

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of North Carolina

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**May 2023**

Brothers and Sisters,

The Department Convention is approaching June 9-11, 2023. It will be held at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. All are invited to attend and we look forward to having a large representation from across the state.

We will be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Department. Please come celebrate with us! We have some exciting things in store for our members!

On the evening of June 9<sup>th</sup> during convention there will be a joint homecoming held at Kernersville VFW Post 5352 for both Department Commander Tim Woods and myself. We look forward to meeting, greeting and celebrating with our comrades, brothers and sisters.

📌 **REMINDERS:**

- Motivational Monday training sessions are for all Auxiliary members. District & Auxiliary Officers, it is your responsibility to share the link with **ALL** Auxiliary Members. Remind members that the Motivational Monday training sessions typically occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, and encourage member participation!
- Secretary's, please enter Auxiliary installation reports upon completion of installing officers. Be sure to send a copy of the installation to Department Secretary Tracy Armstrong so she can complete the Department Roster. Also indicate if your officers have already been entered into MALTA.
- Members may request being added to the Department distribution list at any time. Members simply need to email the Department Secretary Tracy Armstrong at [tarmstrongaux@gmail.com](mailto:tarmstrongaux@gmail.com). The member will then receive both the Department Mail and link for Motivational Mondays directly.
- We are in need of under 190 new members to reach our 100 % membership goal. Keep recruiting and sending those applications to Department Treasurer Sandra Johnson Leu. We can reach this goal with a little bit of determination. In addition, contact those Annual members who haven't paid and attempt to get their renewals.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day and May 29<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. Please be sure to plan activities showing gratitude and appreciation for those serving and those whom have given the ultimate sacrifice.

I wish to thank all of you, for Your continued support with all the changes that have arose throughout the year. I look forward to working together with all of you again next year as we continue to implement changes to improve the success of our department. Let's continue to empower each other so we can continue on our Mission of Assisting Veterans and their Families.

Faithfully Serving Veterans,

*Connie Holt, President*

## Secretary Notes

### Deaths/Illnesses:

- Department President Connie Holt's grandmother is in hospice along with her father-in-law has cancer. Connie would appreciate prayers and thoughts for their family.
- National Administrative Services Officer, Janice Criswell, recently had knee surgery. Cards may be sent to National HQ to Janice's attention at: 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.
- Department Historian/Media Relations Chairperson, Barbara Beard's brother-in-law passed away. Cards may be sent to Barbara at: 198 Oakridge Dr, Raeford, NC 28376
- Department Americanism Chairperson, Genny Price, took a tumble at the National President's visit and had was banged up. Cards may be sent to Genny at: 803 N Weldon St. Gastonia, NC 28052
- Past Department Chairperson, Lashonda Uchegbu, unexpectedly passed away April 10. Cards may be sent to her family at: 146 Sorghum Way, Fayetteville, NC 28314
- Dist 5, Aux 10226 Auxiliary President, Eveanne Lauver recently had her leg amputated. Cards may be sent to her at: 5016 Ballast Rd, Southport, NC 28461
- Dist 7, Aux 9103, Mindy Wells recently lost her daughter unexpectedly. Cards may be sent to Mindy at: 112 Patawba Ln, Spring Lake, NC 28390

### Upcoming Events:

Department Convention – June 8 – 11 - Embassy Suites, 204 Centreport Rd., Greensboro. Reservations may be at the link below or by phone 336-668-4535 – The code is "VFW"

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=GSGB&groupCode=VFW&arrivaldate=2023-06-08&departuredate=2023-06-11&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT> [hilton.com]

2023 National Convention – July 22-27 – Phoenix, AZ – you can register in Malta

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### DECEASED MEMBERS

Please insure that the members from your Auxiliary who have passed away this year have been recorded as such in the National database. The numbers for the Memorial Service at Convention will be taken from that database. For those without computer access, let the Dept. Secretary know the names and the count.

Notes:

The Convention Banquet will be "casual" themed this year so bring on all of the shorts and flip flops!

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### **Inputting Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention**

Auxiliary Secretaries can input Delegates and Alternates for National Convention. Be sure you have the member's Membership ID number. This will help inputting go faster. Delegates and Alternates are due **by May 31**. No Delegate/Alternate lists will be accepted at National Convention.

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**Note about Resolutions to the Department Convention**

All resolutions to be considered to the Department Convention shall be sent to the Resolutions Chairman Helen Carter for consideration by the Committee by May 20.

