



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of North Carolina

Connie Holt

Department President 2023-2024

621 Carolina Oaks Circle, Linden NC 28356
717.587.2949 Connieann17563@yahoo.com



March 2024

Brothers and Sisters,

What a successful Council Meeting we had! Members truly enjoyed the round robin program training session. We had set a goal for Special Project and have exceeded that goal. However, our work is not finished, we have increased that goal to \$30,000 +. Membership has hit a stale mate, I am requesting all Auxiliaries and Districts to contact all 331 lapsed members, don't allow them to fall off the hay wagon. All Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers have access to the unpaid rosters in MALTA; help us achieve this goal by calling or texting those who haven't paid. Please continue CultIVETing the future for our Veterans; the more members we have the LOUDER our voice is on Capitol hill!

REMINDERS:

- **National President Carla Martinez** will be visiting North Carolina from 15 to 17 March 2024. We are inviting both Auxiliary and VFW Members to participate. Hotel reservations and itinerary can be found in the Department Mail. I look forward to seeing everyone in a few short days!
- **Membership** – Our Department needs 168 members to be 100%. We can ACCOMPLISH this goal. Each Auxiliary should meet their previous years total plus 1 new member.
- **Member of the Year** – Please consider who your Auxiliary would like to put forth for Member of the Year. Applications are on the Department Website and must be received by the Chairman by the end of **March**. Ginger is on the lookout for those candidates!
- **Reporting** – April is approaching fast and I know all of you have put in the work. Please enter your reports; if you have questions contact our Department Chairman. We would love to see each of you at 100% reporting. Chairman will be contacting any Auxiliary who hasn't reported. Do NOT wait until 14 April to enter those reports!
- **Of the Year Applications** - Please see applications for contact information on the department website.
 - President, and District President** of the year are due to Ginger Amos.
 - Treasurer** of the Year applications are due to Department Treasurer Sandra Johnson Leu.
 - Chaplain** of the Year applications are due to Department Chaplain Lin Moore.
- **District Delegates** – Auxiliaries should elect delegates no more than 30 days prior to the District Convention. Forms can be found on the Department Website and should be sent to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention.

Faithfully Serving Veterans,
Connie Holt, President



May your pockets be heavy
And your Heart be LIGHT.
May good luck pursue you
Each Day and Night.

Clarification for use of Relief Fund Money

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

**** When disbursing Relief Fund money for Items 3 and 4, it must have a direct benefit to veterans and/or their families.***

- 3.) Hospital work for all veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Auxiliary members and their family members.*

An example of what could and could not be taken from the relief fund for #3 hospital: if you take cupcakes to a nursing home, and only 10% of the residents are veterans, then only 10% of the money to buy or make the cupcakes can come from the Relief Fund. If you are planting flowers on the grounds of the VA, this should **not** come from the Relief Fund, but rather the General Fund. If you are buying flowers for the VA for veterans to plant in a gardening program, then that could come from the Relief Fund.

- 4.) Veterans & Family Support work for all veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Auxiliary members and their family members.*

An example of what could and could not be taken from the relief fund for #4 Veterans & Family Support: if you have a member who loses their house and belongs in a fire, you could use the relief fund. If a member has lost their job and needs help paying their dues this year, you could use your relief fund. If your post needs improvements, this is not to be taken from the Relief Fund. Post improvements might feel like a direct benefit to Veterans but it is not.

Did you know the VFW Foundation has grants to assist with Post improvements?

- 8.) To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.” Therefore, you may donate money to the Voice of Democracy or other Scholarship Programs. This was added by the VFW several years ago and the Auxiliary followed suit.

Remember the purpose of the Relief Fund - to provide relief to needy or disabled veterans or members of the Armed Forces and their dependents, and the surviving spouses and orphans of deceased veterans. What did you tell people when they donated to the relief fund/poppy drives?



Mailing Preference Request Form



There are several options to control the number of mailings you receive. Please choose only one option below and fill out the bottom portion of this form.

- ☐ 1. I want to continue to receive **all regular mailings**.
Regular mailings include gifts throughout the year.
- ☐ 2. I want to receive a **reduced mail schedule** which will include about 10-12 mailings per year, and will include gifts.
- ☐ 3. I want to receive **the Quarterly Gift and the VFW Annual Newsletter**, which will include the VFW Calendar, Christmas Cards, Greeting Cards and Labels.
- ☐ 4. I want to receive the **VFW Quarterly Newsletter only**.
This mailing will not include any gifts.

Complete and return this form to VFW National Headquarters,
406 West 34th Street, Suite 718, Kansas City, MO 64111
or fax to 816.968.1129.

Questions? Please call Donor Services toll-free at 833.VFW.GIVE (833.839.4483)
or email vfwfundraising@vfw.org. **Thank you!**

NAME _____ POST _____ MEMBER# _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____ EMAIL _____

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



VFW AUXILIARY

Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes TM

MEMO

Date: March 6, 2024

To: National Officers
Past National Presidents
National District Council Members
Ambassadors
National Appointed Officers
Department Presidents
Department Secretaries
Dan West, Adj. General, VFW

From: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

NOTICE OF DEATH

Patricia Jankowski
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT
2000-2001

Patricia (Patti) Jankowski, who served as National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (Ladies) Auxiliary during 2000-2001, went to her Heavenly Home on March 3, 2024, in Ocala, Florida.

Funeral plans are pending; therefore, another memo will follow regarding the services when plans are finalized.

Also, we will have the address where cards may be sent in the memo to follow.

Please keep Patti's brother and sister-in-law and her special friend Frank in your thoughts and prayers during this grievous time.

Due to the death of Past National President Patricia Jankowski, all VFW Auxiliary Charters shall be draped for a period of thirty (30) days.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Texas VFW Foundation Responds to Panhandle Wildfires

Texas VFW Foundation offers financial assistance to affected veterans and asks for public's help.

AUSTIN, TX, February 29, 2024 – The Texas Panhandle is currently experiencing the largest wildfire in Texas history with over one million acres consumed by fire and is less than 3% contained. The Texas VFW Foundation stands in solidarity with those impacted by these wildfires and offers support during this difficult time. We are extending more than just our thoughts and prayers.

