



Serving Our To-toly Oz-some Veterans

October 2025

Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

First, I want to thank you for your words of encouragement during this time of transition. I want to ensure you that our Auxiliary remains strong and steady in its mission. Together, we will continue the important work of serving our veterans, their families, and our communities.

As our district meetings begin to wind down, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your dedication, participation, and continued support throughout this round of meetings. Your commitment to our mission and to one another has made a meaningful impact in our communities and within our organization.

As we move forward, I ask that you **report the activities you are doing**—whether it's community outreach, flag ceremonies, hospital volunteer service, or membership. Sharing your efforts helps us stay connected and celebrate the incredible work happening across our Department.

Additionally, please **contact me when you are planning or hosting events**. I would love the opportunity to attend and support as many of them as possible. Being present with you and your members is important to me, and I look forward to joining you whenever I can.

Let's continue to **work together** to strengthen our Department and serve our communities with pride and purpose. Your collaboration and communication are key to our success. When we work together, we can accomplish what seems impossible alone. Every member's effort matters, and together, we can reach our goals and make a lasting difference for our veterans and their families.

As we move forward, let us lean on one another, celebrate our strengths, and stay focused on the purpose that unites us- serving veterans and their families with love and respect. I am deeply grateful for each of you, for the talents you bring, and for the heart you show in all that you do. Together, we will not only continue the work before us, but we will thrive as an Auxiliary family.

If you have any **questions or concerns**, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am always here to support you.

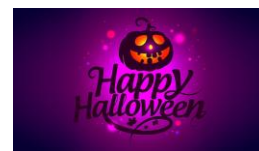
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Our next "Thinking Thursday" will be held on **October 23 at 7 PM**. The topic will be: **"How to Recognize Unhealthy Auxiliaries."** I encourage everyone to attend and join the discussion.



A Message from the Department Treasurer
October 2025
Vfwauxnc.org



Brothers and Sisters,

Happy October Everyone!

Please remember your September 30 Audits are due to me no later than November 30. Before submitting the audit to me, the audit must be presented to your Auxiliary by being read completely to the members, voted on and accepted. This date has to be included on the Audit. Without this date, the audit will not be accepted,

When filing the 990 Postcard for your Auxiliary or District, ONLY THE TREASURER should be filing this. Another member of the Auxiliary or District should not have access to your online financial accounts, including your IRS files. The other very important thing you need to know, there is ZERO cost involved in filing the 990. At no time should anyone be paying any fee whatsoever to file the 990. If you are paying someone to file this for your Auxiliary/District you are being scammed. Do NOT pay anyone for filing your 990.

Every year during elections it is not uncommon for an outgoing treasurer to be elected as a trustee. This does not negate the ability of the outgoing treasurer, now trustee, to participate in the audit of the last books that he/she was responsible for. There are two other trustees also verifying the records: the checkbook, the bank statements, deposits, disbursements, etc. This is why there is more than 1 trustee. Additionally, the new treasurer should have reviewed the books at the time the audit is called. There is absolutely nothing inappropriate about this. No more so than a family member of the treasurer serving as a trustee and verifying the books of their family member.

Apparently, another reminder is needed about membership dues and what is to be sent with applications. The amount of the check which should be submitted with a new annual member **is \$18**, (\$10 for National dues, \$8 for Department dues). You do not send the full amount paid by the applicant to your Auxiliary, which would be the amount of your Auxiliary dues. Any amount over \$18 remains in your Auxiliary account, generally in your general funds to be used as needed for Auxiliary expenses. If you send more than \$18 for an annual member application, I will return the check to you, and it will delay the processing of the application.

While we are on the subject of applications, there will be a new application in January 2026. As soon as these are available, I will put it on the Department website, send it to the District Presidents to distribute to their Auxiliaries. Beginning in January, the new application form **IS THE ONLY APPLICATION FORM THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED**. This is a directive from National. If you receive any applications, you need to get those submitted immediately. By the way, you should never hold on to an application anyway. If the signature on the application is more than 90 days old when it is received by National of your Department treasurer, the application will be returned. The big change on applications, which I will go into more detail later, is the new application will not have a section for credit card information for those individuals wanting to pay their life dues by credit card. They will still be able to pay by credit card, but they will receive a notification from National once the information is entered in the system, to go in and enter their credit card information. They will have 30 days to respond. So, it will be very important that all applications have an email and phone number on them if the applicant wants to pay by credit card.

