



**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

First, let me start by saying Thank You for all your hurricane relief efforts. Whether it was boots on the ground efforts, packing and sorting supplies, loading trucks or just shopping. We appreciate everything. Your love has been great and ties into my theme "Serving Those Who Have Served With Love". These efforts have touched more than just our Veterans, but their families and their communities.

Also, what a great and informative Council Meeting. Attendance was outstanding and participation during the training was very positive. We had about 20 first timers to convention and our volunteers at the Welcome Booth did a great job. The special project fundraiser and the basket silent auction was well received I am so happy for the love that you show. I have a great Team.

Our training goal is to make sure that we continue to help our Auxiliaries and Districts perfect our knowledge of why we exist. Thanks so much for the Auxiliary and District assessments which I will be reviewing so that we can elaborate on what additional training will be needed during the next round of District and Council Meetings.

At upcoming Auxiliary meetings, please make sure that you are sending in your contributions, filling out 990 forms, and making sure that all officers of your district and auxiliaries have paid their membership dues immediately. December 31 is fast approaching, and we do not want officers to have their membership in jeopardy. Do not delay the next set of audits should be performed and sent into our Department Treasurer.

Continue to recruit and invite members to our organization. The holidays are upcoming and giving a membership to an eligible family member would be a great gift. Always keep copies of application with you, and as you give them out follow back up with the people you gave them to. Spread the word of why you joined this organization and how much you enjoy being a member.

Southern Conference will be held in Nashville, TN, November 7-10, 2024 hope to see there. Send me an email to let me know that you will be in attendance. The Department of SC will be there and I will be bragging that we are going to beat them in the centennial membership to the National Home. Right now they are on top but we will win!

In closing remember that without our VFW counterparts there would be no Auxiliary. Support your Posts and always be assessable to change, it may not be like we have always done it but it could be productive to our membership and our existence. I love you all.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Loyally Serving Our Veterans,



Sandra Jeffries  
President 2024-2025



A Message from the Department Treasurer  
November 2024  
Vfwauxnc.org



*Brothers and Sisters,*

The first reminder this month is regarding your audit for the quarter ending 30 September 2024. This audit is due to me no later than 30 November 2024. Remember, per the Bylaws, the Trustees are to perform the actual audit. Not just sign off on what is presented to them by the treasurer. The trustees should also be auditing the minutes of the Secretary. The President, Secretary and treasurer should be present for the audit. Please use the audit form provided to you previously in the Department mail and on the Department website.

Please remember that now everyone has completed the audit ending 6.30.34, a copy of this financial statement should be given to your Post Commander, per the Bylaws.

Application reminders for this month:

- ✓ Abbreviations of Street names are not allowed. The words Street, Road, Lane, etc. can be abbreviated. The actual name of the street cannot.
- ✓ City names cannot be abbreviated. Southern Pines cannot be So. Pines, Elizabeth City cannot be Eliz. City., Fayetteville cannot be Fay., etc. The full spelling of the city must be put on the application.
- ✓ On the application line: " **Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ to the Veteran \_\_\_\_\_,**" this is the relationship of the applicant to the veteran under which they are joining. Meaning they are the wife, husband, son, daughter, etc to the veteran. Not that the veteran is their father, mother, grandfather, etc. Please look at this carefully before sending the applications.
- ✓ Please make sure you include your Auxiliary number, city and state on all applications and transfers.
- ✓ And once again remember, I am not supposed to make any changes to an application. This is from National. My handwriting should not appear on any application except where I write the membership number and date. Errors and omissions on applications will delay the processing if the applications have to be returned to the Auxiliary.

Contributions/donations need to be accompanied by a contribution form, which can be found on the Department website. All donations to the Erlene Mayberry Scholarship must be sent in a separate check from other donations.

It was voted by the Council to once again conduct the Department fundraiser raffle. These tickets will be distributed to the District Presidents at the Council of Administration meeting in February, to be given to Auxiliaries.. This is the largest fundraiser for the Department to raise the necessary funds to run the Department. Every Auxiliary is expected to support the Department and sell the tickets they receive.

At the recent Council of Administration meeting, I was informed by another Department officer that many of you had contacted her telling her you no longer wanted to work with me. I am sorry to hear this. And, unfortunately, as long as I am elected as your Department treasurer, we will have to find a way to work together. If there is an issue with anything I have said or done, please contact me directly so we can address it together. Talking to me is the only way to truly get it resolved, not to another officer. I am doing the best I can to mentor the members, especially the treasurers and trustees in the correct way to handle their responsibilities according to the National Bylaws and directions I get from my leaders at National. These are not my rules, regulations and requirements. I have said since first being elected as Department Treasurer that I am available to anyone that needs assistance or guidance. I have tried to do the best I can. And I feel I am pretty approachable. At least, I hope so. So, if you have a problem with me or how I am trying to guide you, please reach out to me and let's have a conversation.