The Texas VFW Foundation offers disaster relief and other programs to help Texas veterans in need. Disasters create such loss and suffering. We are committed to making sure Texas veterans have every resource available to them. The programs offered by the Texas VFW Foundation were developed by combat veterans and others to be able to respond with speed and empathy to address the most urgent needs: food, shelter, and security. However, we cannot do this alone.

The Disaster Assistance Program is a financial assistance grant for qualifying Texas veterans affected by a natural or manmade disaster. Awardees can expect up to \$500 per veteran household. This grant is a one-time grant and can be used for needs of the veteran during the disaster, such as replenishing food stores, hotel stays, vehicle fuel, and/or other expenses incurred during and immediately after the disaster.

In addition to the Disaster Assistance Program, qualifying applicants can apply for the Veterans' Assistance Program. This grant, funded in part by the Fund for Veterans' Assistance, can assist up to \$2,500 per veteran household for basic living needs such as rent/mortgage, utilities, vehicle payment, and/or auto insurance.

“The Texas VFW and the Texas VFW Foundation have been there for Texas veterans through the Bastrop fires, Hurricanes Harvey and Katrina, and the West fertilizer plant explosion,” stated Beth West, Executive Director. “Each disaster brings different needs, yet they are similar. Displacement and loss occur each time. The Disaster Assistance grant is designed to assist with those immediate needs first and the Veterans' Assistance grant is to help pay the bills during and following the disaster. We can only assist when we have sufficient funds to do so. If you are not affected by these wildfires, please ‘pass the ammo’ and help those veterans who are.”

Donations may be made online or mailed in. To donate online, please visit <https://txvfw.org/texas-vfw-foundation/>. Click on the “Donate” button. You will be able to designate the Disaster Program there. To donate by mail, please make the check payable to “Texas VFW Foundation” and mail to PO Box 14468, Austin, TX 78761-4468.

To apply online, please visit <https://texasvfwfoundation.smapply.org/>. The applicant will need to create a login using the “Register” button. For more information or assistance, please email foundation@texasvfw.org or call 512-291-6850.

TIME IS QUICKLY APPROACHING

National VFW Auxiliary President Carla Martinez's Official Visit to North Carolina
March 15-17, 2024

Please remember invite VFW members to join us in welcoming our National President to
North Carolina.

Schedule

Friday March 15th, 3:15 pm- Assemble at The Veteran's Farm of NC

Attire: Official Department Dress: White Collared Shirt, Patriotic Scarf, Black Slacks Black Shoes

NOTE: Please bring a change of shoes/shirt.

- 4:15 -line up for Isle of Honor for President Carla's arrival.
- Tour Farm
- Return to hotel for pizza and games (We will provide a variety of pizzas, desserts, and beverages)

Saturday March 16th- Attire: Green Department Polo and Slacks

- 9:30am depart for Memorial in Broadway
 - Wreath laying
- Lunch at Los Charros in Broadway (Dutch Treat)
- After Lunch depart for The Airbourne Museum in Fayetteville
- 3 pm depart museum for hotel (rest & relaxation and ready for Banquet)
- 7 pm Banquet at Stanley McLeod VFW Post 5631, Sanford (Dress: Business)
- 10 pm depart for hotel

Sunday March 17th-

- President Carla departs very early for her next adventure.

We appreciate your support for our National President, please have a safe trip home

Please return the following sheet to: Angi Hardy, Chairman, National President's Visit by mail or email. 52 Monarch Ct, Cameron, NC 28326 and angihardy@yahoo.com. Any questions, you may call 910-322-6478.

Attendee's Name _____

Phone_____

Affiliated Post/Auxiliary_____

Will you be staying at the Sanford Hilton Hotel? Yes_____ No_____

Will you be attending our pizza and game night? Yes_____ No_____

Please check the events that you will be attending:

Isle of Honor: Yes_____ No_____ Lunch: Yes_____ No_____

Airbourne Museum: Yes_____ No_____

The Banquet Dinner will be \$15 per person. Checks should be made payable to VFW Post 5631.

Choices: _____ BBQ _____ Chicken

Please mail checks also to Angi Hardy, 52 Monarch Ct, Cameron, NC 2832. (Need to be received no later than March 9, 2024)

Name_____ # of attending_____

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

19-May	15	Post 7946 Jefferson	2:30 PM	Lonnie Joines 336- 200-0083	446 Ashe Park Rd, Jefferson		Anna Holm
27-May	7	Post 5886 Smithfield	11:00 AM	Robert Kennedy 540- 630-1071	100 Pritchi St., Smithfield		Connie Holt

Chaplain's Corner

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

March 2024

An old man was doing his daily walk along the beach one morning, when he spotted a young boy crouched by the water, scooping something up from the sand and throwing it into the sea.

The beach was normally empty at this time of day, and so the old man stopped to watch for a while.

He noticed that the boy kept on shuffling a little further down the beach, then repeating this same action again and again - stopping, scooping, throwing, moving.

"What are you doing there, boy?" the old man asked, walking closer.

"I'm saving these starfish that are stranded" replied the boy, "if they stay on the beach they will dry out and die, so I'm putting them back into the ocean so they can live."

The old man was silent for a few seconds.

"Young man," he said, "on this stretch of the beach alone, there must be more than one hundred stranded starfish. Around the next corner, there must be at least one thousand more. This goes on for miles and miles and miles - I've done this walk every day for 10 years, and it's always the same. There must be millions of stranded starfish! I hate to say it, but you'll never make a difference."

The boy replied "well I just made a difference for that one", and continued with his work.

How Often Do You Make a Small Difference?

If everything you did had to have a huge, immediate impact before you gave it a little of your time, then you'd end up doing very little with your life. And sometimes, the little things we do can add up and turn into big things - they make ripples that spread further than we can see.

Those starfish that the young boy saved may have gone on to produce thousands more.

And just imagine if the man who stood idly by had saved one starfish each time he had walked that stretch of beach - he'd have saved 365,002 by now (depending on when the leap years fell!).