And now, another reminder about your contributions, all contributions made and sent to me MUST BE ACCOMPANIED with a CONTRIBUTION SHEET. The sheet can be found on the Department website. A prime example of the need for this is recently I received contributions from 2 Auxiliaries. 1 did not send a contribution form. but only wrote in the memo section where they wanted the money applied. I made copies of these checks to have a record of the contributions. The other Auxiliary sent a contribution form and wrote in the memo section of the check for the contribution. However, the note in the memo section did not agree with the contribution sheet. Had I only had the checks to go by, that Auxiliary would not have received credit for each of the contributions they made. This is just one example of the importance of the contribution sheet. Please, be sure to send one with your contribution checks.

I hope to see many of you at the Council of Administration meeting in Greensboro. And as always, if there is anything I can do to be of assistance, if you have even the smallest question, please reach out to me. It is much better to ask a question if you have a doubt or are unsure, than to just move forward and possibly cause a delay with what you are submitting.

Sandra Johnson-Leu,

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OCTOBER NOTES

I still get a few messages in my personal email account, so this is a reminder to please use this email address sec4vfwauxnc@gmail.com for Auxiliary related communications. I still check both, but using this one makes it easier for me to find Auxiliary business items. THANKS.

Thinking Thursday is back on for October. Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00. The topic will be "How to Recognize Unhealthy Auxiliaries" and President, Lin Moore encourages everyone to attend and contribute to the discussion. Requests/suggestions for future topics can be sent to Lin at lmoores51@yahoo.com, or to the email address above and I will forward them to Lin.

If you know of a member who is hospitalized or otherwise in need of some cheering up, let me know and I'll add it to the Bulletin Board. Other requests can also be made for the Bulletin Board. It is a good way to get a message out between monthly Mail publications.

The monthly mail is intended to keep everyone informed about the goings on of our Department. The standard recipient list includes every Auxiliary President, Treasurer, and Secretary using the email address found in MALTA. I would like to suggest that each Secretary create an email group that includes all of the members of their Auxiliary, in order to forward the monthly mail and each Bulletin Board notification to their members as they are received.

Reminders for the COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

For those planning to attend the CoA next weekend – Oct 3-5, please remember to bring your phone, your tablet, or laptop computer to the training session. We're going to try something new! Also, do not forget to bring a nice item for the auction. Remember, it is a joint Special Project, so remind your Post members to contribute something, too.

Veterans and Family Support

October 2025



Hello Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliary, as we step into October, I want to take a moment to say **THANK YOU**—for your unwavering dedication to our Veterans and their families. Your compassion and commitment continue to make a real difference in the lives of those who have served this great nation.

October holds special meaning as we observe the **National Day of the Deployed**. I encourage each Auxiliary to honor our deployed service members by handing out “Thank You” cards. If your Auxiliary has adopted a unit, consider sending them care packages or heartfelt notes to remind them they’re never far from our thoughts.

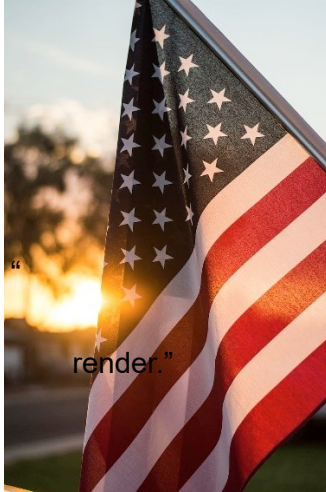
Let’s also extend our support to the families of deployed service members. Whether it’s helping with yard work, preparing a meal, or simply checking in, these small acts of kindness go a long way.