As always, I am just a phone call or email away if there is anything I can assist you with.

Sandra Johnson-Leu,

VFWA Department Treasurer 2024-2025 Department of NC 919-906-7592 [ctrysun@embarqmail.com](mailto:ctrysun@embarqmail.com)

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*Be confident. Too many days are wasted comparing ourselves to others and wishing to be something we aren't. Everybody has their own strengths and weaknesses and it is only when you accept everything you are – and aren't – that you will truly succeed.*



## *The Chaplain's Chat*

*November 2024*

Wendy Dorsey Rachels, Scholarship Chairperson

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**Please text or call me at the number above or send me an email with information to send cards to members for any reason: Special birthdays, get well, sympathy or if anyone needs a simple pick me up card.**

As Western North Carolina continues to face a catastrophe beyond comprehension, we must stay positive and not lose hope for our VFW comrades and Auxiliary brothers and sisters in the Western districts of the Department. In moments of uncertainty, prayer becomes a powerful tool to seek comfort and hope. It allows those not impacted directly to intercede on behalf of those suffering and those standing in the gap for those who are desperate for relief. Let us remember that prayer moves mountains, restores hope and brings peace in the storm.

Dear Lord,

We ask for your healing over the land and the people of Western North Carolina. May peace be restored to the communities that have been ravaged by the flood waters of Hurricane Helene. We pray for the repair of roads, restoration of power and the rebuilding of homes and businesses. May your provision be seen in miraculous ways as resources are sent and received. We lift emergency personnel, utility workers and volunteers working around the clock to bring help and relief to those in need. Strengthen their hands, renew their spirits and let them be beacons of hope in a time of overwhelming darkness.

Lord, we especially ask for your healing touch and comfort for our VFW comrades, and VFW Auxiliary brothers and sisters who have been touched in any way by Hurricane Helene. Let have the knowledge in their hearts that we love them. Give them the strength to rebuild, the courage to face each day and the assurance that hope is never lost. We have seen your love for us bring unity among neighbors and an overwhelming sense of community as people come together to support one another. Continue to bless us with your love and allow the VFW and its Auxiliary to be the light that shines through the darkness for our Western neighbors, friends and family.

Amen.

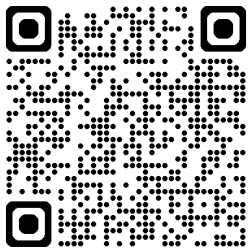
# Veterans and Family Support

November 2024



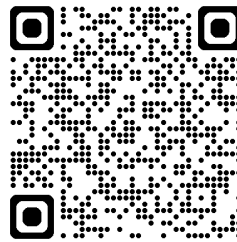
Hello once again sisters and brothers. I hope everyone is enjoying the monthly programs, not only from me but from each of the chairmen. The month of November is a special time to thank Veterans. Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served – not only those who died – have sacrificed and done their duty. Here are a few ways to thank a Veteran on Veterans Day send a Care Package to an Active Service Person, pay for a Veterans Meal, help out a homeless Veteran, volunteer at a Veteran’s Hospital (VA), write to a Veteran, and attend a Veterans Day Parade.

With the western part of North Carolina ravaged from hurricane Helene there are many Veterans and their family that are in need of help. Collecting many of life’s necessities such as water, non-perishable foods, clothing and hygiene is a great way to support these families with the assist of your VFW post. The Department of North Carolina VFW and the Department of North Carolina VFW Auxiliary are working together to also get the abundant supplies to the many families that are in need in the area. If interested in volunteering your auxiliary may register at [www.unitedwaync.org](http://www.unitedwaync.org) or scan the QR code below for [nc.gov/volunteer](http://nc.gov/volunteer)



**Department of NC VFW Donation page**

Loyally Serving  
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**#WE CAN AND WE WILL**



**nc.gov/volunteer**

VFWNC Auxiliary





# AMERICANISM

## NOVEMBER 2024



**This is National Veterans and Military Families Month  
Honors Military Families and Transitioning Veterans  
It is Also National Family Caregivers and Warrior Care Month**