***Convention notes!!***

1. Auxiliaries and Districts shall be deprived of their vote if any arrearages exist in accordance the National Bylaws.
2. Convention Delegate fees must be paid for all Auxiliary Delegates, regardless of whether or not they attend the Convention.
3. Delegate fees must be paid for all District Presidents, State Officers and PDPs in order to vote at the Department Convention.

## The Orthodox Church

The Orthodox church traces their beginnings to Palestine, Rome, and Armenia. The Orthodox Bible has more books than the Christian Bible. It is practiced in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East.

*In the beginning  
God created the  
heaven and the  
earth. Genesis 1:1*



Orthodox members are not under the authority of the Roman Catholic Pope. Their current leader, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople is Bartholomew. He is the 270<sup>th</sup> successor of Christ's apostle St. Andrew, the brother of St. Peter.

It is the second largest Christian church with approximately 220 members worldwide. Most members are in eastern Europe, the middle East, and the far East.

In 1045, the Great Schism occurred between Rome and Constantinople. The Church Catholic Church started excluding the Eastern members in religious doctrine. The 4<sup>th</sup> Crusade in 1204 captured and sacked Constantinople because they considered all Byzantines to be infidels. The final break occurred in 1450. Pope John Paul II issued a formal apology to the Orthodox church in 2004 for the capture of Constantinople.

Each day of the week has its own special meaning.

**Sunday** – Christ's crucifixion

**Monday** – Bodiless powers – angels, archangels, etc.

**Tuesday** – Prophets – especially John the Baptist

**Wednesday** – the Cross

**Thursday** – Apostles and hierarchs

**Friday** – recalls the day of the crucifixion

**Saturday** – all saints – especially the Mother of God

Over the past months, we have explored different religions. There are many that I did not touch on, these were only a few. It has been my hope that you have read these and that you are more aware of the different beliefs. No one belief is right or wrong. They are simply different. We should tolerate the uniqueness of others and strive to understand them.

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## Veterans Family and Support April

Hello once again Sisters and Brothers, by now everyone is starting to plant vegetables and fruits in their gardens. Food banks are constantly in need vegetables, dried fruits and a lot of nonperishable foods such as peanut butter, canned soup, canned stew, canned fish, canned beans and applesauce. Many Veterans and their families depend on these food banks month after month to support their family. While the cost of feeding these families is constantly ballooning, supporting food banks that support Veterans and their families is a great way to give back. Caregivers of Veterans may use these food banks that may be located in churches, in a home, brick and mortar buildings or the Salvation Army. Volunteering at these food banks will give your auxiliary a chance to help homeless Veterans and Caregivers in the community as well. Food banks are the life line of many communities, during hard times. Some auxiliars may consider adopting a food bank or just collecting nonperishable food from their members to give to much needed services. Delivery drivers are needed as well to serve to those that may not be able to get out of their homes or have no transportation. Call your local Salvation Army or Food bank and ask what you can do to help.



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**“Buddy” ® Poppy**



**V F W  
N A T I O N A L H O M E**

Thank you to all members of this Department!! We had a very successful year for our Veterans, military and families. Let's continue to educate the communities on the “Buddy” ® Poppy and the National Home.

It has been a great pleasure serving as the Departments “Buddy” ® Poppy/National Home Chairman this year.

Don't stop with all the great work that your auxiliaries have been doing. Remember that there are several Patriotic days coming up over the next several months. Remember to record your activities to report when reporting reopens.

Chairman – Angi Hardy

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**Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care” National President Theme 2022/2023**

**“Following in the Footsteps of Veterans” NC Department Presidents Theme 2022/2023**



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

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

Americanism Program Chairman/ Patriotic Instructor

May 2023



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*The end of the year is finally here! Reports are completed and we are getting ready for NC Department Convention. I am so proud of the reporting results this year. Together, you have worked and had a successful year. Congratulations.*

***Year End Report Summary***

***64 Auxiliaries completed reports.***

***45 Auxiliaries utilized Americanism material/resources available on National website.***

***30 Auxiliaries distributed and or presented American Flags/and or POW/MIA Flags.***

***10,147 American and or POW/MIA flags were distributed.***

***168 Citations or certificates of appreciation were given out to citizens, businesses, or schools in recognition of their display of the American Flag or other display of American Pride.***

I just want to say that I appreciate every one of you for the great job you do throughout the year promoting this program. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Americanism Department Chairman/Patriotic Instructor these last few years. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for ALL the love and support you have given me. I encourage and challenge you to continue to promote Americanism in your community. And as Always REPORT REPORT REPORT!!

