



Department Of North Carolina
VFW Auxiliary
2024-2025

OCTOBER
2024

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

Teamwork is an action—it’s something people do. It can be demonstrated either in a group or as a team and it requires a common focus or goal. As a national organization, we share a common goal, a common mission, and a common vision. Being part of this group or team, we are awarded the ability to provide positive, as well as constructive feedback in an effort to improve current processes or future outcomes. The Department of NC had always been very vocal and knowledgeable of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary national organization, and we still have a giant role to fulfill, and we do it well.

The year is going great, and I am excited about the upcoming Council Meeting. There will be uplifting trainings that I hope will empower you to take back to your home teams and empower even more. If your district has *adult beverages* for your special project fundraiser basket, the winners are not to open their winnings on the premises.

If you have not already paid for and reserved your hospitality room or banquet tickets, please do so at www.vfwnc.org and please make sure that this is done before you get to the Council Meeting. Commander Annie’s themed banquet will be 1950’s Sock Hop or can also wear a costumer for Halloween; please dress accordingly. During the Council meeting, there will be some sessions that the auxiliary will be invited to attend with the VFW, more details are listed on the VFW website.

Time is of essence so please make sure that you are sending in your contributions, filling out 990 forms, and making sure that all officers of your district and auxiliaries have paid their membership dues immediately. Continue to recruit and invite members to our organization. If you are not familiar with our talking points or what to say to someone that you are trying to recruit, please review the National website as resources are available. Every day is an opportunity to educate a Veteran and his family about how important they are. Commander Annie and the VFW need us as we also need them to grow our department. Let’s make this a team effort! Thank you for being a part of this team!

FYI—Remember that the Department of SC has issued a challenge that they would beat NC in centennial membership numbers to the National Home. You know I accepted the challenge. Let’s make them work for that crown.

Loyally Serving Our Veterans,



Sandra Jeffries
President 2024-2025

Secretary Notes

The 2024-2025 Program Book is on the Department Website.

<https://vfwauxnc.org/uploads/documents/2024-2025PresidentSandra'sProgramBook.pdf>

State Officer Roster Changes:

Auxiliary/District Roster Changes:

Dist 4 Pres has changed to: Eileen Lazvenick – email: eileenMlaze@gmail.com, phone: 910-650-7380, address: 401 Persimmon Ln, Swansboro, NC 28584

Dist 4 Secretary has changed to: Wendy Doubles – email: irishcurl@yahoo.com,. Phone: 252-646-4240, address: 305 Meadows Lane, Newport, NC 28570

Dist 11 Secretary has changed to: Beth Caudill – email: beth.caudill88@gmail.com, phone: 706-831-7853, address: 436 Uppergate Ln, Kernersville, NC 27284

Dist 17, Aux 5202 Secretary has changed to: Niki Paganelli, email: nikipaganelli@gmail.com, phone: 919-449-1672, address: 1499 Little East Fork Rd., Canton, NC 28716

Special Notes & Member Illness:

Dist 11, Auxiliary Post 9010 in Clemmons, now meets at 5:15 on the first Tuesday of the month

Dist 8 Life Member, Valerie Cook, has been placed in Azalea Nursing Home and Rehab Ctr. Cards may be sent to Valerie at: 3800 Independence Blvd., Wilmington, NC 28412 (Originally it had been stated that Valerie's in Room 107D but unsure if that's still the case)

Dist 17 Life Member, Frances McMahon has recently had surgery. Cards may be sent to Frances to: 296 Oakdale Rd, Brevard, NC 28712

Dist 15 Past Secretary, Josephine Starling, recently broke her hip. Cards may be sent to Jo at: 215 Brook Lane, West Jefferson, NC 28694

Deaths:

PDP Joanne Ascyue's husband Mike recently passed away. Joanne also has severe dementia. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Past Dist 7 Pres, Laura Verdon's son, Jeffrey Wimmer, passed away unexpectedly. Cards may be sent to Laura at: 709 Kingswood Dr Cary NC 27513

Dept Conductor, Tracy Armstrong's Brother recently passed from pancreatic cancer. Cards may be sent to: 4337 Spring Hill Church Rd., Lillington, NC 27546

Dates to Remember:

- October 4 – 6, 2024
[VFW OF NC FALL MEETING \[hilton.com\]](https://www.hilton.com)
- Nov 7-9, 2024 Southern Conference, Nashville, NC

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Southern-Conference-Info.pdf>

- February 1-6, 2025 National President's Cruise-Cancun, Mexico
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Mid-Year-2025-flyer.pdf>
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VTS-2025-Mid-Year-Form.pdf>
- March 1-8, 2025 Voice of Democracy/Spring Legislative Conference-Washington, DC

REMINDER: A Change of Officer form must be completed and emailed to make any Officer Changes. An editable PDF is on the Department Website:

<https://vfwauxnc.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=72107>

As a reminder, the Newsletter, Forms and Event information will be on the Department Website at: [VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA \(vfwauxnc.org\)](http://vfwauxnc.org)

Once on the website, go under the Tab "Resources" to find Monthly Department Mail, Forms in addition to the 2024 – 2025 Program Book (Will be added soon).

If there is a time when the Newsletter does not get passed your Spam folders, please go to the Department Website to find the Newsletter there.





A Message from the Department Treasurer

October 2024

Vfwauxnc.org

Brothers and Sisters,

My first message this month comes from the VFW Department QM, Jenn Hutt. She has requested I remind the Auxiliaries when you order Buddy Poppies, please be sure to include the membership number of your Post QUARTERMASTER, not your membership number. The order form specifically asks for this information, but many are not reading this correctly. If the Quartermaster's membership number is not on the order form, it will delay your order. It could be returned to you to provide the correct information. The forms to order both the original poppy and the new tin poppy can be found on our website.

As a reminder, per our Department standing rules all checks issued by the Department must be cashed or deposited within 60 days. Any check not cashed within this time period will be voided. If the check is cashed after it has been voided, the Auxiliary or individual will be sent an invoice for the check and will be required to repay the amount to the Department. At the beginning of September, I had to void several checks that had been issued in June from Convention awards and membership. A list of the outstanding checks had been sent to the District Presidents to reach out to their Auxiliaries regarding the checks. I had 2 Auxiliaries contact me to say they never received the checks, so I was able to reissue those checks. If I am not contacted, the checks cannot be reissued. We really want every Auxiliary and individual to receive the money you have earned. Please be sure to deposit the checks as soon as you receive them.