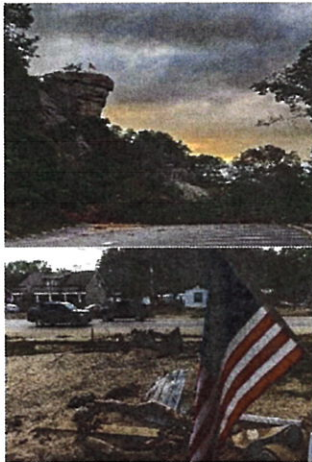
### November Dates to Remember

Oct.-Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> National Veterans Small Business week  
Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight Savings Time Ends  
**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day**  
Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Marine Corps Established (1775)  
**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Signing of WWI Armistice (1918)**  
Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day

### December Dates to Remember

Dec. 1 Civil Air Patrol (USAF Aux.) Birthday  
**Dec. 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**  
Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> National Human Rights Day  
**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> National Guard Birthday**  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Bill of Rights Day  
**Dec. 20 U.S Space Force Established (2019)**  
Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> National Wreath Across America Day  
**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**  
Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Official End of WWII (1946)

**Take the opportunity to remind and teach people about the Lesser-Known Holidays.**



American Flag replaced on Chimney Rock,

Our American Flag can represent a variety of things during a disaster like what is happening in WNC. It can serve as a symbol of unity and a place to come together during difficult times. The flag has been flown upside down to signal distress and need for help. The flag can bring a sense of hope during natural disasters, such as wildfires and hurricanes. It can also serve as a reminder of the community's efforts to help rebuild. In the midst of this natural disaster, people found flags and even though they are worn and damaged they hung them. The American Flag A Symbol of HOPE for its Country, men, women and children,



These Photos from Western NC After Hurricane Helene

I am so Proud of Our VFW and Auxiliaries for what they are doing in the Mountains. Show some more patriotism by replacing flags. The Symbol of HOPE. You can also give Patriotic Citations to your local businesses and first responders as a Thank You, for all that they are contributing to help with relief efforts.

Thank You for all that you do.  
Respectfully,  
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Dept. NC Americanism Chairman  
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# Auxiliary Outreach



November, the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the year. Chrysanthemum is the flower and stands for honesty, joy, and optimism. The birthstone is Topaz and stands for freedom. November is the month when we “fall back” and gain an hour with the end of Daylight Savings Time. There are 3 major events every November are: Election Day (Tuesday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday), Veterans Day (the 11<sup>th</sup>), and Thanksgiving (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month).

Working with other organizations during the recent hurricane damage in the mountains counts as Auxiliary Outreach. Remember to vote on the project as soon after the event as possible. I know many Auxiliaries and members stepped up to assist with relief efforts. I’m looking forward to reading your reports.



Please post your activities and pictures on social media. Use **#auxiliaryoutreach** to show how your Auxiliary is participating in the community. Don’t forget the pictures for you collage at the end of the year.

Promoting Auxiliary Outreach in the community may result in new members. You will be educating the community about our organization and the good work that is done all year long. When participating in events, be sure to have VFW Auxiliary applications on hand. Don’t be afraid to boast about your Auxiliary and your programs. I’m offering a \$10 reward to the first Auxiliary that gains a new member when partnering with another organization. Be sure to email me the details for your new member.



Take the time to check with charities within your city and county. The holidays are fast approaching, and there are a multitude of events you can partner with. You only need look for them. November has many opportunities to assist, food kitchens, homeless shelters, Christmas events, schools, parks. Think outside the box. Don’t be afraid to try something new and different. Remember, we are working together to make the world a better place.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries.

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

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# “Buddy”® Poppy



V F W  
NATIONAL HOME



Angi Hardy-  
Chairman

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

910-322-6478

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

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

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

**Reporting Website**  
<http://vfwauxnc.org>

## “Buddy”® Poppy

Remember Veterans Day is coming up and is a great way to promote the “Buddy”® Poppy!!

The “Buddy”® Poppy King & Queen and the Prince and Princess Contest are due to either Department Chairman by Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All forms can be found on the Department website.