Sincerely yours,

Americanism Program Chairman/Patriotic Instructor  
Department of NC  
Genevieve Genny Price





# AUXILIARY OUTREACH



National Theme:  
Hands That Serve Hearts that Care

Department Theme:  
Following In The Footprints of Veterans

When you the member or the Auxiliary as a group, **VOLUNTEER** with another organization  
**DONATIONS** of TIME and **SERVICE** with other organizations in our communities

## May 2023

Aux Outreach Family Feud here are the answers:

A) Name requirements for an activity to qualify under the AUX Outreach program. (5 answers)

1. Must partner with other community groups or organizations
2. Auxiliary must vote on activity
3. No money is spent from Auxiliary treasury
4. Auxiliary does not control project
5. Not reportable under any other program
5. Wear clothing identifying you are an auxiliary member

B) Name organizations you can partner with under the AUX Outreach program. (5 answers)

1. Scouts of America
2. ASPCA
3. Loaves and Fishes – food pantry
4. Red Cross – As volunteer not blood donation
5. Relay for Life – As volunteer not as walker.

C) Give reasons why an activity would not qualify under the AUX Outreach program. (5 answers)

1. If Volunteering benefits an event
2. Auxiliary spent money
3. Reportable under another program
4. Not voted on by the members
5. Didn't wear clothing to identify you as an auxiliary member

\*\*\*\*\*Winner is Becky Rowe of Aux 1160

### 2022-2023 Reporting Results:

Total Members 1272 participated with a total of 3983 hours. We had 52 Auxiliaries that participated from all membership areas. I received 487 with 16 Auxiliaries that submitted over 100 hours of Auxiliary Outreach.

District 1-2 Auxs reported 87 Members 149 hours  
District 2-3 Auxs reported 19 Members 45 hours  
District 3-2 Auxs reported 110 Members 409 hours  
District 4-6 Auxs reported 293 Members 653.50 hours  
District 5-3 Auxs reported 115 Members 327 hours  
District 6-2 Auxs reported 36 Members 80 hours  
District 7-5 Auxs reported 52 Members 227.50 hours  
District 8-4 Auxs reported 34 Members 195 hours  
District 9-1 Aux reported 10 Members 184 hours

District 10-1 Aux reported 20 Members 43 hours  
District 11-4 Auxs reported 73 Members 732 hours  
District 12-3 Auxs reported 60 Members 132 hours  
District 13-6 Auxs reported 27 Members 124 hours  
District 14-3 Auxs reported 92 Members 118 hours  
District 15-2 Auxs reported 50 Members 100 hours  
District 16-2 Auxs reported 121 Members 172 hours  
District 17 -3 Auxs reported 73 Members 292 hours

Examples of Agency partnerships:

Local Schools, churches and ministries, Food pantries, Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, Girls Scouts, local senior centers, Humane Society, Animal Shelters, Red Cross, NC DOT, Aberdeen Police Dept, Navy Federal Credit Union, Horse Protection Society, Peacemakers Quilt Guild. Hospitals. Disaster relief efforts, First Responder events, counties government crisis centers.

**Great Job this year!!!!**



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*“There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer”-General James H. Doolittle*



## Extension and Revitalization

April 2023

Brothers and Sisters,

We have come to the end of another reporting year. I have enjoyed serving as the chairman of the Extension and revitalization program. And I hope some of the information I have shared with you has been helpful and beneficial.

Keeping our Auxiliaries healthy and strong is vital to the growth of our organization. We must all work together to make sure each member feels as if they are important. Their ideas are important. Engaging all members in everything we do will ensure that our Auxiliaries will continue to grow, improve, and be the very best we can be. The stronger we are, the more we are able to serve our Veterans, their families, and our members.

This year, under the Extension and Revitalization program, I received 416 reports from 36 Auxiliaries. And 27 Auxiliaries checked off all the boxes- had their audits turned in on time, their bonds paid on time, installation reports entered by the deadlines, and completed the Healthy Auxiliary Questionnaire to receive their Healthy Auxiliary Certificate. Congratulations to each of these Auxiliaries!!! Thank you for all of your hard work. I hope more of you achieve this goal next year.