A Message from the Department Treasurer
March 2024
Vfwauxnc.org



Brothers and Sisters,

- In April you will begin electing your delegates to each of the Conventions: District, Department and National. The Department Delegate fees were increased to \$7 per delegate, plus \$7 for the President at last year's Department Convention. Department Secretary, Tracy Armstrong, will be including these forms in the April mail, but you may also find them on the Department website. According to the National Bylaws, Section 303, page 34-B all Auxiliaries are required to send in the required delegate fees regardless of the number of Delegates that will be present at the Department Convention in June. Per our Department Standing rules, each Auxiliary will have one delegate per every 10 members or fraction thereof. So, if your Auxiliary has 34 members, you will have 4 delegates, 4 alternates, plus your President. It is recommended to have your Auxiliary President be listed as an alternate delegate in the event there are no other members of the Auxiliary are present at the Convention. This way the President may register as a delegate and the Auxiliary will be entitled to more votes than just the single President vote. This form is due no later than 30 May.
- Additionally, the 31 March Audits for the Auxiliary must be submitted prior to the Convention as they are due by 31 May. If the Auxiliary is in arrears for an audit, the Auxiliary will not be permitted to register and vote. Since District audits are due within 30 days of the meeting, the date of the District convention will determine the due date and if the District President will be able to register as a District President. So, please get your audits completed and sent in on time.
- I need to remind everyone again to make sure the applications are complete before sending them to the Department for processing. This includes making sure your Auxiliary number, city and state are filled in at the top of the application. So many applications come in without this information. And if your check does not have your Auxiliary number on it, I do not know which Auxiliary the member is joining. This is part of your responsibility. Also, credit card applications need to have a date by the signature of the credit card holder. National will not process the application without a date. Be sure to check the Bylaws for acceptable campaign medals or ribbons *and* location of service. If you have any doubts about the validity, you should always check with the Post quartermaster to verify the information provided. You can be assured that if I am reminding you of this again, it means I received applications again this month still missing this information. So, I ask you to please check the applications carefully for all required information before submitting them for processing.
- Please do not hold dues or applications. We are so close to making our 100%. Contact those annual members who have not paid their dues for this year one more time and see if there is a reason they haven't paid. If there is a health or financial reason and they have been a loyal member for several years, perhaps the Auxiliary may consider voting to pay the Department and National dues for the member. It will show the member you appreciate their years of service to the Auxiliary and that they haven't been "just a number" to you.

As always, if I can be of assistance, please call or email. I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Sandra Johnson-Leu,
VFWA Department Treasurer 2023-2024 Department of NC 919-906-7592 ctrysun@embarqmail.com
103 Covered Bridge Rd., Clayton, NC 27520



"Nobody is perfect. We all make mistakes. We say wrong things, we do wrong things. We fall, we get up. We learn, we grow. We move on, we live. And we thank God for always giving us another chance."



Veterans and Family Support

March 2024

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, as we transition into the month of March it is crucial to recognize the significant events tied to this month that require our auxiliary's assistance in supporting our valued Veterans and their families. With the arrival of warmer weather and longer days, people are more active in the community, taking leisurely walks and admiring the blooming flowers. It is essential to acknowledge key dates such as the Navy Reserve Birthday on March 3, Canine Veterans Day on March 13, Medal of Honor Day on March 25 and Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29. Let us take this opportunity to show our gratitude to Vietnam veterans for their selfless service by treating them to a meal and honoring them with the respect they truly deserve, with the simple words of Welcome Home.



Operation We are Here www.operationwearehere.com

By clicking the link above or scanning the QR code will help you with sending cards and letters to the military community and provide you with additional resources for supporting our Veterans

Loyally Serving

Joe Nelson

Veterans and Family Support Chairman

Jnelson_nc@yahoo.com

(252)626-4888

#WE CAN AND WE WILL



“Buddy”® Poppy



V F W
NATIONAL HOME



**Angi Hardy-
Chairman**

angihardy@yahoo.com

910-322-6478

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

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

[org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org)

www.vfwauxiliary.org

Reporting Website

<http://vfwauxnc.org>

“Buddy”® Poppy

Thank you to everyone who participated in the “Buddy”®
Poppy Display Contest

The winners of each category are:

Category 1

1st Place-1160 Mecklenburg

2nd Place-9133 Jacksonville

Category 2

1st Place-1142 Blue Ridge Mtn.

2nd Place-8986 Newport

Category 3

1st Place-5352 Kernersville

2nd Place-6018 Fayetteville

Congratulations to the 2023-2024 “Buddy”® Poppy King,
Prince and Princess!!

King- Caleb Snider 9436 Mt. Pilot

Prince- Joseph Overman 1920 Mebane

Princess– Alice Billips 2908 Albermarle

REPORT REPORT REPORT

Please Do Not Wait to Enter Reporting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



NICE R.A.P.!
Random Act of Patriotism



R.A.P "Random Act of Patriotism"

See a child being respectful during patriotic events? See a child thanking a Veteran? Witness a youth place their hand on their heart correctly? Know a child who can sing the National Anthem? Reward them with a Random Acts of Patriotism card. R.A.P. cards are appropriate for elementary age youth. The R.A.P. card template is available for free from the National website here: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/NEW-R.A.P.-Card-Printable-Template.pdf>



March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day

On March 29, 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 29, 2012, as Vietnam Veterans Day. The proclamation called "upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the Vietnam War."

On December 26, 2016, the Vietnam Veterans Day Coalition of States Council presented a letter to President Elect Donald Trump and Congressional leadership outlining the history and timeline of cause to establish March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day and requesting that it be one of the first legislations passed and signed into law during the 115 Congress.

On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017. This act officially recognizes March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Act also includes the day among those days on which the US flag should especially be displayed.

March 29 was chosen as National Vietnam War Veterans Day because on March 29, 1973, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disbanded, and the last U.S. combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. The last unit was elements of MACV's Infantry Security Force (Special Guard), special couriers.

"Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another"
is the founding principal of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

What can we do for our Vietnam Veterans?

