



Department Of North Carolina  
VFW Auxiliary  
2024-2025

SEPTEMBER  
2024

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

National Convention was great. Department of NC brought home a lot of awards which will be presented at the upcoming council meeting to be held October 4-6, 2024. If you have not already booked your room you can use the VFW website link at [www.vfwnc.org](http://www.vfwnc.org). There are links to also pay for your banquet tickets and for the hospitality room. Please make the arrangement to take care of this in advance of the Council Meeting.

Congratulation to Past Department President, Connie Holt and her team for making it into the Circle of Excellence which is the highest honor the VFW Auxiliary National Organization presents. Also, congratulations to all Districts and Post for All American awards. What a great year.

Great things are happening, and we are so happy to announce the following changes at our upcoming Council Meeting: There will be a Welcome Committee for our First Timers. Our Veteran Service Liaison for the Auxiliary will be available to help our Veteran and their families either start or get updates for their claims. A silent auction will be going for my special projects with baskets from each District. On Friday night, there will be an auction similar to a quarter auction but we will not be using quarters but poker chips so you do not need quarters, but you will need cash. Please come by and play. Thank you in advance for all of the gifts that have been donated to make this fundraiser a great success. A \$10.00 gift card drawing will be held for each Auxiliary and/or district that submitted their 1<sup>st</sup> audit by August 31, 2024 and another drawing for Auxiliaries and/or districts that renew their bond by September 30. There will be exclusive training and lots of fun during the council meeting so bring your pads and paper for taking notes. Come with an expectation to learn something that you never knew before.

District meetings are going great and Presidents are calling auxiliaries to get great attendance at the meetings and school of instructions. Awards ribbons will be presented to Districts. Each auxiliary needs to make sure that at least 1 member of their auxiliary is in attendance at the district meeting and at the school of instructions to take information back to their respective auxiliaries. This is how you get classified as having “perfect attendance”.

As I stated last month, deadlines are important so make sure that due reminders were sent out to continuous members and that all officers have successfully paid their dues to keep their respective offices. We really want to get a jump on membership so that we can focus more on recruiting new members. Do not hold your membership application, make sure that the investigating teams are successfully reviewing the applications and that you are sending in new member dues to department treasurer. Thank you for being a part of this great team!

Loyally Serving Our Veterans,



Sandra Jeffries  
President 2024-2025

## **Secretary Notes**

The 2024-2025 Program Book is on the Department Website.

<https://vfwauxnc.org/uploads/documents/2024-2025PresidentSandra'sProgramBook.pdf>

### **State Officer Roster Changes:**

### **Auxiliary Roster Changes:**

### **Special Notes & Member Illness:**

Legislative Chair, Lynn Childs, recently broke her hip. Cards may be sent to Lynn at: 1476-A Northside Rd., Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Dist 8, Aux 670 President, Linda Shelander's husband, PDC John Shelander, is waiting on a hip replacement and is the VA Hospital. Cards may be sent to Linda and John at: 402 Trinity Dr., Fayetteville NC 28301

### **Deaths:**

Life Member, Betty Morris, lost her son Jon Morris recently. Cards may be sent to Betty at: 4902 Spring Lake Dr., mApt B, Charlotte NC 28212

Dis 17 President, Niki Paganelli's father passed away recently. Cards may be sent to Niki at: 1499 Little East Fork Rd., Canton, NC 28716

Life Member, Eveanne Lauver's son, Shawn, recently passed away. Cards may be sent to Eveanne at: 5016 Ballast Rd., Southport, NC 28461

### **Dates to Remember:**

- September 7, 2024 Celebrating America's Freedom Event, Eaton Rapids, MI  
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/CAFE-Flyer-2024-Updated-Hotel-info.pdf>
- October 4 – 6, 2024  
[VFW OF NC FALL MEETING \[hilton.com\]](https://www.hilton.com)
- September 9-12, 2024 Fall Legislative Conference-Washington, DC
- Nov 7-9, 2024 Southern Conference, Nashville, NC  
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Southern-Conference-Info.pdf>
- February 1-6, 2025 National President's Cruise-Cancun, Mexico  
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Mid-Year-2025-flyer.pdf>  
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VTS-2025-Mid-Year-Form.pdf>
- March 1-8, 2025 Voice of Democracy/Spring Legislative Conference-Washington, DC

REMINDER: A Change of Officer form must be completed and emailed to make any Officer Changes. An editable PDF is on the Department Website:

<https://vfwauxnc.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=72107>

As a reminder, the Newsletter, Forms and Event information will be on the Department Website at: [VFW AUXILILARY DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA \(vfwauxnc.org\)](https://vfwauxnc.org)

Once on the website, go under the Tab “Resources” to find Monthly Department Mail, Forms in addition to the 2024 – 2025 Program Book (Will be added soon).

*If there is a time when the Newsletter does not get passed your Spam folders, please go to the Department Website to find the Newsletter there.*



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU  
I would like to thank each of you who took the time to send cards, emails, texts, and most importantly PRAYERS after my husband’s stroke on 17 July. He is much improved, although there are still some residual effects. The doctors said this was a mild one, so I guess we were lucky (if there is such a thing). Your care and concern meant so much and I will never be able to let you know just how much I appreciate each of you.

Sandra Johnson-Leu



A Message from the Department Treasurer  
September 2024  
Vfwauxnc.org

*Brothers and Sisters,*

I have quite a bit of information to share with you this month. Including a couple of updates from the National Convention.