Please remember that all donations for the Erline Mayberry Scholarship must be sent in a separate check from the other contributions/donations you make. The check should be made payable to the EMSF or spelled out, Erline Mayberry Scholarship Fund. The instructions for this are on the contribution form. Also, please remember to send your *District Dues* to your DISTRICT treasurer, not me. Sending them to delays your District receiving the dues, as I then have to mail them to your District treasurer.

It is AUDIT time again. Your Auxiliary audits for the quarter ending 30 September are due to me no later than 30 November. The Bylaws state the Audit should be completed during the month of October and sent to the Department treasurer (me) by 30 November. That should be ample time to complete the audit. Remember, the Treasurer is not to complete the audit. The Trustees are supposed to complete the audit using the financial information provided. Trustees must also audit the books of the secretary. Then the audit must be presented to and voted to be accepted by the Auxiliary before it is sent to me. Using the audit form that has been provided to you in the Department mail and our Department website, there is a line for you to provide this information. There is also a space on this form for you to include your savings account balance in the lower half of the audit, whereas some of the forms I have received do not. The upper and lower half of the audit **must balance**. When I review the audit, I find that the majority of the time the audit does not balance it is because of the savings account balance. So, please use the form that has been provided to you.

When completing membership applications, make sure each application has been reviewed for omissions of required information. I am still receiving applications without all of the information required to process. Also, if the veteran the applicant is joining under **was** a member of the VFW post they are joining, but is now deceased, the applicant must join as a NON-AFFILIATED and provide all the required information: name of veteran, dates of service, medals/ribbons earned (as listed in our Bylaws book) and the location of **FOREIGN** service. Any military base in the United States is not a location of service. Recently I mentioned that if you did not actively recruit the new member do not put your name and membership number as the recruiter. Do not take credit for something you did not actually do. Awards are given from National and the Department for recruiting. A recruiter is not required on the application. If no one actively recruited the new member by talking to them about the wonderful things we do, the benefits of being a member and programs we support, then the first line of the application to complete is your Auxiliary number, City and state. Then complete the rest of the application based on the type of membership they are joining as.

As always, I am just a phone call or email away if there is anything I can assist you with.

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Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder Leave your past in the past, it will destroy your future. Live for what today has to offer, not for what yesterday has taken away.

The Chaplain's Chat

October 2024

Wendy Dorsey Rachels, Scholarship Chairperson

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Please text or call me at the number above or send me an email with information to send cards to members for any reason: Special birthdays, get well, sympathy or if anyone needs a simple pick me up card.



One windy October day the mayor of the town decided to take a stroll across the park. He ran into an auxiliary member who was flying the biggest and most beautiful kite he had ever seen.

It soared high and gently across the sky that the mayor was sure it could be seen in the next city. This little town didn't have many things that were spectacular, so the mayor decided to award a "key to the city" to the one responsible for such a beautiful thing.

Who is responsible for flying this kite?" the mayor asked.

"I am" said the auxiliary member holding on with all her might to the kite. She said "I made this huge kite myself, with my own hands. I painted all the colorful pictures on it, and I fly it!"

"I am," said the wind. "It is my breeze that keeps it in the air flying so big and beautiful. Unless I blow on it, it will not fly at all. I fly it!"

"Not so" claimed the kite's tail. "I make it sail and give it stability against the wind's blowing gusts. Without me, the kite would spin out of control and not even the auxiliary member could save it from crashing to the ground. I fly the kite!"

So, who flies the kite? They all do, don't they?

In the day-to-day hustle and bustle, it is easy to forget that everyone flies the kite. Without the team, the leader would never be successful. Without a good leader, the team would fail. Both need each other. And each person on the team needs one another as well. They all fly!

Author: Unknown

Veterans and Family Support

October 2024



Hello sisters and brothers Adopt a Unit is a heart-warming program that connects communities and individuals with military units to provide support and encouragement to our military. It's a wonderful way to show appreciation for the sacrifices made by our armed forces. **How it works:** #1 Choosing a Unit; You can select a unit based on location, branch of service or other criteria. **Establishing a Connection:** #2 Reach out to the unit. **Providing Support:** #3 Support can take many forms including such a sending care packages, hosting welcome home or deployment ceremonies, and offering emotional support to their families.

A strong supportive connection between the young men and women of our armed forces and the civilian communities they serve is crucial to troops morale. Unit members love receiving letters and care packages. These packages can be sent by your local auxiliary, schools and community groups. It is often difficult for families of service men and women when their loved ones are deployed abroad. Finding ways to show community support for them, particularly if a unit member is wounded or makes the ultimate sacrifice, is an excellent thing to do. Notes, cards, letters of support from the auxiliary, and even meals delivered by caring members during a difficult time are all things to consider when adopting a unit.

Adopt a Unit Application



Loyally Serving,
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[#WE CAN AND WE WILL](#)



AMERICANISM

OCTOBER 2024



“Americanism is an unfailing love of country: Loyalty to its institutions and ideas; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.”

Patriotic Instruction: Read what Americanism is in the above box. Hear it. Let it sink in. Feel it. We have men and women who everyday protect these core values. We have Veterans who lived through wars to preserve and protect these core values, their lives changed forever. It is our responsibility to make sure that we teach future generations what it means to be an American. Through Our VFW Auxiliary Americanism Program, we are doing just that. Every Holiday we celebrate with others, you have a teaching moment with every Flag that is raised and handed out. With every event and ceremony that is performed, it should invoke a feeling of pride in our country and its people. We need to remember our country's history. Keep our traditions alive, so our younger generations will understand how important it is to protect our country and its values. The more visible you are in your community the more the community will understand what the VFW and its Auxiliary values are and who we serve and why we continue to serve our Veterans, Military Personnel and their families.

The next couple of months we will be busy with major fun holidays, October 31st Halloween, November 28th Thanksgiving, December 25th Christmas. We as members of the VFW Auxiliary must at these times remember, and remind others, that as we are enjoying our holidays that we have members of the armed forces that are deployed. Part of being a good Patriot is to support our military personnel and their family's needs. While they are deployed, they are also worried about their families at home. They are missing Holidays, Birthdays, Anniversaries. In turn, the families are missing and feeling the same feelings about their deployed member, along with the worry of if they will come home.

This is where we can help. Veteran and Family Support and Americanism often go hand in hand when assisting veterans and military personnel and their families. It is our Patriotic Duty to make sure that while our men and women that are Protecting Our Country and Our Freedoms, we support them by assisting their families. One of the ways we can help is to make sure that we include these families in events. Let them be part of ceremonies if they feel comfortable with that. Make sure that at Christmas, their children are invited to events. Santa may need some help getting gifts to the children. Plan birthday parties, holiday dinners and other special events. Create a scrapbook of the family and video them so they can send it to their members who cannot be with them during the holidays. Bring them together if possible so they meet with other families that understand what they are experiencing. When active military personnel know that their families are safe and being taken care of it is one less worry for them so they can focus on the mission ahead of them.

