

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JUNE 2025



Welcome to the start of a Toto-ly Oz-Some year. We're going to journey down the Yellow Brick Road to the Circle of Excellence.

All Auxiliaries Installation Reports are required to be entered in MALTA by July 31, 2025. Auxiliaries are required to be bonded by August 31, 2025. If you haven't already done so, please get it done as soon as possible. These two items are required for the Circle of Excellence. Auxiliaries should have sent in their Delegates for the National Convention. One delegate for each 35 members or fraction thereof.

We're going to work on transparently, accountably, and education this year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact either myself, my Chief-of Staff, Deborah Crowder., or your District President. There is no such thing as a stupid question. It just means you need more training.



I am also asking that members, Presidents, and Officers have fun this year. Make your members laugh. Let them know that their contributions matter. Make them feel involved in the organization.

My Special Project for the year is Veterans Mental Health. It is a joint project with the VFW. Department Command, Edward Beard, and I are hoping to raise



at least \$40,000 during the year. This will allow us to present each of the four VA Medical Centers with \$10,000 each. This money will be earmarked for only veterans' mental health issues. As someone who has mental health issues, I know what it can



mean to get the assistance needed. If that \$40,000 results in just one less suicide, it's well worth it.

Serving Our Toto-ly Oz-Some Veterans



A Message from the Department Treasurer

July 2025

Vfwauxnc.org

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to a new year! I am looking forward to working not only with the Treasurers and trustees of the Auxiliaries and Districts, but with any member who may have a question.

Here are a few reminders to begin the new year:

- Your 30 June audits are due to me no later than 30 September. If you have a new treasurer for the 2025-26 year, both the previous treasurer and the new treasurer, as well as the old trustees and the new trustees, the President and secretary should be in attendance for this audit. Trustees, please remember, you are to audit the books of the secretary as well as the books of the treasurer. You should review the Bylaws book as well as the document provided on the Department website for your duties and responsibilities.
- Your Auxiliary and District bond must be paid no later than 31 August, but the goal is to have all bonds paid by 31 July. The amount of the bond and the cost of the bond must be presented to the Auxiliary members, voted on and approved prior to purchasing the bond, per the Bylaws, even if you have this in your standing rules.
- Please review all applications carefully before sending them in for processing. Make sure all the required information is included. There is a document on the Department website under resources titled "membership" on how to make sure the application is properly completed. I suggest each Auxiliary print this out and have a copy on hand. There is also information available on the duties of the investigation committee and what they need to be looking for on the application. You should print this out also. The President shall appoint the investigating committee of three (3) to review each application. It does not have to be the same 3 members each time. However, the President and the member recommending the applicant are not permitted to serve on the investigating committee. If the application is incorrect and needs to be returned, it delays the member being entered in MALTA and the start of them receiving their member benefits. This is also the reason you do not ever hold memberships. Any **life** application being paid for by credit card must be sent in immediately, as the signature on those applications is considered a "dead" signature after three months and will not be processed by National. The application will be returned to the Auxiliary by National.
- When you have a deceased member, please enter this information as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the end of the year to enter your deceased members. When you do this it affects the Department membership totals, and the Auxiliaries will not have the time to recruit enough members to make up the difference before the end of June. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Being a treasurer can be a difficult and sometimes thankless position at times. I appreciate each of you who have agreed to assume the duties of treasurer. When it seems overwhelming. Just remember to stop, take a breath, and remember, there is always someone you can reach out to for guidance and assistance. Just reach out if you have questions or there is anything you feel I may be able to assist you with.

Let's have a great year.

Sandra Johnson-Leu,

VFWA Department Treasurer 2025-2026 Department of NC 919-906-7592 ctrysun@embargmail.com
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LEADERSHIP IS NOT ABOUT TITLES, POSITIONS OR FLOWCHARTS. IT IS ABOUT ONE LIFE INFLUENCING ANOTHER.

Veterans and Family Support

2025 June



Hello Sisters and Brothers As we begin a new program year, July brings an opportunity to reflect on our freedoms and those who protect them. This Independence Day, let's thank our veterans—with a meal, a card, or even a simple “thank you.”

We also encourage Auxiliaries and Posts to consider participating in **Adopt-A-Unit**. This initiative builds ongoing connections with military units, offering care and support before, during, and after deployments.

Together, let's carry the spirit of service forward—not just in celebration, but in action.