I am still getting applications with missing information. Recruiters, investigating committee members (especially as this is your responsibility) and treasurers should be checking and double-checking every application to ensure all of the required information is provided. Any missing information requires I return the application to the Auxiliary to complete the application. I am not supposed to make any changes to an application. Example: I recently sent an application to National for processing. It was a life app being paid for by credit card. All the information was on the application except the applicant did not mark MALE or FEMALE. It was obvious the applicant was a male. His name was Jr., he was listed as the son of the veteran. National returned the application because that was not marked. I sent this to National knowing it would be returned, but I did this so I would have the "proof" that we are not to make changes to applications. If National won't make this small correction, neither will I. *Please understand*, when I return these applications, I am not trying to be difficult. When Department treasurers are trained by National, and I have attended several, we are instructed that we are not to make any changes to an application. The same way National will return an application, I am supposed to the same. Once the applicant has signed the application, it becomes a legal document and I do not have the right or authority to change or alter the application without the permission of the applicant. Applicants DO NOT answer my calls or return my messages. Additionally, by not returning the application to the Auxiliary for the necessary corrections, I am failing in my duty to properly train and mentor you. Also, and this is a biggie. The applications must be legible. If I can't read the information provided, I can't enter it into the system. If you have a hard time reading, you can bet I will. Take the information, type a new application and have them sign it.

**All contributions** must be accompanied with a contribution form. I cannot ask this enough. I am still getting checks with just a memo in the memo line or a note written. Make sure your Auxiliary number is included on the contribution form as well as your check. Also, please make sure the memo on your check matches what is on your contribution form. If they do not match, technically I have to go with what is on the check because that is your "legal" proof of where the money was intended.

When submitting your 990 form, please make sure your Auxiliary number is on there. If you notice, it is not automatically provided by the IRS. If you mail it to me, simply write it on the form. If you email it, make sure you put your Auxiliary number in the email so I can write it on the form when I print it. Speaking of your 990, you should be filing that this month.

One of the resolutions passed at the National Convention dealt with audits. It clarifies that the audits are to be completed by the trustees-only. A minimum of 2 trustees are required to perform the audit, with at least one being an elected trustee. It is preferred that the elected trustees perform the audit. The President, secretary and treasurer should attend the audit, but **CANNOT** perform the audit. The audit must be completed and signed by the trustees. The Auxiliary **MUST** vote to accept the audit and **THEN** forward a copy to the Department treasurer. The audit form provided in the August mail and on the Department website have a line to indicate when the audit was presented to the Auxiliary. This information must be provided. So please use the form you have been given.

Also, at National it was voted that Districts may now increase their District dues to an amount not to exceed \$1.00. The previous amount was \$.50. To increase the dues in your District will require a vote of your membership.



Another resolution from National now gives treasurers permission to secure their records in a typed, computer-generated ledger in a permanent record book, inserted in a three-ring binder, or a clip folder.

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

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*"Life is a circle of happiness, sadness, hard times, and good times. If you are going through hard times, have faith that good times are on the way."*

## ***The Chaplain's Chat***

***September 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.**



**You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.**

**Why did you spill the coffee?**

**"Because someone bumped into me!!!"**

**Wrong answer!**

**You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.**

**Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. Its easy to fake it, until you get rattled.**

**So, we must ask ourselves, "what is in my cup?"**

**When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratitude, peace and humility?**

**Anger, bitterness, victim mentality and quitting tendencies?**

**Life provides the cup. YOU choose how to fill it.**

**Let us work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity, kindness, gentleness and love for others.**

**Author: Unknown**

Brothers and Sisters of North Carolina VFW Auxiliary,

After some serious thinking and conferring with those I generally turn to for advice, I am excited to announce my decision to run for the position of National District Council Member #9 in June of 2025. This will be the term to serve North and South Carolina for 2025-2027.

I have long been interested in the workings of the National organization and how the decisions are made that affect all of the members. We have had many National Council members from North Carolina whom I have admired and who have represented us well. I hope to be your next Council member.

Many of you know me. Many of you may not. So let me give you some of my history with this organization I love so much.

I joined in 2000 under the service of my father, SFC William H Sloan, a veteran of WWII and the Korean War. Shortly after joining, I met my husband, SFC Don Leu, a Korean and Vietnam veteran at the Garner Post 10225. I have been a Life member since 2002. Also, in 2002 I became a Life member of the VFW National Home. I am currently an active Life member of the Auxiliary of VFW Post 7383 in Cary.

As soon as I joined, my sister was elected President of our Auxiliary and appointed me as her secretary. I have been an officer at some level since that date. I have served as secretary at every level.

I served as the District 7 President from 2012-2017 and received the high honor of being selected as District President of the Year for 3 of the 5 years I served. This was in great part to the members of District 7 and how well we worked together on joint projects.

In 2015-16 I started my journey through the Department of North Carolina chairs, leading to my election as your Department President in 2021-2022, where we were 'Proud as a Peacock to Serve our Veterans'. We had a very successful year. With the help of all the members pulling together, I was awarded the Circle of Excellence at the 2022 National Convention. This award may be given to the President, but it is earned by each of the members. We also came home with a lot of awards for the work that was done in the programs.