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DAY OF THE DEPLOYED is OCTOBER 26th. This day honors all the service members who have been deployed in the service of the USA. This day also honors their Families and the Sacrifices they have made during deployment. **Start Planning!**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Make Care Packages for those that are in treatment. Place a note of encouragement and thank them for their service. Decorate the package with a flag.

Oct 13th the U.S Navy was Established (1775) Oct.27th is Navy Day Celebrated at Navy Bases.

Give Special Recognition to your Navy Veterans, Personnel and their Families.

Oct. 14 Columbus is Observed Raise those “Flags for America”

NOVEMBER

November is coming up quickly. Get going on Plans if you haven't started Already.

Get those Flags Out and Waving!

Nov 5th is Election Day hand those Flags Out, what a privilege we have in our country to Vote!

The U.S Marine Corps was Established (1775)

Nov. 11th Veterans Day signing of WWI Armistice (1918)

Nov.28th Thanksgiving Day.

Each month I give you a list of some of the holidays for that month and the next month so you can start planning events or attending events,

This year Our Focus in The VFW Auxiliary Americanism Program is the promotion of lesser-known holidays. The ones that get overshadowed by the large well-known holidays that get all the attention. Look online and in your community. Bring the information on the holiday or event to your auxiliary meeting. Share it with members and make plans to participate or hold an event or reorganization. Be creative! Report it!

I have enclosed a copy of what The National Book of Programs has posted for The Americanism Program Awards for Auxiliaries and the Department and Department Chairman.

At the end of the year, I will be looking the number of auxiliaries that have:

*Participated in the Americanism program

*Promoted, participated, recognized any patriotic day/or branch of service

*Distributed and /or presented American flags and/or POW/MIA flags

*The number of flags that and/or POW/MIA flags distributed or presented by auxiliaries

*Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificate of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag Citations presented to citizens and and/or businesses in recognition of their displaying the American Flag. POW/MIA Flag and/or other displays of Americanism.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Council of Administration (C of A) in Greensboro.

Show off your Red, White, and Blue! Brush up on what we should be doing in our Auxiliary Americanism Program. Bring your ideas on how to promote Americanism and the Less-known Holidays. Bring a Photo of you or your auxiliary promoting and participating in a lesser-known holiday or event.

I WILL BE THERE WATCHIING AND LISTENING! Challenges will be made. ARE YOU UP TO IT!

Respectfully,
Theresa Billips
Department of NC
Americanism Chairman

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AMERICANISM PROGRAM AWARDS

Awards for Auxiliaries

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

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

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

Awards for Departments and Department Chairmen

1. \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one Department Americanism Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best promotion of lesser-known patriotic holidays.
2. The Outstanding Performance Award and Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award will be awarded in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on the criteria listed on Page 5 and for the promotion of the Program goals listed at the top of Page 9.

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS

FOR DEPARTMENTS AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN 2024-2025

The Outstanding Performance Awards are given each year to recognize hardworking Departments and Department Chairmen who have given an extra amount of effort.

The Outstanding Performance Award:

- \$200 goes to the one Outstanding Department in each of the 10 Program Divisions*.
- A keepsake goes to the Department Chairman of the one Outstanding Department in each of the 10 Program Divisions*.

Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award:

- \$100 goes to the one Outstanding Department in each of the 10 Program Divisions*.
- A citation goes to the Department Chairman of the one Outstanding Department in each of the 10 Program Divisions*.

11 Programs Judged:

- Americanism
- Auxiliary Outreach
- "Buddy"[®] Poppy & VFW National Home
- Extension & Revitalization
- Historian & Media Relations
- Hospital
- Legislative
- Membership
- Scholarships
- Veterans & Family Support
- Youth Activities

The Selection:

The National Program Ambassadors of each Program listed will select the recipients. Department Chairmen will be judged on quality, creativity and originality of all communications, promotions and events. When a Department Chairman does anything to promote or publicize the Program to the members and the community, they should send a copy of the item or communication or a description of the event or presentation to the National Program Ambassador.

Required to qualify:

A minimum of four (4) mailed and/or emailed promotions to the members in their Department and must send copies to the National Ambassador by April 30, 2025.

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. If neither the winner nor Department leadership are in attendance, awards will be mailed to recipients from National Headquarters upon return from the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

****Program Divisions will be announced at the start of the Program Year.***

Auxiliary Outreach October 2024



October – the 10th month of the year. Opal is the birthstone and marigold is the traditional flower. Fall colors brighten the landscape. More than \$708 million are spent on pumpkins in October. Columbus “discovered” America on October 12, 1492. The 15th is National Grouch Day. France gifted the United States with the Statue of Liberty in 1886. Halloween is celebrated on the 31st. Watch out for those ghosts and goblins.

Auxiliary Outreach is about volunteering with other groups and organizations to bring recognition to the community about the VFW Auxiliary. This is why it is important to be sure that there is something identifying the VFW Auxiliary when you partner with other groups. Your name badge, shirt, hat, banner, etc., should be always used. Show your pride in our Auxiliary.



Partner with EMS, Fire, and Police Departments and visit rest homes, senior living accommodations for training in what to do in an emergency. Volunteer with “Habit for Humanity.” Assist with roadside clean up. Assist with community beautification. Contact your town council, county commissioners and see if they need volunteers. You can even reach out to your state and offer to volunteer in state parks. The list is almost endless. Just remember that the activity cannot be reportable under any other program and must be voted on by the Auxiliary.

Good Auxiliary Outreach requires good planning. Start planning events at least two months in advance. Be sure to have the event approved and listed in your minutes. Since it’s October, it’s time to really start planning for December and January. Your plans for November should have been finalized by now.

Be sure to take lots of pictures of your event. You will need them to complete your collage. I must have your collage by March 31, 2025, for Department judging. The winning Auxiliary entry will be forwarded to National. There will be one winner in each of the 10 Program Divisions and the winner will receive a citation and \$25. I’d like to see at least one entry from each District.



Anna Holm
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The difference between a successful person and others is not the lack of strength nor a lack of knowledge but rather a lack of will. = Vince Lombardi

Reports have been made from the following Auxiliaries.