## National Home-Celebrating 100 Years!!!

I am leaving this list again for this month since there is still time to help with donations for the shop

Santa’s Shop is a store where the children can shop for Christmas gifts and experience the joy of giving. The store gets stocked with appropriate gifts for all ages. Here are some suggestions that can be donated: Lego kits, toddler toys, Men’s toiletries/gift sets, wallets/billfolds, inexpensive jewelry (men & women), pet toys, Nail polish/makeup kits, Squishmallows, Sport balls, All branches of military hoodies/t-shirts/hats, remote control cars, Barbie accessories, Gift sets with candy, Teen boy or girl body sprays, crafts/activity sets, science kits for kids, dolls, Hot wheels & tracks, Hello Kitty- Star Wars- Forte Nite- Marvel Pokemom items, Sport team hoodies/t-shirts/hats, Super soft cozy blankets, Scented body washes & lotion gift sets,

*To help with Santa’s Shop, donate **new** items appropriate for all ages, but especially for adults. Overflow of generous gifts to the Santa Shop will also be available to the children for birthdays, special events and an incentive closet. When mailing packages or making a delivery, please indicate your gift is for Santa’s Shop and **delivered no later than December 6, 2024**. Gifts can be delivered to: VFW National Home, Attn: Santa Shop, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Please call 866-483-9642 with questions. **Thank you!***

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

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



# VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian & Media Relations



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As we continue to move forward, my hope is that each of you take the time to seriously find ways to share your stories to let everyone know what's going on in your Auxiliary. If you want your pictures in this year's Department PowerPoint presentation, you must share them with me.

A Facebook Group Page was created for the sole purpose of sharing your pictures and stories. If you are on Facebook, please join the VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian Group. This is a perfect opportunity to share your stories. It is easy to upload your story or your newsletters to this page. By sharing your stories, other Auxiliaries draw inspiration and may implement some of your activities.

### REPORT!

Goal is 100% participation by Feb 28, 2025. We can do this!!!

**We need all Auxiliaries onboard with this**



### SHARE PHOTOS!

To be used in PowerPoint  
Upload Photos to FB page

**VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian Group**



### IDENTIFY!

Be sure to include the 5 W's (Who, What, When, Where, and Why)

**Don't forget the Auxiliary Name and District**

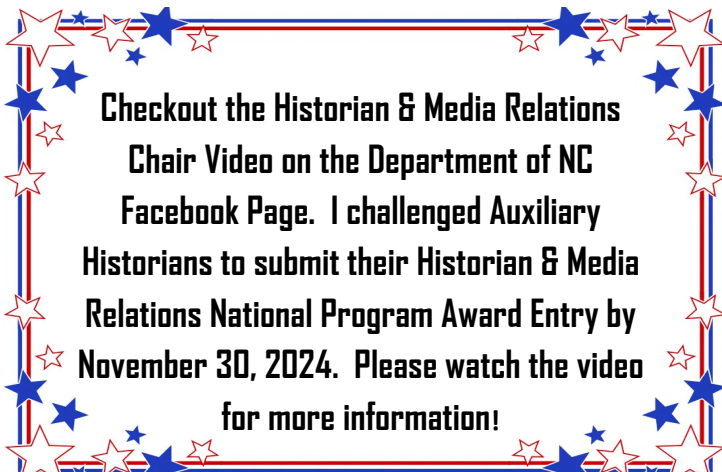


### SUBMIT NATIONAL AWARD FORMS

National Award Forms are to be sent to me for

**"Outstanding use of Social Media"**

**Use the Hashtags below when posting your stories to Facebook**  
**Auxiliaries in Action: #auxinaction or #auxiliariesinaction**



**REMINDER: THE GENERAL ELECTION IS ON**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2024.**  
**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**

## **Hospital Program – November 2024**

Dianne Sellers, Chairman

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**2024-2025 Hospital National Program Awards** on the following pages:

- \* Awards for Auxiliaries Entry Form
- \* Hospital Volunteer Recruiter – Award No. 1
- \* Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year – Award No. 2
- \* Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year – Award No. 3

**Where** can we serve our Veterans & their families?

- \* Local hospitals
- \* Veterans homes
- \* Nursing homes
- \* VA & non-VA medical facilities & clinics

**Who** can serve our Veterans & their families?

- \* Auxiliary & Post members
- \* Non-members
- \* Families
- \* Youth

**What can we do?**

\* Once you contact a medical facility about wanting to volunteer, they will discuss the opportunities available to assist them. ***They're waiting to hear from you, family and friends.***

**4 Areas of Focus** of the Hospital Program

- \* Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition & Support
- \* Valentines for Veterans
- \* Women Veterans Health Care
- \* Honor Escort

**Thank You in Service to Veterans & Their Families**



# Hospital National Program Awards 2024-2025 Entry Form

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## Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most creative ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that creatives ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients.

