



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of North Carolina

Connie Holt

Department President 2023-2024

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October 2023

Brothers and Sisters,

Department Training Sessions were of great success! We appreciate your attendance and hope each of you are applying your new found knowledge to aid with the success of your Auxiliaries.

REMINDERS:

- **Motivational Mondays** are for all Members to attend. Please be sure that all Members receive the zoom link. **DO NOT share the link on social media.**
 - October Motivational Monday Training Shall include:
PROGRAMS: Extension, Media Relations, Americanism, Legislative, Auxiliary Outreach .
Mark your calendars for: **Monday 30 October 2023**
- **990 E postcard** – Please send proof of filing to our Department Treasurer Sandra Johnson Leu.
- **Southern Conference** – is scheduled for 2-5 November 2023 held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Register to attend at VFWOKLAHOMA.ORG cost is \$85.00 a person.
- **National President Carla Martinez** will be visiting North Carolina 15-17 March 2024. We are inviting both Auxiliary and VFW Members to participate. More information will follow.
- **Auxiliary Assessments** should be wrapping up. Please be sure copies of assessments are sent to District President Advisor Lin Moore and I.
- **Membership** – Its time to send your **2nd** Dues Reminder Notices to any unpaid annual Members. Our goal is to have all annual dues collected by October 30th. Please reach out to those who haven't paid. Our Department needs 1249 members to be 100%. Sign into MALTA (vfwauxiliary.org) to pay online.

As I have been traveling across the state, there have been a few things that stand out. The first item being **PASSION** for our Veterans, the second item being **PRIDE** in our organization, and the Third item being compassionate **HEARTS**. We are surrounded by the most caring individuals. I want you to know that I see you, and recognize you for the effort, pride, and passion displayed in all you do for our Members, our Veterans and our communities. Keep up the extortionary work "CultiVeting the Future for our Veterans"!

"Exceptional organizations prioritize the well being of their people and, in return, their people give everything they've got to protect and advance the well-being of one another and the organization"
– Simon Sinek

Faithfully Serving Veterans,
Connie Holt, President



Secretary Notes

The Department President's Program Book is on the Department website at:

<https://vfwauxnc.org/uploads/documents/DepartmentofNC2023-24ProgramBook.pdf>

Deaths/Illnesses:

- PDP Fran Redfield recently had a stroke at her District Meetings. Cards of get well may be sent to Fran at: 250 Crow Creek Dr #4, Calabash, NC 28467
- Dept Conductress Wendy Rachels recently had knee replacement surgery and will be having her other knee replaced. Cards may be to sent to Wendy at: PO Box 635 Badin, NC 28009
- Dist 8 Sr Vice Pres, Mary Zanders is currently going through cancer treatments. Cards may be sent to Mary at: 3634 Golfview Rd, Hope Mills, NC 28348

Dates to Remember:

- Fall Council of Administration – Sept 29 – Oct 1 – Greensboro, NC
<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=GSOGB&groupCode=VTW&arrivaldate=2023-09-29&departuredate=2023-10-01&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>
[\[hilton.com\]](https://www.hilton.com)
- 2023 Southern Conference – Nov 2 – 5, 2023 – Tulsa, OK - [2023SouthernConferenceRegistration.pdf](#)
[\[vfwnc.com\]](https://vfwnc.com)



VFW Auxiliary
Department of North Carolina
2023 Fall Council of Administration & Promotion of Programs
Embassy Suites



AGENDA

Friday September 29, 2023

9 ^{AM} – 10:30 ^{AM}	Audit Meeting	Salons A/B/C
10:30 ^{AM} – 11:30 ^{AM}	District Presidents Meeting	Salons A/B/C
1 ^{PM} – 2 ^{PM}	Presidents Training/Workshop	Salons A/B/C
2 ^{PM} – 3 ^{PM}	Trustees Training/Workshop	Salons A/B/C
3 ^{PM} – 4 ^{PM}	Secretaries Training/Workshop	Salons A/B/C
4 ^{PM} – 5 ^{PM}	Treasurers Training/Workshop	Salons A/B/C
7 ^{PM} – 9 ^{PM}	Quarter Auction	TBD

Saturday September 30, 2023

8:00 ^{AM} – 4:00 ^{PM}	Fundraiser Tables	TBD
9:00 ^{AM} – 11:00 ^{AM}	Joint Meeting	Salons A/B/C/D
11:15 ^{AM} – 12:00 ^{Noon}	Auxiliary Session	Salons A/B/C
12:00 ^{Noon} – 1:30 ^{PM}	Lunch break (Hospitality room)	Timberlake
1:30 ^{PM} – 5:00 ^{PM}	Auxiliary Session	Salons A/B/C
7:00 ^{PM} – 9:00 ^{PM}	Banquet – 70's Halloween	Salons A/B/C/D

Sunday October 1, 2023

8:00 ^{AM} – 9:00 ^{AM}	Worship Service	Salon D
9:00 ^{AM} – 11:00 ^{AM}	Council of Administration Meeting	Salons A/B/C

Hospitality Room:

Thur thru Sat - \$35.00, Fri thru Sat - \$30.00, 1 Day Only - \$15.00, No Alcohol \$30.00