- * Honor and respect them as we do all other Veterans and Service Members.
- * Send a thank you card with an American Flag on it to your local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter.
- * Drop off some goodies to a homebound or disabled Vietnam Veteran, local nursing home, VA facility or Veterans outreach center.
- * Tell them, "Welcome home and thank you for your service." This simple statement goes a long way!

Americanism Chairman & Patriotic Instructor

Karen Rae Larkin, 212 Shore Drive, Havelock NC 28532, phone 252.503.1472 email kskipper2@ec.rr.com

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION 50th

3.8 MILLION +
Vietnam veterans publicly thanked and honored

26 THOUSAND +
Ceremonies have been held and hosted by our Commemorative Partners in all 50 U.S. states, territories and commonwealths

13 THOUSAND +
Commemorative Partners comprised of local, state and national organizations, businesses, sports franchises and governmental agencies

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY
March 29

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!
www.vietnamwar50th.com

"CultivETing
The future for
Our Veterans"
Dept. President
Connie Holt



Auxiliary Outreach

March 2024

"Banding
Together for
Veterans"
Nat'l President
Carla Martinez



Common Items Missed In Outreach Reporting

Material Utilization -This should say **NO** (you should not be providing any donations or money, **ONLY YOUR TIME** and **SERVICE**. Its about making their Project a success.)

Partner with another Organization – This should **Always say YES**. (It's the core of the program.)

Voting of the Auxiliary-
Should **Always say YES**. (Record in your minutes.)

Organization Auxiliary worked with – You should always fill this out. I Need the actual name.)

Details – What do they do?
What did you do to help them make their event successful.

Name of submitter – Put your name and Email address or phone number, if more information is needed. I don't want to remove your report without getting information and possibly helping you place the report in another program.

Remember if it can be reported in another program that is where you need to report the event.

VFW Auxiliary Post 1142 joined with Samaritan's Kitchen of Wilkes in a outreach project today. We helped pack boxes of food for a food giveaway. Also worked on breaking down cases of food items into individual servings for the school backpack program.



I was so excited to see this in our NC Dept. Historian/ Media page, that I had to share it again. There is nothing like helping in your community. Thank you for all that you are doing for your community and our Veterans.

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Winter C of A in Greensboro, NC. I really enjoyed speaking in small groups with everyone. It gave me a chance to get to know you a little better and understand what you need from me. I was very happy to have the opportunity to answer your questions. I hope you left with a better understanding of the Auxiliary Outreach Program.



Reminder

Deadline March 31,2024
Auxiliary Outreach -
Auxiliary Award No. 1
Entry Form.

Before you report under Auxiliary Outreach make sure you look at all the other Programs first. If it can be reported under another program, that is where you need to report your event. Please check your reports again to make sure you reported them in the correct place.

I look forward every month to seeing all that you are doing in your community. Keep up your Good Works!
Theresa Billips NC Dept. Auxiliary Outreach Chairman
1841 Mountain Creek Road Albemarle NC, 28001
Sisitertnc@aol.com 704-322-8345





Auxiliary Outreach

Auxiliary Award No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most outstanding community partnership with another organization.

- **Citation** to every Auxiliary that partners with another organization within their community. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
- **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding community partnership with another organization. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department
Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: _____ No.: _____

Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event at which the Auxiliary partnered with another organization within their community. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department winning entry form to National Auxiliary Outreach Ambassador Sandra Pinsonault for judging.

AND

April 30, 2024 - The Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman must **email** VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Forms sent directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed.

VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC President



Barbara Beard

198 Oakridge Dr
Raeford, NC 28376

barbeard@roadrunner.com

(910) 565-2351 hm

(910) 624-4357 cell



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!

Tip of the Month

For the best resolution and quality photos, save your photos to a thumb drive. You can mail the thumb drive to the same address above. I need all thumb drives by May 31, 2024.



So the next time you get a chance to make a small difference, don't think of the big picture and just do it - after all, it might not make a difference to you, but to somebody else, it might.

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

We must Band Together with cooperation for our Veterans and CuliVETe the Future of Veterans!

Loyally,

Lin

VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian /Media Relations

March 2024



Barbara Beard

198 Oakridge Dr
Raeford, NC 28376

barbeard@roadrunner.com

(910) 565-2351 hm

(910) 624-4357 cell



Historian & Media Relations Award for Auxiliaries No. 1 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most outstanding video interview with a VFW Auxiliary legacy (longtime active) member.

• **Citation** to every Auxiliary that submits a 3-5 minute video interview with a legacy VFW Auxiliary member. Auxiliaries must send the entry form and the 3-5 minute video interview to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

• **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding 3-5 minute video interview with a legacy VFW Auxiliary member. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



Auxiliaries are to send this completed form and video to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024. Award form is on Department of NC Historian Facebook Page. See address above.

Tell your story! I'm still looking for exciting stories of what your Auxiliaries are doing. Take lots of pictures, caption them, and send them to me. It is possible you will see your stories on the National website. Remember: high resolution pictures are the best! Don't forget the 5 W's.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all Auxiliary Historians and Members for joining the Department of North Carolina Historian Group Facebook Page. You submitted some amazing stories about what you Auxiliaries are doing. Keep posting and sharing your stories. This is exactly why this Facebook page was created. This is the central platform for you to share your stories. It is easily accessible; just use your phone to scan the QR Code below. If you have a Facebook account this will take you directly to the Department of North Carolina Historian Group Page.



Department of North Carolina
Historian Group Page



Word Scramble

VFW Auxiliary Program

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

REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!!!!

HOSPITAL

Farres Upton, Chairman
653 Haynes Road, High Point, NC 27262
336-889-4133 email: farreshupton@aol.com

It was very rewarding, speaking with many of you about the Hospital program at the February C of A. You were most passionate about giving personal support to those that feel isolated in medical facilities.

Dates to Remember:

March 4th. Hug a GI Day

March 17th. **St. Patrick's Day:** Have a fun day with our Veterans.