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

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

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

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

Describe the creative ways that VFW Auxiliaries interacted with and provided happiness to veteran patients. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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The Department Hospital Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Department Hospital Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature*

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

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



# VFW Auxiliary National Hospital Volunteer Recruiter Award No. 1 & No. 2 2024-2025

**No. 1 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter"** Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Winners will be announced and citations presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

**No. 2 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year"** Plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Winner will be announced and plaque presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's VFW Auxiliary No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of volunteers recruited: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Division Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of a tie, please consider the below information.**

Number of hours served from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. \_\_\_\_\_

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of other Hospital Programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the volunteer assignments? \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the Department Hospital Chairman by **March 31, 2025.***

Department Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Department Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord by **April 30, 2025.***

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

*National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord will select the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter with the most total volunteers recruited in each of the 10 Program Divisions and one Hospital Volunteer Recruiter in the nation with the most volunteers recruited to be recognized at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.*



## VFW Auxiliary National Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year Award No. 3 2024-2025

**No. 3 "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year"** Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Winners will be announced and citation presented at the 2025 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

**Eligibility:**

- Volunteer may be any VFW Auxiliary member who serves as a VFW Auxiliary Hospital Volunteer in any medical facility in your Department (VAMC, military, community, children's hospital, nursing home, therapy center or clinic).
- Volunteer must serve from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.
- Volunteer hours at VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purposes.
- VAVS Representatives and Deputies are also eligible to be considered as Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year.

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's VFW Auxiliary No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of volunteers recruited: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Division Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours served from July 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. \_\_\_\_\_

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of other Hospital Programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the volunteer assignments? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a separate sheet with detailed information on why this VFW Auxiliary member is an Outstanding Hospital Volunteer.*

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year form to the Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2025.*

Department Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Department Hospital Chairman will select ONE Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year and will forward the completed form to National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord by April 30, 2025.*

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

*National Hospital Ambassador Paulette McCord will select ONE Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the year in each of the 10 Program Divisions to be recognized at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.*



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Happy Thanksgiving DURHAM VA Supporters!

The CDCE (Center for Development and Civic Engagement) coordinates holiday programs are designed to provide in-kind gifts to assist Veteran patients who are in crisis resulting from medical issues, unemployment, homelessness, or other difficult circumstances. This month I am going to talk about the Veteran Holiday Tree Program.

To participate in this program, the Social workers Case managers and Recreation therapists will submit a wish list on behalf of the Veteran to list specific gift suggestions and gifts requested by the Veteran Patient. The CDCE staff will hang the Wishlist on the Holiday tree in their office and will provide the number of Veterans requesting gifts to the VSO/VAVS reps They ask the gifts be valued at a minimum of \$25. (When the information is sent to me, I will share this with each of the Auxiliaries who work with the Durham VA.

The role of the sponsor for this program will be to contact Kendra Mondren (919-286-0411 x177810 or [Kendra.Mondren@VA.gov](mailto:Kendra.Mondren@VA.gov) and let her know how many individuals your Auxiliary would like to sponsor, no later than 2 December 2024. They are asking for the gifts be wrapped, labeled and delivered to the CDCE office no later than 14 December 2024. In the event you experience difficulties with providing the gifts please notify the CDCE office no later than 16 December 2024. Your assistance with this will be greatly appreciated by the Veterans you assist.

Don't forget you still have time to donate to the Thanksgiving food bag drive as I mentioned last month. All donations must be received by the CDCE office no later than 21 November 2024.

The CLC (Community Living Center) also has on ongoing Wishlist for the Veterans living in this unit at The VA. Some of the items requested are:

- Ink pens and puzzle books (Crossword and word search)
- Electric razors and or electric nose trimmers
- Personal care items such as: Body lotion, deodorant, Body Spray/cologne, Bodywash,  
Toothpaste and toothbrushes, 5 blade disposable razors (no travel size items, please)
- Clothes (t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, underwear/boxers) everything in all sizes

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

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## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—NOVEMBER 2024

*From Our Roots to Our Branches,  
Extend Service to Our Veterans.  
NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> IS VETERAN'S DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED!*



*I am very thankful for all the VFWs and VFW Auxiliaries that have come to the aid of our Western North Carolina! I hope you have been following our Facebook page where I have posted news about voting locations and hours in Western NC! **See the results of the election.** Now that the Election is (almost) behind us, let's keep up the good work and continue to be Advocates in Action...*

### For starters, keep working on the basics:

- Keep studying the VFW Legislative Priority Goals.
- Keep reading the VFW Action Corps Weekly.
- Keep current on pending legislation, both state and federal.
- Keep responding to the VFW Action Alerts.
- Keep visiting the VFW Legislative Resource webpage: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>

**Next, apply the knowledge you gained from these basics to your advocacy efforts at the local level.** Explain how the **PRIORITY GOALS** serve as a blueprint for protecting our veterans' rights. Then **show them** how pending legislation relates to this blueprint and whether you want them to support that bill.