Finally, I ask that you display a **yellow ribbon** in your auxiliary room when your unit deploys. It’s a simple but powerful symbol that says, “We remember. We care. We stand with you.”

Together, we continue to push forward—for our Veterans, for their families, and for the values we hold dear.



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#WE CAN AND WE WILL



Americanism

October 2025

“Americanism is a question of spirit, of conviction and purpose, not creed or birthplaces. The test of our worth is the service we

President
Roosevelt

October Patriotic Days

**US Navy Birthday Oct 13th, National Day of the Deployed Oct 26th
National Civics Day Oct 27th**

It is the start of my favorite time of the year, Fall. Have you had a retirement ceremony yet this year?

It would be a great time to have one and maybe even throw in some smores for the children as a treat after teaching them how to properly fold and retire a flag. Teaching our youth about Celebrating the flag and educating our youth about the proper way to retire or fold a flag is one of the easiest ways to earn credit for Americanism.

Let's Celebrate the Navy. This year the United States Navy turns 250 Years Old. Make sure to wish all our Navy Veterans a Happy Birthday on the 13th. Maybe even find out if there are some Navy veterans in your local nursing home or VA hospital and celebrate with a cake cutting.

As always coordinate with your VFW so that we can honor our veterans and continue to complete our programs.

If you need ideas or more information on Flag etiquette, history of the flag or the U.S Flag code you can visit VFW.org/community/flag-etiquette

Can't wait to see you all at the COA. I will be announcing the three auxiliaries that won the gift cards and thanking all auxiliaries that put in report for Americanism at our state meeting at the COA.

Jeanette (Jeannie) Platt

Americanism Program Chairman

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Auxiliary Outreach October 2025

OCTOBER

is the tenth month of the year and is officially autumn. The



major holiday is Halloween on the 31st.

There are many ways to volunteer. Decorations at churches has been a big event lately. A lot of the work in the cemetery is by volunteers.

Halloween is coming up and offers many new sites for volunteering, Trunk-or-treat offers opportunities for us. Just remember to follow the guidelines.



Soon cold weather will be here and soup kitchens will be opening up. Volunteers are always needed for these.

President Lin's theme is "Serving our Toto-Ly Oz-Some Veterans". Let's all help make this a great year. We should all help her on her journey down the yellow brick road.

If you have questions or concerns, I will be glad to help.



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“Buddy”® Poppy



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Distribution of the Buddy Poppy goes back more than a century when the VFW Organization held the first poppy distribution before Memorial Day 1922. With Veterans Day coming up on November 11, let's think about holding a joint Buddy Poppy drive with the VFW Post and Auxiliary.

In addition to Veteran's Day Buddy Poppies may be distributed and worn on:
US Navy's Birthday - October 13
National Day of the Deployed - October 26
US Marine Corps Birthday - November 10

Share the information about your Buddy Poppy drive on social media.

- ✧ Remember to report all your events in the Department reporting system.
<http://vfwauxnc.org>



The National Home's mission is to change lives with unwavering support for actively serving military personnel and veterans. Also, relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members may be helped.

More information may be found at: vfnationalhome.org/get-help

You can help with a purchase of a Centennial Life Membership for \$100.00 until December 31, 2025. Additional information regarding the National Home may be found at: <https://vfnationalhome.org>