I want to thank all of you for the hard work you have done this year. The members of North Carolina are so amazing and can achieve great things, as long as we all work together.

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***"Good things come to those who wait. Better things come to those who BELIEVE. And the best things come to those who don't give up."***

***"Imagine the impact of being kind. Seeing the good first. Life is too short to be dragging others down. You get a choice every single day. Choose kindness. The world needs you. "***



# VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC President Historian/ Media Relations

**May 2023**



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This year has come to an end, and I must say what a year it has been. The reporting was up slightly which is to be expected due to the decrease in the number of covid cases being reported. We are still not where we should be, but we're getting there. I appreciate all Auxiliaries that submitted reports this year. I also want to say thank you to the Auxiliaries that sent me the Historian/Media Relations Award for citations from National. Only a few Auxiliaries submitted this form. Hopefully, now that the pandemic is over, we will start participating in more programs so that every Auxiliary can submit reports.

Please see statistics for the year below:

- ✓ 154 total reports entered
- ✓ 43 Auxiliaries entered reports
- ✓ 5 Auxiliaries submitted the Historian/Medical Relations Award to receive citations from National
- ✓ 32 Auxiliaries have Face Book pages
- ✓ 6 Auxiliaries have websites
- ✓ 12 Auxiliaries reported they have newsletters
- ✓ 13 Auxiliaries report using Historian Material
- ✓ A total of 22 Auxiliaries reported Media Relations tr

It is my hope that next year we will have reports from every Auxiliary in North Carolina. If you do not have a Face Book page, I encourage you to start one. It is easy to create a page and even easier to share your information with your Auxiliary as well as the public. A newsletter and/or calendar are also great ways to share your information as well. Now is the time to start designing your newsletter and/or calendar. I am still available to assist.

Please continue to track your events and activities, take lots of pictures, and be prepared to start reporting them once the system comes back online in May. Once again, thank you to all the Auxiliaries that reported this year.

# **HOSPITAL**

**May 2023**

**As we are closing our Auxiliary 2022-2023 year, and preparing for our 2023-2024 year, we must never neglect the needs of our Veterans. Our Veterans are proud of their service to our Country, let us never forget their sacrifices.**

**Up-coming dates to remember:**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mother' Day**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>. Armed Forces Day**

**June 14<sup>th</sup>. Flag Day**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>. Father's Day**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>. Independence Day**

**Hopefully restrictions will be lifted soon, so we will be able to visit and plan activities with our Veterans in VA Medical Centers and other medical facilities. Until then, we can send cards, prepare goody bags with needed items, wreaths for their door, patriotic items for their room, puzzle books, and etc.**

**I would like to thank everyone for all you do in our VA Medical Centers, and other Medical facilities. The reports you have submitted are outstanding and show you care about our Veterans, with much love and compassion.**

**Loyally,  
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**SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER**

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**Brothers and Sisters,**

**May, 2023**

**In March you received a new Salisbury VA Medical Center "VETERAN NEEDS LIST". Please remember to call 704-638-3409 to schedule an appointment before driving to Salisbury to drop off your donated items. Help is always available to assist you.**

**Reminders: National Golden Age Games: May 19-26, Des Moines, Iowa**

**National Wheelchair Games: July 3-10, Portland, Oregon**

**Veterans attending these games are currently preparing by getting their physicals, making Hotel reservations and etc. We wish them all GREAT LUCK.**

**The S. Thompson Recreational Therapy Greenhouse will be renovated. Benches are needed, as plans are being made to set up a classroom for our Veterans. Donations are welcome, as many items are needed.**

**Thank you for continuing to support our hospitalized Veterans.**

**Loyally,  
Farres**

## **CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER**



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**Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy**

**Willie Glance – Honorary VAVS Representative**

**May 2023**

Some of the items that the Hospital would like to have – some new added from last month:

Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers	Small Can Sodas	Bottle water
Snacks – individually package	Chewy Granola Bars	Chips
Large Print Puzzle Books	Hot Chocolate – individual packages	
Word Search Books	Trail Mix	Art Supplies
Denture Adhesive & Cleaner		Sketch Pads
Individual soft cookies – Oreos, Fig Newtons, chips ahoy, etc.		
Spiced Apple Juice	Gatorade Mini Juices	
Adult Coloring Books	Color Pencils & Markers	
Little Debbie snacks	Chapstick	
Denture Adhesive & Cleaner		
Unsigned Sympathy Cards for Oncology & Hospice		

Thanks for reporting!