Free breakfast for hotel guests each morning from 6:00 – 9:00^{AM}

Free cocktail hour for hotel guests each evening at 5:30 – 7:30^{PM}



A Message from the Department Treasurer

October 2023
Vfwauxnc.org

Brothers and Sisters,

- **THE AUDITS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 09/30/2023 ARE DUE TO ME NO LATER THAN 11/30/2023.** Please make sure you are using the correct audit form (which can be found on the Department website) and not the “worksheet” that is found on the National website. If the worksheet is submitted, it will be returned to the Auxiliary to be completed on the proper audit form. The worksheet is what should be used by the treasurer to compare what the trustees put on the audit form. Remember, the Bylaws require all Auxiliaries have a relief fund. Without this, the audit will be returned to be corrected. Audits may be completed with a minimum of a least one of your elected trustees and one pro-tem trustee appointed by the President.
- **OFFICERS AT ALL LEVELS: Pay your dues NOW!!** Do not wait until December to pay your annual dues. Remember, National will automatically remove you from office if your dues are not paid by 31 December. You will NOT automatically be reinstated to your office just because you pay your dues after you are removed from office. Don’t wait until the last minute. Take care of this important responsibility now.
- When sending in your contributions and donations for the different programs of the Department, PLEASE use the contribution form that can be found on the Department's website. This not only ensures your contributions will be applied correctly, but it makes it easier to track all your contributions. The forms are kept in a file for reference and to be able to verify the numbers for accounting purposes. So, your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.
- If your Auxiliary is sending multiple items to me, as the Department treasurer, please include everything in one envelope. So, applications with dues checks, transfer applications, contributions and checks, and audits can all be sent in one envelope. I have my own “system” for organizing what I receive in the mail every day. Save your Auxiliary the rising cost of postage (as well as the envelopes) and please send just one envelope.
- Transfers to your Auxiliary require the application/transfer form be completed in its entirety before submitting it to me. Section A, including the member’s ID number. Section B, with all the members’ information, including the DOB and current address must be on the application. You are not required to provide proof of eligibility on a transfer. You are, however, **required** to physically see the current membership card of the transferring member per section 106 of the Bylaws. The investigating committee should actually see the card before signing and approving the transfer to present to the Auxiliary. If the member is transferring from within NC, be sure to include the previous Auxiliary number. Out of state transfers require the previous Auxiliary number, city, and state. And lastly, the transferring member needs to sign and date the transfer request. This, while not mentioned in the Bylaws, is an important factor. **If** the transferring member is an officer at any level, even Patriotic instructor, the member CANNOT be transferred until they have submitted a written request to resign from the office at their current Auxiliary and they have been removed in MALTA.
- October is the time to send out your second round of dues reminder notices to all annual members that have yet to remit their dues. Remember, any member not paid by 31 December will no longer be a member in good standing.

Sandra Johnson-Leu,
VFWA Department Treasurer 2023-2024 Department of NC 919-906-7592 ctrysun@embarqmail.com
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“If you do not go after what you will never have it. If you do not ask, the answer will always be no. If you do not step forward, you will always be in the same place.” Nora Roberts

Chaplain's Corner

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October 2023



A group of frogs was traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump out of the pit with all of their might. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying, gave up, fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog said, "No, I'm deaf. I thought you were encouraging me the entire time."

Moral of the Story:

There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day. On the contrary, a destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to keep them down. Be careful of what you say. Only focus on the positive and be deaf to the negative as it will help us to reach our goals easily. By maintaining a positive mindset and filtering out negativity, we can overcome obstacles and achieve success.

"In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact." — Les Brown

"Change your thoughts and you change your world." — Norman Vincent Peale

- 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.
- Auxiliary Chaplains should submit a report each month on the Department Reporting System.

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

October

Hello sisters and brothers, with the holidays quickly approaching please keep our Veterans and their families in mind. Often times we don't think about the triggers that may cause a Veteran to slip into depression, so I encourage you to go to your local VA clinic or hospital and invite the person in charge of suicide prevention and mental health team to speak at your next meeting. Make a difference in the life of a Veteran or service member in crisis by educating yourself and other about the warning signs of suicide and mental health.



- Know the suicide prevention number 988 press 1
- One Mind
www.Onemind.org
- Learn to ask questions and what to ask
- Copy the resource card to hand out to Veterans and their families



Loyally Serving

Joe Nelson

Veterans and Family Support Chairman

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#WE CAN AND WE WILL



“Buddy”® Poppy



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NATIONAL HOME

Now available on the Department Website under resources, titled National Ambassadors Promotions, is the Ambassadors PDF slideshow that was presented at the National Convention!!



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Chairman**

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

“Buddy”® Poppy

- ❖ King & Queen and Prince & Princess Contest. I am hoping every Auxiliary will have an entry.
- ❖ Now is the time for your Auxiliary to start preparing for the “Buddy”® Poppy Display contest that will be held at the Winter C of A.

REPORT REPORT REPORT

Please Do Not Wait to Enter Reporting

www.VFWNationalHome.org

www.vfwauxiliary.org

Reporting Website
<http://vfwauxnc.org>

National Home

The National Home is a hidden gem In Eaton Rapids, Michigan. It's time to let people know about this gem and what wonderful things they do for our Veterans and their families. I challenge Auxiliaries to contact other Veteran organizations in your area and spread the word. Ask if you can come make a presentation at one of their meetings. You can order free materials on the National Home's website.

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

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

AMERICANISM

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 ***
- as we promote both our Presidents Theme's**



“Banding Together for Our Veterans”
National President, Carla Martinez's Theme



“CultiVETing the Future for Our Veterans”
NC Department President, Connie Holt's Theme

Relate the American Spirit and Americanism, to that which is achieved by her citizens who served in the military. From the beginning, all recruits are “stripped” of their individualized selves, broken down to their base humanity and rebuilt into the ideal Soldier, Sailor, Marine and Citizen. The Recruit is encouraged by their Battle Buddies to endure, and bonded to them for their shared strength and skill. They rightly feel elevated, honored, special and necessary. They feel like they are a part of something great, and they have a clearly defined common goal and lifestyle. At the end of the process, they are a new creation, for all intents and purposes they are members of a new



- * Treasure Brother & Sisterhood**
- * Protect the Peace of your Post**
- * Be There for one Another**

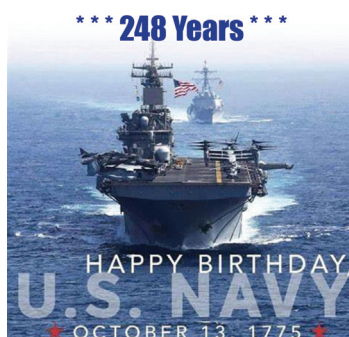
- * Learn and Get to Know Your VFW Rituals**
- * Proudly Wear Our VFW Auxiliary Swag**
- * Encourage #AuxTRIBE Mentality**

Build up your #AuxTRIBE in everything you do and you will draw in more Veterans, because then, they will have found their TRIBE.