**Ways to reach out to our local leaders:** Write letters, make phone calls and send emails. Invite them to you post for special events or patriotic celebrations. You and your members can speak to them personally.

**Remember that Auxiliaries must remain nonpartisan!** If you are seeking support to pass upcoming legislation or for a special project, you can invite your current representative, regardless of party. But when hosting events for election purposes, **you should invite candidates from all the parties.** Collaborate with your VFW Post when possible.

**Keep our momentum going!** Reach out to newly elected officials and introduce yourself. Keep in contact with current representatives. Know where they stand on veterans' rights and issues and then let our voices be heard!

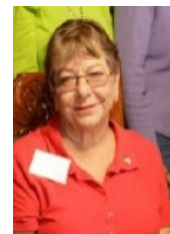
**Enacted after being signed by the President:** **S. 2825: Dustoff Crews of the Vietnam War Congressional Gold Medal Act**--A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dustoff crews of the Vietnam War and **S. 656: Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act of 2023**--A bill to revise the rules for approval by the Secretary of VA of commercial driver education programs for veterans.

**Sent to the President:** **H.R. 7777: Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2024**--To increase, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

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

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

***"To render us again one people acting as one nation should be the object of every man really a patriot."* —Thomas Jefferson (1801)**



# Department of North Carolina - Membership

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

November 2024



## NC Membership

84.17%

We need 1,091 renewals or new members to hit 100%, & 1,265 more to hit 103%

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



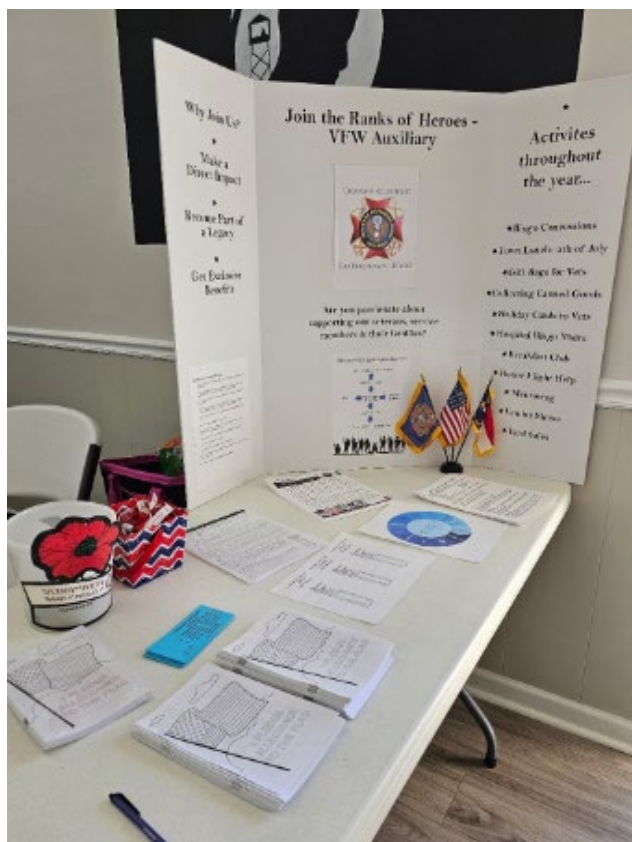
### Did you miss the Fall C of A?!

We had an amazing turn out and learned tons of information. For the membership skit the audience participated and threw out ideas on how to “build” a recruiting table with good information to attract new members.

**One of the ideas is to create a board of talking points for your booth. (see the photo)**

- Don't recreate the wheel - All the items you'll need are on MALTA and under Member Resources tab at the top of the page.
- I handed out the VFW Auxiliary Recruitment Booth pointers page, be sure to look for it to get ideas for your next booth!

Send me picture of your booth!  
What do you do to attract visitors to your booth or table?