Just when I thought I was going to start slowing down after being President, apparently others had a different plan for me and I was elected as your Department Treasurer in June 2022. This was a position I had never held at any level, but I was determined to justify your trust in me, and I hope I have done so. I have truly enjoyed serving as your treasurer and assisting the Auxiliary and District treasurers with any questions they have had. I accepted this position, and have given it my all. And I look forward to serving as your treasurer for as long as you will have me.

I am asking for your support as I seek this high honor. I promise to represent the members to the best of my ability. To take your questions and concerns to National and to bring you not only your answers back but to keep you informed of the decisions being made.

Sincerely,

Sandra Johnson-Leu



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# Honor Flight

## We need your support!

1. Tell Veterans about this great cause, they can visit our website to apply for this trip.
2. Send in a monetary donation, or write thank you letters for the veterans!
3. Sign up and come to the Welcome Home celebration at the Airport.
4. Report the donation/time served for your Aux under Families and Veterans Support.



**Queen City Honor Flight**  
[www.queencityhonorflight.org](http://www.queencityhonorflight.org)



**Triad Honor Flight**  
[www.triadhonorflight.org](http://www.triadhonorflight.org)



**Blue Ridge Honor Flight**  
[www.blueridgehonorflight.com](http://www.blueridgehonorflight.com)



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# Veterans and Family Support

## September 2024



Hello brother and sisters, as some of you may already know, the month of September is suicide prevention month. Not only is it to prevent suicide but to remember those that may have committed suicide. Also, to remember those family members that are still struggling with the lost of a loved one. If you know a Veteran or family member who's struggling, don't wait for their problems to become overwhelming. Reach out today to get the support they need. The Veterans Crisis Line is available 24/7. **Dial 988 then press 1.** It is confidential crisis support line for Veterans and their loved ones as well as civilians. There are different types of warning signs you may see for yourself or another person who may be in crisis. All warning signs require attention, and some require immediate action. Some people will make jokes about suicide when they are having suicidal thoughts. Not everyone who makes a suicide attempt shows warning signs. However, warning signs of suicide should always be taken seriously, even if the person seems to be joking. Members, if you need someone to speak at your meeting, do not hesitate to reach out to a suicide counselor, at any VA clinic to learn the warning signs.



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[#WE CAN AND WE WILL](#)



# “Buddy”® Poppy



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NATIONAL HOME

## “Buddy”® Poppy

The “Buddy”® Poppy is the VFW’s official memorial flower. The Poppy represents the blood shed by American service members and reiterates that we will NOT forget their sacrifices.

Did you know that each “Buddy”® Poppy purchased by a department for distribution contributes to the following:

- One (1) cent goes to the VFW National Home
- One (1) cent goes to the VFW National Headquarters Veterans Service Fund
- One and a half (1.5) cent goes to the Department’s Veterans Service Fund

### National Home-Celebrating 100 Years!!!

For the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration the VFW National Home is hoping to receive birthday cards from all Auxiliaries to have on display. Please have the cards to the National Home by the beginning of January. Let’s show them our North Carolina Love!

There are several different ways to support the National Home:

- National Home’s Amazon Wishlist
- Become a Life Member
- Donate to Health & Happiness
- Purchase a brick for the Tribute Park
- Become a Hometown Hero contributor
- Become a Centennial Member

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

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



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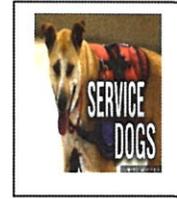
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**Military & Veteran  
Family  
Help Line  
800-313-4200**

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

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

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



# AMERICANISM SEPTEMBER 2024

“Americanism is an unflinching love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideas; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.”

## Patriotic Instruction

### Displaying the Flag

On same staff US Flag at peak, above any other flag.

### Grouped

US Flag goes to its own right. Flags of other nations are flown at same height.

### Marching

US Flag to marchers right (observer’s left).

### On Speaker’s Platform

When displayed with the speaker’s platform, it must be above and behind the speaker. If mounted on a staff, it is on the speaker’s right.

### Illumination

#### Guidelines

Per Federal Flag Code, Section 2, it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

## Promote Patriotism by Celebrating Patriotic Holidays

In our last newsletter I gave you Holidays for September so you would have a chance to plan events for the following month. Remember these are just a few of the holidays. Try to Promote the lesser-known Holiday’s in your community.

*Don't forget to Submit your events to Our Historian and REPORT IT!*

**September:** Natl. Suicide Month, **Natl. Service Dog Month**, Labor Day, **V-J Day**, Patriots Day, **Air Force Birth.**, Air Guard Birthday, **National POW/MIA Recognition Day**, Gold Star Mother’s Day, **VFW DAY**

**October:** Breast cancer awareness month (Women serving in the military have a slightly higher risk of breast cancer.)

**7th-** Afghan War Began, **12<sup>th</sup>** Columbus Day, **13<sup>th</sup>** U.S. Navy Birthday, **23<sup>rd</sup>** Grenada Campaign Began (1983), **24<sup>th</sup>** United Nations Day, **26<sup>th</sup>** Day of the Deployed, **27<sup>th</sup>** Navy Day, **31<sup>st</sup>** Halloween

**Wait, she put Navy down twice.** The Navy Birthday is different than Navy Day. Navy Birthday is recognized on the anniversary of the historical formation of the continental Navy during the American Revolution. Navy Day is Specifically about military service. In 1949, Armed Forces Day replaced Navy Day so all those in uniform could be recognized. Today Navy Day is still celebrated but only on the Bases.