****Please watch video****

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOmPsEoehes&pp=ygUTaG93IHRvIGFkb3B0IGEdW5pdA%3D%3D>

Adopt A Unit Application



Loyally Serving

Joe Nelson

Veterans and Family Support

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Americanism

July 2025

Please submit any and all Americanism Activities for the month of July.

The Auxiliaries that report doing an event or activity supporting Americanism in July, August, and September will be put into a drawing for a prize which will be awarded at the October Council of Administration.



So, this means there will be three Auxiliaries that will receive a prize from me at the Council of Administration. One for each month July, August and September.

To keep it fair it will be a randomized drawing with all participating Auxiliaries that have reported something through the reporting dashboard for Americanism.

So, get those reports in.

Jeanette (Jeannie) Platt

Proud Wife of a USMC Veteran

Semper Fi



Auxiliary Outreach July 2025



July is the seventh month of the year, named after Roman dictator Julius Caesar. It's known for being the hottest month in the Northern Hemisphere on average days. A key event in July is the celebration of Independence Day in the United States on the 4th, commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Auxiliary Outreach is a donation of volunteering your time and partnering with other organizations to help our communities. Outreach can be done in all communities by people of any age if the guidelines are followed. **Remember there must be at least one Auxiliary member involved.**

Summer is a good time to volunteer with outside activities such as walks or runs for different organizations. Many communities have clean ups of rivers and parks in the summer. Summer is



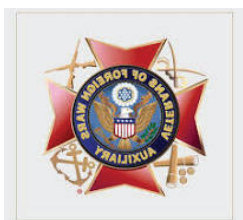
the time for festivals, cemetery cleanups and beatification projects that can always use a helping hand. We could all spend days cleaning up the litter on our roadsides, in our parks and in our streams. The list is endless if you just look around.

Western North Carolina is still struggling. These areas can use help with cleaning up and help with feeding all the volunteers. The work in this area is far from done.



President Anna's theme is "Serving our Toto-Ly Oz-Some Veterans". Let's all help make this a great year.

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



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“Buddy”® Poppy



Donna Wright, Chairman
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The origins of today's VFW National Home can be traced to a 23-year-old woman named Amy Ross.

In 1922, Ross made it her mission to help find jobs for the thousands of unemployed veterans in Detroit.

THE BEGINNING

News of Ross' efforts reached cattleman Corey Spencer, who gifted 472 acres of land near Eaton Rapids, Michigan, to build on Ross' vision of supporting veterans.

On Jan. 7, 1925, the VFW National Home was founded, helping to fulfill the VFW pledge to “honor the dead by helping the living.” Later that spring, the Home welcomed its first family in an old frame farmhouse, Mrs. Pollett and her six children. Pollett had become suddenly widowed and lost her husband's military pension.

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

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It's time to inspire our members and communities by telling our story through media. Department of North Carolina has over 70 Auxiliaries united by the cause to serve veterans and their families and promote patriotism in our communities. Whether your Auxiliary is large or small, you can use media to share your story and record its history.

Media allows us to share and brag about what Auxiliaries at all levels (local and District) are doing for our veterans, their families and our communities.

- Reach out to your members and friends using social media. Create an Auxiliary Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat or TikTok.
- Use video! Videos are a great way to communicate; they are more visually engaging than written content and a great way to deliver information.
- Many of us have smart phones and it's easy to record, upload and share videos on social media.

Please continue to use traditional methods of communication to get information out. Email, newsletters, flyers, newspapers and magazines are time-tested ways to share Auxiliary news and events. Remember to include the 5 W's (who, what, when, where and why) when recording a video, writing a post for social media or an article for a newsletter. Details matter!

Did you know that you can get on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and find so many helpful videos that walk you through how to do things like the following?

- How to do a Live FaceBook
- How to do a scrapbook
- How to do a YouTube video
- How to write your story
- How to start a FaceBook page



If you are struggling on how to do things, use Google to access how-to-do videos. It is amazing how many things are at our fingertips by using Google or using YouTube.