On October 13, wish all U.S. Navy Sailors a very Happy Birthday 248 Years!!

Thank you for your service to our Country

Happy Birthday
U.S. Navy



Prisoner Of War / Missing In Action Recognition Day...you did all the work for this sacred event in September, so don't forget to report on it now. Don't wait, as we sometimes forget vital information that is very useful in having a complete report.....and also remember,

#MoreThanLetters



Let's SWAP!!! (Share Wonderful Auxiliary Projects)

Have you heard of Auxiliary SWAP? SWAP was an initiative started in 2018 that encouraged members to “Share Wonderful Auxiliary Projects”. It works when an Auxiliary has had a great idea for a project, Program, event, parade float, membership recruitment or promotion and decides to document and share that idea with other Auxiliaries. If it is successful for one Auxiliary, maybe it can be successful for others, and I want to be your Cheerleader, so get to SWAPPING!

.....as I have a SWAP for you in October. Our Post is located at the back side of a Mobile Home Community with a circular road throughout. A lot of the neighbors walk by or ride their bicycles and are able to help themselves to our “Free Little Library” that we installed at the edge of our driveway. There are books for the youth as well as adults... Take a Book, Leave a Book, Love a Book, Keep a Book. We have also included Flags as well as Patriotic reading material. This is very popular and also has some great reporting possibilities as we monitor each month. Lets encourage and motivate as we think outside the box for these really challenging, fun and creative projects we can all share with our #AuxTRIBE. Do you have something you can “SWAP”?



Americanism Chairman & Patriotic Instructor

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AUXILIARY OUTREACH

October 2023



"CultiVeting The Future For Our Veterans" Dept. President Connie Holt

"Banding Together For Veterans" National President Carl Marinez

What is Auxiliary Outreach?

It is **your Auxiliary** going out into the community finding where they can help **another organization**. Take your information to your auxiliary meeting, **vote** on helping the organization or institution as an auxiliary. **Wear your auxiliary attire**, pin, shirt, hat.... Go to the organization and **Donate your Time and Service**. You do not plan it or spend your money on it. **You make their project successful**. Don't forget to report back to your auxiliary. And don't forget to **MAKE A REPORT**. This is a great way to make new friends and learn more about your community and its needs.

Be proud to have served the needs of others!

Auxiliary Outreach Checklist

- *Auxiliary found Organization to assist.
- *Auxiliary Voted to assist this Organization
- *Wore attire to function. pin, hat, shirt...
- *Did not plan or spend money.
- *Donated your time and service.
- * Help to make their event successful
- *Reported to auxiliary how it went.
The number of members who went.
The hours you were their helping.
- *Make sure this cannot be reported in another program
- *File report in Detail

Harvest Your Community



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK YOU ALL ARE DOING!

Please contact me if you have question.

Theresa Billips Dept NC Outreach chairman

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**CHIEF OF STAFF
EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION
DEBORAH CROWDER
OCTOBER**

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Members and officers alike often ask, “what can I do to help my Auxiliary grow and/or improve?” The first response that comes to my mind is, attend and participate in the Auxiliary’s meetings at all levels. I’ve heard members say their attendance isn’t all that important because they do not hold an office. Let’s put that misconception to rest. EVERY member’s participation is important! Any member in good standing can volunteer to take on the promotion of a program. The Auxiliary President should be happy to have such a volunteer. A good President should welcome someone who will plan and execute a fund-raising event to benefit a specific project. Members can also help the President and other officers stay on target by following Robert’s Rules - for example, no side bar conversations. I’ve heard that called being too stuffy, or too formal; however, members will appreciate a well-run meeting where goals are set and accomplished. As for growing your Auxiliary, here is a simple tip: Talk to people you meet and invite them to a function at your Post or an Auxiliary event. They could be eligible to join the Auxiliary and being invited to an event is a good first impression.

I know April 1st is way out there . . . or is it? Six months might seem like a long time, but we all know how deadlines sneak up on us, right? I want someone in each Auxiliary to sign into **MALTA**, click on **Member Resources**, then on **Extension & Revitalization** in the left-hand column. Look over the items in the right-hand section and select **Member Award No. 1**. Print that document and consider how you can become eligible for the award. If you participate in this venture, please send your completed application to me by April 1, 2024. This is not an April’s Fool Joke! I’m telling you about it this far in advance because accomplishing this task will take time.

ATTENTION Auxiliary Presidents! Follow the first three steps in the instructions noted above and take advantage of the information listed in the right-hand column. You’ll find an Auxiliary President’s Meeting Checklist, and Agenda, some things to-do and deadlines. You’ll also find a sample phone tree, and a couple of pages showing Auxiliary challenges and solutions. I hope you will print the Member Questionnaire and have your members complete it at your next meeting. Encourage them to be completely honest and share their thoughts and concerns. These comments will be very valuable to you as you plan your subsequent meetings. Once you have used National’s resource (vfwauxiliary.org) in MALTA, be sure to go to the Department’s website vfwauxnc.org to report this and all other activities as they fit into each of the program categories.

JUST FYI: Be sure to go to vfwauxnc.org to learn more! Under Resources, you will now find a tab labeled NATIONAL PROGRAM AMBASSADOR PROMOTIONS. IF you click on that tab, you will be able to identify the National Ambassador for each of the National Programs as well as view their National Program book entry.

VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian / Media Relations



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REMINDER: Historian/Media Relations Notes

This Program Year, connect with a legacy member and complete a three-to-five-minute video interview.