**Why Halloween?** This is a time when military personal that are deployed away from their children and family miss out on the activities. It is a good time for our auxiliaries to host events for children and their families of those deployed or those on base housing to celebrate. The auxiliary can provide their time to help make this a fun day for the children.

**Did you know there is a Ms. Veteran American Pageant this month?** It is like Miss America, but this contest is different. It is sponsored by a private charitable organization called “Final Salute”. They support women veterans and their children; the winner is expected to perform over 100 hours of community service and to raise awareness of homeless veterans.



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# Auxiliary Outreach September 2024

Some September facts. September has three birth flowers, Forget-Me-Not, Aster, and Morning Glory. The birthstone is Sapphire which was thought to ward against poisoning when worn. The first paper in America was published in Boston on September 25, 1690. On September 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was adopted. The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, killed more than 3,000 Americans, and signaled the start of the War Against Terrorism.



There will be an award for the most outstanding collage created by each of the 10 membership groups. This is a chance for your Auxiliary to win. Entries must be received by me prior to March 31, 2025. They will be judged, and the winner's entry will be forward to National for judging. Don't pass up the chance to participate. Your collage should show events you participated in during the year. Get out those cameras and phones as you do your good work. Please identify who you are partnering with, dates, and other pertinent details. You may combine more than one event per collage. Have fun making your collage.



A couple of quick ideas for Auxiliary Outreach.

- ✚ Participate in a walk benefiting other organizations as an event spotter, timekeeper, water station, etc.
- ✚ Partner with EMS hosting CPR training.
- ✚ Participate with the local Police on Child ID kits.
- ✚ Work with parks and recreation departments to develop community art, adopt a stream, road, or park, plant trees and flowers.

Don't forget to have something identifying you as members of the VFW Auxiliary such as VFWA badge, hat, pin, t-shirt, banner, etc. Remember, you represent the VFWA and please comport yourself in such a manner that you bring honor to our organization.



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*Make your negative a positive*

*F.a.i.l - First Effort in Learning*

*E.N.D. - Effort Never Dies*

*N.O. - Next Opportunity*

P.S. As you know, I hope to be elected as your Department President next June. It's time to start some planning. If you think you might enjoy an appointment or know of anyone who you think might like appointment my year, please contact me. I'd dearly love to see some new faces participating on the Department level. That's where our future leaders can come from.



Julia Stancil-Warren  
North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department Chief-of-Staff

## Extension and Revitalization

### 5 Essentials of a Healthy Auxiliary

- Hold 10 Business Meetings a year
- Dues must be paid and on 10 members prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Auxiliary Quarterly Audits submitted by due dates
- installation of officers submitted by due date
- Offices of the President and Treasurer must be bonded by 31 August

# VFW Auxiliary Dept of NC Historian/Media Relations



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As we look forward to this year of *"Remember Those Who Have Served With Love"*, we'll focus on taking social media to new heights by developing ideas, coaching, and sharing information. To begin, every Auxiliary in this Department that have not already established their own Facebook page, should do so. By creating your Facebook page, you are able to share what you are doing with and for Veterans in your community. Facebook allows Auxiliaries to share and promote fundraisers, events, and Programs with a wide audience.

### How to establish a Facebook page:

- Visit MALTA (<https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/Account/NewLogin>). You must activate your account if you have not already.
- Once you have access to your MALTA account, click on Member Resources located on the dashboard at the top of the page.
- Scroll down and select Historian & Media Relations.
- Click on [How to Set Up Your Auxiliary Facebook Page](#) to locate detailed instructions.
- Follow the step-by-step process and helpful tips to create your Facebook page.

Additional assistance for managing your Auxiliary Facebook page is also included in the Historian & Media Relations resources.

### Tips for a successful Facebook page:

- Your Facebook page should be kept up to date with fresh ideas to encourage members to follow the page and to check in often.
- Invite your members to join your Auxiliary Facebook page.
- **LIKE & SHARE!** This is how news spreads.
- Only Auxiliary business is appropriate. Politics and personal information should be omitted.
- Post photos, videos, blogs, or vlogs to let everyone know what your Auxiliary is doing.
- Share Programs with your members and the community while also providing options for participation.
- Include a link to your auxiliary website to highlight even more details about our organization, events, Programs, and ways the community can support Veterans.

If you've never created a Facebook page, it is time to move forward and embrace this social media tool. Challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone. Use online resources for inspiration and access established Auxiliary Facebook pages to see how others promote the ways we support Veterans, service members, their families, and our communities.

## Top 10 Reasons to Have an Auxiliary Facebook Page

Department of North Carolina  
Historian Group Page

10. It's FREE! And easy to set-up and maintain.
9. Since it's FREE, it helps stretch your auxiliary budget!
8. Your members are likely already on Facebook.
7. It provides direct line of communication with Auxiliary members.
6. It's a great tool to share short, frequent messages.
5. It's a way for those interested in your Auxiliary to find it online.
4. It's an excellent tool to use in recruiting new members.
3. It's a wonderful way to get younger/different members involved in your Auxiliary.
2. It's an easy way to share information about fundraisers, scholarship contests, stories about how your Auxiliary helps veterans and their families, and recruit volunteers to help with an event – just to name a few!
1. Social media – especially Facebook – is today's word-of-mouth.



