



**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:

What a wonderful National President's visit. Thanks to everyone that had a part in making it a great success. Commander Annie and her line officers were in attendance, and they worked with us hand in hand. We are one great team, and it shows. Havelock Post 7315 with the Auxiliary and Pup Tent 3 worked hard in partnership with my team, and it was glorious. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Members that received Hurricane relief in 2024 are eligible for further assistance if needed members will need to send in a new application. Please contact me before June and we will review and address the need. We want to make sure that existence is getting better for you and your families.

The NC Membership goal is within view, and we only need about 44 members to be at 101%. Continue to keep recruiting members we love growth both for the Auxiliary and for the VFW. Keep pushing membership talk to your VFW comrades to make sure that we have signed up all their family members. Per National we are lagging in membership verses where we were at this time last year. We increased the membership dues last year but it is not impossible to do reach our goals. Spend time with your members and find out why they have not renewed and remember your Relief Fund is available for members that are in distress or having financial difficulties.

April 15th was the last day for reporting in the 2024-2025 year. The system is now closed, and you will need to hold all reports until it opens back up. Please do not stop working just hold the reports until the new updated system is up and running. Congratulations to all the auxiliaries and districts that will be obtaining awards at the Department Convention.

Reminders:

- At our October council meeting, your council member agreed to participate in this department fundraiser project where the funds are for our department ways and means funds and you were given raffle tickets. Participation in selling these tickets is mandatory. Auxiliaries have been sending them back with minimal effort in getting them sold. Each of us should have tried to either purchase or sell some of these tickets. No auxiliary should have sent them back unsold when the Auxiliary or Post could have purchased them. Thanks to those members that have went over and above in getting these tickets sold because the department needs these funds to operate.
- Make sure that delegate forms for district, department and national are sent in promptly. Installations reports need to be logged into Malta immediately. All district meetings should be completed by May 18 so by the end of May all should be entered. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!
- June Convention will be held June 12-15,2025, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. workshops. Please made sure to reserve your room and to pay for your banquet and hospitality ticket at the website www.vfwnc.com
- A Brown Bag Auction will be held to benefit my Special Project. Items in the brown bag should start at \$25.00. Please seal the bags for confidentiality. All donations are greatly appreciated.
- NC is still looking for centennial memberships to the National Home. Please use the link www.vfwnationalhome.com to sign up

Finally, this has been a great year and an absolute honor being your President for year 2024-2025. I hope I made you laugh and not cry, that I presented you with genuine love each time you met me and that you were able to see my passion for this organization our veterans and their families. I will never forget what I have experienced or any of the memories that were made. Together we did great things and will forever be One Great Team!!!

Loyally Serving Our Veterans,

Sandra Jeffries, President 2024-2025



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary



2025 North Carolina Department of North Carolina
Embassy Suites, 204 Centreport Dr., Greensboro, NC
Phone: 336-668-4535

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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| Thursday, June 12, 2025 Attire: Business Casual | | |
| 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. | Audit Committee Meeting | Salon A/B/C |
| TBA | Budget 2024-2025 | TBA |
| TBA | Budget 2025-2026 | TBA |
| 11:30 | Lunch | Timberlake |
| 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. | 2024-2025 Officer's Meeting | TBA |
| 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Earline Mayberry Committee Meeting | Salon A/B/C |
| 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Auxiliary Convention Registration | Hallway |
| 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | 2024-2025 District Presidents Meeting | Salon A/B/C |
| 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | 2024-2025 Council of Administration | Salon A/B/C |
| 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Page Meeting | Salon A/B/C |
| 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Floor Team Practice | Salon A/B/C |
| 7:00 - | Auxiliary President Sandra's Homecoming | Timberlake |
| Friday, June 13, 2025 Attire: Department Official Look | | |
| 6:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Individual Breakfast | Hotel Breakfast Area |
| 8:30 – 4:00 p.m. | Auxiliary Convention Registration | Salon A/B/C |
| 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. | Joint Session | Salon A/B/C/D/E |
| 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Auxiliary Business Session | Salon A/B/C |
| 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch | Timberlake |
| 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Auxiliary Business Session | Salon A/B/C |
| 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | 2025-2026 District President's Meeting | Salon A/B/C |
| 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. | Past Department Presidents' Meeting | TBA |
| 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Brown Bag Auction | Salon A/B/C |
| 6:00 – 12:00 a.m. | Hospitality Room | Timberlake |
| Saturday, June 14, 2025 Attire: Department Official Look | | |
| 6:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Individual Breakfast | Hotel Breakfast Area |
| 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. | Auxiliary Convention Registration | Salon A/B/C |
| 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. | Auxiliary Business Session | Salon A/B/C |
| 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. | Membership Kickoff | Timberlake |
| 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. | Auxiliary Business Session/Installation | Salon A/B/C |
| 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Banquet (Hawaiian Theme) | Salon A/B/C/D/E |
| 9:00 – 12:00 a.m. | Hospitality Room | Timberlake |
| Sunday, June 15, 2025 Attire: Business Casual | | |
| 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service | TBA |
| 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Incoming Auxiliary Council Meeting | Salon A/B/C |