Dist. 1	10950	Dist. 12	2908, 9134
Dist. 5	9983	Dist. 14	1706
Dist. 7	7383, 10225	Dist. 15	7034
Dist. 8	6018	Dist. 16	5206
Dist. 9	4203	Dist. 17	5202, 6812
Dist. 11	7794, 9010, 9436		





“Buddy”® Poppy



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NATIONAL HOME

“Buddy”® Poppy

Up Coming days to wear and hand out Poppies:

Oct. 13th-US Navy's Birthday

Oct. 26th-National Day of the Deployed

Nov. 10th- US Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. 11th- Veterans Day



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National Home-Celebrating 100 Years!!!

**Military & Veteran
Family
Help Line
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www.VFWNationalHome.org

www.vfwauxiliary.org

Reporting Website
<http://vfwauxnc.org>

Santa's Shop is a store where the children can shop for Christmas gifts and experience the joy of giving. The store gets stocked with appropriate gifts for all ages. Here are some suggestions that can be donated: Lego kits, toddler toys, Men's toiletries/gift sets, wallets/billfolds, inexpensive jewelry (men & women), pet toys, Nail polish/makeup kits, Squishmallows, Sport balls, All branches of military hoodies/t-shirts/hats, remote control cars, Barbie accessories, Gift sets with candy, Teen boy or girl body sprays, crafts/activity sets, science kits for kids, dolls, Hot wheels & tracks, Hello Kitty- Star Wars- Forte Nite-Marvel Pokemom items, Sport team hoodies/t-shirts/hats, Super soft cozy blankets, Scented body washes & lotion gift sets,

*To help with Santa's Shop, donate **new** items appropriate for all ages, but especially for adults. Overflow of generous gifts to the Santa Shop will also be available to the children for birthdays, special events and an incentive closet. When mailing packages or making a delivery, please indicate your gift is for Santa's Shop and **delivered no later than December 6, 2024**. Gifts can be delivered to: VFW National Home, Attn: Santa Shop, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Please call 866-483-9642 with questions. **Thank you!***

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

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



Julia Stancil-Warren
North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department Chief-of-Staff

Extension and Revitalization

5 Essentials of a Healthy Auxiliary

- Hold 10 Business Meetings a year
- Dues must be paid and on 10 members prior to March 1st
- Auxiliary Quarterly Audits submitted by due dates
- installation of officers submitted by due date
- Offices of the President and Treasurer must be bonded by 31 August

VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian/Media Relations

October 2024



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YouTube **HOW TO USE DIFFERENT FORMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA**

How You Can Use Facebook

Create groups for specific subsets of members (ex: Membership Chairmen or VAVS reps)

- Share important reminders, dates and deadlines
- SWAP ideas with fellow members
- Ask and answer questions relating to that Program, office, etc.

Post to Department pages

- Encourage interaction through Q&A, "Remember when," throwbacks, etc.
- Give up-to-the-moment updates regarding events (ex: snow cancellations)
- Promote Programs/events within the Department and/or showcase individual Auxiliaries

React to content posted by Auxiliary National Headquarters, National VFW and/or National Home

- Boost engagements by using like or love reactions and leaving comments
- Help us get important information out to a wider audience by clicking the share button

How You Can Use Instagram

Post photos from your Programs, projects and fundraisers

Promote upcoming events to the general public

Create a greater sense of community with other Auxiliary members

Participate in weekly hashtag posts or trends for fun

Shoot, edit and post short videos (reels= saved. stories = last 24 hours)

Go "Live" by posting videos that air in real time, allowing for comment responses

Department of North Carolina
Historian Group Page



How You Can Use YouTube

- ❖ Sharing any of the videos from the previous slide(s)
- ❖ Starting your own channel or Department channel
- ❖ Posting video greetings to the membership in your Department
- ❖ Encouraging Historians to post videos from parades, programs, fundraisers, etc.
- ❖ Encouraging Chairmen to advertise upcoming events, scholarship opportunities, etc.
- ❖ Encouraging members to share their own "Why I joined" or "My Veteran" videos
- ❖ Note: if sharing Voice Of Democracy/Patriot's Pen winners, only do so after National awards have been announced

Hospital Program – October 2024

Dianne Sellers, Chairman

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Here we are again at a busy time of the year when our Auxiliary programs are taking off in many different directions. Last month, I asked that you review the August focus for the Hospital Program. (I know you're thinking, "What was that?"). But many of you recall, it was **AND** is:

Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support

~ Why is this such an important part of the Hospital Program?

The VA hospitals are having more Veterans that need care. Even though the United States is not currently involved in a war, North Carolina VA's and other hospitals are beginning to see more patients with conditions due to Agent Orange from Viet Nam and contaminated water from Camp LeJeune. NC has one of the highest Veteran populations in the US and those who served in Viet Nam and at Camp LeJeune have over the past few years started to experience what their time in service did to them. Younger Veterans who served in Iraq, the Gulf War era and Post 9/11 have had exposure to burn pits, toxic fumes, and radiation. Visit VA.gov/PACT, which provides an abundance of information regarding medical conditions, which often result in medical care.

Hospitals are also having homeless veterans request food and water. I know at one VA hospital, several Auxiliaries have made *Blessing Bags* for these Veterans as well as set up a Hydration Station to pass out water to all Veterans as they enter the hospital. If your Auxiliary has provided a service such as these, please let me know to share with others across NC.

We can never do too much for our heroes!

~ Who can be a volunteer?

Anyone. Volunteers (adults & students) do not need to be members of the VFW/Auxiliary. The only requirement is to have approval by your Auxiliary and contact the Volunteer Office/Center for Development & Civic Engagement at one of our VA hospitals, non-Va hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, etc. in NC to let them know you would like to volunteer. Keep a record of the number of hours you volunteer and when the Auxiliary year is coming to a close, the attached form will be completed and signed by the person in charge of volunteers at the medical facility. That form will be sent to me for my signature and forwarded to National. Volunteers can receive a pin with as few as 150 hours – up to 10,000 hours. I know many of you give so much time to others and think it's nothing, but it is a sincere gift to many, which you need to be **Recognized and Supported** for your efforts.

Thank You in Service to Veterans & Their Families

CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



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Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy

– Honorary VAVS

Email:

Willie Glance

October 2024

Good morning. We are once again in need of prepackaged snacks for Day Surgery, outpatient clinics, Oncology, Hospice and Mental Health programming. If your organization is looking for a way to assist our Veterans, please consider this need.

Some items needed are –(individually packaged) with long expiration dates:

Individually packaged

Chewy Granola Bars

Crackers (peanut butter, cheese, etc.)

Trail Mix

Chips

Little Debbie snacks

Individual soft cookies – fig newton's, Oreos, chips ahoy, etc.