**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR OUR  
VETERANS IN THE HOSPITAL, CLINICS AND HOMES!**

## Durham VA Medical Center ~ May 2023

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May is filled with many health related events to highlight with your health care facilities:

Arthritis Awareness Month

Better Sleep Month

Mental Health Awareness

National Walking Month

Women's Health Care Month

\* The VA would appreciate receiving **Hormel Meals** for homeless Veterans who stop in for extra nutritional meals as well as patients who enjoy something different to eat on the weekends from hospital food.

\* Last month, I reminded you of some needs for the Women's Veteran Baby Shower on May 11<sup>th</sup>. There have been many donations, but if you still plan to donate, be sure to donate from the list provided:

Size 1 diapers      Baby blankets/swaddle blankets      Individually wrapped teethingers

Rattles      Diapers cream      Baby wash/baby shampoo

Wipes      Infant thermometer      Baby bathtub

Baby toys      Blocks/stackers/sorters      Musical toys

There could be as many as twenty or more expectant Veterans at the shower, so donate what you can so that each Mom receives as equally as possible.

\* I recently attended a Volunteer Reception at the VA and had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with their new Executive Director, Dr. Alyshia Smith. She told me they were waiting to hear from the Fisher House Foundation about a possible location for the house, which is the Foundation's decision. She also told me the Cancer Center is very close to opening within the next few months.

\* The Red Cross has a "Hurricane Safety Checklist" that you can get at [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org), which you may want to give to your Post & Auxiliary members as a precaution. Safety is the key so no one will experience health concerns if a hurricane is in your area. The checklist answers these questions:

**What should I do?**

**What supplies do I need?**

**What do I do after a hurricane?**

\* Just a suggestion for your May Auxiliary meeting... use part of the meeting time and make cards for the VA, hospice, nursing homes, and memory care facilities. Members can provide stickers, glue, markers, crayons and construction paper for this activity.

\* Many thanks to all those Auxiliaries and individual members who made donations to the Durham VA with money, clothing and food this year. The Volunteer Office extends a, "thank you, thank you, thank you!" And of course, my thanks are *abundant*!



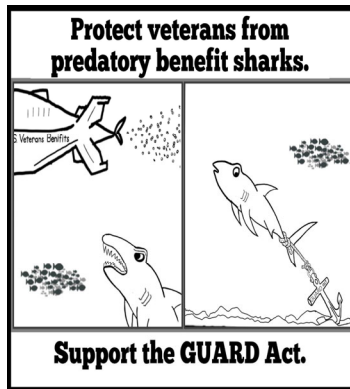
## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—MAY 2023

To follow the progress of a bill through the legislative process, visit **Congress.gov** or my favorite, **Govtrack.com**.

**Find your representatives and more:** Senate at <https://www.senate.gov/>  
House of Representative at <https://www.house.gov/>  
North Carolina General Assembly: <https://www.ncleg.gov/>



### Reminders from our National Ambassador, Bobbie Goldman



#### The Guard VA Benefits Act (H.R. 1139)

protects veterans from unaccredited lawyers and other agents who charge money to help veterans draw their benefits.

As of 3/17/2023, it is still in the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, so if your Department has representatives on the committee, encourage them to vote yes. The bill has 74 co-sponsors. Use this link to see if your congressperson is among them. If not, you know what to do.

[congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1139/cosponsors?s=1&r=2#withdrawnCosponsorsToggle](https://congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1139/cosponsors?s=1&r=2#withdrawnCosponsorsToggle).



#### The Major Richard Star Act (S.344)

is another bill that should have passed last but didn't. It was reintroduced by Jon Tester (D-Mont.) on February 9. Currently, disabled veterans with fewer than 20 years of creditable service have their retirement pay reduced dollar for dollar when they receive disability compensation. This is all kinds of wrong. The Major Richard Star Act fixes this mistake so that disabled veterans don't have to choose.

**It is still in the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs.** Contact your representatives who serve on the committee and let them know that the VFW endorsed it this time, endorsed it last time and they should as well.

Use this link to see if your elected leaders co-sponsored the Star Act. Thank them if they did and chastise them if they didn't. [congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/344/cosponsors](https://congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/344/cosponsors).