March 29th : National Vietnam War Veterans Day. A day that honors the hardships and mental health of 9 million American Vietnam Veterans that served in the Vietnam War. Plan a special event, **Honor our Hospitalized Vietnam Veterans.**

March 31st. Easter Sunday, a special day to visit our Veterans. Remember to take an Easter treat, basket, or favor.

Honors Escort: Have you participated in or educated VA/ and/or non-VA medical facilities, about the Honors Escort Program? No Veteran should leave alone.

***Hospital Volunteer of the Year**

Entries must be to me no later than March 31, 2024

Entry forms are available on Malta.

Reminder: Donations to VA Medical Centers: Make checks to NC VFW Auxiliary, earmark where donation is to be used, send to Treasurer, Sandra Johnson-Leu Sandra will send check and letter to the Hospital designating the name and number of Auxiliary making the donation and how it is to be used.

Continue Banding Together, as we are Cultivating the Future for our Veterans.

Loyally,
Farres

**SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER
SALISBURY, NC**

**(CDCE) Voluntary Service
704-638-9000 X 13409**

Brothers and Sisters,

Our new Executive Director, Kevin P. Amick, has been appointed to the leadership team at Salisbury VA Medical Center.

BASKET BASH: We made \$5,997.00 on our Basket Bash, which will go into our VAVS General Fund. A big **THANK YOU**, to everyone that supported this fundraiser.

Wheelchair Games: Will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 24th – 31st, 2024. There are seven Veterans signed up so far.

Golden Age Games: Will take place August 24th. – 26th. at Salt Lake City, Utah

These games are an ongoing fundraiser, however, donations for the Wheelchair games are preferred to be in by May and donations for the Golden Age games are preferred to be in by June.

GREENHOUSE WAS REOPENED FEBRUARY 1ST.

**The Greenhouse Project is in need of Monetary donations, supplies, and plants.
This project is great therapy for our Veterans.**

The Nutrition/Dialysis Program is in need of:

**Gloves
Stress Balls
Silicon Medical bracelets (dialysis bracelets (no stick)
Pill Boxes
Healthy snacks for patients**

Thank you for supporting the needs of our Hospitalized Veterans.

**Loyally,
Farres**

CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



Joyce B. Preston – VAVS Representative

706 Warrior Drive

Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Home: 828-859-5286

Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy

Mobile: 828-817-0939

Email: jbp Preston99@yahoo.com

Willie Glance – Honorary VAVS

March 2024

*The Safety Plan app is here! This is a repeat to make sure that the Veterans try to use it.

Safety Plan is a new app that helps Veterans create a personalized step-by-step action plan to keep them safe during a crisis. It is highly customizable and provides access to coping tools, self-assessment measures, and crisis support resources. The Safety Plan app was developed by the National Center for PTSD Mobile Mental Health program with input from the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. The app can be recommended to any Veteran who is at-risk for suicide. The goal of this app is provide Veterans with options to access their Safety Plan in a format that works for them.

You can download the app in the App Store at <https://tinyurl.com/5436bbd8> or in Google Play at <https://tinyurl.com/4x78tjns>

The VA is in need of Belvita Cookies for the coffee Cart. This cart serves our Veterans waiting for their outpatient appointments. If you are able to assist, just remember we are bound to expiration dates, please check the dates before delivering. If your organization is looking for a way to assist our Veterans, please consider this need.

Change to mask use! At this time, masks are now recommended upon entering patients' rooms in all acute care units (ICUs and floors) and while providing direct care in Day Surgery/PACU. Masks continue to remain required for Veteran care, in Veteran rooms/exam rooms and when within 6 feet of Veterans in the following areas:

Dialysis - Chemotherapy/Oncology Clinic - Emergency Department/Urgent Care - Community Living Center (CLC) –

We will continue to assess our safety measures and will keep Veterans and employees informed of any future changes.

Thank you for your continued diligence in helping us keep everyone healthy.

Stinger, our *Mental Health Facility Dog*, helped **Voluntary Service** as we made the rounds to visit our Veterans in the Community Living Center. Thanks to all organizations and individuals who made this Christmas special.

*A huge **THANK YOU!** to all our dollar donors and service organizations. We couldn't do what we do, without you!*

.....

The Western North Carolina VA Health Care System is committed to enhancing the personal and interpersonal safety of all who enter our facilities. Recognizing inherent risks such as *intimate partner violence; stalking; sexual violence; harassment and human trafficking*, there are now standard interpersonal safety signs displayed in our facility restrooms where they can be viewed privately and safely.

.....

God Bless America & Our Troops!

Durham VA Medical Center ~ March 2024

508 Fulton St., Durham, NC 27705
Center for Development and Civic Engagement
(Voluntary Services)

919-286-0411, Ext. 177810

Dianne Sellers, VAVS Rep.

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

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

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

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

Raleigh/Durham

Kate Berrien, Maternity Care Coordinator

919-396-1952

Greenville/Morehead City

Brenda Roberson, Women Veterans Program

252-417-6512

*** Blind Rehab/Medical Foster Home**

~ Monthly Ice Cream Social Community Outing

~ Birthday Social Sponsors

~ Bowling Outing Sponsors & Gift Card Sponsors

~ Holiday Social Sponsors

~ Monthly Luncheon Sponsors

More info: Demetris Mcleod, demetris.mcleod@va.gov

*** Music Therapy Wish List**

~ 6 JLAB studio pro wireless over-ear headphones (\$37-\$40 each)

~ 6 Sony NW-A306 Walkman (\$348 each)

~ Apple Music Gift/Payment Cards

~ Carbon Fiber Guitar (\$799) <https://www.enya-music.com/collections/guitar/products/x4-cutaway>

More info: Maritine Bullard, maritine.bullard@va.gov

For the past 3 years, the Recreation Therapy Department has had to reshape the delivery of services to Veterans as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. The following would be most helpful to bring more pleasure to Veterans at the VA:

NETFLIX	2 Premium accts. For multiple screens	\$240 (x2)
APPLE MUSIC	1 Family Plan for 10 Devices	\$200
SPOTIFY	1 Needed	\$180

March 10, 2024: Daylight Saving Time Begins (set clock ahead one hour)



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—MARCH 2024

"BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS"

National President Carla Martinez's theme!

