown Bath Towels
- Emory Boards

The Veterans Healing Farm is pleased to announce that it has been selected to be a VA Health Care Telehealth Outpost. This initiative to enhance the well-being of local veterans is in partnership between the Western North Carolina VA Health Care System and the Veterans Healing Farm. This collaboration aims to significantly improve veterans' access to VA virtual care services in the region.

The newly established telehealth station features a private appointment room with reliable internet access and technology to facilitate seamless connections between veterans and their VA providers. This station makes it easier for veterans to receive the care they need without any barriers by minimizing travel time and alleviating internet connectivity issues.

For more information or to schedule with the VHF, please

email veteranshealingfarm@gmail.com<mailto:veteranshealingfarm@gmail.com> or call 828-595-6111.

God Bless America & Our Troops

SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER

1601 BRENNER AVENUE, SALISBURY, NC 28144

1-800-469-8262 or 704-638-9000

Warm weather. blooming flowers and trees welcome spring. Many of our Veterans have been confined to staying in all winter. They would enjoy sitting on a patio or other outdoor areas talking and visiting with someone.

EASTER WILL BE ARRIVING SOON. Easter cards would be appreciated, as well as Easter treats and favors for their room. An Easter or Spring decoration for their door would be nice, and easy to make.

Seven (7) Veterans from Salisbury VA Medical Center are training for the National Wheelchair Games, which will be held July 17th., -22nd., in Minneapolis, MN. Sixteen (16) Veterans are training for the Golden Age Games, which will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, May 31st.-- June 5th. These games are great recreational therapy for our Veterans.

Your support of the Wheelchair and Golden Age games, will be much appreciated.

MAY 1ST., LOYALTY DAY, an important day for our Veterans and the United States of America. Our Veterans would appreciate patriotic items, if you plan to make visits. Cards would be appreciated, thanking them for their many sacrifices they have made to preserve our many freedoms, the freedoms we enjoy daily.

We must remember the Veterans that are in the North Carolina Veterans Home, that is on the Salisbury VA Medical Center campus. This home is a full-service skilled nursing facility for Veterans, and has a ninety-nine (99) bed capacity. Our Veterans in this home need our love and support, just as the Veterans in our VA Medical Center.

Thank you for supporting the needs of our Veterans, who bravely served our country.

Loyally,

**Farres Upton
Salisbury Representative**



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—APRIL 2025
DON'T BE AN APRIL FOOL—BE A GOOD BUNNY AND HOP ON OVER TO MALTA AND GET ALL YOUR REPORTING DONE BY APRIL 15THdoi
HAPPY EASTER APRIL 20TH!



HEADLINES AND DEADLINES!

H.R. 1968: Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025: On March 15th President Trump signed into law the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act which funds the government for the remainder of the fiscal year, **through September**. This CR **does not** keep funding levels the same as they have been. Non-defense spending was decreased by \$13 billion and defense spending increased by \$6 billion across hundreds of hard-to-decipher line items. That's an overall cut of \$7 billion, which is **0.1% of total federal spending**. **Congress MUST** now put together a budget plan for the President's agenda for **October—September 2026!** To get this done on time, they really need to finish it before the August recess!

VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt testified before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs. The VFW delivered its top legislative priorities of unaddressed toxic exposures, transition from service, alternative PTSD treatments, predatory claims companies, and GI Bill parity. Lipphardt explained that while the benefits afforded to our all-volunteer force may seem generous to those who never served, these benefits are simply the warranty of the service contract each veteran signs before putting on the uniform. "By contract, you must ensure the VA has the resources and staff to provide veterans their full earned benefits," Lipphardt said. "This is not an ask. Honor the contract!" [Read the testimony.](#)

Collins Confirmed as Secretary of Veterans Affairs: Following a confirmation vote of 77–23 in the Senate, Douglas A. Collins has been sworn in as the 12th secretary of Veterans Affairs. He is the first post-9/11 veteran to serve in this Cabinet position. He served in the Navy and is currently a colonel and chaplain in the Air Force Reserve. Collins is also a former U.S representative from Georgia. In a message to veterans and VA employees, **he outlined his approach to include delivering timely access to care and benefits for every eligible individual**, focusing on customer service and convenience, challenging the status quo, and celebrating great performance by VA employees but holding accountable those who fall short of the mission. [Read more.](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs is eliminating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs across federal agencies, **redirecting \$8 million in spending** in response to President Donald Trump's executive order eliminating DEI programs across the federal government.