Durham VA Medical Center
508 Fulton St
Durham, NC 27705
919-286-0411 ext 177810

Happy October DURHAM VA Supporters

I recently sent out a request need for volunteers to assist with the Flu clinic through November. Even if you aren't available to volunteer every week, they will gladly accept your help on any day you are available. Please contact Kendra Mondren in the VAVS office (at the number above) to sign up for shifts.

For those of you that aren't aware, the Durham VA has blessing boxes placed outside the hospital to provide essential items for our Veterans who may be struggling. As we enter the colder months the need will be even greater. You can either purchase the items and drop them off at the VA by calling 919-286-0411 X 177810 to arrange a pickup, send a gift card to the VA designated for this purpose or send a donation to me designated for this and I will issue a check directly to the VA. Some of the items needed are:

- Canned goods with pop tops (vegetables, soups, fruits)
- Boxed or bagged pasta and rice
- Crackers
- Granola bars
- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene products)
- Warm socks, gloves, hats
- Bottled water



The CDCE (Center for Development and Civic Engagement) coordinates holiday programs are designed to provide in-kind gifts to assist Veteran patients who are in crisis resulting from medical issues, unemployment, homelessness, or other difficult circumstances. This month I am going to talk about the Thanksgiving Food bag program.

For this program, the Durham VA is asking for donations of non-perishable food bags that contain canned ham, vegetables, yams, instant mash potatoes, boxed stuffing, and ready-made gravy. If you are unable to provide a food bag and would prefer to provide a grocery gift card to local grocery stores such as Food Lion, Harris Teeter, or Wal-Mart, these would be appreciated as well. Food bags and gift cards would need to be delivered to the CDCE office no later than Thursday, 15 November so there will be time to be distributed to the Veterans. They are requesting the gift be valued at a minimum of \$25 per person.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the Sweats for Vets programs. This is a much needed program to care for our Veterans as the weather turns colder. Your continued support of the needs of our Veterans means more than can be expressed.

Sandra Johnson-Leu
919-906-7592
ctrysun@embarqmail.com

**SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER
1601 Brenner Avenue, Salisbury, nc 28144**

Brothers and Sisters,

BASKET BASH, NOVEMBER, 4th - 8th, 2024

Baskets may be delivered to the Salisbury VA Medical Center, beginning October 7th, 2024, and no later than October 25th, 2024. Some of the Baskets will be taken to the clinic's, in Kernersville and Charlotte, as they were last year.

HALLOWEEN, October 31st. Planning Halloween activities for our Veterans will brighten their day and put a smile on their face. We need to show our Veterans we appreciate their service to our Country.

TOILETRY'S: are needed for our 15 Women Veterans, especially body wash.

Cards are always welcome, Holiday or no Holiday. Thinking of You, cards are always appreciated. Remember to ask schools or youth groups to make cards and tray favors.

Remember our Veterans at the North Carolina Veterans Home, which is on the Salisbury VA Medical Center campus.

**A REMINDER: Hospital Reserve Fund: \$20.00
Send To: Sandra Johnson-Leu, Department Treasurer
103 Covered Bridge Road
Clayton, NC 27520**

THANK YOU, for supporting the needs of our Veterans.

**Loyally,
Farres Upton
Salisbury Representative**

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!



Thank you to those Auxiliaries who selected and sent me their Membership Chairpersons! Make sure they see this page of the Department Newsletter!

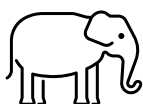
6 Auxiliaries sent in the names. THANK YOU!

As promised, the winner of the \$30 is Indian Trail #2423!!

**a check will be mailed to your auxiliary treasurer shortly.*

Tips for Making Membership Workable!

1. **Create a recruiting committee** – they can oversee creating 2 recruitment events! Compete in your districts! Go out into the public and ask!!
2. **Demonstrate the value of membership on Social Media** -Hit Facebook and the What's up (City) pages with the QR code! Go to your Chamber of Commerce, NextDoor, LinkedIn, your own FaceBook pages! Explain your why! (Every social media post should be recorded in the reporting system!!)
3. **Partner with Organizations** – Find other organizations and join them to have them join you! Connect with JROTC's and help them understand the benefits.
4. **Give Memberships as gifts to qualifying relatives.**



When one thinks about the best way to eat an elephant...really, the best way is "one bite at a time." If everyone within this organization gets just ONE member, we will DOUBLE the size of our organization overnight. We are not responsible for eating the entire elephant...but each of us needs take our bite.

Coming to the Fall C of A? Another learning skit for membership will take place! Participation prizes will be given out for those who get involved!! Hint...Hint... - Get ready to Build!!



Reporting!

A friendly reminder: The goal this year, is to have EVERY Auxiliary reporting at least 4 times during the reporting year! That's 1 per quarter. Have you reported on membership for July, Aug, Sept?

All Auxiliaries should have already reported they sent out membership renewal letters!

October 2024



NC Membership

81.44%

We need 1,279 renewals or new members to hit 100%, & 1,486 more to hit 103%

Auxiliaries at 100%+!!

7547	9810
8866	10607
10225	10999
6365	7946
	6812

Have a new prospect scan this QR Code!
Open your camera and point at this QR code.
A website link will appear and will take you to really good information on the VFW!



NC Membership Chairman:

Lyndsey Bowlus

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Linda Roloff

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Southern States Chairman:

Beth West

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Julia Stancil-Warren
North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department Chief-of-Staff

Mentoring for Leadership

GREEN LIGHT - YELLOW LIGHT - RED LIGHT

- Auxiliaries who are at the **GREEN LIGHT** are healthy auxiliaries. These auxiliaries we make sure that they refer to **Malta Members Resources for Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit** -there are 7 resources to access Auxiliaries and identifying and solving issues within the kit.
- Auxiliaries who are exhibiting a **YELLOW LIGHT** which is detected through our assessments, or not attracting new members, failure to report in Programs to assist veterans and families, and failure for members in attending District and State meetings and trainings. The lack of will lead to the Red Light.
- As soon as the caution light appears the department chief of staff needs to work closely with the department president and observe what is happening on the auxiliary level, we must be ready to spring into action.

Scholarship Programs October 2024

National Auxiliary President Brenda Bryant's theme: "From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans."

Department Auxiliary President Sandra Jeffries's theme:

"Serving Those Who Have Served with Love"

Wendy Dorsey Rachels, Scholarship Chairperson

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



National Scholarship Program Deadlines Ahead!!

Local Post – Oct 31 District Deadline – Nov 15

- **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 2024-2025 theme is *"My Voice in America's Democracy."*
- **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 2024-2025 theme is *"Is America today our forefather's Vision?"*
- Find the criteria, detailed instructions and download application forms for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy online at www.vfw.org under the Community tab.
- **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. A simple certificate or a small gift card is a small gesture that would be appreciated by participants. 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.