LET'S FIND A POT OF GOLD (BENEFITS) FOR OUR VETERANS!



I hope you all enjoyed the very fast paced Program Trainings at the COA! 12 trainings in 3 hours, now that was a mission. If you were there or missed the training, and have questions about the program I am here for you!

2024 ELECTION SEASON IS HERE! Early Voting in NC ends March 2nd. The March **Primary election day is March 5th** so if you haven't voted yet, **please VOTE on Election Day** at your precinct. Have a voice in **WHO WILL BE ON THE BALLOT** for the **General Election Day, November 5, 2024**. Go to <https://www.ncsbe.gov/> and click "Voter Search" for your registration info, where to vote and sample ballots. The invasion at the Border has become a major issue with voters and a NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT!

Important update about Camp Lejeune Justice Act lawsuit from Bergmann & Moore (VFW endorsed):

There's still time to take part in the Camp Lejeune Justice Act lawsuit. Administrative claims must be filed by Aug. 10, 2024. Bergmann & Moore, the VFW trusted law firm, is standing by to help you make some sense of who should file and how to start the process. Some questions you may have: For what damages might I or my spouse or family be compensated? What documents do I need to file a Camp Lejeune Water Contamination lawsuit? How much is this going to cost me? Annita Best, a retired Marine and spokesperson for Bergmann & Moore, is ready to help you find answers to your questions. Annita's number is (301) 290-3148 or you can start the process now by calling 1-800-898-3148 and speaking with an intake specialist. Be sure to mention you are a member of VFW or VFWA.

LAST SESSION, three critical bills passed the House of Representatives: The Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023 (H.R. 542), the HOME Act of 2023 (H.R. 3848), and the COPE Act (H.R. 3581) bill. If the Senate agrees to pass the VFW-backed legislation, Congress has an opportunity to provide indispensable support for our Nation's veterans and their family caregivers. Many, many more Veteran related bills have passed the House and STILL SITTING in the Senate!

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AWARDS: Legislative Award for Auxiliaries: [Entry form required](#) and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024 for judging. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues. Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community on veteran Legislative issues. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

REMINDER: ALL RPROGRAM REPORTING MUST BE ENTERED BY APRIL 15TH! You did the work, now REPORT IT. Be sure to note your activities after so you can report them when MALTA comes back on line. That will count for the 2024+2025 year!

**PRIMARY
ELECTION DAY IS
MARCH 5TH**



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

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

"Where powers are assumed which have not been delegated, a nullification of the act is the rightful remedy." -Thomas Jefferson





MEMBERSHIP

March 2024

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

- **Reporting for the year runs - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024**
- **Membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31 – however you have a grace period until June 30 of that following year.**
- **Reminder:** If dues for an annual member are not current (paid by December 2023), they are NOT in good standing and therefore cannot vote at meetings. Dues must be paid by June 30th or they will have to reapply for membership on July 1.

Department membership stands at **97.53%*** and we need **170** more members to renew or join to hit 100%!
(*as of 2.19.24) (Keep up the great work!!)



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

Did you recruit at least 5 people? You qualify for High Five Award
Did you recruit 10 or more?? You qualify for Aide-de-Camp Award



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

Remember to report your membership activities by April 15th!!



Did you host a recruiting event?
Did you post about the Auxiliary to attract new members?
Did you pass out applications or brochures?
All these are reportable!

Here are several ideas to attract younger members to the organization:

- Reach out to current or past Scholarship winners/applicants to join.
- Create social and networking activities that are interesting and convenient for younger people.
- Encourage younger members to be involved in the planning of these events.
- Invite groups of younger people to join at the same time to make them feel more comfortable.
- Help them encourage their peers to get involved as well.
- Foster an Auxiliary environment that is accepting of occasional absences. Perfect attendance is typically not attainable for today's younger members.

Important Dates to Remember as an Auxiliary!

April 15th – Last day to report activities!!

March 31st – Each Aux that reaches 98%+ in membership will receive \$25

June 30th – Each Aux that reached 100%+ will receive \$25

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

Respectfully,

Lyndsey Bowlus

nikh96@aol.com

443-655-4570



MEMBERSHIP

March 2024

Page 2 –

Thank you for those that were at the C of A in February! From that session we filled in the squares for Strengthening the Auxiliaries – 30 Ways to Recruit, Retain and Mentor Members!

Here are some Ideas!

1. Wear Auxiliary or VFW shirts, pins, hats and speak to people about what it means to be a member.
2. Post on Facebook (What's up pages) and NextDoor (nextdoor.com) that we are looking for new members!
3. Breakfast for members and guests and have applications ready.
4. Make up and carry pouches with membership information, pens and that way its all together and you have what you need to fill out an application on the spot!
5. One post holds a Fried Apple Festival and has a booth.
6. 1st Friday of the month in the town and set up a booth.
7. At Flag retirement ceremonies invite the public and speak to them about membership.
8. 2nd Tuesday have coffee chats and talk about membership
9. At Buddy Poppy tables make sure to have recruitment information.
10. Send Birthday Cards to post members to get them to come to meetings and feel included.
11. When sending out membership dues, send return envelope with postage stamps.
12. Order pamphlets and brochures to have on hand.
13. Hold a Farmers Market and set up an Auxiliary / Post table for information.
14. Partner with the VFW and show them how to help us recruit and vice versa.
15. Trunk or Treat events for school kids and pass out membership information to parents.
16. Wear a 22 a Day pin or Buddy Poppy, people will ask you what it means.
17. Partner with your ROTC (16 yr old +) to join if eligible.
18. Adopt an Armory.
19. Think about memberships as 2 up, 2 down, 1 to the side. Recruitment for 2 up means parent or grandparent. Etc.
20. Volunteer and wear Auxiliary shirt – talk to others about membership!
21. Reporting all activities related to membership (hint: any of these are reportable!!)
22. Patriotic trees placed in local businesses with information on Membership. (Bojangles, Wendy's)
23. Back to School Bash
24. Provide a gift of membership to family or friends.
25. Involve members and invite them to events.
26. Mentor new members
27. Invite others from public to help volunteer at events – ask to join!!
28. Raffle Life Memberships off to those who are very active.
29. Post on HOA Facebook pages.
30. Call and ask members to pay dues by Dec 31, and or convert to lifetime in Malta!
31. Provide directions on Malta, how to convert to lifetime
32. Place a Lifetime conversion amount in the dues reminder to convert.