A Message from the Department Treasurer

May 2025

Vfwauxnc.org



Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, we have come to the end of another year. There are several items that need to be completed before the Department Convention begins on 12 June and as your new officers prepare to assume the duties of their office after the Convention closes.

- ✓ Your Auxiliary 31 March Audit will be due to me no later than 31 May. When submitting your audit, PLEASE be sure to include the date the Audit is presented to the Auxiliary and voted to be accepted. This information is left out more than any other item and your audit is not complete without it.
- ✓ Auxiliary Department Delegate dues and lists are due by 25 May. The form may be found on the Department website and has all of your instructions. The dues are \$7 per delegate (do not pay for the Alternates) plus \$7 for the President. These dues are required by EVERY Auxiliary even if no one from your Auxiliary will be attending the Department Convention. (This is per the National Bylaws, Section 303-B.)
- ✓ The Department Fundraiser Raffle ticket stubs and money should be sent to me by 25 May. Please do not wait until the Convention to turn all of this into me. Any Auxiliary wanting additional tickets to sell may contact me and I will get them sent out to you immediately. We do have extras.
- ✓ We still need a few more members to reach our 101% goal. Don't stop collecting dues for this year to avoid having a current member have to re-apply and show proof of eligibility again if their dues are not paid prior to 6.30. Remember, your Auxiliary may vote to use your relief fund (or General fund) to pay the \$18 Department and national dues of a long-time member who may be struggling or dealing with a difficult situation at this time. You will save a member and they will appreciate your care and concern. And never stop recruiting those new members. Make sure the applications are properly and completely filled out before submitting them to avoid delays in processing.

I suggest each Auxiliary vote on your bond amount at your May or June meeting. This way your Auxiliary treasurer will be able to go to into MALTA as soon as it reopens in July to purchase the bond. Before the bond may be purchased, the amount must be presented to the Auxiliary and vote must be made. Even if this is covered in your Standing rules. By taking the vote in May or June, it will save time and enable the bonds to be purchased in July. It is the goal of the Department to have all bonds paid by 31 July. Please help us reach this goal.

I am planning to hold a treasurer's training class for all treasurers, especially the new treasurers, in July. It will be my hope this will get everyone off to a good start for the new. Treasurers, trustees as well as any member interested in learning more about the duties and responsibilities related to this position will be welcome to attend. Chances are it will be a Zoom meeting, as I can reach the most members using this format. More information will be available as the time gets closer.

Thank you for all you have done this year to help make it a successful one. I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me by electing me and allowing me to serve as your Department treasurer. I am looking forward to continue serving you again this upcoming year.

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
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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.

Candidacy for Guard 2025



Sisters and brothers, I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Guard for the VFW Auxiliary Department of North Carolina. With a strong commitment to change and transparency, I will continue to serve and contribute to the safety and well-being of our Veterans and their Families. I am asking for your support and your vote!

Respectfully,
Joe Nelson

Dear Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Sherry Brooks and I am declaring my candidacy for NC Department Guard for 2025-2026.