Honoring Service, Through Service: In advance of ***America's 250th Anniversary in 2026***, this coming year, 2025 will mark the 250th Anniversary of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. The veteran and military family community's celebration of this milestone will include a look back at the storied history of our Armed Services and their contributions to the strength of our nation. But we believe this quarter millennium presents an opportunity to recommit ourselves to patriotic participation in our country's future.

<https://www.military250.org/>



Visit our Facebook Page, Dept of NC VFW Auxiliary Legislative Program to keep up with Legislative News and Action Alerts!

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"The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

—James Madison (1788)

Department of North Carolina - Membership

From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans
Serving those who have served with love.

We are shooting for the stars and going to 103% in membership!



I'm hoping for SHOWERS of new Auxiliary members in April!
They will for sure bring those May flowers!



120 Membership Reports have been submitted as of 3/11/2025

What's Reportable?? Did you host a membership drive? Did you talk to new potential members? Did you hand out membership applications and directions on how to find National Archives information? Did you mail your dues notices? Did you post on FB about becoming a member? Did you make calls to members to renew? Did you participate in any of my challenges thus far? Did you donate to Western NC Angel Dues? All these statements are reportable. Make sure to include the details!



Did you know... There was ONE Auxiliary that took my Challenge in February and send in a photo?
CONGRATS to Auxiliary #9983
(New Topsail Island / Holly Ridge)
They changed the tree and kept it up through the end of March looking for lucky leprechauns!

Pictured: Jaclyn (Secretary 9983 / District 5 Membership Chair), Pat Frissell, and Beth Schwanz (President 9983)

April 2025



NC Membership

98.96%

We need 72 renewals or new members to hit 100%,
278 more to hit 103%
*As of 3/11/2025

Gold Award: \$300 for reaching 100% Plus by 6/30/2025

Platinum Award: \$400 for reaching 101% Plus by 6/30/2025

Auxiliaries at 100%+!! / Districts in GREEN at 100%

District 1 6060, 7312, 10950	District 2 2615, 9959	District 3 2057	District 4 7547, 8986, 9810, 9960	District 5 7288, 8866, 9983, 10226
District 6 1920, 10607	District 7 6722, 9103, 10225, 10999	District 8 670, 6018, 10630	District 9 7318, 10403	District 10 2087, 2972, 8297
District 11 1119, 9010	District 12 3006, 6365	District 13 1160, 2423, 5464, 6724, 7775, 9736	District 14 1706	District 15 1142, 4286, 7031, 7034, 7946
District 16 5206, 9116	District 17 4309, 6812, 7339			



Reporting!

All Auxiliaries should have 2 or more reports submitted for the 24-25 year.

Each report that is entered, I read! The more information provided in the report, the better!

Include how many people, supplies used, time spent, distance traveled. Numbers are vital!

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April 2025



REMINDER:

The time is running out to collect entries for the VFW Auxiliary Young American Patriotic Art Contest!

The deadline for submissions to your Auxiliary is March 31, 2025.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2025 FOR DEPARTMENT JUDGING!
ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO Lin Moore, 6165 Glen Way Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27107.

Please make sure all guidelines are followed and the application is filled out completely.

Please ensure all entries are submitted by the deadline so they can be judged and forwarded appropriately!

Thanks for all you do for our veterans and their families!
Lin

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SANDRA JEFFRIES'
SPECIAL PROJECT
BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA (BIANC)



April 2025

The year is slowly coming to an end. I still have pins available. Please mail all orders to Sandra Johnson-Leu. Also, all donations. should also be sent to her.

The total collected as of now is \$18,348.57. This does not include the money that was raised via the truffle orders.

If you still want to order truffles, please look for the order form in next months newsletter. This will be the last time orders will be accepted.



Dept President Special Project Chairman

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VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NC Membership Report
2024-2025

President Sandra Jefferies

Chairman Lyndsey Bowlus

Date: 3.21.2025

East-- Wendy Doubles

District 1 Pres Brittney Phillips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	243	245	171	100.82%
7312	Sunbury	24	23	17	95.83%
10950	Outer Banks	39	39	37	100.00%
TOTALS		306	307	225	100.37%

District 4 Pre.Eileen Lazenvick					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2514	New Bern		18	5	
7315	Havelock	192	192	168	100.00%
7547	Clinton	56	54	53	96.43%
8986	Newport	62	72	52	116.13%
9133	Jacksonville	192	195	158	101.56%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	276	280	230	101.45%
11119	West Craven	34	29	28	85.29%
TOTALS		841	869	723	103.33%