WHAT TO DO VS WHAT NOT TO DO

- * Always: Use pronoun "We" when representing the organization
- * Always: use proper grammar, spelling, punctuation
- * Always: be positive, inclusive and kind
- * Never: make political statements or "like" such pages from an official page or in a group
- * Never: use an official page to make personal comments, even regarding auxiliary issues unless you are representing the organization and being positive. Ex: "we love working with scouts!" is Ok." I hate the new uniforms" is not. Instead, try "some of our members dislike the new uniforms and wish we could go back to the old ones," or make the comment from/on your personal page instead.
- * Never: use social media to bully or ostracize anyone



*Serving our
Toto-ly Oz-some
Veterans*



Hospital/VAVS Program

July 2025

Sandra Johnson-Leu, Hospital Program Chairman
919-906-7592



The hospital program is one of the oldest programs of the VFW Auxiliary. I am very honored to be serving as the chairman of this program this year, as I am very passionate about the VA hospital and our Veterans being served there.

Members, non-members, youth and families can volunteer at the VA facilities. And there is always a need for volunteers in the many areas of the 4 VA hospitals in North Carolina. Contact your local VA for the volunteer needs they may have.

In addition to the VA facilities, Auxiliaries should make contact with local hospitals, nursing homes, one of the 5 Veterans homes in North Carolina, any facility where Veterans are being taken care of. Some of you may not be close to a VA facility, but you are closer to a nursing home where Veterans reside. You may volunteer here. Donate needed items here.

Remember, we not only serve and volunteer for our Veterans, but think about your members who may be in a hospital or nursing home as well. Be sure to visit them. Make sure they know they have not been forgotten and are still an important part of our organization.

Each of the 4 VA Hospitals in North Carolina have a VAVS Representative assigned to them. This year the Reps are:

Asheville: Joyce Preston- jbpreston99@yahoo.com 828-817-0939

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

Fayetteville: Wanda McCall wandalmcCall401@gmail.com 910-401-8693

Salisbury-Farres Upton farreshupton@aol.com 336-841-5094

Contact your VAVS for any information regarding the donation needs or volunteer needs at the VA center your Auxiliary is assigned to.

Throughout the year, I will be sharing ideas on how you can volunteer at the VA or suggestions on things you can do to support the veterans there. Your VAVS Reps will be doing the same.

Be sure to report all of your Hospital activities on the Department reporting site.

Sandra Johnson-Leu, Hospital Program Chairman

VA MEDICAL ASSIGNMENTS BY AUXILIARY

ASHEVILLE VAMC

AUX #		AUXILIARY	DIST		AUX #	AUXILIARY	DIST		AUX #	AUXILIARY	DIST
891		Asheville	16		5202	Waynesville	17		7034	Sparta	15
1142		N Wilkesboro	15		5206	Hendersonville	16		7339	Franklin	17
4066		Shelby	14		5362	Morganton	14		7949	Jefferson	15
4286		Newland	15		6812	Haysville	17		9116	Columbus	16
4309		Brevard	17		7031	Boone	15				
5198		Canton	17								

DURHAM VAMC

1920		Mebane	5		7312	Sunbury	1		10225	Garner	7
2057		Rocky Mount	3		7315	Havelock	4		10950	Outer Banks	1
2771		Kinston	2		7383	Cary	7		10999	Raleigh	7
2972		Gibsonville	10		8297	Midway/Monroeton	10				
6060		Elizabeth City	1		10607	Burlington	6				

FAYETTEVILLE VAMC

670		Fayetteville	8		7288	Calabash	5		9959	Mount Olive	2
2615		Goldsboro	2		7318	Southern Pines	9		9960	Swansboro	4
4062		Grifton	2		7547	Clinton	4		9983	Holly Ridge	5
4203		Rockingham	9		8866	Holden Beach	5		10226	Oak Island	5
5631		Sanford	9		8986	Newport	4		10400	Boiling Springs Lake	5
6018		Fayetteville	8		9103	Spring Lake	7		10630	Hope Mills	8
6722		Lillington	7		9133	Jacksonville	4		11119	West Craven	4
7032		Greenville	2		9810	Warsaw	4		12196	Leland	5

SALISBURY VAMC

1119		Cooleemee	13		5305	Newton	14		9134	Rockwell	12
1160		Charlotte	13		5352	Kernersville	11		9337	Gastonia	13
1706		Lincolnton	14		5464	Monroe	13		9436	Pilot Mountain	11
2031		Statesville	14		6365	Locust	12		9736	Croft	13
2087		Greensboro	10		6724	Paw Creek	13		9811	Kings Mountain	13
2423		Indian Trail	13		7775	Charlotte	13		10403	Wadesboro	9
3006		Salisbury	12		8989	Kannapolis	12				
3074		Lexington	10		9010	Clemmons	11				

CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



Joyce B. Preston – VAVS Representative

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Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Home: 828-859-5286
Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy

Mobile: 828-817-0939

Email: jbp Preston99@yahoo.com

Willie Glance – Honorary VAVS

July 2025

Needs List:

Soft drinks

Cookies

Spiced Cider Powdered lemonade Chips – Variety snack packs

Please watch expiration dates

Robotic Pets Specialty Meals: In need of May – December Sponsorship

Colored Pencils

Journal Books

Reading glasses – Variety of strengths

Gatorade Juices Belvita

Little Debbie snacks Hot Chocolate

Pop its (poppers)

Acrylic Paints and Paint brushes

Ink pens with non removable caps

Hospice Needs List:

- Soda (Dr.Pepper, Coke & Sprite) small cans
- KIND – Healthy Grain Bars (Dark Chocolate Chunk and Oats and Honey with toasted Coconut)
- Natures Bakery Oatmeal Crumble Strawberry 10 ct Snack Bars
- Slim Jim Original Smoked Snack Sticks
- Great Value Arabica French Dark Roast Coffee Pods
- Great Value Donut Shop Arabica Medium Roast Coffee Pods
- Fritos Lay Flavor Mix Variety Snack Pack 18- Count
- Kleenex – Pop-Up Box
- Fingernail/Toenail Clipper Sets
- Schick Xtreme 3 Blade Sensitive Mens Disposable Razors 8ct.
- Hanes Mens Value Pack Assorted Pocket T-shirts 6 pack (Large, XLarge and 2XL)

- Brown Bath Towels
- Emory Boards

Refill Your Rx on VA Mobile App

You can now request refills and track your prescriptions using the VA Health and Benefits app. Existing users will need to download the latest version of the app to gain access to these new features. The app is free and available for both [iOS and Android smartphones](#).



Helpful Resources:

- [My HealtheVet Help Desk](#) at 877-327-0022 or 800-877-8339 (TTY)
 - [ID.me](#) help center to submit a ticket at [help.id.me](#)
 - [ID.me](#) phone support: 1-855-904-3635
 - [Login.gov](#) help center at [login.gov/help](#)
 - [Login.gov](#) phone support: 1-844-875-6446
 - Visit main VA Resource at [va.gov/sign-in-changes](#)
 - [AshevilleVAMC on facebook](#)

God Bless America & Our Troops!



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



Greetings to all of the Auxiliaries volunteering and serving the Durham VA Medical Center. We had such a great year last year with all of the support you showed, your donations and the amount of time you volunteered. I am hoping we will increase that this year.

There are always opportunities for volunteers at the VA. The most urgent need of late has been assistance with folding and stuffing letters to be sent to Veterans regarding changes to medications, services, locations, etc. These are easy 2 hour shifts and a great way to clock in some volunteer hours.

The need for clothing items, snacks, food items during the holidays, each of these things will once again be a part of the requests this year. Please start planning you Auxiliary participating in this. Most items can be ordered on Amazon and sent directly to the VA, so you won't even have to drive there.

Just as I did last year, as I receive the requests for volunteers or donations from the VA, I will forward the information to the Presidents of the Auxiliaries to share with your members. After you make your donation, or after you volunteer, please be sure to report the donation items and amount on the Department reporting site.

The biggest news I have for you this month is this announcement from the office at the Durham VA: *Coming Soon! The Garner VA Clinic is a new 240,000 square foot outpatient facility located at 2700 Benson Road, Garner, NC. This clinic is strategically positioned to serve the growing number of Veterans in Wake County, the fastest-growing county within the Durham VA Health Care System service area. Groundbreaking for the clinic began in March 2023, and we are preparing to welcome our first patient at the end of July 2025.*

Everyone has eagerly been awaiting this news, as many of the services provided at the Durham facility will be available at this beautiful new facility. I cannot wait to be able to visit and tour the new facility and be able to put in some of my volunteer hours much closer to my home.

And now, on a serious note, Dianne Sellers has long served the Durham VA as a VAVS Representative, a deputy representative, as the Hospital program as she is as passionate about serving the Veterans at the VA as I am. After all of these years, Dianne is having to step down to focus on her own health. I am going to miss her a great deal and I know the VA is going to miss seeing her as much. Even though, I am sure she will still be volunteering as much as she can. I want to thank Dianne for her many years of service and dedication, and wish her all the best as she takes care of herself.

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.