## Auxiliaries at 100%+!!

7312	7547	9810
8866	10607	10226
	10607	10225
10999	2087	6365
	7946	6812



**Consider gifting a lifetime membership to an eligible person for Veteran's day.**

### Did you know?

As a member of the VFW Auxiliary you have access to the nation's largest network of money-saving products and services?  
Check out [www.vfwauxiliary.org/member-benefits](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/member-benefits)

### Reporting!

A friendly reminder: The goal this year, is to have EVERY Auxiliary reporting at least 4 times during the reporting year! That's 1 per quarter. Send out or call for dues renewals – check in on your members! **All Auxiliaries should have already reported they sent out membership renewal letters!**

Have a new prospect scan this QR Code!  
Open your camera and point at this QR code.  
A website link will appear and will take you to really good information on the VFW!



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# Become a Membership Angel

**You could win a \$250  
Amazon Gift Card!**

**Let's help our  
Western NC  
Auxiliary members!**

Donate money to help cover membership costs for those affected in Districts 14 -17 by Hurricane Helene. They don't need another financial thing to think about.

## How do I become a Membership Angel?

Donate any dollar amount to help us pay membership dues for those affected in WNC. Donations in increments of \$18, will receive 1 ticket to be entered into a drawing for a \$250 Amazon Gift Card!

*Ex. If Mary or an Auxiliary donates \$54, they would receive 3 tickets for the gift card drawing!*

## What to do...

Send all donations by **December 16th** to Sandra Johnson-Leu (Checks made payable to NC VFW Auxiliary)  
103 Covered Bridge Rd., Clayton, NC 27520



## Drawings...

The amount of money raised will determine how many membership dues we can cover. On December 20th, I will randomly pull names of members from Districts 14-17 to pay their dues for 2025. (One less thing for them to worry about!)

*\*Members must be in good-standing.*

Membership Angels who donated will be placed in a drawing for a \$250 Amazon Gift Card that will be drawn at the February C of A!

Questions call Lyndsey at 443-655-4570 or email [nikh96@aol.com](mailto:nikh96@aol.com)

## Scholarship Programs November 2024

National Auxiliary President Brenda Bryant's theme: "From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans."

Department Auxiliary President Sandra Jeffries's theme:

"Serving Those Who Have Served with Love"

Wendy Dorsey Rachels, Scholarship Chairperson

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*Student Participation \* Recipient Recognition \* Community Awareness \* Increasing the Fund*

### Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen:

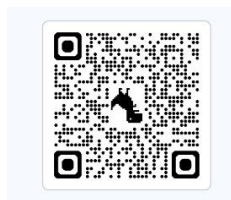
- District Deadline: 11/15/2024. Check all entries to ensure they qualify.
- Don't forget to recognize your Post winners with a certificate/plaque, financial award and/or a banquet.
- Bonus.... Provide a certificate of appreciation to each student that submitted an entry.

### Continuing Education Scholarships Information and Application Link:

- Applicants must be 21 years old or older by 2/15/2025
- Current VFW Auxiliary member, spouse of a current Auxiliary member, son/daughter of a current Auxiliary member
- Four \$1250 scholarships will be awarded annually, one in each of the four VFW Conferences
- Applicants must complete the <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education/> answering all questions and write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain these goals.
- Application deadline: Submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters (required deadline) by 2/15/2025!

### Awards for Auxiliaries

- National Award: Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.
- Department Chairman Drawing: For each Auxiliary that submits a completed award form according to the deadline detailing an activity and/or event educating the community about the scholarship opportunities will be entered into a drawing to be given at the Department Convention in June 2025. Use the QR code below to view the award form:



**Report! Report! Report!**



## Youth Activities Program November 2024

### Happy Thanksgiving

Hope everyone is **Reading to Veterans** or having **Veterans Reading to Youth**. Allow youth to read to a group of Veterans a patriotic book they are interested in. Have them partner with Vets in a nursing home and at the VA Medical Centers To read to vets. Then record the child's name age Book Title and the number of vets they read to in the description part of the Youth Activities report and **Voila : *You have taken a child on a journey learning about our country and creating a love of reading to others.***

#### R.A.P. Cards

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

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

**Illustrating America:** Is an art competition open to any student in grades k-8 who is enrolled in a public private, home school. The deadline for this is in March. See Member Resources under Youth Activities

Happy Thanksgiving to all and Thanks for all you do,  
Genevieve "Genny" Price:

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704 524 4434

Dominique Garcia: **Youth Activities Ambassador**

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East-- Wendy Doubles

District 1 Pres Brittney Phillips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	243	186	169	76.54%
7312	Sunbury	24	24	19	100.00%
10950	Outer Banks	39	38	36	97.44%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>306</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>81.05%</b>