I hope these give you some great ideas to hold events or things that you can do at your Auxiliaries!

Respectfully,

Lyndsey Bowlus

nikh96@aol.com

443-655-4570



**MENTORING
FOR LEADERSHIP
DEBORAH CROWDER
MARCH**

910-622-6749
crowder84hd@gmail.com
4717 Ilex Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

I want to thank everyone who attended the training session at the last Council of Administration meeting in Greensboro. We tried something a little different this time, and I believe it was very successful. The room was set up for 12 small groups of 6-7 participants and the Program Chairmen rotated between the groups to make a presentation and to answer questions. I want to remind everyone who attended this training session to be sure to enter a report on the Department's website: vfwauxnc.org. The next paragraph is pretty much a rerun of last month, but since the reporting deadline is fast approaching, I thought I would leave it in this month's promotion as a reminder.

Reporting your mentoring activities: I was looking at the reporting system, and noticed that there was a few more reports than last month. I'm counting on you to enter a few more! Like I mentioned above, if you were at the last CoA and attended the training session, you can enter a report. I've said it myself, so I understand when you say, "I don't do these things for a pat on the back, or an award." Let me give you a couple of good reasons to report your work. 1) It will help preserve your not-for-profit status. 2) The National Commander in Chief addresses Congress each year and your hours, miles, and dollars spent, combined with those figures from other Auxiliaries across the country speak volumes when presented to your elected representatives. So, make your voice heard when it comes to promoting issues that are important to veterans. In the Department's reporting system, you will start off with a few yes/no questions, and a few simple answer questions like the year, month, Auxiliary Number and District Number. Even if you answer no to some of the questions, don't let that deter you. Go to the section where you have an opportunity to describe your work in detail. One of the questions in the Mentoring for Leadership reporting system is, "Did any member step up to mentor another member?" That one is a Y/N answer. Go to item 9 and give details. If your Auxiliary sponsored a training session, you can report that as mentoring. Be sure to include how many members attended the session, and how many members acted as trainers. You can also include details about what was taught, how much time was spent planning and carrying out the session. Some Auxiliaries have developed a form for members to complete each month describing their work on programs. Some have appointed one person in the Auxiliary to be responsible for entering the information into the Department's reporting system. They say it simplifies things and prevents duplication of entries. Hopefully, you will check out the reporting system and find that it is not so difficult to use. Please report your work!

Here are a few questions for you to ponder . . .

If you are a long-time member, are you providing encouragement and guidance to newer members?

If you are a current officer, are you setting a good example for future officers?

If you are a newer member, are you asking questions?

About the Texas VFW Foundation

The Texas VFW Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity founded by the Texas VFW to provide assistance to qualifying Texas veterans and their families who are in financial hardship and to promote programs that raise awareness and educate the public about the sacrifices made by America's veterans and the unique and special needs resulting from their service. Founded in 2002, the Texas VFW Foundation has received over \$6.9 million in grants and assistance over 3,300 veterans' families, which included over 4,000 dependents, and 123 surviving spouses.

Contact:

Beth West
Executive Director



(512) 291-6850

foundation@texasvfw.org

<https://txvfw.org/texas-vfw-foundation/>



###



Erline Mayberry Scholarship

March 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.

Please get the word out about the Mayberry Scholarship. Students cannot apply for this scholarship if they don't know about it!!! Put the information on your Auxiliary Facebook page, discuss it at your meetings, even put it in the local newspaper. **GET THE WORD OUT!!!**

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

Please report what your Auxiliary does to promote the Mayberry Scholarship under NC Scholarship on the reporting website: **vfwauxnc.org**.



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

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



Let the March winds help! GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP

**MARCH
2024**

President's Special Project



Goal \$30,000

National President is coming to town March 13-15, 2024 and we will be going the Veteran's Farm of NC for a visit. Make sure that you are there.

Giving Veterans a New Mission, and America, a New Farmer

Veteran's Farm experience:

- Integrating Veterans Back to Farms
- Real Life Training and Education
- Reintegration back onto farms of their own
- Assistance through Orgs, State and Federal Levels
- Teaching veterans to farm on small to mid scale size
- Fully operational farm where all training is hands on with existing agricultural business models
- Three training programs and workshops starting in 2023
- Equipment programs for Veterans beginning farms
- Strong focus on networking and marketing of Veteran-produced products
- Many industry connections

THE VETERAN'S FARM OF NC, INC.

160 Brookstone Dr.
Cameron, NC 28326
(252)725-4875

www.VFNC.org

@vetfarmofnc



Report, Report, Report

Thanks so much for the great participation at the Winter Council Meeting. We now have over 104 reports and almost 100% reporting. Keep the reports coming. Pins are still available for purchase, just contact Dept. Treasurer to send me the order form for purchase.

District 1-Aux 6060, 7312, 10950

District 2-Aux 2615, 7032, 9959

District 3-Aux 2057

District 4-Aux 7315, 8986, 9133, 9810, 9960

District 5-Aux 7288, 9983, 10400

District 6-Aux 1920, 10607

District 7-Aux 6722, 6983, 7383, 10999, 10225

District 8-Aux 670, 6018

District 9-None Reported

District 10-Aux 2972, 8297

District 11-Aux 9010, 9436

District 12-Aux 2908, 3006, 9134

District 13-Aux 1160, 2423

District 14-Aux 1706 2031

District 15-Aux 1142, 4286, 7034

District 16-Aux 5206, 9116

District 17-Aux 5202, 6812, 7339

Here are more stats:

Veterans Impacted:

Trained

400

Currently Helping

800

Suicide Prevention

5

Chairperson

Sandra A. Jeffries

2058 Paisley,

Haw River, NC 27258

Phone#: 336-686-0456

Sajeffries2001@yahoo.com

Happy St. Patrick's Day





March 2024

Youth Activities Program 2023 – 24

Small Hands Helping, in Big Ways

Becky Rowe, Dept of NC., Youth Activities Chairman

ba.rowe@sbcglobal.net

314-393-5377

Get Excited for the Red White and Blue Contest
Contest for youth to sing our National Anthem.