## **HOSPITAL PROGRAM**

September 2024

Dianne Sellers Chairman

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President Brenda's National Theme...

*"From Our Roots to Our Branches – Extending Service to Our Veterans"*

President Sandra's Department Theme...

*"Serving Those Who Have Served With Love"*

\* Does your Auxiliary provide information about **Women Veterans Health Care at all Post and Auxiliary events?**

In 2023, the VA celebrated 100 years of providing health care for women Veterans. Today, more than 2 million women Veterans live in America. More than 600,000 women Veterans receive and have a full spectrum of health care.

Comprehensive health services are available and can be tailored to the unique needs of Women Veterans. There is a **Call/Text Center (WVCC) at the following times:** M-F 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.

**Calls are totally Confidential** - 855-829-6636 - 855.VA.WOMEN

The Call/Text Center will direct the Women Veterans to which VA hospital or clinic to visit and provide phone numbers needed to meet their needs.

**Visit: [womenshealth.va.gov](http://womenshealth.va.gov)** for an abundance of information. Brochures, videos, posters, and even podcasts are available. President Brenda and President Sandra have included in their Themes to remember **ALL Veterans**. Auxiliaries need to make information available to the public because there could be some Women Veterans who have been hesitant to use the VA and they deserve the care and attention that is there for them by our positive attitudes and literature.

**September is Suicide Awareness Month** – call or text 988 or the WVCC Call/Text Center can provide information to Women Veterans relating to suicide.

Review the focus for Hospital:

\* August – emphasis on Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support

# CHARLES GEORGE VA MEDICAL CENTER



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Bessie Bright – VAVS Deputy

Willie Glance – Honorary VAVS

September 2024

- **Needing to apply for Aid and Attendance or Housebound Benefits?**

*VA financial benefits for Housebound and Aid and Attendance are managed by the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). To understand your eligibility and to receive assistance with your claim, we strongly recommend that you contact your local Veterans Service Organization (VSO), or the Veterans Benefits Administration (1-800-827-1000), or visit this website: <https://www.va.gov/pension/aid-attendance-housebound/>.*

Veterans receiving a VA Pension or whose Service-Connected conditions are directly related to the need for benefits may be eligible to apply for **Housebound** or **Aid and Attendance Benefits**.

- **You may qualify for the “Housebound”** benefit if you do not have the ability to freely and safely leave your house because of a permanent disability.
- **You may qualify for the “Aid and Attendance” (A&A)** benefit if you consistently need the assistance of another person with activities of daily living, which may include feeding, going to bathroom, bathing, dressing, walking, etc.

The completed VA Form 21-2680 (Version Feb 2023), **EXAMINATION FOR HOUSEBOUND STATUS OR PERMANENT NEED FOR REGULAR AID AND ATTENDANCE** is required for your application. Obtain **VA Form 21-2680** from your Veterans Service Officer or at [www.va.gov/find-forms/](http://www.va.gov/find-forms/)

## Get Connected to Affordable Internet

Do you receive a [VA pension](#)? If so, VA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are making it easier for you to connect to the internet. Qualifying VA pension recipients may be eligible to participate in either FCC's Lifeline or Affordable Connectivity Programs to access discounted internet and phone services.

### Temporary 100% VA Disability

Did you know Veterans can temporarily qualify for 100% VA Disability depending on their unique situation? In this week's episode of the SITREP they discuss one of them.



Durham VAVS  
Sandra Johnson-Leu  
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Clayton, NC 27520  
919-906-7592 [ctrysun@embarqmail.com](mailto:ctrysun@embarqmail.com)

Happy September DURHAM VA Supporters

The Durham VA is in full swing gathering much needed items for our Veterans. Your help, as always, is much needed and greatly appreciated.

Some of the events coming up and the items needed are:

- ❖ For the Music therapy
  1. 6 JLAB studio pro wireless over-ear headphones (\$37-40 each)
  2. Apple Music gift/payment cards (contact Martine Bullard @ [martine.bullard@va.gov](mailto:martine.bullard@va.gov))
- ❖ The Blind Rehab/Medical Foster Home
  1. Monthly Ice Cream Social and Community outing gift cards for the Medical foster Home program
  2. Birthday Social Sponsors
  3. Bowling Outing Sponsors
  4. Holiday Social Sponsors
  5. Monthly Luncheon Sponsors contact Demetris Mcleod @ [demetris@mcleod@va.gov](mailto:demetris@mcleod@va.gov)
- ❖ The CLC (Community Living Center) Wish list contains some of the following items:
  1. Gift cards for Netflix, Apple Music, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Food Lion
  2. Sponsors for Concerts: Live music at the Durham VA or Gift cards to purchase tickets to a concert at DPAC or other venue
  3. Sponsors for Community outings: for a local sporting event, Museum, Movie theatre, or restaurant
  4. Ongoing needs such as: Plastic model kits (cars, planes, etc.) Charging cables (10ft only) **MFI, USB C AND Micro USB**, USB charging blocks (Squares), wheel bags, either drawstring or regular backpacks and walker bags

Each of these items made be donated directly to the Durham VA, care of Kendra Mondren, head of CDCE.508 Fulton St, Durham, NC 27705

In October the Durham VA will be hosting a Welcome Home Celebration for Post 911 Veterans at the State Fair. To make a donation to assist with this event, please send a check to the Department treasurer (that's me LOL) and earmark it for the State Fair event. I will then send it to the VA to support sending Veterans for this. Please make sure to send your donation in time for me to be able to get it to them before the Fair, which begins 17 October. (So I should receive donations no later than 1 October.)