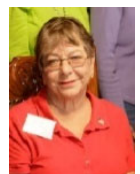
Check out the **additional** VFW Key Bills in Congress: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills>

*Be sure and keep notes of any program reporting after the April deadline for posting when Malta is reopened. It has been my pleasure to be your Legislative Chairman and I will be with you for the 2023-2024 year! Thank you for all your hard work. Yours in service, Lynn*



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

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*Following in the Footsteps of Veterans*

*Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care*

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*May 2023*

**Membership and Recruiting are on-going!**  
**Remember, Membership is the responsibility of ALL Auxiliary members!**

As of April 17, 2023, North Carolina's membership stands at 97.09%. We need **75 members** to reach 100%. Let's have a **Membership Blitz** during the month of **MAY**!

**RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!**

**IF EVERY AUXILIARY RECRUITED JUST ONE NEW MEMBER, WE WOULD REACH OUR GOAL. LET'S MAKE THAT A CHALLENGE! EVERY AUXILIARY THAT RECRUITS A NEW MEMBER BETWEEN APRIL 20 AND MAY 30, THE AUXILIARY WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR \$50.**

Remember the District Challenge. All Districts are working toward increasing the membership of the District by 10%. District 3 needs six members to reach the goal; District 6 needs seven new members; and District 10 needs seven members!

Now is the time to revisit your Membership Plan. Early in the year, each Auxiliary was asked to write a Membership Plan. Look it over and see how your Auxiliary measured up! Keep what worked and revise what did not! Membership is always a work in progress!

We will Follow in the Footsteps of Veterans by creating a path filled with members- both current and new- determined to serve our veterans and their families!

Serving Loyally,  
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## **MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP**



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**May Mail 2023**

**KEEP WRITING DOWN YOUR REPORTS FOR MENTORING TO REPORT IN 2023-2024 YEAR AND  
ADD THEM TO REPORTING WHEN "REPORTING ENTRY" IS STARTED AGAIN.**

**THANKS FOR ALL THE REPORTING THAT HAS BEEN DONE!**

The following Auxiliaries REPORTED:

District #1: 6060, 10950  
District #2: 9959  
District #3: No Reports  
District #4: 9133, 9810, 11119  
District #5: 7288, 9983  
District #6: 1920, 10607  
District #7: 6983, 7383, 10225  
District #8: 670, 4542, 6018  
District #9: 7318

District #10: 2087, 2972  
District #11: 5352, 9010, 11173  
District #12: 2908, 9134  
District #13: 1160, 9488  
District #14: 4066  
District #15: 1142, 7034  
District #16: 891, 5206, 9116  
District #17: 5202, 6812, 7339

**I KNOW A LOT OF MEMBERS, AUXILIARIES, DISTRICTS, AND  
DEPARTMENTS HAVE LEARNED AND HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING  
OF OUR GREAT ORGANIZATION MORE THAN THEY HAVE  
THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.**

**THANKS TO ALL THE MENTORS!!!**

**AGAIN!!!**

People always remember those who take the time and care enough to explain what  
is going on so we can learn to do a better job.

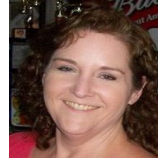
## ***National Scholarship Programs 2022-2023***

**Wendy Dorsey Rachels, Scholarship Chairperson**

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***Increase Student Participation \* Recognize Recipients \* Increase Community Awareness***

***\* Increase the Fund***

### **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Reminder**

I have enjoyed receiving the entries from Auxiliaries/Districts. We have very talented youth in North Carolina! The entries are currently being judged by artists at the Stanly County Arts Guild. All the entries minus the first-place winner representing North Carolina must be picked up at the Department Convention, June 8-11, 2023, at the Embassy Suites, 204 Centreport Drive, Greensboro. The individuals designated to pick up any art submitted by Auxiliaries/Districts must sign a release form acknowledging they have picked up the art and are responsible for returning it to the artist.

### **Fund the Artists of Tomorrow**

**We did it! We did it! We did it! We did it! We did it! We did it! We did it! We did it!**

We met and exceeded our goal to raise **\$12,500** goal to establish an endowment at National to award a **\$500** Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship from North Carolina. I completed the required paperwork for National the Treasurer Sandra Johnson-Leu has written the check and mailed it to National on Feb 9. Beginning with Program Year 2023-2024, a scholarship will be awarded at National in the name of North Carolina!!!! This couldn't have been accomplished this quickly without the amazing Auxiliary members who pulled together to make it happen. To recap, the Department began fundraising for this project in October 2021 holding a quilt raffle and two silent auctions! Did your auxiliary support this effort?