- Ask why they joined.
- Ask about their favorite memorable moment(s).
- Place emphasis on bringing the past to life.
- If your Auxiliary has no legacy members, look to your district or Department.

Submit your video interview to your Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging. The Department Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department winning entry along with the winning video to the National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador by April 30, 2024. The winning video may be shown at national. The entry form can be found on the Department website. See link below.

<https://vfwauxnc.org/uploads/documents/2023-24HistorianMediaRelationsyearendreport.pdf>



[VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian Group | Facebook](#)

Monthly Media Tip

Media is the piece of the puzzle that helps create a successful Auxiliary. Social media may be intimidating, but don't let that stop you from learning something new. Most of us are very familiar with Facebook and email. Utilize them. If you need help creating a PowerPoint, ask a fellow member to help or recruit a student at a local school or ask your children/grandchildren to assist you.

“CultivETing the Future For Our Veterans”

VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC President



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Department President's Official Visit

The Auxiliaries will be capturing photos and videos of the Department President's visit as well as events that take place in your Auxiliaries throughout the year. This is what I need:

- A minimum of five (5) photos of the Department President during her visit to your District/Auxiliary.
- Submit photos of events, fundraisers, meetings, and ceremonies that take place in your District/Auxiliary.
- Clear (not blurry!) photos that tell the story. High resolution is preferable.
- Post your stories to Dept of NC Historian Facebook page or send your photos to Historian & Chairman Barbara Beard, 198 Oakridge Dr, Raeford, NC 28376.

These stories and pictures will be compiled to create President Connie Holt's Memory Book. This is your opportunity to brag about your District/Auxiliary. Make sure it's something you are proud of!

A picture is worth a
thousand words,
but the **memories**
are priceless...

Photography tips to avoid:

- Closed eyes.
- Open mouth, a mouth full of food, distracting objects in the picture (e.g. bunny ears, trees popping out of someone's head or from behind the body.)
- People posed in awkward positions.
- Offensive language on clothing.

HOSPITAL

October 2023

653 Haynes Road, High Point, NC 27262, 336-889-4133, farreshupton@aol.com

“Banding Together for our Veterans” as we are Culti-Veting the Future for our Veterans”

***On our Department website under **Resources** titled “National Program Ambassador” Promotions are:**

Ambassador’s PDF slideshow, presented at the National Convention. Under” National Program Awards for Auxiliaries”, you will find **National Award Form** Information.

***Reminders**

Assist medical facilities establish an **“HONORS ESCORT ,”** Program, if they do not have one in place. No **VETERAN** should die alone.

Support the needs of our **Veterans**.

Remember our North Carolina **Veterans Homes**.

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 8th. National Sandwich Day

November 11th. **Veterans Day**, recognize all who served in uniform.

November 11th. Also, National Sundae Day

November 13th. Sadie Hawkins Day

November 16th. National Fast Food Day

November 18th. National Cider Day

November 23rd. National Cashew Day

November 25th. **Thanksgiving Day**, brings to memory of family sitting around the table being thankful for all their blessings, like the freedoms we enjoy daily.

November 30th, Giving Tuesday

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**SALISBURY V A MEDICAL CENTER
SALISBURY, NC**

Brothers and Sisters:

“CULTI-VETING the FUTURE for our VETERANS”

***VOLUNTEERS** are needed.

“HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER”.

***Online:** <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/Volunteer Now/>

This will take you to a web form page. Complete each field, click the submit button. Once the email is received, you will be contacted to set up an appointment, and further information will be provided.

***In Person:** Contact the Voluntary Service Office at 704-638-3409. Tell them of your interest in volunteering. An appointment will be scheduled for you to come in to tour the facility, and learn more about the many ways to serve America’s heroes.

***BASKET BASH:** Will be held in November.
The date, time, and etc. has not been determined.

Items Needed

Quilts/Blankets

Sweatpants and Shirts (Men and Women)
Socks (Men and Women)
Jackets
Lotion/Body Wash
Puzzle Books/Word Search
Bingo Prizes
Gift Cards (Food, Gas, Walmart, etc.)

Thank you for “BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS”.

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Salisbury Representative

CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



Joyce B. Preston – VAVS Representative

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Mobile: 828-817-0939

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Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy

Willie Glance – Honorary VAVS Representative

October 2023

The VA is planning for the Holiday Season and our Gift giving campaign is underway! This campaign provides gifts to all hospitalized Veterans and CLC residents.

If you or your organization would like to sponsor a gift.

The cost of each gift is \$40.00. Organizations can sponsor as many gifts as feasible. Any donation is appreciated and will go toward the overall purchase for our Veterans.

A booklet is included with each gift recognizing all donors, whether group or individual. All donations must be **received by Noon, Friday, November 25, 2023** to be included in the book.

Unfortunately, organizations will not be able to distribute these gifts at bedside, due to continued group restrictions. Voluntary Service is committed to ensure that this holiday tradition continues and will distribute gifts at bedside.

Sponsorship checks should be made **payable to VAVS Christmas Fund** and mailed to:

Voluntary Service
1100 Tunnel Road
Asheville, NC 28805

Thank you for all you do to support our facility, your generosity and commitment to our Veterans, certainly contributes to the Western North Carolina VA Health Care System being one of the top VA's in the Nation!

Don't Miss the September 30th Deadline

Post-9/11 combat Veterans: If you were discharged or released before Oct. 1, 2013, you may be eligible to enroll in VA health care during a special enrollment period ending Sept. 30, 2023. Learn more and apply today: <https://www.VA.gov/PACT>

God Bless Our Troops & God Bless the USA!

Durham VA Medical Center ~ October 2023

508 Fulton Street, Durham, NC 27705

1(919) 286-0411, ext. 177810

Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)
(Voluntary Services)

OPERATION COLD FRONT (OCF) – is returning to provide coats to all Veterans who are in need of assistance during the upcoming winter season. OCF serves all Veterans of the Durham VA, which includes Greenville, Raleigh and Morehead clinics.