Normally the VA would begin asking for donations of new coats for the Veterans. However, thanks to the very generous donations received last year, at this time, they will not be needing any coats. The supply is fully stocked. WAY TO GO!!!

Thank you for your support in the care and needs of our Veterans.

## Durham VA

### Hydration Station Group Interest

**What are we looking for:** 1-2 members of your group to serve lemon or cucumber ice water to Veterans and their families as they exit the parking garage breezeway.

**When:** We would like to run it at least 2X -3X (Tues, Wed, Thurs) per week from 9:00am-11:00am or until we run out.

**Location:** Durham VA Medical Center, 508 Fulton Street campus

**Purpose:** To ensure hydration of our Veterans during the hot summer days, and to allow your group members to come in for a few hours to greet the Veterans and to accumulate volunteer hours for your organization.

**Next Steps:** If you have members that would like to come and serve.

Please contact Kendra at 919-286-0411 ext. 177810

or [Kendra.Monden@va.gov](mailto:Kendra.Monden@va.gov) to schedule and to place order for the water.

The cost of the water will be \$8.00 and can be made to the canteen the day of serving. The canteen will provide all needed supplies. All you have to do is show up with a big smile 😊

### Additional Hydration Measures

\*\*\*\* For Greenville and Durham, we are still collecting 8oz bottles of water to place in our beverage fridges located on campus to ensure hydration. If you would like to donate, please drop off at one of these two campuses or you can arrange to mail.



Julia Stancil-Warren  
North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department Chief-of-Staff

## VAVS

### Fayetteville Veterans Hospital

Veterans Appreciation Day is August 29, 2024. Meals will be prepared by Jr's catering service. Our veterans will receive a picnic special which consists of:

- \* Hamburger and a hot dog two sides and iced tea.

**SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER**  
**Salisbury, NC 28144**  
**(704) 638-9000x13409**

Brothers and Sisters,

**BASKET BASH**, will be held in November, date to be determined. You may start preparing your Baskets, as you will be able to deliver them to the VA in Salisbury, after October 7<sup>th</sup>. 2024. Some of the Baskets will be taken to the Kernersville and Charlotte Clinic's, as they were last Year.

**MUSIC THERAPY**: Matt our Music Therapist, performs Heartbeat Recordings in the Hospice Care unit. The Heartbeat legacy project is a therapy process that records the heart beats of Veterans in Hospice. The heartbeat is layered as the "rhythm" into a song that the families can always cherish.

**CHAPLIN STEVEN KNISLEY**, has a program "Tea for the Soul", a program for caregivers, and nurses working in hospice and palliative care, that come together to process their grief for lost patients and aims to combat burnout. Teas, coffee, pastries and creamer are needed for this program.

**A REMINDER**: When making a donation to support any program or project, send your check to our Department Treasurer, Sandra Johnson-Leu, earmarked where you want it to go, or what it is to be used for.

**PLAN ACTIVITIES**: Our Veterans enjoy visits, cards, planned activities, and goody bags. Think about adopting a neighborhood, and always remember Special Holidays.

**REMEMBER**, to support the needs of our 15 Women Veterans that are residents at the Salisbury VA Medical Center, also our Veterans that are residents at our North Carolina VETERANS HOME, on the campus of the Salisbury VA Medical Center.

Thank you for all you do for our Hospitalized Veterans

Loyally,  
Farres Upton,  
Salisbury VAVS Representative



## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—SEPTEMBER 2024

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



**ALERT—ALERT—THE 2024 ELECTION IS HERE!**

**Absentee Ballots begin mailing out on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> and Early Voting Begins on October 17<sup>th</sup>!**

The online [Judicial Voter Guide: 2024 General Election](#) is now available on the State Board of Elections' website. The digital guide contains information about 2024 candidates for North Carolina's appellate courts – the North Carolina Supreme Court and North Carolina Court of Appeals. The general election is November 5, 2024. Candidates for appellate offices are elected statewide. Candidates for other judicial offices are not elected statewide and are not included in this guide. Ballots for all N.C. voters in 2024 will include four appellate court contests: N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 6, and N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Seats 12, 14, and 15. For more information about the general election, go to [Upcoming Election](#).

**Voter Search:** Search for voter details, including jurisdictions, polling place, sample ballot when available, absentee ballot information, and voter history.

**DON'T FORGET THE CHALLENGE!** In August, I challenged you and your Auxiliaries (and/or in conjunction with your Post) to host Candidate Forums or Town Halls. This of course counts in your reporting. Attend any forums or activities that the candidates may be speaking or appearing. Meet them, ask tough questions. **LET THESE CANDIDATES KNOW WE CARE ABOUT VETERAN AND MILITARY ISSUES AND WE VOTE!**

**ADVOCATE!** Congress returns after Labor Day (mostly—they will still campaign). The 118<sup>th</sup> Congress will end at the end of the year, and the 119<sup>th</sup> will be seated in January. Bills die, and then we start over! Please continue to contact our Senators and Representatives on these and other issues:

- Afghan Allies Amendment! The amendment is based on S. 2327, the **Afghan Adjustment Act**.
- **S. 4677: Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025**
- **Major Richard Star Act (S. 344)** as an amendment to the FY 2025 NDAA via a floor vote in the coming weeks.
- **H.R. 542: Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023:** This bill passed in the House on December 5, 2023, and was sent to the Senate. Contact our Senators and urge them to pass this bill!
- **S. 815:** Hello Girls Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2023: A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the "Hello Girls".