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	44	46	30	104.55%
2771	Kinston	18	16	9	88.89%
7032	Greenville	44	39	26	88.64%
9959	Mount Olive	50	50	32	100.00%
TOTALS		156	151	97	96.79%

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	298	317	210	106.38%
8866	Holden Beach	104	109	105	104.81%
9983	Holly Ridge	158	177	135	112.03%
10226	Oak Island	90	96	86	106.67%
10400	B Spring Lakes	84	80	47	95.24%
121966	Leland	17	14	7	82.35%
TOTALS		751	793	590	105.59%

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	68	68	51	100.00%
4147	Bailey	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		68	68	51	76.40%

District 7 Pres Tina Szafarski					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6983	Angier	0	0	0	0.00%
6722	Lillington	20	24	21	120.00%
7383	Cary	155	149	126	96.13%
9103	Spring Lake	100	107	95	107.00%
10225	Garner	108	112	91	103.70%
10999	Raleigh	41	37	29	90.24%
TOTALS		424	428	364	97.50%

EASTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2546	2616	2050	102.02%

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Date: 03.21.2025

Central - Mary Zanders

District 6 Pres Emily Ball					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1920	Mebane	47	47	26	100.00%
10607	Burlington	33	37	26	112.12%
TOTALS		80	84	52	105.00%

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	20	20	6	100.00%
2972	Gibsonville	36	36	32	100.00%
3074	Lexington	41	39	15	95.12%
8297	Mway Monroeton	58	55	48	94.83%
TOTALS		155	150	101	96.77%

District 8 Pres Mary Zanders					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	157	184	110	117.20%
6018	Fayetteville	195	198	160	101.54%
10,630	Hope Mills	34	34	27	100.00%
TOTALS		386	416	297	107.77%

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	0	0	0	0.00%
3006	Salisbury	95	96	54	101.05%
6365	Locust	18	22	6	122.22%
8989	Kannapolis	135	119	60	88.15%
9134	Rockwell	32	22	15	68.75%
TOTALS		280	259	135	69.62%

District 9 Pres Angi Hardy					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	60	52	34	86.67%
5631	Sanford	121	115	103	95.04%
7318	Southern Pines	349	356	319	102.01%
10,403	Wadesboro	44	43	27	97.73%
TOTALS		574	566	483	98.61%

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CENTRAL	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1475	1475	1068	100.00%

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Western -- Bessie Bright

District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1119	Cooleemee	28	29	10	103.57%
5352	Kernersville	151	141	77	93.38%
7794	Elkin	37	34	14	91.89%
9010	Clemmons	54	58	48	107.41%
9436	Pilot Mountain	67	63	25	94.03%
11173	Walnut Cove	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		337	325	174	90.78%

District 15 Pres Sherry Brooks					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	84	87	71	103.57%
4286	Newland	35	36	23	102.86%
7031	Boone	45	46	21	102.22%
7034	Sparta	61	63	48	103.28%
7946	Jefferson	30	31	10	103.33%
TOTALS		255	263	173	103.14%

District 13 Pres Becky Rowe					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	139	139	127	100.00%
2423	Indian Trail	104	105	93	100.96%
5464	Monroe	46	48	32	104.35%
6724	Paw Creek	37	40	29	108.11%
7775	Charlotte	20	21	18	105.00%
9337	Gastonia	68	66	27	97.06%
9736	Croft	16	16	5	100.00%
TOTALS		430	435	331	101.16%

District 16 Pres Joyce Preston					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	82	78	67	95.12%
5206	Hendersonville	73	75	60	102.74%
9116	Columbus	25	26	18	104.00%
TOTALS		180	179	145	99.44%

District 14 Pres Linda Owens					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	73	78	48	108.22%
2031	Statesville	71	64	58	90.14%
4066	Shelby	19	16	16	84.21%
5305	Newton	40	30	14	75.00%
TOTALS		203	189	136	93.10%

District 17 Pres					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	165	169	122	102.42%
5202	Waynesville	221	210	122	95.02%
6812	Hayesville	52	53	41	101.92%
7339	Franklin	68	72	39	105.88%
TOTALS		506	504	324	99.60%

WESTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1911	1895	1283	97.06%

DEPT	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	6891	6849	5206	99.39%

NC At-Large	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	809	862	807	106.55%

Needed to reach 100% 0
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