Report! Report! Report! Don't forget to report online what the Auxiliary did to assist the Post with the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Scholarship programs!



Youth Activities Program October 2024

Welcome Fall Y'all

Well, after a bout with COVID, I am back in action. I will give you more time to reach your goals for reporting Any **Reading to Veterans** or **Veterans Reading to Youth Activity** you do. If you go into Malta Member Resources, under Youth Activities you will find the Patriotism through literacy list. Allow youth to read to a group of Veterans a patriotic book they are interested in. Have them partner with Vets in a nursing home and at the VA Medical Centers To read to vets. Then record the child's name age Book Title and the number of vets they read to in the description part of the report and **Voila : You have taken a child on a journey learning about our country and creating a love of reading to others.**

The Challenge is Challenging, but will be so rewarding. And Maybe the next time, the Vets can read to their buddies.

I will check reports the day before Fall COA in Greensboro. I hope to see you there. **Guess what?** You as a member can volunteer to read a historical or creative nonfiction book to kids at your local school or library. **That counts also.**

R.A.P. Cards

Use these as rewards that can be collected and turned into treats or surprises. (contact places of business for gift cards or coupons you can give as incentives for Youth showing Patriotism)

Sponsoring and Working With Youth Groups Children can help and assist at events such as placing flags on graves of Veterans., helping serve meals at an event., Participate in programs at the Post. Groups such as Scouts, Youth Civitan, Junior Rotary Club Members and Seniors in High Schools are often required to do service projects. Utilize their time and talents. The **Youth Groups supporting our Veterans Citation** is one way for Auxiliaries to recognize various groups for volunteering and assisting Veterans in their communities. You can find this citation in Member resources under Youth Activities.

Illustrating America: Is an art competition open to any student in grades k-8 who is enrolled in a public private, home school program.

March 31 is the deadline for this. But, **Just a note.** Please be sure to print this year's instruction sheet and application when you are ready to spread the word. Do Not use last years. A new sentence of directions requiring the student's name and teacher's name has been added to the sheet.

Wreathes Across America: I have available for you this important program's instructions and history about the program to be shared with school aged children. On the back of the information sheet is a large wreath which can be colored or decorated for a Veteran. and lines to write a greeting and thank you as well as Holiday wishes. They can sign their names and age and send to a VA Medical Center or Nursing home or Aissisted living facility. It is two sided so I am sending both the front and back with this newsletter.

Happy Fall All,

Genevieve" Genny" Price: Youth Activities Program Chairman, Dept of NC 803 N Weldon Street Gastonia, NC 28052 pricegenevieve961@gmail.com 704 524 4434

Dominique Garcia: **Youth Activities Ambassador** 8308 Waverly Drive NW Albuquerque, NM 87120 dcgarcia.1121@gmail.com 505 974 0018

Visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org to learn about our mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, sponsor a wreath for a veteran at any participating cemetery, or sign up to volunteer.

A veteran's wreath is a symbol of
HONOR, RESPECT, and VICTORY.



10 BALSAM BOUQUETS
make up each veteran's wreath, representing the
10 SPECIAL QUALITIES
that our veterans embody.



Evergreens =
**LONGEVITY
& ENDURANCE**



Red Bow =
**GREAT
SACRIFICE**



Forest Scent =
**PURITY &
SIMPLICITY**

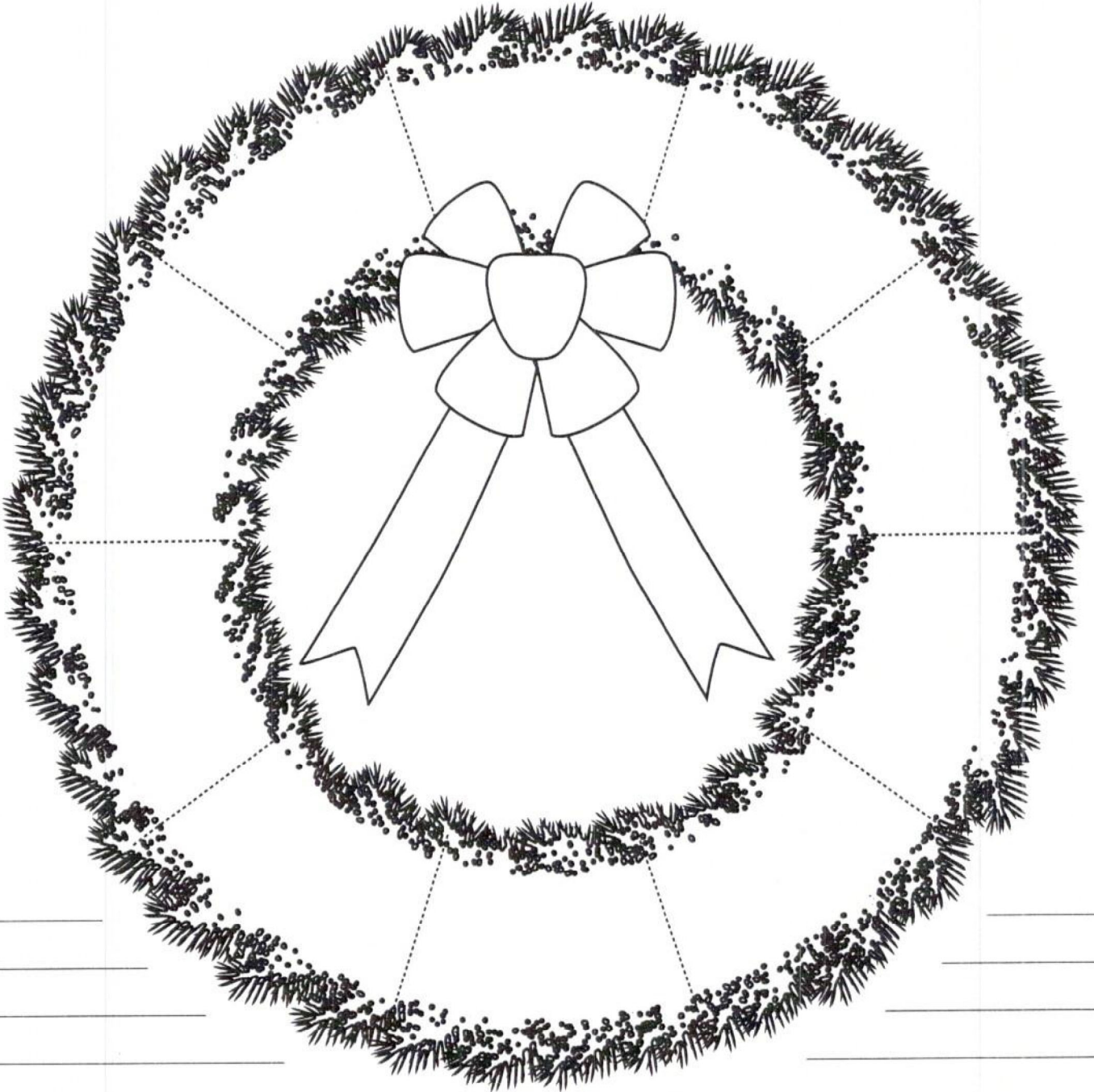
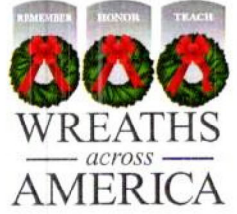