*"It has been said that all Government is an evil. It would be more proper to say that the necessity of any Government is a misfortune. This necessity however exists; and the problem to be solved is, not what form of Government is perfect, but which of the forms is least imperfect." —James Madison (1833)*

ELECTION DAY IS  
NOV. 5TH



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

*I want to thank all for cards and Get Well wishes, I have a long road yet, but let's keep up this fight! Blessings, Lynn*



# 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!

### Did you know there are 3 ways you can join the VFW Auxiliary?? National or Department Member-at-large or a Local Auxiliary Member



**Did you send out Dues reminders**, for your annual members?? Now is the time!

Make sure to include the conversion chart to lifetime member and encourage them to convert. If you have a death of a member, please report that as soon as possible in the system. This tracking is very important.



**Make sure every Auxiliary has selected a Membership Chairperson, and every District.**

At your next meeting make sure to select someone who can report on the membership numbers, who can read this department letter and take a tid-bit back for engaging the members. It doesn't have to be something re-invented use old ideas!! Visit the Malta website under Member Resources to find the membership tab with tons of great information! <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources>



#### Strategies for Retaining Members

Make sure the new member is receiving value from their membership and that they are aware of what they can receive. Ask your members why they joined the Auxiliary.

Engaging with your members on a regular basis to communicate value helps keep the Auxiliary fresh in their mind. Don't ever stop communicating with members or past members. Ask them to rejoin so they don't miss out on benefits and what's in it for them. Three great ideas to think about:

1. Communicate through a channel the members say they prefer. (Remember: everyone doesn't have a Facebook account or email.)
2. Focus on the first year. Welcome them, and pair them up with a buddy/mentor. Help them understand our traditions and get them engaged early.
3. Let members know when its time to renew. Some may simply have forgotten, and people get busy. Pick up the phone and give them a call to check on them!

**Coming to the Fall C of A? Another learning skit for membership will take place! Participation prizes will be given out for those who get involved!!**

#### 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. Have you reported on membership for July, Aug, Sept?

September 2024



#### NC Membership

78.90%

We need 1,454 renewals  
or new members!

#### Auxiliaries at 100%+!!

7547  
9810  
8866  
10225  
6812  
10999

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!



#### NC Membership Chairman:

Lyndsey Bowlus

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#### National Membership Ambassador:

Linda Roloff

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#### Southern States Chairman:

Beth West

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## Mentoring for Leadership

### GREEN LIGHT - YELLOW LIGHT - RED LIGHT

- Auxiliaries who are at the **GREEN LIGHT** are healthy auxiliaries. These auxiliaries we make sure that they refer to **Malta Members Resources for Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit** - there are 7 resources to access Auxiliaries and identifying and solving issues within the kit.
- Auxiliaries who are exhibiting a **YELLOW LIGHT** which is detected through our assessments, or not attracting new members, failure to report in Programs to assist veterans and families, and failure for members in attending District and State meetings and trainings. The lack of will lead to the **Red Light**.
- As soon as the caution light appears the department chief of staff needs to work closely with the department president and observe what is happening on the auxiliary level, we must be ready to spring into action.

## Scholarship Programs September 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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[wdrachels@gmail.com](mailto:wdrachels@gmail.com)



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

### National Scholarship Program Deadlines Local Post – Oct 31 District Deadline – Nov 15

- **Patriot's Pen:** Youth essay contest for middle grade students in grades 6-8. Each first place Department winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the National level. The National first place winner receives \$5000. The 2024-2025 theme is *"My Voice in America's Democracy."*
- **Voice of Democracy:** Audio-essay program for high school students in grades 9-12. The National first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship. The first-place winner from each Department wins a minimum scholarship of \$1000. The 2024-2025 theme is *"Is America today our forefather's Vision?"*
- Find the criteria, detailed instructions and download application forms for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under the Community tab.

### Ideas to Promote National Scholarships

- Make packets and deliver/mail to schools in your area including private/parochial schools. Include in your packets a cover letter introducing your Post/Auxiliary with contact information, the Scholarships-At-A-Glance flyer from the VFW website, multiple scholarship application forms. Include Teacher of the Year application forms in your packets too! Tackle two programs by sowing multiple rows in our garden!
- Contact the schools and ask to speak at the next PTA meeting about our scholarships. Gain the attention of the parents looking for scholarship opportunities!
- Reach out to your local Homeschool Cooperatives. Ask to speak at the next Homeschool Cooperative meeting/function.
- Reach out to the youth groups, scouting groups and the youth programs at the YMCA and community centers in your area. Set up a booth at community events.
- Submit an article regarding Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen to the local newspaper and radio station. Include a link to the forms on the website.

# Youth Activities Program



*The doors are open. Hear the chatter. Feel the excitement! Learning Reading, Writing, and Math. All having fun! Their day begins with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## September 2024



Attention All Auxiliaries::: Hold a Read a thon with a group or classroom for at least 30 minutes where Veterans are reading a patriotic book to students or students are reading to Veterans from their families. Enter your report at [www.vfwauxnc.org](http://www.vfwauxnc.org) include all of the details in the box after answering the questions on the reporting page and I will have a goodie bag for you at the FALL VFW Aux Dept of NC COA in Greensboro at Embassy Suites on Oct. 4 – 6 2024.

