



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



**National Theme:**

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

**Department Theme:**

**“Serving Those Who Have Served With Love”**

Greetings Brothers & Sisters:

Thank you all so much for your prayers, phone calls, texts, home visits, etc., it is so nice to be loved, and I can feel it. Remember we are **“Serving Those Who Have Served With Love”** and this theme is not just for our service members but also for our families and auxiliary members.

Let me start by saying that NC still needs about 180 members to hit the goal of 102% in Membership. Thanks again to all who served as Membership Angels and helped with membership in WNC. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Please make sure that if you have a member that transitions remember to remove that member in Malta immediately do not wait until the end of the year. NC is currently at 98+% and we are #2 in the Southern Conference behind Florida but ahead of South Carolina. **Recruit, Recruit, Recruit** we want as many members as we can to help grow this organization.

District Meetings are currently being held and we want everyone to attend these meetings, but we also want you to be safe during your travels. If there are weather related issues auxiliaries will need to contact their VFW commander to see if meeting is going to be cancelled and if so when and if it will be rescheduled so that we can get the information out to the members. This is not an auxiliary decision but a VFW decision.

Auxiliary & District Presidents please make sure that you are sending in your required & suggested contributions. There is so much work going on in the state, but we need for you to report it as we are soon creeping up on the close of reporting which is April 15, 2025. The [WWW.VFWNC.COM](http://WWW.VFWNC.COM) website has a link for disaster relief reports to be used for their recording and we also need auxiliary members that assisted their posts to report this information on our website. The Day of Services will be the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May and if events are being setup by your Posts & Districts please participate.

Motivational Mondays are back by popular demand please mark your calendars with these dates: February 10, 2025, March 10, 2025, April 14, 2024, and May 12, 2025, each meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are currently being scheduled as Zoom Meetings which will be shared with your district presidents who will then share with auxiliary presidents who will also need to share with members.

Please congratulate PDP Amelia Bennett who will serve as Pro-tem Chaplain for the remainder of this year as Wendy Rachels has resigned. Jr. Vice, Lin Moore will serve as Scholarship Chairman for the remainder of this year. There are other positions within local auxiliaries and districts that have changed please accept these changes and remember the mission of this organization.

February Council Meeting will be held January 31-February 2, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. The Military Order of the Cootie Grand will also be held in conjunction with the Council Meeting please make sure to support. Donations will be accepted for another Special Project auction on Friday night no need to bring quarters as we use poker chips. There will be a Silent Auction fundraiser of wreaths from all over NC to benefit the Department of NC Ways & Means.

**VFW Policy reminders:**

- Auxiliary Members are not custodians of any of the Bingo monies, keno monies, canteen monies, or licenses for the same. The Post Quartermaster is the only authorized custodian for these funds. Please remember this.
- Any donated items or artifacts that are given to the post to put on display for a limited amount of time must get a receipt on when you want it back. You do not have permission to remove it without getting permission for it be



returned. This policy was recently updated in our revised bylaw book at National 2024-2025. Charges can be brought up by the post.

- Any agreements between the Post and the Auxiliary must be in writing. Whether it is a standing operating procedure, bylaws with specifics, or a memorandum of understand that may involve monies, or work assignments with other responsibilities involved must be documented.

In closing, please remember the State of California in your prayers. Our VFW has a link on their website if you personally or your Auxiliary would like to donate to help them out. A few months ago, it was us and they did great things to help us. Let's return the favor. Being your leader has been quite the experience this year I am just so glad that you choose me, and I have my team. At the start of the year, I stated I would not even try to run this state by myself I need each of YOU!!!!

Loyally Serving Our Veterans,



Sandra Jeffries, President 2024-2025

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!!**



***Brenda Bryant***

**VFW AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

★ ★ ★ **North Carolina Visit** ★ ★ ★

**Tuesday, April 8 - Thursday, April 10, 2025**

**HOST POST/AUX: LESLIE C LEWIS AUXILIARY 7315 HAVELock, NC**

**Mark your calendar. more details are forthcoming**



**THE BLOOD  
CONNECTION**  
*Your Community Blood Center*



## **PARTNER LEVELS**

It pays to be a partner! Saving local lives starts with dedicated partners like you. And for that, you should be rewarded! Our Partner Loyalty Program gives you a way to earn points in the TBC store to redeem for your choice of e-gift cards, wellness screenings, and TBC swag. Here's how to accelerate your partnership!

### **SILVER PARTNER**

2,000 points (\$50) per blood drive  
Host 1-2 drives in a rolling 12-month period

**\$50**

### **GOLD PARTNER**

3,000 points (\$75) per blood drive  
Host 3-4 in a rolling 12-month period

**\$75**

### **PLATINUM PARTNER**

6,000 points (\$150) per blood drive  
Host 5+ drives in a rolling 12-month period

**\$150**

\*awarded after each blood drive



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## **PARTNER BONUS**

Earn bonus points in addition to your Partnership Level.

### **AWARDED AT TIME OF BOOKING**

800 points (\$20) – Schedule 3 additional drives

**+\$20**

1,000 points (\$25) – Schedule on a Monday

**+\$25**

### **AWARDED AT DRIVE COMPLETION**

50% of Partner Points level - Achieve 100% of blood drive goal

**+50%**

1,000 Points (\$25) – Increase donations by 25% from previous drive

**+\$25**

800 Points (\$20) – Complete coordinator survey after blood drive

**+\$20**

Coordinator points will expire on March 1 of every year.  
Expiration does not affect Partner Level.



# THE BLOOD CONNECTION

# BLOOD DRIVE

**Receive \$40 in TBC Rewards!**

## VFW NC COA

204 Centreport DR

Embassy Suites Greensboro Airport

Greensboro, NC 27409

**02/01/2025 | 02:30 PM–05:00 PM**

**Sponsor Code 7736**



“Eliza Cate had over 800 straight days of chemotherapy as part of her Leukemia treatment and *the need for blood transfusions was vital in her journey.*”

*Zach, Father of cancer patient, Eliza Cate*

Scan to make  
an appointment!  
(sponsor code above)



The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Donors must be 16 years or older and over 110 lbs. to donate. Written parental consent required for 16 year olds in SC and GA, 16 AND 17 year olds in NC. Before you donate blood, make sure that you drink plenty of water and eat a healthy meal. TBC Donor ID Card (preferred) or photo ID required to donate. Rewards are non-transferable.