Illustrating America Art Contest

An Art contest for eligible students in Grades K-8.

Deadlines are March 31, 2024

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations and Patriotic Youth Award

These awards can be found on MALTA under Member Resources/Youth Activities. These are self-printable citations to be awarded to Youth Groups and Individual Youths, to recognize youth in our communities for their efforts and service projects honoring our veterans, and assisting service members and their families.

Youth Activities Program Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about **Patriotism Through Literacy** and utilizing the **Random Act of Patriotism card (R.A.P.)**
 - Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community about Patriotism Through Literacy and utilizes the Random Act of Patriotism card (R.A.P.) Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2024 for judging.
 - The Department Youth Activities Chairman must email National Headquarters by April 30, 2024 at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
 - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/ or event that educates their community about Patriotism Through Literacy and utilizes the Random Act of Patriotism card (R.A.P.)
 - The Department Youth Activities Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Youth Activities Ambassador by April 30, 2024 for judging.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

Department online reporting is used for Department Awards at Convention.



"CultivETing The Future For Our Veterans"

Date: 2/19/2024

East-- Laura Verdon

District 1 Pres Rhonda Leaver					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	237	247	161	104.22%
7312	Sunbury	23	24	18	104.35%
10950	Outer Banks	39	37	33	94.87%
TOTALS		299	308	212	103.01%

District 4 Pres Karen Larkin					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2514	New Bern	109	0	0	Closed
7315	Havelock	176	186	159	105.68%
7547	Clinton	65	57	56	87.69%
8986	Newport	57	55	47	96.49%
9133	Jacksonville	183	179	149	97.81%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	272	268	221	98.53%
11119	West Craven	36	36	31	100.00%
		0			
TOTALS		927	810	692	87.38%

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	43	44	30	102.33%
2771	Kinston	15	17	7	113.33%
7032	Greenville	55	39	25	70.91%
9959	Mount Olive	44	45	31	102.27%
TOTALS		157	145	93	92.36%

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	274	281	178	102.55%
8866	Holden Beach	99	101	96	102.02%
9983	Holly Ridge	144	147	118	102.08%
10226	Oak Island	87	81	71	93.10%
10400	B Spring Lakes	75	77	37	98.67%
121966	Leland	0	17	3	
TOTALS		679	704	503	103.68%

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

District 7 Pres Ivy Blucher					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6983	Angier	21	17	14	80.95%
6722	Lillington	20	17	15	85.00%
7383	Cary	153	147	119	96.08%
9103	Spring Lake	100	100	92	100.00%
10225	Garner	110	108	92	98.18%
10999	Raleigh	40	42	23	105.00%
TOTALS		444	431	355	97.07%

EASTERN	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2595	2487	1918	95.84%

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

Date: 2/19/2024

Central Sandra Jeffries

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

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

District 8 Pres Julia Stancil Warren					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	121	142	97	117.36%
4542	Spring Lake	0	0	0	0.00%
6018	Fayetteville	189	194	156	102.65%
10,630	Hope Mills	35	34	24	97.14%
TOTALS		345	370	277	87.47%

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	94	90	37	95.74%
3006	Salisbury	110	91	50	82.73%
6365	Locust	18	18	4	100.00%
8989	Kannapolis	138	131	59	94.93%
9134	Rockwell	30	25	17	83.33%
TOTALS		390	355	167	91.03%

District 9 Pres Angi Hardy					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	51	54	30	105.88%
5631	Sanford	111	108	92	97.30%
7318	Southern Pines	311	336	282	108.04%
9881	Biscoe	merged	0	0	0.00%
10,403	Wadesboro	46	44	23	95.65%
TOTALS		519	542	427	98.19%

CENTRAL	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1486	1494	1014	100.54%

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

Date: 2/19/2024

Western Lin Moore

District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1119	Cooleemee	27	27	10	100.00%
5352	Kernersville	122	138	52	113.11%
7794	Elkin	36	37	12	102.78%
9010	Clemmons	59	56	49	94.92%
9436	Pilot Mountain	72	68	25	94.44%
11173	Walnut Cove	20	21	0	105.00%
TOTALS		336	347	148	103.27%

District 15 Pres Sherry Brooks					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	84	80	66	95.24%
4286	Newland	34	36	23	105.88%
5381	Lenoir	56	37	37	66.07%
7031	Boone	43	42	21	97.67%
7034	Sparta	59	59	43	100.00%
7946	Jefferson	29	29	11	100.00%
TOTALS		305	283	201	92.79%

District 13 Pres Becky Rowe					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	146	140	127	95.89%
2423	Indian Trail	108	100	87	92.59%
5464	Monroe	45	46	33	102.22%
6724	Paw Creek	34	37	28	108.82%
7775	Charlotte	21	21	19	100.00%
9337	Gastonia	71	66	27	92.96%
9736	Croft	16	16	5	100.00%
TOTALS		441	426	326	96.60%

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

District 14 Pres Linda Owens					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	72	68	47	94.44%
2031	Statesville	68	70	57	102.94%
4066	Shelby	21	19	12	90.48%
5305	Newton	31	37	10	119.35%
TOTALS		192	194	126	101.04%

District 17 Adele Barcia					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	200	180	136	90.00%
5202	Waynesville	217	209	112	96.31%
6812	Hayesville	52	52	37	100.00%
7339	Franklin	79	72	44	91.14%
TOTALS		548	513	329	93.61%

WESTERN	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2012	1943	1275	96.57%

DEPT	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	6872	6702	4934	97.53%

NC At-Large	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	668	778	730	116.47%

Needed to reach 100%

170