Coats may be of all colors, but neutral colors such as black, blue, beige or brown that would be appropriate for both men and women are requested. Sizes range from M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL and 4XL.

Please call ahead to schedule a drop off time between 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at these locations:

Durham VA

or

Greenville

Voluntary Office

Voluntary Office

919-286-0411, ext. 177810

252-830-2149, ext. 143228

Collection of coats: Sept. 1st – Dec. 31st

Returning to Volunteer in the Community Living Center is a great opportunity to serve our Veterans again, but the Recreation Therapy staff requests that organizations return in small groups of not more than 6 volunteers at a time. The following is the procedure to follow:

* Have the members register with the CDCE (voluntary office) completing the required paperwork and background check.

* Let CDCE office know you want to register as a Community Living Center (CLC) Recreation Therapy volunteer.

* Sign up with CLC Recreation Therapy to pick a date to sponsor a program.

Contacts for Recreation Therapy:

Abena Jones-Boone

Rebecca Maccioli

919-884-7964

919-935-8625

ext. 177719

ext. 174267

* Show up on your assigned date and have fun with the Veterans!

Thank you for supporting our Veterans!

Dianne Sellers, VAVS Rep

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—OCTOBER 2023



We've been CultivETing the Future for our Veterans!

Now it's Harvest Time lets reap results for our Vet's! Call, email or write your representatives!



As of this writing Congress is negotiating a Continuing Resolution to fund the government for 30 more days to avoid a shutdown. Don't worry, the talk of "shutdowns" is a bit of theatre. Don't you wish they could get their work done on time? The NC General Assembly is working through budget.

H.R. 1530: Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2023: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the requirement to publish disability benefit questionnaire forms of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, has been added to the House's schedule for the week of 9/19/23 according to the House Majority Leader. Hopefully it will be passed by the house.

Visit PACTActInfo.org: The VFW-championed PACT Act added more than twenty presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxins, extending VA benefits and compensation to toxic-exposed veterans and their surviving families more than ever before. <https://pactactinfo.org/>

REPORTING IS IMPORTANT! If you need help or have questions, please contact me for help!

Legislative Chairman Checklist for Reporting: Questions are Material Utilization, VFW Priority Goals, Action Corps sign-ups, Legislative Action Alerts, Contact Legislators, Interact with Legislators, Election Activities.

OCTOBER CHALLENGE! NC MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER 7TH

Many of you across the state may have municipal elections this fall in your counties. Most municipalities in North Carolina conduct elections in odd-numbered years, including 2023. This is when voters choose who will represent them in local government offices, such as mayor and councilperson. **CHALLENGE** is to be among the top 3 Reports on Election Activities through November 8th. PRIZES!!!

SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE RESULTS! The challenge: "You may have heard people in the Media refer to the 3 COEQUAL branches of Government. Is that true? What are those 3 branches? What is the significance of 22, 11 & 6?"

ANSWERS: No, the branches of government **ARE not coequal**. The branches of Government are Legislative, Executive and Judicial. The 22, 11, 6 refers to the number of **POWERS** delegated by the Constitution to each branch. According to the [National Center for Constitutional Studies](#) (I taught their courses) the numbers are Legislative-22, Executive-11 and Judicial-6, though some scholars may count them a little differently. Yes Jenny, the founding fathers made the Legislative Branch more powerful because they are the representatives of the people. Good answers but the last one stumped all of you.

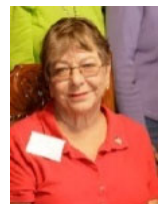
To follow the progress of a bill through the legislative process, visit **Congress.gov** or my favorite, **Govtrack.com**. Find your representatives and more: Senate at <https://www.senate.gov/> House of Representative at <https://www.house.gov/>. North Carolina General Assembly: <https://www.ncleg.gov/>. Check out the additional VFW Key Bills in Congress: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills>.



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

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

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." - Amendment 10





**MENTORING
FOR LEADERSHIP
DEBORAH CROWDER
OCTOBER**

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I know that many of you have attended one (or more) of the training sessions carried out across the state over the last couple of months; however, I still get questions about how to access MALTA. Consider this as a mentoring session, and feel free to share it at your next meeting. If you have ever Googled how to . . . anything, you can sign into MALTA. Google VFW Auxiliary National, or just VFW Auxiliary, you will get a long list of options. OR just key in **vfwauxiliary.org** and then choose MALTA Member Login. If you do not have an account, you can create one. Be sure to have your membership number handy. Once you have created your account, click on Member Resources and prepare to be WOWED. There is a wealth of information available to our members. You can learn about all of our programs, access your personal profile, and so much more. Be sure to check out the **2024 edition of our Bylaws and Ritual**, and as always, **Building on the Auxiliary Foundation**. Our National President's current Program Book is also available for your review. Use this valuable tool!

While you're visiting **MALTA**, be sure to go **Member Resources** and scroll down the left-hand column and click on **Mentoring for Leadership**. On the right-hand side of the page you will find a document called **Mentoring for Leadership Auxiliary Award No. 1**. Make a copy and come up with a plan to enter the challenge. If you decide to enter, please have your completed application to me not later than **April 1, 2024**. I know that seems like a long time from now, but it isn't if you are going to be a good mentor. You and your mentee will need some time together. You didn't learn about our organization overnight, and today's new member will not either. Take someone under your wing and help them to know and love our organization the way you do.