[thebloodconnection.org](http://thebloodconnection.org)



A Message from the Department Treasurer  
February  
Vfwauxnc.org

♥ happy ♥  
*Valentine's*  
♥ day ♥

Brothers and Sisters,

Recently, I have been hearing that Auxiliaries are being told they no longer are required to have a ledger. This information is incorrect. Always review your Bylaws if you have any doubt as to your duties and requirements. Page 18 in the Booklet of instruction (yellow pages) of the Bylaws, Section L1 list some of the Duties of the Auxiliary/District treasurer. #1 States, "Under receipts, the Treasurer will report the amount of dues received from each member since the previous meeting. Any discrepancies will be checked immediately Following the meeting, the Treasurer will enter the dues in the **Treasurer's bound ledger, cashbook or computerized system.**". This tells you every Auxiliary and District **must** have a ledger of receipts and expenditures. Under the duties of the Trustees, they are instructed to review the ledger book as well as the checkbook, bank statements and other financial documents.

Any receipts submitted for reimbursement must have had the expense approved by a vote of the Auxiliary BEFORE the receipt may be reimbursed Unless the expense is pre-approved in your Standing rules, such as for postage. If a member purchases items for the Auxiliary, for any reason, that were not voted on prior to making the purchase, then that purchase becomes a donation. If the Auxiliary is planning an event and items are purchased for the event, the receipts are then presented to the trustees for approval, signed by the trustees and given to the treasurer for the reimbursement to be made. All receipts must be approved and signed by the trustees. All receipts must be clear, as well as the items purchased. The receipts should not contain items that weren't intended for the Auxiliary.

When submitting an application for membership to the Department for processing, be sure to keep a copy of the application for your records. The original shall be kept in the Auxiliary's application file until the applicant has been deceased for a period of 6 years or has reached 120 years of age. The original application should be given to the treasurer. A duplicate should be sent to the Department treasurer. However, please make sure the copy is clean and clear so there will be no difficulty in reading the information.

Please refer to section 920 Property Ownership (pages 96-97) of the Bylaws. Real property vs. personal property is defined. It also gives details regarding donations to the VFW Post, District or Department. Any personal property acquired by an Auxiliary and donated by a majority vote of the Auxiliary with the intent for the item to remain with the real property or facility owned by the VFW, shall remain the property of the VFW. Any personal property donated by an Auxiliary to the VFW MAY NOT be reclaimed by the Auxiliary, District or Department without the consent of the VFW organization. In other words, once you have donated or given any property to the VFW you may NOT take it back without their permission.

District dues are sent to your District treasurer, not to the Department treasurer. When these come to me, I then have to return them to the Auxiliary. This delays your dues getting to the District in a timely manner. Donations to the EMSF must be written in a separate check, as instructed on the contribution form. When it is included with other contributions, it must be deposited in the Department General fund account and then the Department treasurer must write a check from the Department General fund account to the EMSF. This is unnecessary extra work that can easily be avoided by the Auxiliary simply sending a separate check. Also, please make sure you are using the 2024-25 Contribution sheet, found on the Department website.

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

Sandra Johnson-Leu,  
VFWA Department Treasurer 2024-2025 Department of NC 919-906-7592 [ctrysun@embarqmail.com](mailto:ctrysun@embarqmail.com)  
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*Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder. Leave your past in the past, it will destroy your future. Live for what today has to offer, not for what yesterday has taken away.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you have read in President Sandra's Letter in this newsletter, our Department Chaplain has resigned. The prior Chaplain would be the Department Junior Vice candidate to be voted on at our June 2025 convention, but due to her resignation she will no longer be the candidate. I am officially announcing my candidacy for the 2025-2026 Junior Vice President.

I have been your Department Secretary going on my 6<sup>th</sup> year and I'm now at the end of the year as your Department Conductor. I could list my experience and prior roles/positions but most of you know that I have been a very active and dedicated member of this Department for over 10 years. I am confident that I can jump into the Junior Vice position with ease as I have thorough knowledge of the Department. It will still be a learning experience, but I believe I am able to learn all that is needed.

I hope you and your Auxiliary/District will support my candidacy and should you have any questions/concerns I'll be happy to answer to the best of my knowledge.

I look forward to seeing you all this weekend at the C of A!!!!

Loyally,

Tracy Armstrong



# Veterans and Family Support

February 2025



Hello brothers and sisters as the cold weather is setting in and there is not a lot going on outside here is something to remember about military mental health, it is a critical aspect of overall well-being for service members. The unique challenges faced by military personnel, such as exposure to combat, prolonged separation from family, and the stress of military life, can significantly impact mental health. Common mental health issues among military members include post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, and substance abuse.

Efforts to address these issues include providing access to mental health services, promoting resilience and coping strategies, and reducing the stigma associated with seeking help. Support systems, such as counseling, peer support groups, and family programs, play a vital role in helping service members maintain their mental health and well-being.

Although May is mental health awareness month it's essential to continue raising awareness and improving resources to ensure that military personnel receive the care and support they need. Invite a certified counselor into your VFW post to speak with Veterans and their families about issues that may concern you. Here are a few resources you may want to use.

VFW Mental wellness Campaign  
[Vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness](http://Vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness)

The Campaign to Change Direction  
[changedirection.org](http://changedirection.org)

Give An Hour  
[giveanhour.org](http://giveanhour.org)

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[#WE CAN AND WE WILL](https://www.facebook.com/wearevfw)



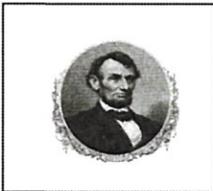


# AMERICANISM

## FEBRUARY 2025

I recently have noticed a lot of American Flags that are looking pretty worn out from the weather. This may be a great opportunity for you to reach out to your local schools and in your community. Reach out to businesses and members of your community, especially our older members that sometimes are unable to replace the flags physically and financially. When you replace the flag explain to them the proper way to retire a flag. If they are not able to do so or participate, offer to take the flag so it can be properly retired.