“Serving our Toto-ly Oz-Some Veterans”
NC Department President's Theme
2025-2026



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Members and officers alike often ask, “what can I do to help my Auxiliary grow and/or improve?” The first response that comes to my mind is, attend and participate in Auxiliary meetings at all levels. I’ve heard members say their attendance isn’t all that important because they do not hold an office. Let’s put that misconception to rest. EVERY member’s participation is important. Please consider attending the Department Council of Administration meetings, and the annual Department Convention. The Council of Administration meetings are an opportunity to meet other members from across the Department to network and exchange ideas. It is also an informative weekend where the Program Chairmen promote their respective programs. There is usually some specific training offered during the weekend as well. You do not have to be an officer to attend any of these meetings. Members can also help the President and other officers stay on target during a meeting by following Robert’s Rules - for example, no side bar conversations. I’ve heard that idea referred to as being too stuffy, or too formal; however, members will appreciate a well-run meeting where goals are set and accomplished. As for growing your Auxiliary, here is a simple tip: Talk to people you meet and invite them to a function at your Post or an Auxiliary event. They could be eligible to join the Auxiliary and being invited to an event is a good way to make a memorable first impression. Want more tips on making your Auxiliary a HEALTHY Auxiliary? Check out the QR Code above. It will take you to the National website where you can create an account in MALTA, or if you already have an account, you’ll be able to sign in. You can share this QR Code with nonmembers as well. They will be able to learn more about what we do, listen to National President Lois Callahan’s message, and even gain access to information regarding our scholarships.

Once you’ve signed-in to MALTA, I want you to click on Member Resources, look down the left-hand column and click on Extension & Revitalization. You will find information to help make your Auxiliary strong and successful. Auxiliary Presidents, you’ll find an Auxiliary President’s Meeting Checklist, and Agenda, some things to-do and deadlines. You’ll also find a sample phone tree, and a couple of pages showing Auxiliary challenges and solutions. I hope you will print the Member Questionnaire and have your members complete it at your next meeting. Encourage them to be completely honest and share their thoughts and concerns. These comments will be very valuable to you as you plan your subsequent meetings. Once you have used National’s resources found in MALTA, be sure to go to the Department’s website (vfwauxnc.org) to report all of your Auxiliary’s activities as they fit into each of the program categories.

While you are in MALTA, Be sure to look at the National President’s Program Book and Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation. If you are new to an office this year, Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation has a description of the duties of each office. Since MALTA is now a mobile app for your phone, the Bylaws and Ritual book is available anytime your phone is near! That is a good bit of advice to announce at your next meeting. And, last but not least, please check your member profile while you are signed in. Make sure all of your information is correct.

VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian/Media Relations

October 2025



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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

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October, 2025

Are you excited about your Halloween activities you have planned for our Veterans at the VA Medical Centers and other medical facilities? Making days brighter for our Veterans show we appreciate their service to our Country.

We must not forget our Women Veterans. We need to be familiar with the resources and health care services available, in order to help them receive the benefits they deserve. We need to assist with their needs, if they are a resident of a medical facility. The medical facility where they reside can advise you of their needs.

November 11th, VETERANS DAY, a day we recognize all who served in uniform to show we appreciate the service these men and women have made and continuing to make, to preserve our freedom.

Most VA Medical Centers will hold a Veterans Day program, as well as other medical facilities. Attending or presenting a Veterans Day program, show our Veterans we appreciate their many sacrifices.

HONORS ESCORT: Assist our medical facilities establish an "HONORS ESCORT", program. The family, friends, and medical facility staff of our departed Veterans, appreciate the opportunity to participate in the ceremony. The "HONORS ESCORT", program honors each Veteran in a respectful manner, and shows high regard for the Veteran at the time of death.

REMINDER: I encourage you to review the awards and citations on Malta, that you need to apply for. Go to Member Resources, then HOSPITAL.

"FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA", thank you for all you do for our hospitalized Veterans.

**Loyally,
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CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



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November 2025

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Willie Glance – Honorary VAVS

NEEDS: Medium and Large Sweatpants for Veterans being discharged from the hospital. We are all OUT!!!
The Holiday Season is the time of year when all organizations work especially hard to bring happiness to many of the Veterans served at the Western North Carolina VA Health Care System.

We have secured a community partner to purchase personalized gifts for our Veterans this season and will use additional funds to purchase gifts for our hospitalized Veterans.

With the blessing of our community partner and the loss of our large coffee donor, due to logistical/shipping costs (loss of \$25,000 in coffee), we are turning focus to our **Jingle Bell Java campaign**.

As we celebrate the holidays, coffee reminds us of the small meaningful ways we connect with each other. Coffee holds a deep significance for Veterans and has been a staple in military culture, providing energy and morale during challenging times. It is enjoyed daily by inpatients, outpatients, CBOC's and residents in our Community Living Center.