I have been a member of the VFW Post 1142 Auxiliary for over 15 years. I have served as Treasurer for the past 4 years. I am currently serving my second year as District 15 President and also served as Conductor in the past. I currently serve on the Erlene Mayberry Scholarship Committee.

I am dedicated to my auxiliary and I hope to bring this dedication to our Department. I feel we need some continuity to our department and all of us work together for our common goals to help and support our North Carolina veterans.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this important step in my life. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Loyally,

Sherry Brooks

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VFW Post 1142 Auxiliary

Veterans and Family Support

May 2025



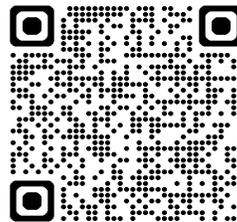
Hello sisters and brothers, we are almost half way through the year, coming in to the month May. Some of us may already know that May is Military Appreciation month, this is a time dedicated to honoring and recognizing the contributions, sacrifices, and service of military members, both past and present. May is Military Appreciation Month because it already contains several days dedicated to honoring the military, including Loyalty Day, Victory in Europe Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day.

Our **Military Appreciation Program (MAP)** is the outstretched hand between the local VFW and military community, offering support around the world. A large part of MAP is the Adopt-a-Unit program, providing VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries the opportunity to adopt hundreds of military units around the world. Adopt-a-Unit's goal is to develop supportive relationships with units before, during and after deployments to help deliver the vast network of resources the VFW has available to the military.

Adopt A Unit



Adopt a Unit Application



***Be advised that the VFW MAP Grant is now closed for the 2024-2025 program year. The 2024-2025 MAP Grant funds have been depleted. Any events held after the closure of the MAP grant will not be reimbursed with the 2025-2026 funds.

Loyally Serving

Joe Nelson

Veterans and Family Support

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“Buddy”® Poppy



V F W
NATIONAL HOME

“Buddy”® Poppy

Thank you all for a great year!! Out of 72 Auxiliaries, we had 60 to enter some type of report. 41 Auxiliaries held at least 1 “Buddy”® Poppy Drive. 32,539 poppies were used or distributed throughout the year. And we had 9 Auxiliaries participate in the “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest at the Winter C of A. Thank you again for a great year, it has been a pleasure to serve as the “Buddy”® Poppy/National Home Chairman.

Angi Hardy-
Chairman

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

www.VFWNationalHome.org

www.vfwauxiliary.org

Reporting Website
<http://vfwauxnc.org>

National Home

This year we had 28 Auxiliaries report promoting the VFW National Home and 12 promoted the VFW National Home Hotline. 7 Auxiliaries purchased at least 1 VFW National Home Life Memberships, and 2 Auxiliaries purchased a VFW National Home Tribute Brick this year.

Remember the VFW National Home in celebrating its **100th** anniversary, honoring veterans and military families on June 28th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Eaton Rapids, MI campus. Admission is free. For more information visit vfnationalhome.org/news-and-events/events/community-celebration/

Are you planning on attending the National Convention this year in Columbus, Ohio? There will be Anniversary Bus Tours going from the National Convention to the VFW National Home.

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

“Serving Those Who Have Served With Love” NC Department Presidents Theme 2024/2025

May Auxiliary Outreach

“It’s May! The lusty month of May! That lovely month when ev’ryone goes blissfully astray.” – Guenevere in the musical Camelot.



The month of May is named for the Greek fertility Goddess Maia. The birthstone is emerald, and the flower is Lilly of the Valley. The month includes May Day, the Kentucky Derby, Cinco de Mayo, Mother’s Day, VE Day, and Memorial Day. Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a U.S. patent for blue jeans in May 1873. May is considered one of the deadliest months for tornadoes.

Program reporting for the year ended on April 15th. More than 280 reports were made during the 2024-2025 year. I hope that you have continued to work the Auxiliary Outreach program and have been keeping track of what your Auxiliary has done. Once the reporting system is back up, you can input your reports. These reports will be included in the 2025-2026 year. Past Department, Patty Harris, will be the new Auxiliary Outreach Chairman. Please collaborate with her to make our next year as outstanding as this year has been.