One of the Best ways I have found to teach adults about Our Flag is through Children! Have them participate in events. I have enclosed a flyer that will promote patriotism in both adults and children. Children love to Teach others new information they have learned, especially to adults. Go to local Schools and Daycares ask if you can take a little time to teach the children about the Flag. Give them the attached flyer to take home so they can teach their family members.



**February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Abraham Lincoln's  
Birthday

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
US Coast Guard Reserve's  
Birthday



**February 17<sup>th</sup>** President's Day



**February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
George Washington's  
Birthday



**Don't Forget to promote the lesser-known  
Holidays through education about them.**

### Did You Know?

Washington's Birthday honors George Washington the first President of the United States. Congress first honored George Washington with a federal holiday on February 22, 1879 (his actual Birthday). On January 1, 1971, Congress shifted the federal holiday to the third Monday of the month. The holiday honors the accomplishments of Washington, who created the first military badge of merit for the common soldier, the **PURPLE HEART MEDAL** (which was revived on Washington's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 1932 and bears his image) it is awarded to soldiers who are injured in battle.

**Now Share this information as the Patriotic Instructor!**

**Watch Your Deadlines for Awards!  
Keep your reports coming!**

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# Flag Education for Kids!

**This is to help you know how to take good care of the Flag of the United States of America!**

## Displaying the Flag:

- On Same Staff: U.S. flag at very top, above any other flag.
- Grouped with other flags: U.S. flag goes to its own right.
- Flags of other nations are flown at same height.
- Marching with other flags: U.S. flag to marcher's right (observer's left).
- Decoration: Never use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

## Half Staff (Halfway up the flag pole):

- On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff.
- On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until Noon and then raised.

## Saluting the U.S. Flag:

- Everyone in uniform should use the military salute.
- Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present, but not in uniform, may use the military salute.
- **Everyone else should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart.**
- If you are wearing anything on your head, take it off with your right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

## Don't do this!!!

- Do not let the flag touch the ground.
- Do not fly flag upside down unless there is an emergency.
- Do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.
- Do not use the flag as clothing.
- Do not store the flag where it can get dirty.
- Do not use it as a cover.
- Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
- Do not draw on or otherwise mark the flag.

## Flag Disposal:

***This should only be done with adult supervision!***

- The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.
- Place the flag on the fire.
- The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.



# Auxiliary Outreach February 2025



February, the second month of year is the only month with just 28 days, 29 days every 4 years. The name comes from the Latin word Februum meaning purification. The birthstone is amethyst, and the flower is violet. For such a short month it has a lot of holidays, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Groundhog day, 12<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln’s birthday, 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s day, 17<sup>th</sup> – President’s Day, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Washington’s birthday, 28<sup>th</sup> – Ramadan, it is also Black History month.

I’m looking forward to seeing a lot of members at the Winter Council of Administration meeting starting January 31 and going to February 2. I’ll have a table at the back of the room on Friday night and I hope everyone will stop by and see me. We can discuss what Auxiliary Outreach is. Don’t be afraid to ask any questions, that’s the best way to learn.

If you have computer access, I suggest you check out the January 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Ambassadors' Promotions. Don’t just look at Auxiliary Outreach, look at all the promotions. You may learn something new.



The reports that have been submitted following Hurricane Helene have been astounding. The generosity of our Department members is truly humbling. And don't forget in the months ahead that those in the mountains will still be recovering. Recovery from this disaster will take a long time. I'm also asking that if there is anything you can do to assist our brothers and sisters in California during these horrible wildfires, please do so.



Post your Auxiliary Outreach activities to your social networks. Be sure to name the members participating and that your auxiliary identification is clearly visible. This can be a shirt, a pin a hat, something that identifies you as a member of VFW Auxiliary.

**March 31, 2025**, is the deadline for when the collages of work this program year must be to me. Use your imagination when putting them together.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries –

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

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# “Buddy”® Poppy



V F W  
NATIONAL HOME

## “Buddy”® Poppy

We are now into the second half of our program year. Now is the time to start making sure that all your reports are being entered into the reporting system..

Angi Hardy-  
Chairman

[angihardy@yahoo.com](mailto:angihardy@yahoo.com)

910-322-6478

**Military & Veteran**

**Family**

**Help Line**

**800-313-4200**

It is time to start thinking about all the awards for the Auxiliaries and Department to earn. Many Auxiliaries may not be aware of the National awards they can qualify for. Check out the link to see if your Auxiliary qualifies for one  
<https://mailta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResorces>

Remember that when you are ordering “Buddy” Poppies from the Department of NC, the address has changed.

The new address is

PO Box 367, Spring Lake, NC 28390

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

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

**Reporting Website**

<http://vfwauxnc.org>

## National Home-Celebrating 100 Years!!!

Don't forget that the Centennial Membership is available until December 31, 2025. This is a great opportunity to become a life member of the National Home.

And Don't forget the Big Birthday Celebration on  
June 28, 2025!!!

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

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# VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC President Historian/ Media Relations



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# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!



## What is the E-Newsletter?

- A biweekly newsletter emailed to members who have email addresses in MALTA.

## How does it differ from the magazine?

- Comes out more frequently (every other week except in July & December)
- More short articles about time-sensitive issues with greater flexibility re: when to share
- More room for regular personalized content like #BrendaLostAndFound or #CarlaCoast2Coast
- Less in-depth articles/overviews about trips that will be better covered by magazine

- No letters to or from the editor or letter from the National President
- Does not include magazine features like “My Veteran,” “Member Spotlight” or scholarship winners’ artwork or speeches.

## Is this the same content we get on social media?:

- Sometimes, though typically Facebook will have shortened versions of articles with a note to “see the next E-Newsletter...”
- Social media has more focus on pictures & videos, while the focus in the E-Newsletter is the written word & information.