We are asking organizations to pledge support to our Jingle Bell Java campaign for our Veterans. Your organization will be listed as a supporting donor, on our coffee cart, as it travels throughout the hallways of our VA!

Your donation will provide:

- * \$60 = 150 Cups of coffee
- * \$220 = 550 Cups of coffee
- * \$350 = 880 Cups of coffee
- * \$400 = 1,000 Cups of coffee

Sponsorship checks should be made out payable to Voluntary Service and mailed to:

Voluntary Service
1100 Tunnel Road
Asheville, NC 28805

Please indicate **Jingle Bell Java** campaign in the memo section on the check.

This season, as you gather with family and friends, let's remember to embrace our Veterans. Hats off to warm mornings, merry afternoons, and evenings full of love, laughter, and the ultimate companion (coffee) to the holiday spirit, we can hear it saying, "**Welcome Home!**"

God Bless America & Our Troops!



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October 2025



Durham VA Supporters:

The 911 Welcome Home Block party was a big success. There were not as many visitors as we had last year, but those who were there seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Thank you to those of you who made any donations to this event. It will be an annual event, so hopefully next year we will have more veterans participating.

This month we are going to look at the donation requests for the CLC (Community Living Center) at the VA.

- ❖ *Movie Gift cards*
- ❖ *Electric Shaver/razors*
- ❖ *Sponsorship for Restaurant Outing*
- ❖ *Sponsorship for Sporting Events (Bowling, Top Golf, Durham Bulls Games)*
- ❖ *Gardening Gift Cards (Lowe's, Home Depot)*
- ❖ *Sponsorship of Luncheon/Dinner parties*
- ❖ *Netflix gift cards*
- ❖ *Amazon gift cards (for prime movies, music)*
- ❖ *Sunglasses*
- ❖ *Sponsorship of Bingo/Games/Parties*

The current goals for the CLC unit are: Community Integration, socialization, Rehabilitation (outside the building), adaptive leisure.

As you are planning ahead, please remember that the holidays will be here before we know it. The VA will be looking for donations in November for the Thanksgiving food bags and in December for the Christmas giving tree. These are two of the largest donation months, so please help as much as you can. As soon as the suggested needs lists are available I will send the information out, and then again in next month's mail.

We appreciate all of your generosity and assistance to our Veterans being served by the Durham VA medical system, which includes Durham, Garner, Greenville and Wilmington.

Sandra Johnson-Leu, Durham VAVS Representative

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**SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER
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October, 2025

We have cooler weather, leaves start falling, Autumn has arrived, we start thinking about Halloween. Visit our hospitalized Veterans, take Halloween treats, or plan an activity, it will put smiles on many faces.

Recruit youth in your community to assist with Halloween activities. It would be a treat for our Veterans, if youth volunteers would wear their Halloween costumes.

OUR GOAL

SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF OUR VETERANS

VOLUNTEER

CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

REMEMBER SPECIAL HOLIDAYS

ADOPT A NEIGHBORHOOD

PLAN FUN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BINGO

TAKE AN AMERICAN FLAG OR FAVOR WHEN VISITING

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our hospitalized Veterans at the Salisbury VA.

**Loyally,
Farres Upton
VAVS Representative**



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—OCTOBER 2025

Lighting the way between veterans' families and legislators with a wave of gratitude. Let's turn our Gratitude into Action!



CONGRESS: As I write this, congress is again about to kick the can down the road again. The house passed a bill to avoid a partial government shutdown by October 1st but prospects in the Senate look dim.

Passed the House and sent to the Senate—Contact our Senators and request they Pass these in the Senate!