The work all Auxiliaries in the Department has done for the victims of Hurricane Helene was phenomenal. Everyone stepped up to assist those in need. I'm sure that more was done but not reported. Reporting is extremely important.



A big **THANK YOU** for reaching out to see that the Department of North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary was active in their communities and promoting our great organization. This is my goodbye. I wish you success in the upcoming year.



Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries –

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| Dist. 1 | 10950 | | Dist. 7 | 7383, 10225, 10999 | | Dist. 13 | 1160, 2423, 9337 |
| Dist. 2 | 2615, 2771 | | Dist. 8 | 670, 6018, 10630 | | Dist. 14 | 1706, 5305 |
| Dist. 4 | 7315, 7547, 9960 | | Dist. 9 | 4203, 5631, 10403 | | Dist. 15 | 1142, 7034, 7946 |
| Dist. 5 | 7288, 9983, 10226, 10400, 12196 | | Dist. 11 | 1119, 5352, 7794, 9010, 9436 | | Dist. 16 | 5206 |
| Dist. 6 | 1920, 10607 | | Dist. 12 | 2908, 8989, 9134 | | Dist. 17 | 5205, 6812, 7339 |

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VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC President Historian/ Media Relations

May 2025



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This year has come to an end, and I must say what a year it has been. 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 their Historian/Media Relations Award for citations from National. We only had five Auxiliaries to submit this form.

Please see statistics for the year below:

- ✓ 167 Total reports entered
- ✓ 43 Auxiliaries entered reports
- ✓ 6 Auxiliaries submitted the Historian/Media Relations Award to receive citations from National
- ✓ 38 Auxiliaries have Face Book pages
- ✓ 7 Auxiliaries have websites
- ✓ 39 Auxiliaries reported Communications
- ✓ 15 Auxiliaries report using Historian Material
- ✓ A total of 28 Auxiliaries reported Media Relations Training

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. Next year, National is also focusing on Auxiliaries using and creating Reels to spread the word about our Programs and what you're doing in your communities. I am available to assist with any issues you may have.

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 Program – May 2025

Dianne Sellers, Chairman

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If you happened to miss reading Joyce Preston's VAVS promotion about the Charles George VA Medical Center in the April Department Mail, please go back and read the following: ***"The Veterans Healing Farm is pleased to announce that it has been selected to be a VA Health Care Telehealth Outpost. This initiative to enhance the well-being of local veterans is in partnership between the Western North Carolina VA Health Care System and the Veterans Healing Farm. This collaboration aims to significantly improve veterans' access to VA virtual care services in the region."*** My husband and I have attended several events at the Farm since their beginnings (2013) and the variety of opportunities is tremendous at the Farm. veteranshealingfarm@gmail.com

Now that our Auxiliary year is coming to an end, I thought you would like to share with your members what the VA (Veteran's Administration) does to help the **American population and beyond**. Below are just a few discoveries we owe our appreciation to: **researchers and medical staff associated with VA Hospitals for what they have given us:**

DID YOU KNOW?

- * VA Research is unique because of its focus on health issues that affect Veterans.
- * VA Research has resulted in 3 Nobel Prizes, 7 Lasker Awards, and many other distinctions within the medical & scientific communities.
- * VA Research has resulted in the first implantable cardiac pacemaker.
- * VA Research developed & performed the 1st successful liver transplants.
- * VA Research created the nicotine patch.
- * VA Research developed some of the first medications for hypertension.
- * VA Research helped to license the Shingles vaccine.
- * VA Research conducted groundbreaking findings for Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury.
- * VA Research pioneered & developed the Nation's flagship electronic medical records system as well as barcode software for safely administering medications.
- * VA provides medical training for an estimated 70% of all U.S. physicians, plus 120,000 medical students & residents each year.
- * VA trains the majority of American Healthcare Professionals and is the largest educators of medicine.

~~ Please share with others how fortunate we all are to have our VA Hospitals!

CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



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Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy

Willie Glance – Honorary VAVS

May 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

VETERANS STAND DOWN
Cherokee NC
Available Resources:
• Medicaid Enrollments
• Health Screenings
• Mental Health Services
• Employment Assistance
• Housing / Shelter Assistance
• Peer Support
• Veterans' Benefits Assistance
• Gear Distribution
• Haircuts
• Training Opportunities
• Crisis & Recovery Services
• Lunch Provided
*Veterans will need to present proof of Veteran status: DD-214, Veteran ID, or VA Verified on Site.
Vendors, please scan the QR code for registration
April 25, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | 1526 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719
Visit www.abccm-vsc.org or call 855-962-8387 for more information

God Bless America & Our Troops!



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



The Durham VA is always in need of Volunteers. Recently, 4000 letters needed to be folded, put in envelopes and sealed to be mailed to Veterans regarding a problem with a prescription medication. You only need to volunteer for 2 hour shifts to assist with these important requests. It Is an easy way to get volunteer hours for your Auxiliary. Please consider assisting the next time you get a notification of the need to help.

Right now the Durham VA is having a Snack drive for the Veterans being served there. Some of these snacks go in the blessing boxes, some are provided to the Veterans while waiting for appointments or who are in-house patients. Some of the items being requested are:

*Small water bottles *Small juice bottles * protein bars * Apple sauce cups *Fruit nut bars
*Peanut butter crackers * Small bags of pretzels *Fruit cereal bars

Donations may be dropped off at the Durham VA, or you may order these items and have them delivered directly to the VA. Be sure to include a gift receipt with all orders for your Auxiliary to receive proper credit, and the report your donation on the Department reporting system

The Greenville/Morehead City CBOC's are also in need of supplies and volunteers. I recently shared the complete list with all the Auxiliaries assigned to the Durham VA. Please check with the Auxiliary President for the needs in this area. But some of the urgent needs are:

*Soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrush, and body wash. *Air mattresses (King or Queen) for HUDVASH program, plus the bedding, Coffee and bottled water funds (to assist with providing Lab samples and taking medications, * Washhouse Gift cards for the HUDVASH program to provide laundry services, Wal-Mart gift cards, Food Lion gift cards to purchase items needed for the Veteran Miro Food Pantry and Diabetic snacks, waters, laundry detergents

Please contact Kirk Crawley at 252-830-2149 ext 14-3228 or kirk.crawley@va.gov for more information. Donations may be sent to or dropped off at : Department of Veterans Affairs, CDCE Office Greenville, 401 Moye Blvd. Greenville, NC 27834.

There are several ways to volunteer at the VA to assist in the many areas at the hospital. The requirement to have the COVID shots has been lifted and is no longer required in order to volunteer. You do still need to have a Flu shot, though. The summer Youth volunteer program is taking applications for the 4 week program. The information may be found on the Duram VA website. The number of volunteers and the amount of donations have increased a great deal this year, and I cannot thank you enough. Every single donation, whether hours, monetary or supplies means so much to our Veterans.

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

1-800-469-8262 or 704-638-90

May 2025

Can you believe our 2024-2025 Auxiliary year is coming to a close, and we are preparing for our 2025-2026 Auxiliary year. Our support to meet the needs of our Veterans are ongoing.

UP-COMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 11th. Mother's Day
May 17th. Armed Forces Day
May 26th. Memorial Day

NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Men and Women's Body Wash
Men and Women's Deodorant
Men and Women's Lotion
Baby Oil and Vaseline
Lip Balm/Chapstick
Men's Pants (sizes: 28 to 46)
Men's Sweat Pants (sizes: Large to 3X)

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



POPPY DAY
MAY 23RD

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—MAY 2025
*SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND WE MUST SPRING INTO ACTION WITH
BLOSSOMING LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR VETERANS' NEEDS!*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MAY 11TH!

**IT'S A MONTH FOR HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR VETS AND
MOTHERS!**



MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 26TH

***I bring greetings from our National Legislative Ambassador, Deanna
'DeeDee' Guyette!***

The VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., recently wrapped up, and the strength of the VFW and Auxiliary was on full display for our elected officials in Congress to see with more than 1,000 people in attendance. Let's make our Auxiliary garden grow this Spring by planting new advocacy seeds and helping those new plants reach full bloom!