## Report, Report, Report!!!

It is so important to complete your reports in the electronic system. Don't wait until April. You are likely to forget what you've done throughout the year. If you need assistance with completing your report, please contact me.

**If you don't report it.  
It didn't happen!**

## Some reminders:

- Make sure you are posting to your Facebook group. Contact me if you have questions or need help.
- Make sure to check out the Dept of NC Historian Facebook Page. You can share your stories on that page as well.
- Share your ideas with me so I can pass them on to everyone else.
- Encourage your Auxiliary to share their story (5 W's) & photographs. Send them to me.

Everyone is doing an amazing job! Keep up the great work that you are doing.

The 2024-2025 Historian & Media Relations Award for Auxiliaries Entry Form has been posted to the Dept of NC Historian Facebook Page. This form is due to me by April 15, 2025. I must compile the forms and return to Headquarters by April 30, 2025

## Hospital Program – February 2025

Dianne Sellers, Chairman

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**February 10-14, 2025:**

**National Salute to Veterans Patients Week & Valentines for Veterans**

Purpose of this event:

- \* *pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans*
- \* *increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center*
- \* *encourage the public to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers*

We are fortunate to have available to Veterans, VA facilities (hospitals, outpatient clinics and nursing homes), which are providing health care to over 9.1 million men and women. Please take the time to “salute” these individuals with Valentine cards, bags of candy, a party, a banner, visits from students or balloons as a small token of your appreciation.

Talk to your volunteer director and charge nurse on several units and on Valentine’s Day, pipe in through the speaker system love songs found on YouTube:

“Top Love Songs of All Time”

“Unforgettable” by Natalie & Nat King Cole

“Till There Was You” by Shirley Jones

“Can’t Help Falling in Love” by Elvis Presley

“If I Ain’t Got You” by Alicia Keys

“I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston

These are just a few song suggestions, but we are half-way through the Auxiliary year and this could be a great way to give your Veterans something special that will be appreciated during National Salute to Veterans. *Music is important...*

- \* to help pain management
- \* improve cognitive function
- \* reduce depression
- \* reduce trauma
- \* reduce anxiety
- \* reduce stress
- \* emotional healing
- \* bonding & emotional connections

**Make National Salute to Veterans Patients Week,**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

**a special time for our Veterans!!**



Durham VA Medical Center  
508 Fulton St  
Durham, NC 27705  
919-286-0411 ext 177810  
February 2025

February 9-16 is Salute to Veterans week at the VA. There are many ways your Auxiliary may donate or volunteer to participate in supporting our Veterans.

Have either your Auxiliary members or a youth group sign Valentine cards to the Veterans. They love the little Valentines the kids exchange at school (if they still do this). The VA will place these cards on the meal trays of the Veterans as something just a little special to brighten their day. You can also put together little snack/goodie bags in the Valentine cellophane bags and these will be handed out to Veterans in the clinics. Items to include in these bags can include:

- Nabs
- Granola bars
- Sugar free flavor packs for water
- Sugar free snacks or candy (no hard candy or sticks as these can be a choking hazard)
- Individual snack size packs of nuts, trail mix
- Individual bags of chips, chex mix, cookies, etc.
- A deck of cards
- Small hand-held games
- Puzzle or word search books
- Pens
- Notepads

Kendra Mondren, the CDCE (VAVS) Chief of the Durham VA will be joining us at the C of A in Greensboro. She will have information on the benefits available to the Veterans and some ways you can volunteer at the VA. Please stop and talk to her and pick up some of the information she has to share. You can probably bring your Valentine donations to her and she will take them back to the VA for you.

The VA can always use donations to the blessing boxes which assist Veterans in need with basic food needs. These are kept stocked as long as there are supplies. Non-perishable items and some personal items care items are always appreciated in these donations. Please be sure to have the donation form receipt completed when making any donation. And the, make sure you report all donations on the Department reporting site.

As always, thank you for everything you do to support our Veterans through the Durham VA. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a difference.

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## **SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER**

**1601 BRENNER AVENUE, SALISBURY, NC 28144**

**Brothers and Sisters,**

### **REMINDER:**

Week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. is "SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS" week. Planned events to honor and pay tribute to our Veterans, will show we appreciate the sacrifices they made, which enables us to enjoy our freedom daily.

Preparations for the 2025 National games are already underway.

Wheelchair Games will be held in Minneapolis, MN, July 17<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup>.

Golden Age Games will be held in Memphis TN, May31st.---June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Any donations should be directed to Salisbury VA Medical Center, CDCE, (Volunteer Service) earmarked for National Games. Mailing address: 1601 Brenner Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Many have asked, what is the Golden Age Games. Golden Age Games serves Veterans 55 years and older. This event empowers Veterans living with spinal cord injuries, amputations, multiple sclerosis or other physical disabilities to live more healthy and dependent lives through adaptive sports.

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

### **VETERANS NEEDS LIST:**

Men's sweatpants & sweatshirts, particularly L, XL, XXL  
Thermal Under Garments (long john's and bottoms, (all sizes)  
Lotions and Body Wash (regular)  
Dr. Teal Body Wash (Hospice)  
Dr. Teal oatmeal/lavender lotion (Hospice)  
Dr. Teal foot cream (Hospice)

Thank you for supporting the needs of our Veterans at the Salisbury VA Medical Center, who bravely served our country.

Loyally,

Farres Upton  
Salisbury Representative



## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—FEBRUARY 2025

*From Our Roots to Our Branches,  
Extend Service to Our Veterans.*

**DON'T WAIT UNTILL VALENTINES DAY—LETS SHOW A LITTLE LOVE AND  
SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY!**

***Did you watch the January Inauguration? Check out this read:  
[Thomas Jefferson's First Inaugural: Timeless Blueprint for the Constitution](#)***



**VFW 2025 Priority Goals:** The 119th Congress is now in session. Fortunately, the **Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act** was passed and signed into law in the final days of the previous Congress. This bipartisan, bicameral legislative package was a significant and long overdue victory for transitioning service members, veterans, caretakers, and survivors. However, there was much unfinished work on other important legislation. The [VFW 2025 Priority Goals](#) include many issues that still need to be addressed. We will continue to advocate diligently to ensure the newly seated Congress provides the resources and care our nation's veterans and their families have earned and deserve.