District 4 Pre.Eileen Lazenvick					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7315	Havelock	192	176	166	91.67%
7547	Clinton	56	56	55	100.00%
8986	Newport	62	54	51	87.10%
9133	Jacksonville	192	159	156	82.81%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	276	243	230	88.04%
11119	West Craven	34	30	29	88.24%
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<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>841</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>88.82%</b>

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	44	38	30	86.36%
2771	Kinston	18	12	9	66.67%
7032	Greenville	44	38	26	86.36%
9959	Mount Olive	50	34	33	68.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>78.21%</b>

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	298	221	204	74.16%
8866	Holden Beach	104	104	103	100.00%
9983	Holly Ridge	158	141	131	89.24%
10226	Oak Island	90	90	86	100.00%
10400	B Spring Lakes	84	51	44	60.71%
121966	Leland	17	5	5	29.41%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>751</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>81.49%</b>

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	68	59	50	86.76%
4147	Bailey	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>66.29%</b>

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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	19	19	95.00%
7383	Cary	155	139	127	89.68%
9103	Spring Lake	100	97	94	97.00%
10225	Garner	108	110	91	101.85%
10999	Raleigh	41	41	32	100.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>424</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>92.27%</b>

EASTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2546</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>85.98%</b>

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Central - Mary Zanders

District 6 Pres Emily Ball					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1920	Mebane	47	37	25	78.72%
10607	Burlington	33	35	26	106.06%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>90.00%</b>

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	20	20	6	100.00%
2972	Gibsonville	36	31	30	86.11%
3074	Lexington	41	39	16	95.12%
8297	Mway Monroeton	58	52	50	89.66%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>91.61%</b>

District 8 Pres Mary Zanders					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	157	149	109	94.90%
6018	Fayetteville	195	170	158	87.18%
10,630	Hope Mills	34	27	26	79.41%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>386</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>89.64%</b>

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	92	52	38	56.52%
3006	Salisbury	95	55	52	57.89%
6365	Locust	18	19	4	105.56%
8989	Kannapolis	135	89	60	65.93%
9134	Rockwell	32	30	21	93.75%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>372</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>65.86%</b>

District 9 Pres Angi Hardy					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4203	Rockingham	60	34	34	56.67%
5631	Sanford	121	107	105	88.43%
7318	Southern Pines	349	331	314	94.84%
10,403	Wadesboro	44	28	23	63.64%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>574</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>87.11%</b>

CENTRAL	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1567</b>	<b>1305</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>83.28%</b>

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Western -- Bessie Bright

District 11 Pres Nancy Raborn					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1119	Cooleemee	28	26	10	92.86%
5352	Kernersville	151	101	73	66.89%
7794	Elkin	37	23	14	62.16%
9010	Clemmons	54	52	48	96.30%
9436	Pilot Mountain	67	59	26	88.06%
11173	Walnut Cove	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>337</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>72.91%</b>

District 15 Pres Sherry Brooks					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	84	85	71	101.19%
4286	Newland	35	31	23	88.57%
7031	Boone	45	21	21	46.67%
7034	Sparta	61	50	46	81.97%
7946	Jefferson	30	30	10	100.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>255</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>85.10%</b>

District 13 Pres Becky Rowe					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	139	132	126	94.96%
2423	Indian Trail	104	99	91	95.19%
5464	Monroe	46	40	34	86.96%
6724	Paw Creek	37	35	29	94.59%
7775	Charlotte	20	18	18	90.00%
9337	Gastonia	68	43	27	63.24%
9736	Croft	16	5	5	31.25%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>430</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>80.70%</b>

District 16 Pres Joyce Preston					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	82	75	68	91.46%
5206	Hendersonville	73	61	59	83.56%
9116	Columbus	25	19	18	76.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>180</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>86.11%</b>

District 14 Pres Linda Owens					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	73	54	48	73.97%
2031	Statesville	71	64	59	90.14%
4066	Shelby	19	16	16	84.21%
5305	Newton	40	15	14	40.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>203</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>73.89%</b>

District 17 Pres Niki Paganelli					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	165	140	122	84.85%
5202	Waynesville	221	120	120	54.30%
6812	Hayesville	52	53	41	101.92%
7339	Franklin	68	57	39	83.82%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>506</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>73.12%</b>

WESTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1499</b>	<b>1276</b>	<b>78.44%</b>

DEPT	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6891</b>	<b>5821</b>	<b>5171</b>	<b>84.47%</b>

NC At-Large	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>98.52%</b>

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