Spring Forward and keep the pressure on our representatives and congressmen to put our veterans first. It is more important now than ever to show our veterans that we are there for them and will fight every step of the way for their rights!

TIPS FROM OUR NATIONAL AMBASSADOR:

- Educate new advocates on the importance of the Legislative Program.
- Familiarize new advocates with resources from the VFW Legislative Resource webpage: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>
- Empower new advocates with the VFW Legislative Priority Goals. <https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/advocacy/prioritygoalsbrochure.pdf>
- Assist new advocates with subscribing to the VFW Action Corps Weekly: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts>
- Show new advocates how to best communicate with their elected officials, locating address/contact information, writing letters, making phone calls, etc.
- Toss out any old VFW Priority Goals and replace them with the new 2025 VFW Priority Goals.
- Update your contact list with any new officials from the recent elections.
- If you changed your email address or phone number, be sure to update your VFW Action Corps Weekly subscription.
- Draft new letters, communications and verbal scripts that reflect current legislation.

There is a great deal going on in Congress and our NC General Assembly that can benefit our veterans and military and their families. Stay tuned for updates on bills and activities. Contact me anytime for info on bills or help and be sure to check out our Facebook page regularly! Seek truth and knowledge in all you do.

Blessings, Lynn

MAY 17TH

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,
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“The government of the United States is a definite government, confined to specified objects. It is not like the state governments, whose powers are more general. Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government.” —James Madison (1794)



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 Aesop's fable of the Tortoise and the Hare?

The story concerns a Hare who ridicules a slow-moving Tortoise. Tired of the Hare's arrogant behavior, the Tortoise challenges him to a race. The hare soon leaves the tortoise behind and, confident of winning, takes a nap midway through the race. When the Hare awakes, however, he finds that his competitor, crawling slowly but steadily, has arrived before him.

Moral of the Story: We can't lay down and snooze, we need to keep going and pushing! We need to give all our effort to hit the finish line!

**Talk to anyone and everyone about membership with the Auxiliary!
Tell them your WHY! Why are you so proud to be a member, and why should they join us?**



From May 1 – May 30 anyone who recruits a new member and your referral information is on the application, will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card!



Clearly communicate the benefits of membership, outlining what their fees contribute to and showcasing the unique opportunities and experiences we offer through serving veterans and families. Keep in mind these members don't have to be active or show up to meetings, while that helps, we need people who will be willing to represent! They may not have time to be active but want to feel included. Think of them when you need small tasks at home done, or while they attend children's sports. Things like calling members to remind them of dues doesn't have to be done on-site

May 2025



NC Membership

99.30%

We need 48 renewals or new members to hit 100%,
254 more to hit 103%
*As of 4.10.2025

Gold Award: \$300 for reaching 100% Plus by 6/30/2025

Platinum Award: \$400 for reaching 101% Plus by 6/30/2025

Reporting!

While the system is locked down don't forget to record activities for membership once the system.

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

| District 1 | District 2 | District 3 | District 4 | District 5 | District 6 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 6060 & 10950 | 2615, 2771 & 9959 | 2057 | 7315, 8986, 9133, 9810 & 9960 | 7288, 8866, 9983, & 10226 | 1920 & 10607 |
| District 7 | District 8 | District 9 | District 10 | District 11 | District 12 |
| 6722, 9103 & 10225 | 670, 6018 & 10630 | 7318 & 10403 | 2087 & 2972 | 1119 & 9010 | 3006 & 6365 |
| District 13 | District 14 | District 15 | District 16 | District 17 | |
| 1160, 2423, 5464, 6724, 7775, 9337 & 9736 | 1706 | 1142, 4286, 7031, 7034 & 7946 | 5206 & 9116 | 4309, 6812 & 7339 | |

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Do you have family members
who are eligible for
Membership in the VFW
Auxiliary?

If not a member already...
WHY NOT JOIN TODAY?



For the price of a meal, or less...