**THE 119th CONGRESS—READY, SET, START OVER!** Around 100 veteran related bills died with the end of the 118th Congress and must be reintroduced.

Funding now expires on March 14, 2025. It will be the responsibility of the 119th Congress to grab the bull by the horns and immediately begin enacting reforms that grow the economy, cut wasteful spending, and restructure the government to serve the interests of the American people.

**U.S. SENATE:** Our NC Senator Thom Tillis has assignments with Veterans Affairs and Judiciary Committees; and Senator Ted Budd with the Armed Services Committee.

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:** Click the links to see Committee Members. [Armed Services Committee:](#) Don Davis District 1 and Pat Harrigan, District 10, serve on this Committee. [Veterans Affairs Committee:](#) NC 3<sup>rd</sup> District Congressman, Greg Murphy serves as Vice Chair.

### [\\$61M Veterans Affairs clinic planned in Jacksonville:](#)

U.S. Rep. Greg Murphy recently announced that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has selected a location for a new, state-of-the-art outpatient clinic on Western Boulevard in Jacksonville. (Congressman Murphy is also collaborating on an approach to PTSD and TBI using Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.)

### **SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND ENACTED!**

**H.R. 7365: VETS Safe Travel Act--**To provide Precheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

**THE NC HOUSE AND SENATE:** The new year brought new laws for the state of North Carolina. As part of the 2023 budget bill, the individual **income tax rate is set to decrease** from 4.5 percent to 4.25 percent this year and further to 3.99 percent in 2026. There is also the [controversial Senate Bill 382](#), which provides funding for Hurricane Helene relief efforts also alters how the Board of Elections is appointed, moves up several post-election deadlines in 2025 and changes how state Supreme Court vacancies are filled.

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

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

***"A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government." –Thomas Jefferson***



# Department of North Carolina - Membership

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

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



Remember in school how you'd make valentines and give others candy? How about being a valentine and giving the gift of membership?



**Here's what you can do! And guess what??... you can REPORT it!**

- Auxiliary Treasurers: announce how many unpaid members you have.
- Auxiliary Membership Chairs: put up a small tree, dollar tree ballon weight, or heart wreath in your meeting space.
- Put a heart shaped paper on the tree/wreath or ballon weight for every unpaid (but alive) member
  - DON'T USE MEMBER NAMES, just number them
  - Ask members in attendance to take one or more hearts off the tree and pay the dues of the member represented by the hearts.
  - Put card-making supplies (Valentine's) out so the "Dues Angels" can make a card for the person receiving the gift
  - Send that card to the receiving member. It shows that we love them and value their membership (maybe if they are able, they'll come back)
  - Don't forget to include the Membership QR Code onto ALL your cards.



Send Lyndsey ([nikh96@aol.com](mailto:nikh96@aol.com) or 443.655.4570) pictures of your Dues Angels Valentine's tree, wreath, or ballon weight and submit a report on what you did, how many you posted, how many you received all in the system. Each auxiliary that completes both steps will receive \$20.

Remember we ARE the people we serve. (Veterans and THEIR FAMILIES; that's us.) So, let's give the gift of continued service to each other; through that, our veterans may prosper.

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

*\*If you are from Posts 7312, 7547, 9810, 8866, 10226, 10225, 10999, 2087, 6365, 7946 or 6812 and didn't receive 2 membership 100% pins after the October CofA. Please contact me via email or text.*

<b>District 1</b> 6060, 7312 & 10950	<b>District 2</b> 2615	<b>District 3</b> 2057	<b>District 4</b> 7547, 8986, 9133, & 9810	<b>District 5</b> 7288, 8866, 9983, & 10226
<b>District 6</b> 1920 & 10607	<b>District 7</b> 6722, 9103, 10225 & 10999	<b>District 8</b> 670, 6018 & 10630	<b>District 9</b> 7318 & 10403	<b>District 10</b> 2087, 2972 & 8297
<b>District 11</b> 1119 & 9010	<b>District 12</b> 6365 & 9134	<b>District 13</b> 2423, 6724, 7775 & 9736	<b>District 14</b>	<b>District 15</b> 1142, 4286, 7031, 7034 & 7946
	<b>District 16</b> 5206 & 9116	<b>District 17</b> 4309, 6812, 7339		

February 2025



**NC Membership**

**96.97%**

We need 209 renewals or new members to hit 100%,  
416 more to hit 103%  
*\*As of 1/6/2024*

*Award for the Department:*  
**Silver Award:** \$250 for reaching 98% Plus by 3/31/2025  
**Gold Award:** \$300 for reaching 100% Plus by 6/30/2025  
**Platinum Award:** \$400 for reaching 101% Plus by 6/30/2025

Have a new prospect scan this QR Code!



### Reporting!

All Auxiliaries should have 2 or more reported submitted for the 24-25 year. Report when you sent renewal letters, a recruiting event, any posts made about membership on social media or phone calls

#### NC Membership Chairman:

Lyndsey Bowlus [Nikh96@aol.com](mailto:Nikh96@aol.com)  
443.655.4570

#### National Membership Ambassador:

Linda Roloff  
[Roloff3@outlook.com](mailto:Roloff3@outlook.com) 205.637.0612

#### Southern States Chairman:

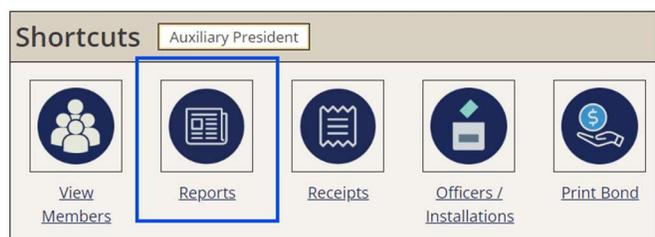
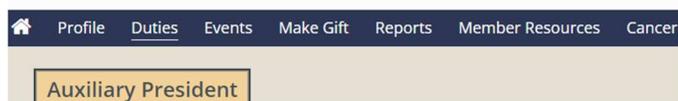
Beth West  
[bethvfwaux@gmail.com](mailto:bethvfwaux@gmail.com) 512.848.0093