Circular Shape =
ETERNITY

1. Their **BELIEF** in a greater good
2. Their **LOVE** for each other
3. Their **STRENGTH**, work ethic, & character
4. Their **HONESTY** & integrity
5. Their **HUMILITY**, selflessness, & modesty
6. Their **AMBITIONS** & aspirations
7. Their **OPTIMISM** for America
8. Their **CONCERN** for the future
9. Their **PRIDE** in their duties
10. Their **HOPES & DREAMS** that didn't always come true, but left them with no regrets

COLOR YOUR WREATH,

and write a thank you note for a local veteran
or active duty military in your community.





Erline Mayberry Scholarship

October 2024

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

The deadline for the completed application is April 15, 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.)

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.



Lin Moore
6165 Glen Way Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27107
336-971-0559
Lmoore51@yahoo.com

Erline Mayberry Scholarship
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of North Carolina

All forms and applications are available at vfwauxnc.org.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the application and forms and return them before April 15, 2025 to
Scholarship Chairman, Lin Moore
6165 Glen Way Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27107
2. Please ask a Pastor, secondary school teacher, or counselor to write a letter of recommendation for you. You should also ask one member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post or VFW Auxiliary that is sponsoring you to write a recommendation. These recommendation letters cannot be from a family member. The forms for these recommendation letters are available. They should be mailed or emailed to Lin Moore by April 15, 2025.
3. Ask your school principal or counselor to submit a copy of your transcript to the Chairman before April 15, 2025.
4. In a paragraph of approximately 300 words answer this question:
Why do you feel you should attend college, and how do you expect to use your education after you have completed it? Enclose this with your application. You should also highlight your **community involvement, volunteer activities, honors you have received, and any organizations you participated in or outside of school.**

Checklist for completing the application:

- ___ Application, paragraph- mailed to Lin Moore by student
- ___ Two letters of recommendation mailed directly to Lin Moore by writers
- ___ Transcript mailed directly to Lin Moore by school counselor

Due Date: April 15, 2025

Looking forward to receiving your application!

Lin Moore

Lmoore51@yahoo.com

Erline Mayberry Scholarship
VFW Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of North Carolina

The Department of North Carolina offers three \$1500 scholarships to deserving high school seniors who are a son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a previous or current paid member of the VFW Auxiliary or VFW. This is a two-year scholarship for \$1500 per year.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____				
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial		
Address: _____				
Street	City	State	Zip	
Phone #: () _____	Cell #: () _____	Date of Birth: _____		
Email address: _____				
Parent/Guradian Name: _____				
Parent/Guardian Address: _____				
Parent/Guardian Phone #: () _____		Cell #: () _____		
Name and address of college or vocational/technical school you plan to attend: _____				

VERIFICATION BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, COUNSELOR, OR HOME SCHOOL TEACHER

This is to certify that _____ ranked _____ out of a class of _____.	
The date of graduation will be _____.	
Comments about applicant should be submitted on a separate page and attached to this form.	
_____ Title: _____	Date: _____
Principal, Counselor, Home School Teacher Signature	

APPLYING UNDER THE ELIGIBILITY OF

Name: _____ VFW or Auxiliary Member's Name	Relationship to Applicant: _____
Member of Auxiliary/Post # _____ Address: _____ District _____	
(ELIGIBILITY MUST BE VERIFIED THROUGH THE POST/AUXILIARY IN WHICH THE MEMBER BELONGED.)	
This is to verify we have checked the eligibility of the student:	
Auxiliary President Signature: _____	Phone #: _____
_____	_____
Post Commander Signature: _____	Phone #: _____
_____	_____

- To be considered you must submit:**
1. Your completed application.
 2. Two letters of recommendation. Please ask a Pastor, secondary school teacher, or counselor to write a letter of recommendation for you. You should also ask one member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post or VFW Auxiliary that is sponsoring you to write a recommendation. The recommendation letters should not be from family members. The forms for these recommendation letters are attached. They should be mailed or emailed to Lin Moore by April 15, 2025.
 3. A copy of your transcript.
 4. A brief essay (300 words) highlighting your community involvement, your volunteer activities, the honors you have received, and any organizations you participated in or outside your school.

Send all required information to:

Lin Moore
6165 Glen Way Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27107
Lmoore51@yahoo.com
(336-971-0559)

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Erline Mayberry Scholarship
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of North Carolina

CONFIDENTIAL

Recommendation for

(last name)

(first name)

(middle name)

To Pastor, Teacher, Counselor

You are asked to write a recommendation for the above candidate for the Erline Mayberry Scholarship.

A copy of the student's high school transcript giving his/her grades, class rank, test scores, is sent directly from the school.

Please include in the recommendation the qualities, skills, and strengths of this student. You are asked to tell of any unusual circumstances, illnesses, responsibilities for handicapped or disabled relatives, hardship experiences, and lifestyle needs of the applicant.

The third area of evaluation of the applicant is that of service and character. Describe the applicant's attitude. What does he/she contribute to his/her family's wellbeing? What contributions does he/she make in service to the community and organizations? In what ways has he/she developed good citizenship traits? What are his/her service, citizenship, and character traits?

The committee is most appreciative of your assistance.

Please submit the recommendation before April 15, 2025 to:

Lin Moore, Scholarship Chairman

6165 Glen Way Drive

Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107

You can also email it to lmoore51@yahoo.com

Thanks so much!

Lin Moore

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



October 2024

We have brought in \$4,858.55 as of now!

Thank you to the Districts who have passed the hat during the joint sessions. Every little bit helps for this great cause.

Thank you to Auxiliaries – 4066 (Shelby), 7032 (Greenville), 1142 (Wilkesboro), 8297 (Clemmons). and 9337 (Stanley) for your pin orders. I still have pins available and remember to send in the \$5 for shipping with your order.