Senator Thom Tillis:

Contact

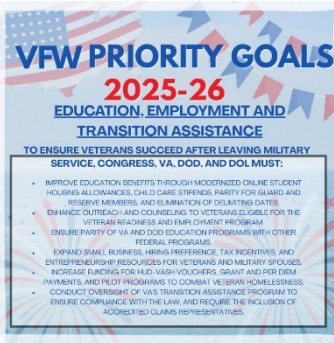
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Senator Ted Budd:

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House Passes 14 Veteran Bills: Fourteen bipartisan veteran bills passed the House and now head to the Senate for consideration. They address a range of health care and benefits issues. **VFW-supported bills** include [H.R.3400](#), *TRAVEL Act of 2025*, to allow VA physicians to serve temporarily as traveling physicians in territories and possessions of the United States to provide health care services to veterans in underserved areas; [H.R.3951](#), *Rural Veterans' Improved Access to Benefits Act of 2025*, to extend license portability allowing eligible health care providers to perform disability examinations across state lines and expanding access for veterans; and [H.R.2334](#), *Servicemember Residence Protection Act*, to preempt state laws regarding squatter's rights for premises owned by individuals who are on active military service. [Read more.](#)



[Priority Goals Brochure](#)

CONTEST!!! The purpose is to GROW Action Corps Weekly engagement both **subscribers** and **actions taken** so our collective voice is louder on Capitol Hill. **Baseline Stats as of July 1, 2025:** Dept. of NC, subscribers=1,6201, participants 50 and percentage .31.

• **How to Increase Numbers:**

- **New Subscribers** [sign up new people](#)
- **Actions Taken** open and send the action alerts!

The power to make change lies in numbers. By increasing our number of subscribers and increasing Action Alert responses, we send a clear, united message that cannot be ignored! Thank you for championing our Legislative Program with that **Gratitude Attitude** together we will turn awareness into action.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

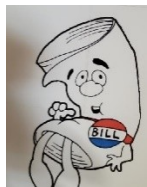
1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Priority Goals.

• Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Priority Goals. **Entry form is required** and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Legislative Chairman

by **March 31, 2026**, for judging.

[View our Resources for the Legislative Program!](#)

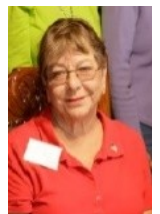


Visit our Facebook Page, Dept of NC VFW Auxiliary Legislative Program to keep up with Legislative News and Action Alerts!

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"Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclination, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

—John Adams (1770)



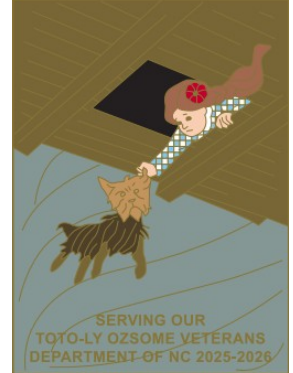
Membership 2025-2026

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National President Lois Callahan's Theme: From Sea to Shining Sea-
Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free

Department President Lin Moore's Theme: Serving Our Toto-ly Oz-Some Veterans

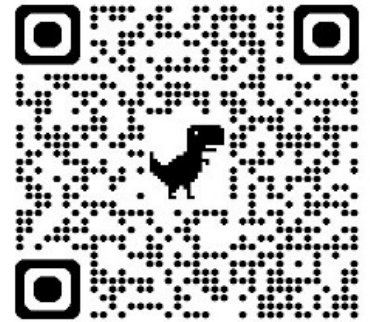
As of Sept. 17th, the Department is at 83.63%, we need 1,140 members to reach 100%. We now have 6 Auxiliaries at 100%. Remember all Auxiliaries that reach 100% by September 30th will be entered into a drawing of a \$50.00 gift card for their Auxiliary. Drawing will be held at the Fall C of A.



Does Your Auxiliary Have a New Member Packet?

Below are some materials that should be included in your packet.

- New Member Welcome Letter
- Member Benefits One-Sheet
- Create a Malta profile
- Understanding Auxiliary Traditions
- VFW Auxiliary Acronyms and Common Terminology
- An Overview of the National Programs



At the Fall C of A there will be a joint training program with the comrades, so please try to attend. Remember to bring your laptop, tablet or phone to for the training.