# Department of North Carolina - Membership

## Tips and Tricks!

- 1 What is the acronym **CMR**? Comprehensive Membership Report
- 2 **It's Jan 1, can a member who has not renewed dues count towards quorum, vote at meetings, or hold a position with the Auxiliary?** No, a member ceases to be in good standing on January 1, immediately following the year for which dues have been paid. Remember that the membership year of the Auxiliary is from Jan 1 to Dec 31.
- 3 **As a line officer, how do I quickly see who needs to remit their dues for the ensuing year?**

1. Log into MALTA.
2. Click on the tab "Duties"
3. Click on Reports



4. Find the report titled "Unpaid Members Report" and click the link
5. You'll select the drop-down box for Auxiliary and find your number (its likely it's the only number available)



6. Then click on View Report.
7. This will give you information on each person who still needs to renew memberships.
8. Make phone calls to each to ask them to please re-join and let them know the benefits of continuous membership.

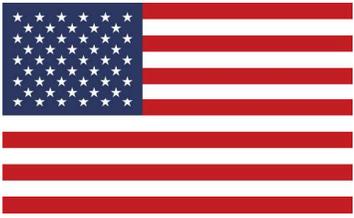
- 4 **How do members know how and where to submit membership renewals?**

The treasurer should print the membership dues letters and send them out several times prior to December 31. To print the letters, follow the same steps above 1 to 3 and at Step 4 find Dues Renewal Letters. You can open and print.

# Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest & 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

## COMMON MISTAKES & HELPFUL HINTS

The VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest & 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest provide an incredible scholarship opportunity for young artists while promoting patriotism throughout schools and home school associations. Follow the advice below to ensure that every student who enters the contest has the best possible chance of realizing his or her dreams.



### USING THE U.S. FLAG

As a powerful symbol of our country, the U.S. Flag is often used in art entries. It can also be a source of problems for judges and Auxiliary Chairmen. When notifying schools, homeschool associations and students about the contest, give them a copy of the Federal Flag Code and encourage participants to closely examine the U.S. Flag before using it in their art.

- COMMON MISTAKES:**
- Not enough stars or stripes.
  - Stripes in the wrong order or place.
  - The Flag appearing to have someone standing on it, or something written or lying on it.

**HINT:** It is always best to portray the Flag as waving freely.

### APPLICATION (One application for each contest)

When a student submits an art entry and contest application, check for the following:

- Print or legible writing. If you can't decipher the writing, chances are we can't either.
- Address with city, state and ZIP code.
- Phone number with area code.
- Email address. This is used for all notifications.
- Signature of both student and parent or guardian.
- Source- this must be complete even if it states "original idea."
- Media used.
- Title of art entry.
- An artist statement, essay and detailed description of the art entry and how it was made.
- Signatures of participating/sponsoring VFW Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman and Department Scholarships Chairman.
- Art entries not sponsored by a VFW Auxiliary will not be judged and will be returned to the student.



### PACKING THE ART

**VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters is not responsible for art lost or damaged during shipment. Please take in consideration that the art entry may be very fragile and will be shipped over many miles and encounter weather condition's.**

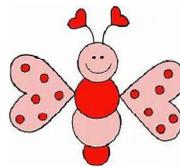
- Use the correct size packaging.
- Use paper, bubble wrap, air pillows, cushioning and/or foam shippers.
- Label the package clearly to insure deadline arrival.



## Scholarship Programs

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

February 2025



**Happy Valentine's Day!**

### **Reporting**

Remember to report any activities your Auxiliary did to promote the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay contests. Did you help "Get the Word" out? Did your Auxiliary contribute to the monetary prizes? Did you assist in planning the recognition banquet? If you assisted in any way, please report!

Did you get the word out about the Continuing Education Scholarship? If so, please report what your Auxiliary did!

### **Patriotic Art**

Make sure your Auxiliary has contacted high school students with the information about the Young American Patriotic Art contest. Put the information on your Auxiliary website and your Facebook page. If you have a local newspaper, put the information about the contests there. Information and applications for the 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional art can be found at [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).

Auxiliary Deadline: March 31, 2025  
Department Deadline: April 15, 2025

Please make sure all guidelines are followed and the application is filled out completely. Helpful Hints are located on the following page.

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



## *Erline Mayberry Scholarship*

February 2025

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

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

**The deadline for the completed application is April 15, 2025.** Everything the student needs to know about the Mayberry Scholarship may be found on the Department website: [vfwauxnc.org](http://vfwauxnc.org). **The information is found under "Resources."** (You will need to scroll down the drop-down menu until you find **Mayberry Scholarship.**)

Please report what your Auxiliary does to promote the Mayberry Scholarship under NC Scholarship on the reporting website: [vfwauxnc.org](http://vfwauxnc.org). You can also report any contributions made to the Mayberry Scholarship.



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



February 2025

I will update with the total collected at the February COA.

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

I still have pins available. Please send any orders to Sandra Johnson-Leu.

Also, I will be taking orders for truffles and delivering them during the February COA. Attached you will find the order form along with pricing at the top. I need the order no later than January 29th.