Don't think I'm trying to be lazy this month by including the information noted below. Even though I've explained how to access some of the valuable information available to you in MALTA, I know it can be overwhelming – especially to new members, or those new to MALTA. So, I've taken the liberty of copying and presenting some very useful steps to help you welcome and engage a new member. If we do not practice these steps early, the new member could soon find another way to spend their time. NOW, IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER, I want you to read through these steps as well. You may have just joined an Auxiliary that has many new members and they are waiting for someone to engage them. If that is the case, then all of you can learn together! In fact, something happened to me today that made me realize that no matter how many times you look at something (a document for example), if you look again, you might find something new, or something you missed. I'm providing the guide as page two of my promotion so you can choose to just print that page for your convenience. Let me know if you have questions or concerns. Happy Halloween and Happy Mentoring!

JUST FYI: Be sure to go to **vfwauxnc.org** to learn more! Under Resources, you will now find a tab labeled NATIONAL PROGRAM AMBASSADOR PROMOTIONS. If you click on that tab, you will be able to identify the National Ambassador for each of the National Programs as well as view their National Program book entry.

Here is a timeline to help engage new members:

Within first week: Call or email the new member introducing yourself. Offer your contact information should that new member have any questions. If your Auxiliary has a website or Facebook page, tell them about it so they can see what's going on.

Within first month: Invite this new member as soon as possible to whatever event is coming up next, whether it be a meeting or something else. Offer to pick him or her up. Or if it's a family event, be sure to say that anyone can come. They might feel more comfortable coming with their family or friend.

Because people are very busy these days, be sure to send a reminder at least three days out from the event.

At the event or if they come to the Post Home for a social event, there is ONE THING you can do when they step through that door. If the new member says, "How can I help?", stop right then and there and find a way for them to help. DO NOT tell them, "Oh don't worry, I've got it." Even if you are peeling potatoes and you're almost done, let them peel the potatoes!

Immediately following the event, send an email or handwritten note saying you're glad they came.

Within first two months: Your Auxiliary will most likely have a meeting within this time period. Specifically invite a new member and save them a seat. Have a copy of "Auxiliary Traditions" printed out and explain each of the items on it. Much of it will be entirely new to them.

Within first three months: Scheduling is difficult, but try to meet up for coffee or drinks, and see if the new member has any questions about what they have been involved with so far. If they have a family, consider having them over for dinner. Have a copy of the Bylaws available in case a question comes up that you can't answer.

Over the next six months: Continue with the phone calls and emails, inviting him or her to meetings and events. In this day and age, be patient with how they choose to communicate. Everyone feels differently about phones, texts, emails, Facebook messaging, etc. They may be more comfortable or have better access to one than another.

See if they have any new ideas and be open to them. Send notes for birthdays or thanks you if they helped with an event. Don't let a month go by without reaching out to that new member.

The goal with each of these steps is to maintain contact with a member in order to engage him or her. Once you have engaged that member and extended that hand of friendship, continue to nurture that relationship. There is so much to learn, and learning it from a friend is the best way to develop future leaders.



MEMBERSHIP

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

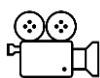
October 2023

It's important to remember our membership period – July 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024

Department membership stands at **82.63%*** and we need **1,194** more members to renew or join to hit 100%! (*as of 9.25.23)

We want to reach for the stars and hit 103% in membership - that means we need **7,078** total or **1,400** more members to hit the goal!!

Important Dates to Remember as an Auxiliary!



October – Send out your 2nd Dues Reminders to unpaid members! Check out the attached page & include a copy. All you have to do is copy onto BRIGHT paper and insert into your renewal letters. It's a great way to get annual members to convert to lifetime members!

Want the members to use MALTA instead of checks and snail mail? Have them use the other attached directions page on how to access MALTA and find useful items!

March 31st – Each Aux that reaches 98%+ in membership will receive \$25
Can you calculate how many members you need to reach this goal?

June 30th – Each Aux that reached 100%+ will receive \$25
Can you calculate how many members you need to reach this goal?

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)



TAKE ACTION: Calculate your membership numbers to track how many members your Aux will need by March 31st (hint – 98% +) and how many members/recruits to reach 101%+ by June.

Membership resources can be found on:

National Website (<https://vfwauxiliary.org>)

Department of NC Auxiliary (<https://vfwauxnc.org>)

Malta Webpage (<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources>)

Respectfully,

Lyndsey Bowlus

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Malta Access To Renew Dues & Get Information!

Go to <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org>

If you are new to the site, click – “Activate Account”

Enter First Name, Last Name, Member ID # & Zip code

Click Activate Account

You'll be asked to create a password.

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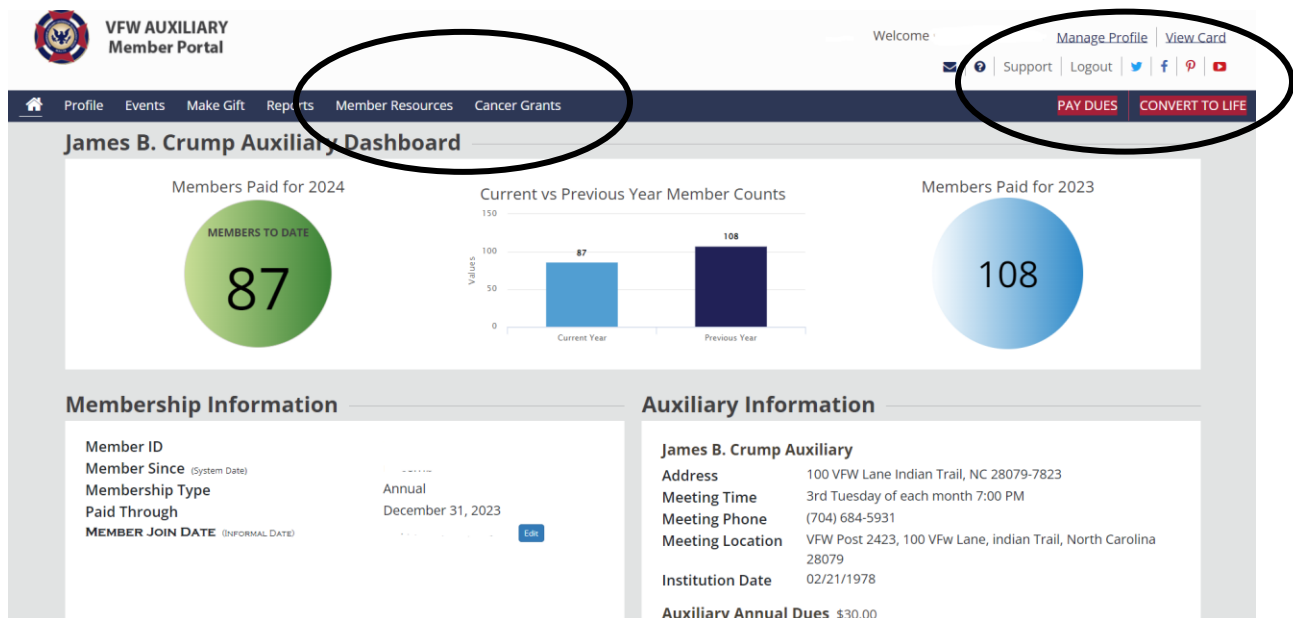
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[Cancel](#)