Sandra Johnson-Leu, Durham VAVS Representative
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SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER

1601 Brenner Ave., Salisbury, NC

Salisbury VA Healthcare System is dedicated to improving the lives of our Veterans. They conduct research to discover knowledge and create innovations that advance health care for our Veterans.

Assist our 15 Women Veterans at Salisbury. Voluntary Service can advise you of their needs. We can also help them receive the benefits they deserve.

Our **GREENHOUSE** on campus at the Salisbury VA Medical Center is truly an asset. It provides therapy for many of our Veterans. To support the **GREENHOUSE** project, checks go to our Treasurer Sandra Johnson-Leu, earmarked "**GREENHOUSE FUND**" Salisbury VA Medical Center. Sandra will send a letter and check to Salisbury Volunteer Service "CDCE", earmarked "**GREENHOUSE FUND**", stating the Auxiliary number and name of Auxiliary.

VOLUNTEER: It just takes one look, as a Veteran's face lights up when a smiling volunteer, walks Into a room.

NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Tennis Shoes: sizes 7-10

Underwear--(Boxer Shorts) sizes medium, large, X large, 2X, 3X

Regular Pants: 32-30 32-34 34-30 34 32 34 34 36 30

Before taking items for our Veterans at Salisbury VA, please contact **VOLUNTARY SERVICE** to make an appointment for delivery. Phone number is 704-638-3409.

Thank you for supporting the needs of our Veterans, who bravely served our country.

Loyally,

Farres Upton
Salisbury Representative



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—JULY 2025

Lighting the way between veterans' families and legislators with a wave of gratitude.

Thank You for Your Service—Turning our Gratitude into Action

WELCOME TO THE NEW 2025-2026 PROGRAM YEAR! LET'S START OFF WITH A LOUD BANG!



I bring greetings from our National Legislative Ambassador, AMY JO LETT!

Every time we say, "Thank you for your service," we are acknowledging the sacrifices made by veterans and their families. But we can go beyond words and translate gratitude into action. Our Legislative Program empowers us to advocate for policies that improve the lives of veterans, service members and their families by tuning our appreciation into meaningful legislative advocacy. Your efforts, combined with the nearly 1.5 million other VFW and Auxiliary members, can influence lawmakers whose decisions affect veterans and their families every day. Join the chorus of voices that will ring out in legislator's offices this year!

We will learn to "Follow up with Gratitude." After in-person meetings with local legislators, follow up with an email or thank-you card. Establish Legislative "Gratitude Days" of action to send legislators a message of thanks. Establish specific days of action where Auxiliaries commit to contacting legislators with a message of thanks, while also urging them to support legislation that benefits veterans, and more!

Review the VFW Priority Goals: These goals are released in January of each year by the VFW on the VFW National website: <https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/advocacy/prioritygoalsbrochure>.

VFW Action Corps Weekly: These goals are released in January of each year by the VFW on the VFW National website at: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>. Please **keep track of all the new sign-ups**, you will need to report that total **for the year**.

Step by step—A Bill: 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/>. Check out the **additional**

VFW Key Bills in Congress: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills>.

Communicate with your legislators and elected officials (via phone, email and personal visits). Be brief and to the point. Stick to one issue per phone call or email.

Appoint a Legislative Chairman for your Auxiliary that will stay on top of the issues and ask them to email me! **I am here to help!** Get involved with Town Hall meetings and political forums. Many of you have municipal elections in the fall, and the 2026 Mid-term elections are important and coming soon!

Legislative Program Awards for Auxiliaries

Most outstanding activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Priority Goals. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or the VFW Priority Goals. Entry form is required and **available in MALTA member Resources**. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2026, for Judging. Citations will be mailed directly to winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 Auxiliary National Convention.

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Meet my
sidekick "Bill"

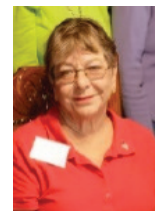


Visit our Facebook Page, Dept of NC VFW Auxiliary Legislative Program to keep up with Legislative News and Action Alerts!

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

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government."

—Thomas Jefferson (1809)



Membership 2025-2026

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

Department President Anna Holm's Theme: Serving Our Toto-ly Oz-Some Veterans

And just like that, we are starting our 2025-2026 Auxiliary year!!

July is the time to send out your first round of dues renewal letters.

Are you ready to "Get Your Ask in Gear?" Well, it is time! Start working on your membership. Make a list with two columns: Column A is family that you **know** qualify for the Auxiliary, Column B is family members that **may** qualify, then ask them to join.