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

BOX OF TWO \$2.89		ALL ORDERS WILL BE TAXED	
BOX OF FOUR \$5.75			
BOX OF SIX \$8.59			
BOX OF 8 \$11.29			
BOX OF 10 \$14.19			
BOX OF 12 \$16.99			
	QUANTITY		QUANTITY
DARK CHOCOLATE		MILK CHOCOLATE	
American Style		Cappucino	
Blueberry Port Wine		Caramel	
Cappuccino		Cherry Cordial	
Caramel		Chocolate	
Champagne		Coffee	
Cherry Cordial		Hazelnut	
Chocolate		Maple	
Cranberry		Peanut Butter	
Irish Cream		Raspberry Jelly	
Key Lime		Sea Salt Caramel	
Mint		Vanilla Cream	
Orange		WHITE CHOCOLATE	
Peanut Butter		Amaretto	
Pomegranate		Black Forest	
Raspberry		Butter Pecan	
Raspberry Jelly		Lemon	
Rum		Raspberry Cheesecake	
Sea Salt Caramel		SUGAR FREE	
Strawberry Cream		DC Chocolate	
Toasted Coconut		MC Black Rasp Sherbet Cream	
		MC Cherry Cordial	
		MC Espresso	
		MC Peppermint Patty	
		MC Vanilla Caramel	

ALL ORDERS MUST BE MAILED TO THESWEETFIX23@GMAIL.COM BY JANUARY 25TH				
AUX #			NAME:	

## Illustrating America

### Youth Activities Program Promotion February 2025

Time is passing by quickly for the March 31st deadline for the Illustrating America Art Competition as the month of February is already upon us. This contest is open to students in grades k-8 who are enrolled in a public, parochial, private or home school. Entries are judged on patriotic theme and technique. The contest consists of three grade divisions **K-2, 3-5, and 6-8**. The Department 1<sup>st</sup> place winners are forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. Please print the latest version of the information sheet and entry form found in Malta Member Resources or on [www.vfwauxnc.org](http://www.vfwauxnc.org) for more information on requirements and contest Rules. I am also attaching a copy of the newest information sheet and application. Make sure your auxiliary information is complete and that the parent signatures are on the application, Again please make sure that the child's name is on the back of the entry.

**Deadlines:** Entries must be received at Local Auxiliary by March 31, 2025; **Note:** Winners moving on to Department Must be sent to Genevieve Price at 803 N Weldon Street Gastonia, NC 28052. I will get them to Department by April 15 for judging and National Headquarters by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## R.A.P. Cards

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

**Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups** --Children can help and assist at events. The **Youth Groups supporting our Veterans Citation** is one way for Auxiliaries to recognize various groups for volunteering and assisting Veterans in their communities. You can find this citation in Member resources under Youth Activities.

**Auxiliary Awards: Don't sell yourself short!!!** Your Auxiliary could win money for a Youth Project that you completed. After reporting the event on the Department website, You can fill out the entry form I have attached send it to me : Genny Price 803 N Weldon Street Gastonia, NC 28052 with a thorough description, pictures articles etc. I will

collect these and review and decide on a winner for the best program and send it to our National Youth Ambassador Dominique Garcia by April 30<sup>th</sup> for judging.

**REPORT> REPORT>REPORT** Please, those Auxiliaries out there who have not reported anything under Youth to date, think about anything your Auxiliary did with youth to support Veterans and families or Community and report today. **My GOAL is 100% of NC Department Auxiliaries reporting under the Youth Program.**

Genevieve "Genny" Price: **Youth Activities Program Chairman, Dept NC** 803 N Weldon Street Gastonia, NC 28052 [pricegenevieve961@gmail.com](mailto:pricegenevieve961@gmail.com) 704 524 4434

Dominique Garcia: **Youth Activities Ambassador** 8308 Waverly Drive NW Albuquerque, NM 871208 [dcgarcia.1121@gmail.com](mailto:dcgarcia.1121@gmail.com) 505 974 0008



# Youth Activities

## National Program Awards 2024-2025 Entry Form

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### Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth.
  - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth.

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

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Auxiliary No: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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The Department Youth Activities Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Youth Activities Ambassador Dominique Garcia by April 30, 2025 for judging.

**Department Youth Activities Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.*



# VFW Auxiliary National Art Contest

## Illustrating America Art Contest

### 2024-2025

VFW Auxiliary National is pleased to present this National art contest to introduce, encourage and recognize young artists with patriotism through art. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique.

#### Contest Eligibility

- Student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate
- Students in grades K-8 by March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home school program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent resident (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen.
- Foreign exchange students, students aged 15 or older are **not** eligible.
- Previous winners of VFW Auxiliary National Illustrating America Art Contests are **not** eligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous national winner. However, the students may enter the subsequent grade division.

#### Contest Rules

- Entry must be completed during the current school year.
- Entry must be two dimensional.
- Entry must be on canvas or paper.
- Canvas entries must be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
- Paper entries must be reinforced with heavy paper.
- Do **not** frame art with wood, metal, plastic or glass.
- Mats may be used, including mounted and floating mats.
- Entries may **not** be smaller than 8"x10" and **not** larger than 18"x24" **including** mat.
- Acrylic, chalk, crayon, ink, marker, pastel, pen, pencil, tempera, watercolor, glitter or other media may be used.
- If the American Flag is used, it does **not** need conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, numbers of stars and stripes and other pertinent rules of the code.
- Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are **not** accepted.
- Completed typed or printed legible entry form including parent and/or guardian signatures.
- Students name, age and grade level must be printed on back of art entry.

#### VFW Auxiliary National Illustrating America Art Contest Awards

##### Awards for Grades K-2

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

##### Awards for Grades 3-5

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

##### Awards for Grades 6-8

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

VFW Auxiliary is not responsible for entries which are lost, late, illegible, damaged, incomplete, misdirected, stolen, or reproduced. All scores are final as received from the judges. All contestants must agree to abide by the contest rules. Falsifying information on the entry form or any violation of these rules shall cause immediate disqualification and forfeiture of award.

VFW Auxiliary judging dates and deadlines:

- **March 31:** Student entries must be submitted to a participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary for judging.
- **April 15:** First place winner from each grade division from participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary or **optional** VFW Auxiliary District advances to the VFW Auxiliary Department (state) for judging.
- **May 5:** First place winner from grade division from each Department (state) due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters for judging.
- **July/August:** All students will be notified of entry status via email provided on entry form. First through third place winning entries in each grade division will be announced on VFW Auxiliary National social media pages and may be shown at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.
- **September:** All art entries received at VFW Auxiliary National will be returned to students to the address provided on the entry form.

VFW Auxiliary National reserves the right to modify these rules and eligibility without notice.