Membership resources can be found on:

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

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

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"I Am The Ocean"

Department President Anna Holm's Special Project October 2025



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Somewhere Over the Rainbow...

A Veteran is hurting...

A Veteran is confused...

A Veteran needs help...

Department President Anna Holm's Special Project will help those Veterans.

Veterans Mental Health

Department President Anna Holm's and Department Commander Edward Beard
is a joint special project.

Please show support and attend the "High Bid Auction" Friday night at C of A October 3rd
Doors open at 6:30 pm, Bidding Starts at 7:00 pm.

Close-up of: Mental health care we provide at VA Salisbury health care

Salisbury - W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center 1601 Brenner Avenue Salisbury, NC 28144 704-638-9000
Or 704-638-9000

Our medical center and clinics provide consultation, evaluation, and treatment for a range of issues that may impact your mental health or emotional well-being. Our confidential outpatient services include individual and group therapy for:

- Psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and depression
- Marriage and relationship problems
- Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Anxiety, addictive behaviors, and personality disorders
- Aggressive or self-harming behaviors

"Serving our TOTO-ly OZsome Veterans"

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Goal!

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS 2025 - 2026

National Auxiliary President Lois Callahan's theme: "From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Our Veterans Who Keep Us Free"

Department Auxiliary President Anna Holm's theme: "Serving Our Toto-ly Oz-Some Veterans"



Scholarship Chairperson: Frances Perini

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OCTOBER 2025

Hi everyone, I hope that you are all enjoying the cooler weather and are able to get out more to distribute scholarship information. This month you need to contact the schools and places that you already distributed the information to and remind them that the deadline for the Patriots Pen and the VOD contestants entries are due to the Post by October 31st. When receiving entries please make sure that they are filled out properly so that they will not be disqualified before judging.

I hope that you were able to distribute all the other scholarship applications when you distributed the ones for Patriots Pen and VOD contests, if not this is the time to do it. Distributing them now will give the contestants time to research and decide what they want to do. The deadlines for the other contests are as follows: Continuing Education is February 15, 2026, Young American Creative Patriotic Art is March 31, 2026 and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art is March 31, 2026. A brief description and how to find entry forms and information for these scholarships follows.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP: This is the VFW National Presidents special project this year. This is the only program limited to membership and is open to any Auxiliary member their spouses and children. The scholarship is \$1,250 and is awarded to one winner in the four conferences. Entrant must be at least 21 years of age, complete the application and submitted an essay of 300 words or less. Deadline for the application is February 15, 2026 to National headquarters. To download entry forms and information visit www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST: Open to any student in grades 9-12. Students submit an original two-dimensional piece of artwork. Entry must be completed during the current school year and submitted to the Auxiliary by March 31, 2026. The first place winner will receive a \$15,000 scholarship. To download entry forms and information visit www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships

3-DIMENSIONAL PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST: Open to any students in grades 9-12. Students submit an original 3-dimensional piece of artwork. Entry must be completed during current school year and submitted to the Auxiliary by March 31, 2026. The first place winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. To download entry forms and information visit www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships

I have another national scholarship that is being incorporated into the scholarship program and needs to be promoted. **This scholarship is the VFW's "Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"**. This scholarship was introduced in 2013 and awards scholarships to qualifying service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. For information visit vfw.org/assistance and press assistance at the top of the page and then press student veterans support right underneath, this will give you all information needed. You will then have to go to vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support/application and set up an account to obtain the application. Scholarships up to \$5,000 awarded are limited to one per family per semester.