Look for a summary of all the Auxiliaries accomplishments for the National Scholarships Programs for 2022-2023 in the Year End Program Booklet at the Department Convention! I hope I see you there!

# Department of North Carolina's Special Project 2022-23



Support Our Troops

249-J Third St, Ayden, NC 28513

Thank You Everyone, for the support you showed this year for the Dept. Special Project.  
It has been my pleaser to serve as the Chairman for this Program.  
Support our Troops/NCPacks4Patriots is a great organization. I am glad to have met the wonderful people who makes, all they do, happen. Remember them in the future when sending care packages to the Troops.

## End of Year Report for Dept. NC Pres. Special Project

Number of Auxiliary Reporting. \_\_\_\_43\_\_\_\_

Number of Members Participating. \_\_\_\_988\_\_\_\_

Number of Volunteer Hours. \_\_\_\_656\_\_\_\_

Value of Donated Items. \_\_\_\_\$6,391.85\_\_\_\_

Number of fund-raising events hosted. \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_

Dollar amount of Donations thru Department Treasurer. (To Be Announced)

**"Following in the Footsteps of Veterans"** NC Dept. Theme for 2022-2023  
National's Theme **"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"**

Special Project Chairman,  
Becky Rowe  
ba.rowe@sbcglobal.net



## Youth Activities

### *"Following in the Footsteps of Veterans"*

Jim Tester, Department Chairman  
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### April Highlights

*"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"*

*"Following in the Footsteps of Veterans"*

*THANK YOU to every one of the Auxiliaries that submitted an entry for the 2 Youth Program contests **Get excited for the Red, White and Blue** and **Illustrating America**. Deadlines for both of these contests have passed. Quite a few good entries have been received and judging is in progress. The Department winners will be sent to National for judging at that level and will be announced and recognized at the Department Convention in June. Again, I would like to thank everyone who promoted these contests at the local level. GREAT JOB!*

*I saw a communication recently from our comrades in the VFW that they have already begun to promote the **Voice of Democracy** and **Patriot's Pen** contests and scholarships for the coming year. It would be a good idea to get everyone in your Auxiliaries to begin promoting our 2 contests now also. The sooner everyone is aware of what's expected of them, the better!*

*Please continue to work with the youth groups in your area on our programs. Veterans grave beautification projects have been a focus for the year. Now that spring is here and the weather has warmed a little, it would be a good time to get your groups out and spend some quality time working on this. Have a picnic! Make a day off it! Make it fun!*

*Thank you for all you do! I look forward to seeing you at the Department Convention in June!*

Involve youth in all the Auxiliary programs you can! They are our future!

Date: 4/20/2023

East-- Laura Verdon

District 1 Pres Rhonda Leaver					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent	
6060	Elizabeth City	222	231	144	104.50%
7312	Sunbury	23	23	18	100.00%
10950	Outer Banks	39	39	26	100.00%
3 Totals		284	293	188	103.17%

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	42	43	27	102.38%
2771	Kinston	22	15	4	68.18%
7032	Greenville	55	55	30	100.00%
9959	Mount Olive	44	44	18	100.00%

4 totals 163 157 79 96.32

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	69	68	46	98.55%
4147	Bailey	22	21	14	95.45%
2 TOTALS		91	89	60	97.80%

EASTERN		2022	2023	Life	
		Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
TOTALS		2617	2556	1855	97.66%

District 4 Pres Ray Hansen					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
2514	New Bern	108	108	96	100.00%
7315	Havelock	175	177	147	101.14%
7547	Clinton	68	66	64	97.06%
8986	Newport	53	53	44	100.00%
9133	Jacksonville	165	181	140	109.70%
9810	Warsaw	31	28	28	90.32%
9960	Swansboro	256	268	203	104.69%
11,119	West Craven	41	36	31	87.80%
8 TOTALS		897	917	753	102.23%

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Holden Beach	270	273	156	101.11%
8866	Holly Ridge	102	97	94	95.10%
9,983	Oak Island	143	139	99	97.20%
10,226	B Spring Lakes	64	73	54	114.06%
10,400		72	75	33	104.17%
TOTALS					
5		714	657	436	92.02%