Also, if you send in any funds for the Special Project, please send me an email (tinabrade@gmail.com) or text (910) 500-2655 and let me know the amount so I can keep track what we have collected.

Any donation helps! Unfortunately, since they changed the booth cost, I am not able to man a booth all weekend or have an employee there to run it and be able to pay what is needed. So, I came up with this idea. I have attached an order form for anyone that would like to order Chocolate Truffles. I will have them prepackaged per your order the weekend of the COA. I will be giving 25% of the sales to the special project.



Dept President Special Project Chairman
Tina Szafarski
1265 Griffin Rd Lillington 27546.
(910) 500-2655

	QUANTITY			QUANTITY	
DARK CHOCOLATE			MILK CHOCOLATE		
American Style			Butter Pecan		
Blueberry Port Wine			Cappucino		
Cappuccino			Cherry Cordial		
Champagne			Chocolate		
Cherry Cordial			Coffee		
Chocolate			Hazelnut		
Cranberry			Maple		
Irish Cream			Raspberry Jelly		
Mint			Sea Salt Caramel		
Orange			Vanilla Cream		
Pomegranate			WHITE CHOCOLATE		
Raspberry			Amaretto		
Raspberry Jelly			Black Forest		
Rum			Key Lime		
Sea Salt Caramel			Lemon		
Toasted Coconut			SUGAR FREE		
			DC Chocolate		
			MC Black Rasp Sherbet Cream		
			MC Cherry Cordial		
			MC Espresso		
			MC Peppermint Patty		
			MC Vanilla Cream		
ALL ORDERS MUST BE MAILED TO THESWEETFIX23@GMAIL.COM BY OCTOBER 1ST					
AUX #			NAME:		

VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NC Membership Report
2024-2025

President Sandra Jefferies

Chairman Lyndsey Bowlus

Date: 9.26.24

East-- Wendy Doubles

District 1 Pres Brittney Phillips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	243	181	169	74.49%
7312	Sunbury	24	19	19	79.17%
10950	Outer Banks	39	38	36	97.44%
TOTALS		306	238	224	77.78%

District 4 Pres Terri Schlipback					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7315	Havelock	192	168	166	87.50%
7547	Clinton	56	56	55	100.00%
8986	Newport	62	51	51	82.26%
9133	Jacksonville	192	156	156	81.25%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	276	238	229	86.23%
11119	West Craven	34	29	29	85.29%
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TOTALS		841	727	715	86.44%

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	44	30	30	68.18%
2771	Kinston	18	9	9	50.00%
7032	Greenville	44	37	26	84.09%
9959	Mount Olive	50	33	33	66.00%
TOTALS		156	109	98	69.87%

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	298	219	204	73.49%
8866	Holden Beach	104	104	103	100.00%
9983	Holly Ridge	158	132	130	85.44%
10226	Oak Island	90	90	86	100.00%
10400	B Spring Lakes	84	46	44	57.45%
121966	Leland	17	3	3	17.65%
TOTALS		751	580	570	79.49%

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	68	56	48	82.35%
4147	Bailey	21	15	15	71.43%
TOTALS		89	71	63	79.78%

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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	19	19	95.00%
7383	Cary	155	135	126	87.10%
9103	Spring Lake	100	95	93	95.00%
10225	Garner	108	111	92	102.78%
10999	Raleigh	41	41	31	100.00%
TOTALS		424	401	361	91.14%

EASTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2567	2126	2031	82.82%

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Central - Mary Zanders

District 6 Pres Emily Ball					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1920	Mebane	47	25	25	53.19%
10607	Burlington	33	35	26	106.06%
TOTALS		80	60	51	75.00%

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	20	6	6	30.00%
2972	Gibsonville	36	31	30	86.11%
3074	Lexington	41	35	16	85.37%
8297	Mway Monroeton	58	52	50	89.66%
TOTALS		155	124	102	80.00%

District 8 Pres Mary Zanders					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	157	139	108	88.54%
6018	Fayetteville	195	164	158	84.10%
10,630	Hope Mills	34	27	26	79.41%
TOTALS		386	330	292	85.49%

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	92	52	38	56.52%
3006	Salisbury	95	55	52	57.89%
6365	Locust	18	19	4	105.56%
8989	Kannapolis	135	83	60	61.48%
9134	Rockwell	32	28	21	87.50%
TOTALS		372	237	175	63.71%

District 9 Pres Angi Hardy					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	60	34	34	56.67%
5631	Sanford	121	105	104	86.78%
7318	Southern Pines	349	317	311	90.83%
10,403	Wadesboro	44	24	23	54.55%
TOTALS		574	480	472	83.62%

CENTRAL	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1567	1231	1092	78.56%

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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	18	10	64.29%
5352	Kernersville	151	100	73	66.23%
7794	Elkin	37	21	14	56.76%
9010	Clemmons	54	51	47	94.44%
9436	Pilot Mountain	67	58	26	86.57%
11173	Walnut Cove	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		337	248	170	69.27%

District 15 Pres Sherry Brooks					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	84	82	72	97.62%
4286	Newland	35	31	23	88.57%
7031	Boone	45	21	21	46.67%
7034	Sparta	61	46	46	75.41%
7946	Jefferson	30	30	10	100.00%
TOTALS		255	210	172	82.35%

District 13 Pres Becky Rowe					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	139	130	127	93.53%
2423	Indian Trail	104	97	90	93.27%
5464	Monroe	46	34	34	73.91%
6724	Paw Creek	37	35	29	94.59%
7775	Charlotte	20	18	18	90.00%
9337	Gastonia	68	28	27	41.18%
9736	Croft	16	5	5	31.25%
TOTALS		430	347	330	80.70%

District 16 Pres Joyce Preston					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	82	75	68	91.46%
5206	Hendersonville	73	61	59	83.56%
9116	Columbus	25	18	18	72.00%
TOTALS		180	154	145	85.56%

District 14 Pres Linda Owens					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	73	52	48	71.23%
2031	Statesville	71	64	59	90.14%
4066	Shelby	19	16	16	84.21%
5305	Newton	40	14	14	35.00%
TOTALS		203	146	137	71.92%

District 17 Pres Niki Paganelli					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	165	134	122	81.21%
5202	Waynesville	221	120	120	54.30%
6812	Hayesville	52	53	41	101.92%
7339	Franklin	68	55	39	80.88%
TOTALS		506	362	322	71.54%

WESTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1911	1467	1276	76.77%

DEPT	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	6891	5436	5154	78.89%

NC At-Large	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	809	793	770	98.15%

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