YOUTH ACTIVITES – OCTOBER 2025

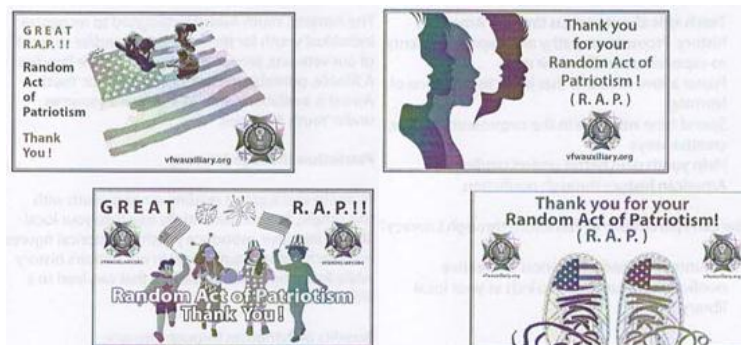
Check out the new R.A.P. Cards in MALTA Member Resources. Just scan this QR Code and it will take you right to them:



What better way is there to let out youth know they are doing an amazing job then to present them with a **YOUTH ACT OF KINDNESS CERTIFICATE**



Or print out a handful of **RANDOM ACT OF PATRIOTISM CARDS** and hand them out "RANDOMLY."



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VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NC Membership Report
President Lin Moore 2025-26 Chairman- Angi Hardy

Date: 9.23.2025

East-Wendy Doubles

District 1 Pres Mary Coatney					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	255	185	183	72.55%
7312	Sunbury	23	18	17	78.26%
10950	Outer Banks	38	38	36	100.00%
TOTALS		316	241	236	76.27%

District 4 Pre.Jaymie Hayes					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2514	New Bern	22	9	8	40.91%
7315	Havelock	205	188	182	91.71%
7547	Clinton	54	53	53	98.15%
8986	Newport	70	55	54	78.57%
9133	Jacksonville	198	161	162	81.31%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	287	250	234	87.11%
11119	West Craven	29	27	27	93.10%
TOTALS		894	772	749	86.35%

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	46	30	30	65.22%
2771	Kinston	18	9	9	50.00%
7032	Greenville	39	29	25	74.36%
9959	Mount Olive	51	37	33	72.55%
TOTALS		154	105	96	68.18%

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	328	238	237	72.58%
8866	Holden Beach	111	110	110	99.10%
9983	Holly Ridge	184	167	157	90.76%
10226	Oak Island	99	99	95	97.98%
10400	B Spring Lakes	81	52	48	64.20%
121966	Leland	18	10	10	55.56%
TOTALS		821	674	657	82.10%

District 3 Pres Yvonne McLeod					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	70	55	55	78.57%
TOTALS		70	55	55	78.57%

District 7 Pres Wanda McCall					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6722	Lillington	27	21	21	77.78%
7383	Cary	151	139	132	92.05%
9103	Spring Lake	106	96	95	90.57%
10225	Garner	112	102	93	91.07%
10999	Raleigh	37	37	31	100.00%
TOTALS		433	395	372	91.22%

EASTERN	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	2688	2242	2165	82.06%

President: Lin Moore

2025-26

Chairman: Angi Hardy

Date: 9.23.25

Central - Johnnie Cox

District 6 Pres Emily Ball					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1920	Mebane	50	50	30	100.00%
10607	Burlington	39	33	28	84.62%
TOTALS		89	83	58	93.26%

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	20	18	6	90.00%
2972	Gibsonville	36	32	32	88.89%
3074	Lexington	39	34	14	87.18%
8297	Mway Monroeton	55	49	47	89.09%
TOTALS		150	133	99	88.67%

District 8 Pres Mary Zanders					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	198	162	148	81.82%
6,018	Fayetteville	201	169	168	84.08%
10,630	Hope Mills	34	30	28	88.24%
TOTALS		433	361	344	83.37%

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
3006	Salisbury	98	65	59	66.33%
6365	Locust	22	7	7	31.82%
8989	Kannapolis	120	79	62	65.00%
9134	Rockwell	22	14	14	63.64%
TOTALS		262	164	142	81.90%

District 9 Pres Angi Hardy					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	56	52	38	92.86%
5631	Sanford	123	116	110	94.31%
7318	Southern Pines	365	346	339	94.79%
10,403	Wadesboro	43	26	26	60.47%
TOTALS		587	540	513	91.99%

CENTRAL	2025 Mbrs.	2026 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS	1521	1281	1156	80.67%

Chairman: Angi Hardy

Needed to Reach 100 %	1111
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