# VFW Auxiliary National Art Contest

## Illustrating America Art Contest

### Contest Entry Form

2024-2025

Please print or type

Incomplete and/or illegible entry forms will disqualify the entrant

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Media used: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*I hereby grant permission for the artwork of the student listed above to be published in the VFW Auxiliary National Magazine, the VFW Auxiliary National website and social media and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary National organization.

VFW Auxiliary is not responsible for entries which are lost, late, illegible, damaged, incomplete, misdirected, stolen, or reproduced. All scores are final as received from the judges. All contestants must agree to abide by the contest rules. Falsifying information on the entry form or any violation of these rules shall cause immediate disqualification and forfeiture of scholarship.

### Participating Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary contact information

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### To avoid entrant disqualification

This section is to be filled out completely and correctly by VFW Auxiliary at each judging level. VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters only accepts **Department** level first-place winning entries.

Participating Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of: \_\_\_\_\_

**March 31:** Student entries due to participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork is the property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.

**April: Optional** VFW Auxiliary District judging.

VFW Auxiliary District judging verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork is the property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.

**April 15:** First place winner from each grade division from participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary or **optional** VFW Auxiliary District judging due to the Department for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman judging verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Auxiliary Department Pres., Sec. and/or Treas. verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork is the property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.

**May 5: Final Level Deadline** First place winner from each grade division from VFW Auxiliary Department must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters for judging.

Attention: Program Awards Administrator.

**July/August:** All students will be notified of entry status via email provided on entry form. First through third place winning entries in each grade division will be announced on VFW Auxiliary National social media pages and may be shown at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**September:** All art entries received at VFW Auxiliary National will be returned to students and awards mailed to the address provided on the entry form.

VFW Auxiliary National reserves the right to modify these rules and eligibility without notice.

VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NC Membership Report  
2024-2025

President Sandra Jefferies

Chairman Lyndsey Bowlus

Date: 1.20.25

East-- Wendy Doubles

District 1 Pres Brittney Phillips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	243	244	171	100.41%
7312	Sunbury	24	24	19	100.00%
10950	Outer Banks	39	39	37	100.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>306</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>100.33%</b>

District 4 Pre.Eileen Lazenvick					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2514	New Bern		18	5	
7315	Havelock	192	188	168	97.92%
7547	Clinton	56	55	54	98.21%
8986	Newport	62	66	52	106.45%
9133	Jacksonville	192	191	158	99.48%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	276	273	230	98.91%
11119	West Craven	34	29	28	85.29%
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<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>841</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>100.95%</b>

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	44	44	30	100.00%
2771	Kinston	18	16	9	88.89%
7032	Greenville	44	39	25	88.64%
9959	Mount Olive	50	49	32	98.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94.87%</b>

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	298	310	209	104.03%
8866	Holden Beach	104	108	104	103.85%
9983	Holly Ridge	158	167	133	105.70%
10226	Oak Island	90	94	86	104.44%
10400	B Spring Lakes	84	77	46	91.67%
121966	Leland	17	14	7	82.35%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>751</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>102.80%</b>

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	68	67	50	98.53%
4147	Bailey	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75.28%</b>

District 7 Pres Tina Szafarski					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6983	Angier	0	0	0	0.00%
6722	Lillington	20	22	20	110.00%
7383	Cary	155	148	129	95.48%
9103	Spring Lake	100	104	94	104.00%
10225	Garner	108	112	91	103.70%
10999	Raleigh	41	41	32	100.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>424</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>97.05%</b>

EASTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2546</b>	<b>2568</b>	<b>2048</b>	<b>99.14%</b>

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

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	20	20	6	100.00%
2972	Gibsonville	36	36	32	100.00%
3074	Lexington	41	39	15	95.12%
8297	Mway Monroeton	58	56	49	96.55%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>97.42%</b>

District 8 Pres Mary Zanders					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	157	178	110	113.38%
6018	Fayetteville	195	190	160	97.44%
10,630	Hope Mills	34	34	27	100.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>386</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>104.15%</b>

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	0	0	0	0.00%
3006	Salisbury	95	89	53	93.68%
6365	Locust	18	22	6	122.22%
8989	Kannapolis	135	119	60	88.15%
9134	Rockwell	32	30	20	93.75%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>280</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>69.89%</b>

District 9 Pres Angi Hardy					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	60	46	34	76.67%
5631	Sanford	121	112	102	92.56%
7318	Southern Pines	349	354	318	101.43%
10,403	Wadesboro	44	43	26	97.73%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>574</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>96.69%</b>

CENTRAL	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1475</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>1063</b>	<b>97.76%</b>

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Western -- Bessie Bright

District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1119	Cooleemee	28	29	10	103.57%
5352	Kernersville	151	129	74	85.43%
7794	Elkin	37	34	14	91.89%
9010	Clemmons	54	58	48	107.41%
9436	Pilot Mountain	67	64	26	95.52%
11173	Walnut Cove	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>337</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>87.70%</b>

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

District 13 Pres Becky Rowe					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	139	137	127	98.56%
2423	Indian Trail	104	104	93	100.00%
5464	Monroe	46	43	32	93.48%
6724	Paw Creek	37	40	29	108.11%
7775	Charlotte	20	21	18	105.00%
9337	Gastonia	68	65	27	95.59%
9736	Croft	16	16	5	100.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>430</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>99.07%</b>

District 16 Pres Joyce Preston					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	82	79	68	96.34%
5206	Hendersonville	73	73	60	100.00%
9116	Columbus	25	26	18	104.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>180</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>98.89%</b>

District 14 Pres Linda Owens					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	73	73	48	100.00%
2031	Statesville	71	64	58	90.14%
4066	Shelby	19	16	16	84.21%
5305	Newton	40	28	15	70.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>203</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>89.16%</b>

District 17 Pres					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	165	169	122	102.42%
5202	Waynesville	221	206	122	93.21%
6812	Hayesville	52	53	41	101.92%
7339	Franklin	68	72	39	105.88%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>506</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>98.81%</b>

WESTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1855</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>97.06%</b>

DEPT	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6891</b>	<b>6749</b>	<b>5213</b>	<b>97.94%</b>

NC At-Large	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>107.17%</b>

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