Remember to reach out to your Post members periodically to see if they have any family members who may like to join.

Follow Up!! The first time you talk to someone new about joining the organization they may not be ready. It's important to ask for their contact information and then follow up with them in a week.

Please remember to read the Monthly Mail!!



Invite New Members* Include Current
Members * Invest in the Future of the
Organization



Angi Hardy

National Membership Ambassador Mike Maruszak
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS 2025 - 2026



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Hi to all Auxiliaries and Districts.



I hope that you all were able to read my first writing and were able to familiarize yourself with all the different scholarships that are offered. This month I will try to concentrate on the Patriots Pen and VOD scholarship programs, since they are the first ones that we need to deal with. Please remember the information for these two programs must be distributed early (even before school begins), since the deadline for submission is October and we need to give the students as much time as possible to prepare. Offices at schools, both private and public, are open during the summer months, so you can take the information and applications to them and have them placed in the guidance counselors' box and she or he will have all the information before school opens (you can include all scholarship information in the packet at this time if desired). If this is not possible, try to deliver the information to the schools as soon as they open. Just make sure that you follow up soon after school is in session to make sure that they have received the information. Other places to distribute information is the Homeschool Association, the Boys and Girls Clubs and any other student organization. Make sure that your contact information is included when the information that is distributed.

Remember that the theme for both Patriot's Pen and VOD are the same, "HOW ARE YOU SHOWING PATRIOTISM AND SUPPORT FOR OUR COUNTRY."

You can find all information, instructions and are able to download application forms for both contests online at www.vfw.org under the community tab. If you have a problem obtaining forms or information please e-mail me or call me and I can make sure that you get everything that you need.

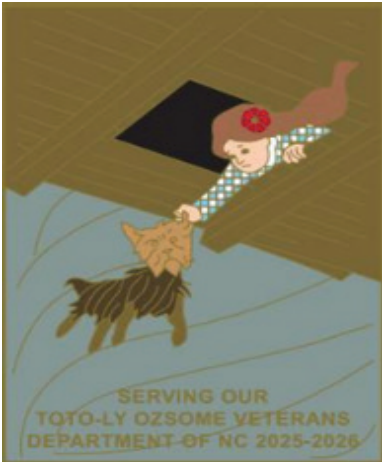
I received a note from our National Scholarship Ambassador regarding the Continuing Education Scholarship. He stated that there have been fewer applicants than hoped for. We need to get more members, their spouses and children to apply for this scholarship. We also need to grow the continuing education scholarship escrow fund so that there are more money for students per conference per year. This scholarship program is also VFW Auxiliary National President Lois Callahan's special project this year and since this is her special project auxiliaries might want to plan to hold some fund raises for this program. I will include more information on this scholarship program in next month's newsletter.

Let's try to make this scholarship program a program to remember this year by getting out information and trying to have a record number of entries for each scholarship program. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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

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

Department President Anna Holm's Special Project Pin



Help your Department President reach the joint VFW and VFVA goal of **\$40,000** for their Special Project, **Veterans' Mental Health Issues**. You can order your pins below. Send one copy along with a check (made out to **VFW Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina**) to:

Sandra Johnson-Leu
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Department of NC Auxiliary President Polo Shirt Sale

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July 2025

District Presidents Director's Desk Notes

Dear NCVFW Auxiliary District Presidents:

I really enjoyed meeting with you all at the recent Convention.

I have a few important reminders for you all.

- Read and become familiar with all the information in the binder you received at the convention.
- Print and study President Anna's program book found in Department Resources at vfwncaux.org
- Add it to the pages in your binder
- Contact Auxiliary Presidents in your District to schedule Fall assessments. Send a copy of the schedule to pricegenevieve961@gmail.com
- When doing the assessments of the Auxiliaries be sure to use the updated assessment form.
- (Updated Assessment Form to be emailed to you)
- Watch your Department Monthly mail to find out who your Department representative will be at the next District meeting
- Send a pre-assessment letter filled out to the Department Representative 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Always check your email to ensure that you see updates and upcoming Zoom Meetings. (The links are included in the email) Forward to Auxiliary Presidents.

Remember that I am always available to answer questions or offer feedback and support. Call or email any time.

Continue to "Serve Our Toto-Ly Oz-Some Veterans" in all that you do.;
NC Department President, Anna Holm's Motto.

Honorably yours,
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