You could give them an opportunity to serve the
best citizens in this nation right along side
you...What's stopping you?

YOUR family members make up the VFW Auxiliary! Like you they choose
to be as active or passive as their schedule allows, but either way their
membership alone makes a tremendous difference to our nation's
Veterans and their families.

Sign them up today!

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/join-us>



VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NC Membership Report
2024-2025

President Sandra Jefferies

Chairman Lyndsey Bowlus

Date: 4.23.25

East-- Wendy Doubles

| District 1 Pres Brittney Phillips | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 6060 | Elizabeth City | 243 | | 171 | 104.53% |
| 7312 | Sunbury | 24 | 23 | 17 | 95.83% |
| 10950 | Outer Banks | 39 | 38 | 36 | 97.44% |
| TOTALS | | 306 | 61 | 224 | 102.94% |

| District 4 Pre.Eileen Lazenvick | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 2514 | New Bern | | 18 | 5 | |
| 7315 | Havelock | 192 | 198 | 169 | 103.13% |
| 7547 | Clinton | 56 | 54 | 53 | 96.43% |
| 8986 | Newport | 62 | 71 | 51 | 114.52% |
| 9133 | Jacksonville | 192 | 197 | 158 | 102.60% |
| 9810 | Warsaw | 29 | 29 | 29 | 100.00% |
| 9960 | Swansboro | 276 | 282 | 230 | 102.17% |
| 11119 | West Craven | 34 | 29 | 28 | 85.29% |
| TOTALS | | 841 | 878 | 723 | 104.40% |

| District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 2615 | Goldsboro | 44 | 46 | 30 | 104.55% |
| 2771 | Kinston | 18 | 18 | 9 | 100.00% |
| 7032 | Greenville | 44 | 40 | 26 | 90.91% |
| 9959 | Mount Olive | 50 | 50 | 32 | 100.00% |
| TOTALS | | 156 | 154 | 97 | 98.72% |

| District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 7288 | Calabash | 298 | 317 | 210 | 106.38% |
| 8866 | Holden Beach | 104 | 110 | 105 | 105.77% |
| 9983 | Holly Ridge | 158 | 177 | 135 | 112.03% |
| 10226 | Oak Island | 90 | 99 | 86 | 110.00% |
| 10400 | B Spring Lakes | 84 | 80 | 47 | 95.24% |
| 121966 | Leland | 17 | 15 | 7 | 88.24% |
| TOTALS | | 751 | 798 | 590 | 106.66% |

| District 3 Pres Mary Lewis | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 2057 | Rocky Mount | 68 | 69 | 51 | 101.47% |
| 4147 | Bailey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | | 68 | 69 | 51 | 77.53% |

| 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 | 27 | 21 | 135.00% |
| 7383 | Cary | 155 | 151 | 127 | 97.42% |
| 9103 | Spring Lake | 100 | 105 | 94 | 105.00% |
| 10225 | Garner | 108 | 112 | 91 | 103.70% |
| 10999 | Raleigh | 41 | 37 | 29 | 90.24% |
| TOTALS | | 424 | 432 | 362 | 98.18% |

| EASTERN | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| TOTALS | 2546 | 2646 | 2047 | 103.92% |

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Date: 04.21.2025

Central - Mary Zanders

| 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 | 38 | 26 | 115.15% |
| TOTALS | | 80 | 85 | 52 | 106.25% |

| 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 | 37 | 32 | 102.78% |
| 3074 | Lexington | 41 | 38 | 14 | 92.68% |
| 8297 | Mway Monroeton | 58 | 55 | 48 | 94.83% |
| TOTALS | | 155 | 150 | 100 | 96.77% |

| District 8 Pres Mary Zanders | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 670 | Fayetteville | 157 | 188 | 112 | 119.75% |
| 6018 | Fayetteville | 195 | 198 | 160 | 101.54% |
| 10,630 | Hope Mills | 34 | 34 | 27 | 100.00% |
| TOTALS | | 386 | 420 | 299 | 108.81% |