Pres Karen Ter M

District 7					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
6983	Lillington	41	21	15	51.22%
6722	Cary	26	20	16	76.92%
7383	Spring Lake	145	152	108	105.52%
9103	Garner	102	101	85	100.00%
10,225	Raleigh	115	110	95	95.65%
10,999	TOTALS	39	40	20	102.56%
6		468	444	339	95.30%

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Central Julia Stancil-Warren

District 6 Pres Sandra Jeffries					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. No.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
	1920 Mebane	37	35	17	94.59%
	10607 Burlington	33	33	19	103.03%
<b>2 TOTALS</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>97.14%</b>

District 8 Pres Julia Stancil Warren					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
	670 Fayetteville	112	118	85	105.36%
	4542 Spring Lake	97	79	58	81.44%
	6018 Fayetteville	191	184	148	96.34%
	10,630 Hope Mills	36	36	24	100.00%

<b>4 TOTALS</b>		<b>436</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>95.64%</b>
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District 9 Pres Tracy Armstrong					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
	4203 Rockingham	52	42	22	80.77%
	5631 Sanford	107	103	91	96.26%
	7318 Southern Pines	291	308	255	105.84%
	9881 Biscoe	36	33	5	91.67%
	10,403 Wadesboro	45	42	22	93.33%
<b>5 TOTALS</b>		<b>531</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>99.44%</b>

CENTRAL	2022	2023	Life	
22	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1588</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>97.29%</b>

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
	2087 Greensboro	18	20	3	111.11%
	2972 Gibsonville	34	35	27	102.94%
	3074 Lexington	43	47	15	109.30%
	8297 Mway Monroeton	60	59	46	98.33%
<b>4 TOTALS</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>103.87%</b>

District 12 Pres Wendy Rachels					
		2022	2023	Life	
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
	2908 Albemarle	89	91	34	102.25%
	3006 Salisbury	122	104	42	85.25%
	6365 Locust	15	14	3	93.33%
	8989 Kannapolis	141	133	60	94.33%
	9134 Rockwell	29	29	18	100.00%
<b>5 TOTALS</b>		<b>396</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>93.69%</b>



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Western Bessie Bright

District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1119	Cooleemee	26	26	10	100.00%
5352	Kernersville	113	122	34	107.96%
7794	Elkin	21	36	12	171.43%
9010	Clemmons	57	59	49	103.51%
9436	Pilot Mountain	73	71	22	97.26%
11,173	Walnut Cove	19	20	0	105.26%
<b>6 TOTALS</b>		<b>330</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>101.21%</b>

District 15 Pres-Patricia Harris					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	77	81	69	106.49%
4286	Newland	31	32	22	103.23%
5381	Lenoir	54	34	31	62.96%
7031	Boone	42	38	19	90.48%
7034	Sparta	61	59	42	96.72%
7946	Jefferson	27	28	8	96.30%
<b>5 TOTALS</b>		<b>292</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>93.15%</b>

District 13 Becky Rowe					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	147	144	116	514.29%
2423	Indian Trail	106	108	82	101.89%
6724	Paw Creek	26	32	23	123.08%
7775	Charlotte	20	20	18	100.00%
9337	Gastonia	78	72	29	92.31%
9736	Croft	17	16	5	94.12%
			0	0	
<b>10 TOTALS</b>		<b>483</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>90.48%</b>

District 16 Jim Tester					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	87	82	64	94.25%
5206	Hendersonville	85	82	69	96.47%
9116	Columbus	25	25	17	100.00%
<b>4 TOTALS</b>		<b>219</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>86.30%</b>

District 14 Pres Genny Price					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	81	70	43	86.42%
2031	Statesville	60	66	49	110.00%
4066	Shelby	22	23	13	104.55%
5305	Newton	29	29	10	100.00%
<b>4 TOTALS</b>		<b>192</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>97.92%</b>

District 17 Adele Barcia					
	2022	2023	Life		
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	215	188	143	87.44%
5202	Waynesville	236	208	109	88.14%
6812	Hayesville	55	50	35	90.91%
7339	Franklin	89	78	44	87.64%
<b>5 TOTALS</b>		<b>595</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>84.93%</b>

WESTERN					
40	2022	2023	Life		
	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Mbrs.	Percent	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2111</b>	<b>1944</b>	<b>1221</b>	<b>92.08%</b>	
Nc at large	578	673	629	116.44%	

2022	2023	Life	
Mbrs.	Mbrs	Mbrs	Percent
6916	6719	4698	97.15%
<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>WE NEED</b>		<b>197 for 100%</b>	