Username is your Member ID Number: _____

Password (you create): _____

Membership Dashboard



You can renew Annual Dues or Convert to Lifetime Membership – (Upper right corner)

By clicking on either one of those highlighted in red it will give you the amount with the option to pay via Discover, Visa, Mastercard or Amex.

In the navy blue bar are words/ tabs, click the names of each (“Member Resources” or “Cancer Grants”) to view that information.

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Scholarship Programs 2023-2024

October 2023

National Auxiliary President Carla Martinez's theme: "Banding Together for Our Veterans"

Department Auxiliary President Connie Holt's theme: "CultiVETing the Future for Our Veterans"

Wendy Dorsey Rachels, Scholarship Chairperson

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Student Participation * Recipient Recognition * Community Awareness * Increasing the Fund

Continue to plant the seeds! Harvest the best crop of entries ever!

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Deadlines:

Local Post Deadline – October 31, 2023

District Deadline – November 15, 2023

- **Patriot's Pen:** Youth essay contest for middle grade students in grades 6-8. Each first place Department winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the National level. The National first place winner receives \$5000. The 2023-2024 theme is *"How Are You Inspired by America?"* Read the criteria here and download applications: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>
- **Voice of Democracy:** Audio-essay program for high school students in grades 9-12. The National first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship. The first-place winner from each Department wins a minimum scholarship of \$1000. The 2022-2022 theme is *"What Are the Greatest Attributes of our Democracy?"* Read the criteria here and download applications: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>
- **Recognition:** Auxiliaries are encouraged to assist their post with recognizing the local winners for both Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. The VFW Store has plaques and certificates posts can order to use for recognition. In addition to recognizing the winners, consider some form of recognition for all entries. Recognition may encourage more entrants next year. Go to the schools to distribute certificates of appreciation. Co-host an awards dinner for the winners at the Post Home.

Challenge #1

- All Auxiliaries who have entered a valid online program report for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen by 11/15/2023 will be entered into a drawing for \$25.



Becky Rowe, Dept of NC., Youth Activities Chairman

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314-393-5377

Youth Activities Program 2023 – 24 October 2023

Small Hands Helping, in Big Ways



“CultivETing The Future For Our Veterans”

Year-End Report – Report everything you do, with and for Youth. Focus on including these items at every event. We want to have qualifying Auxiliaries in all groups and 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. Online Reporting must be submitted on vfwauxnc.org by **April 15.** **Remember – YES, NO, or NUMBER** **Give Details**

Department: North Carolina Number of participating Auxiliaries: 78 Auxiliaries in NC.

1. Number of **youth groups** that Auxiliaries worked with during the Program Year.
2. Number of **youth** that Auxiliaries worked with during the Program Year.
3. Number of **Youth Groups** Supporting Our Veterans Citations awarded.
4. Number of Auxiliaries that participated in **Patriotism through Literacy**.
- Number of books donated.

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! National Anthem Singing Contest. Deadline March 31, 2024

1. Number of Auxiliaries that **promoted** the Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! National Anthem singing contest.
2. Number of students that submitted entries **to Auxiliaries** for judging.
3. Number of entries submitted **to the Department** for judging.
4. Number of **Auxiliaries who hosted an awards ceremony** to recognize awardees and participants in this contest.
5. Total dollar amount and/or **value of awards** presented by Auxiliaries, Districts and Department.

Illustrating America Art Contest - Deadline March 31, 2024

1. Number of Auxiliaries that **promoted** the Illustrating America Art Contest.
2. Number of students that submitted art entries **to Auxiliaries** for judging.
3. Number of art entries submitted **to the Department**.
4. Number of **Auxiliaries who hosted an awards ceremony** to recognize awardees and participants in this contest.
5. Total dollar amount and/or **value of awards** presented by Auxiliaries, Districts and Department.



- * Collect Donations for Books, from Suggested Book List, to be donated to local school libraries.
- * Contact K-12 Music Teachers and K-8 Art Teacher before Winter Break. Students can work on Project while off school.
- * Call me if you need help. Becky Rowe, 314-393-5377

**OCTOBER
2023**

President's Special Project



Goal \$20,000

A farmer is a person engaged in agriculture, raising living organisms for food or raw materials. The term usually applies to people who do some combination of raising field crops, orchards, vineyards, poultry, or other livestock. A farmer might own the farm land or might work as a laborer on land owned by others.

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Plows, Harrows, Spreaders, Seeders
Balers, Wagons, Trailers

Shirts are also being sold for \$25.00 with \$4.00 of the proceeds going towards Special Project. Place your order invoices are on the website. Make sure to get your shirt before the upcoming Council Meeting.