| 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 | 95 | 53 | 100.00% |
| 6365 | Locust | 18 | 22 | 6 | 122.22% |
| 8989 | Kannapolis | 135 | 119 | 60 | 88.15% |
| 9134 | Rockwell | 32 | 22 | 15 | 68.75% |
| TOTALS | | 280 | 258 | 134 | 69.35% |

| District 9 Pres Angi Hardy | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 4203 | Rockingham | 60 | 52 | 34 | 86.67% |
| 5631 | Sanford | 120 | 117 | 103 | 96.69% |
| 7318 | Southern Pines | 349 | 355 | 318 | 101.72% |
| 10,403 | Wadesboro | 44 | 43 | 27 | 97.73% |
| TOTALS | | 573 | 567 | 482 | 98.78% |

71.24

| CENTRAL | 2023 Mbrs. | 2024 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| TOTALS | 1474 | 1480 | 1067 | 100.41% |

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Date: 04.21.2025

Western -- Bessie Bright

| District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 1119 | Cooleemee | 28 | 30 | 11 | 107.14% |
| 5352 | Kernersville | 151 | 142 | 76 | 94.04% |
| 7794 | Elkin | 37 | 34 | 14 | 91.89% |
| 9010 | Clemmons | 54 | 56 | 45 | 103.70% |
| 9436 | Pilot Mountain | 67 | 62 | 25 | 92.54% |
| 11173 | Walnut Cove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | | 337 | 324 | 171 | 90.50% |

| District 15 Pres Sherry Brooks | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 1142 | N. Wilkesboro | 84 | 86 | 70 | 102.38% |
| 4286 | Newland | 35 | 36 | 23 | 102.86% |
| 7031 | Boone | 45 | 46 | 21 | 102.22% |
| 7034 | Sparta | 61 | 66 | 48 | 108.20% |
| 7946 | Jefferson | 30 | 31 | 10 | 103.33% |
| TOTALS | | 255 | 265 | 172 | 103.92% |

| District 13 Pres Becky Rowe | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 1160 | Charlotte | 139 | 140 | 127 | 100.72% |
| 2423 | Indian Trail | 104 | 107 | 93 | 102.88% |
| 5464 | Monroe | 46 | 46 | 30 | 104.35% |
| 6724 | Paw Creek | 37 | 40 | 29 | 108.11% |
| 7775 | Charlotte | 20 | 21 | 18 | 105.00% |
| 9337 | Gastonia | 68 | 68 | 27 | 100.00% |
| 9736 | Croft | 16 | 16 | 5 | 100.00% |
| TOTALS | | 430 | 438 | 329 | 101.86% |

| District 16 Pres Joyce Preston | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 891 | Asheville | 82 | 78 | 67 | 95.12% |
| 5206 | Hendersonville | 73 | 75 | 60 | 102.74% |
| 9116 | Columbus | 25 | 26 | 18 | 104.00% |
| TOTALS | | 180 | 179 | 145 | 99.44% |

| District 14 Pres Linda Owens | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 1706 | Lincolnton | 73 | 81 | 48 | 109.59% |
| 2031 | Statesville | 71 | 64 | 58 | 90.14% |
| 4066 | Shelby | 19 | 16 | 16 | 84.21% |
| 5305 | Newton | 40 | 30 | 14 | 75.00% |
| TOTALS | | 203 | 191 | 136 | 93.60% |

| District 17 Pres | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Aux. No. | Aux. Name | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
| 4309 | Brevard | 165 | 172 | 121 | 104.24% |
| 5202 | Waynesville | 221 | 212 | 122 | 95.93% |
| 6812 | Hayesville | 52 | 53 | 41 | 101.92% |
| 7339 | Franklin | 68 | 72 | 39 | 105.88% |
| TOTALS | | 506 | 509 | 323 | 100.59% |

| WESTERN | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| TOTALS | 1911 | 1906 | 1276 | 99.70% |

| DEPT | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| TOTALS | 6891 | 6875 | 5177 | 99.77% |

| NC At-Large | 2024 Mbrs. | 2025 Mbrs. | Life Mbrs. | Percent |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| TOTALS | 809 | 862 | 786 | 103.71% |

Needed to reach 100% 0
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