Potential Gift Card Ideas:

Lowes

Home Depot

Ace Hardware

Walmart

Target

**REPORTING
Website
VFWAUXNC.ORG**

Chairperson

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Challenge:

Pass the Hat Fundraiser is going on at your District Meetings collect the monies to be put towards President Connie's Special Project and send the money to Treasurer Sandra Johnson-Leu and a report to me to log so that you can have an entry into an award that she will be giving for the most money collected. You can also do this at your Auxiliary meeting. If you missed it you can still give



Date: 9/25/2023

East-- Laura Verdon

District 1 Pres Rhonda Leaver					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	237	170	162	65.82%
7312	Sunbury	23	18	18	78.26%
10950	Outer Banks	39	33	31	84.62%
TOTALS		299	221	211	73.91%

District 4 Pres Karen Larkin					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2514	New Bern	109	105	100	96.33%
7315	Havelock	176	156	153	88.64%
7547	Clinton	65	58	57	89.23%
8986	Newport	57	51	49	89.47%
9133	Jacksonville	183	149	147	81.42%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	272	231	214	84.93%
11119	West Craven	36	35	31	97.22%
TOTALS		927	814	780	87.81%

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	43	37	30	86.05%
2771	Kinston	15	8	5	53.33%
7032	Greenville	55	40	26	72.73%
9959	Mount Olive	44	30	23	68.18%
TOTALS		157	118	84	73.25%

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	274	184	170	67.15%
8866	Holden Beach	99	100	96	101.01%
9983	Holly Ridge	144	122	117	84.72%
10226	Oak Island	87	76	71	87.36%
10400	B Spring Lakes	75	50	35	66.67%
TOTALS		679	532	489	78.35%

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	68	66	47	97.06%
4147	Bailey	21	15	15	71.43%
TOTALS		89	81	62	91.01%

District 7 Pres Ivy Blucher					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6983	Angier	21	15	16	71.43%
6722	Lillington	20	15	15	75.00%
7383	Cary	153	125	115	81.70%
9103	Spring Lake	100	88	87	88.00%
10225	Garner	110	109	95	99.09%
10999	Raleigh	40	41	22	102.50%
TOTALS		444	393	350	88.74%

EASTERN	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2595	2159	1976	83.20%

Dept of NC Membership Report 2023-24
President Connie Holt Chairman: Lynsey Bowlus

Date: 9/25/2023

Central Sandra Jeffries

District 6 Pres Sandra Je Jeffries					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1920	Mebane	41	37	19	90.24%
10607	Burlington	32	29	23	90.63%
TOTALS		73	66	42	90.41%

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	18	19	6	105.56%
2972	Gibsonville	35	35	30	100.00%
3074	Lexington	48	37	16	77.08%
8297	Mway Monroeton	58	46	46	79.31%
TOTALS		159	137	98	86.16%

District 8 Pres Julia Stancil Warren					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	121	108	97	89.26%
4542	Spring Lake	78	61	54	78.21%
6018	Fayetteville	189	158	155	83.60%
10,630	Hope Mills	35	31	25	88.57%
TOTALS		423	358	331	84.63%

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	94	51	34	54.26%
3006	Salisbury	110	48	46	43.64%
6365	Locust	18	18	4	100.00%
8989	Kannapolis	138	87	62	63.04%
9134	Rockwell	30	17	16	56.67%
TOTALS		390	221	162	56.67%

District 9 Pres Angi Hardy					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	51	46	30	90.20%
5631	Sanford	111	100	97	90.09%
7318	Southern Pines	311	306	279	98.39%
9881	Biscoe	merged	0	0	0.00%
10,403	Wadesboro	46	44	23	95.65%
TOTALS		519	496	429	95.57%

CENTRAL	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1564	1278	1062	81.71%

VFW Auxiliary Department of North Carolina 2023-24- Membership Report
President Connie Holt Chairman Lyndsey Bowlus

Date: 9/25/2023

Western Lin Moore

District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1119	Cooleemee	27	20	10	74.07%
5352	Kernersville	122	84	46	68.85%
7794	Elkin	36	31	13	86.11%
9010	Clemmons	59	52	51	88.14%
9436	Pilot Mountain	72	61	25	84.72%
11173	Walnut Cove	20	21	0	105.00%
TOTALS		336	269	145	80.06%

District 15 Pres Sherry Brooks					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	84	67	63	79.76%
4286	Newland	34	31	23	91.18%
5381	Lenoir	56	36	36	64.29%
7031	Boone	43	30	21	69.77%
7034	Sparta	59	43	43	72.88%
7946	Jefferson	29	28	11	96.55%
TOTALS		305	235	197	77.05%

District 13 Pres Becky Rowe					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	146	125	123	85.62%
2423	Indian Trail	108	93	88	86.11%
5464	Monroe	45	45	33	100.00%
6724	Paw Creek	34	31	28	91.18%
7775	Charlotte	21	21	19	100.00%
9337	Gastonia	71	46	27	64.79%
9736	Croft	16	16	5	100.00%
TOTALS		441	377	323	85.49%

District 16 Pres Joyce Preston					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	81	76	67	93.83%
5206	Hendersonville	84	66	61	78.57%
9116	Columbus	25	21	17	84.00%
TOTALS		190	163	145	85.79%

District 14 Pres Linda Owens					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	72	46	46	63.89%
2031	Statesville	68	60	57	88.24%
4066	Shelby	21	12	12	57.14%
5305	Newton	31	12	11	38.71%
TOTALS		192	130	126	67.71%

District 17 Adele Barcia					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	200	169	143	84.50%
5202	Waynesville	217	135	115	62.21%
6812	Hayesville	52	51	36	98.08%
7339	Franklin	79	65	43	82.28%
TOTALS		548	420	337	76.64%

WESTERN	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2012	1594	1273	79.22%

STATE	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	6839	5678	4932	82.63%

NC At-Large	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	668	649	623	97.16%

Needed to reach 100% 1161