**Youth Love to be recognized for good work !!!**

**R.A.P. Cards are the perfect way to reward**



**Patriotic efforts shown by youth and adults. Tell them to collect them, and set up small prizes like a drink, a book, or a key chain etc. for so many points by the end of the time period you set.**

*The possibilities are endless. Use your imagination. Be creative. Get them involved in as many ways as you can. Be that inspiration that exemplifies how the VFW Auxiliary works tirelessly to serve the Veterans in our community.*



**REPORT!!!** I will be checking reports and recognize those auxiliaries that have accepted the challenges for reporting before Sept. 30 in my next report. Watch for your Auxiliary to be recognized in the next promotion !

Let's **grow** our Youth **"From Our Roots to our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans"** as our National President's Theme Challenges us to do. Also continue **"Serving Those Who have Served With Love"**. Which is the theme for the NC VFW Auxiliary Department President, Sandra **"BUBBLES"** Jeffries.

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

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2024-2025

President Sandra Jefferies

Chairman Lyndsey Bowlus

Date: 8.20.24

East-- Wendy Doubles

District 1 Pres Brittney Phillips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6060	Elizabeth City	243	174	169	71.60%
7312	Sunbury	24	19	19	79.17%
10950	Outer Banks	39	37	36	94.87%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>306</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>75.16%</b>

District 4 Pres Terri Schlipback					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7315	Havelock	192	166	166	86.46%
7547	Clinton	56	56	55	100.00%
8986	Newport	62	49	49	79.03%
9133	Jacksonville	192	156	156	81.25%
9810	Warsaw	29	29	29	100.00%
9960	Swansboro	276	234	229	84.78%
11119	West Craven	34	29	29	85.29%
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<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>841</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>85.49%</b>

District 2 Pres. Violet Saviak					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2615	Goldsboro	44	30	30	68.18%
2771	Kinston	18	9	9	50.00%
7032	Greenville	44	26	26	59.09%
9959	Mount Olive	50	33	33	66.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>62.82%</b>

District 5 Pres Deborah Crowder					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
7288	Calabash	298	207	200	69.46%
8866	Holden Beach	104	104	103	100.00%
9983	Holly Ridge	158	132	130	83.54%
10226	Oak Island	90	89	85	98.89%
10400	B Spring Lakes	84	45	44	53.57%
121966	Leland	17	3	3	17.65%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>751</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>77.23%</b>

District 3 Pres Mary Lewis					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2057	Rocky Mount	68	48	48	70.59%
4147	Bailey	21	15	15	71.43%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>89</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70.79%</b>

District 7 Pres Tina Szafarski					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
6983	Angier	0	0	0	0.00%
6722	Lillington	20	19	19	95.00%
7383	Cary	155	132	125	85.16%
9103	Spring Lake	100	93	93	93.00%
10225	Garner	108	110	92	101.85%
10999	Raleigh	41	41	30	100.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>424</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>89.77%</b>

EASTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2567</b>	<b>2056</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>80.09%</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	25	25	53.19%
10607	Burlington	33	30	26	90.91%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>68.75%</b>

District 10 Pres Carsonia Whitmore					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2087	Greensboro	20	6	6	30.00%
2972	Gibsonville	36	31	30	83.33%
3074	Lexington	41	31	16	75.61%
8297	Mway Monroeton	58	52	50	89.66%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>78.71%</b>

District 8 Pres Mary Zanders					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
670	Fayetteville	157	130	107	82.80%
6018	Fayetteville	195	163	158	83.59%
10,630	Hope Mills	34	25	24	73.53%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>386</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>82.38%</b>

District 12 Pres Theresa Billips					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
2908	Albemarle	92	49	38	53.26%
3006	Salisbury	95	52	52	54.74%
6365	Locust	18	4	4	22.22%
8989	Kannapolis	135	68	60	50.37%
9134	Rockwell	32	26	21	81.25%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>372</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>53.49%</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	104	104	85.95%
7318	Southern Pines	349	317	311	90.83%
10,403	Wadesboro	44	25	24	56.82%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>574</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>83.62%</b>

CENTRAL	2023 Mbrs.	2024 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1567</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1090</b>	<b>74.79%</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	13	10	46.43%
5352	Kernersville	151	94	72	62.25%
7794	Elkin	37	15	14	40.54%
9010	Clemmons	54	46	46	85.19%
9436	Pilot Mountain	67	56	26	83.58%
11173	Walnut Cove	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>337</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>66.47%</b>

District 15 Pres Sherry Brooks					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1142	N. Wilkesboro	84	76	71	90.48%
4286	Newland	35	24	23	68.57%
7031	Boone	45	21	21	46.67%
7034	Sparta	61	46	46	75.41%
7946	Jefferson	30	25	10	83.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>255</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>75.29%</b>

District 13 Pres Becky Rowe					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1160	Charlotte	139	127	127	91.37%
2423	Indian Trail	104	93	90	89.42%
5464	Monroe	46	34	34	73.91%
6724	Paw Creek	37	29	29	94.59%
7775	Charlotte	20	18	18	90.00%
9337	Gastonia	68	28	28	41.18%
9736	Croft	16	5	5	31.25%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>430</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>79.07%</b>

District 16 Pres Joyce Preston					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
891	Asheville	82	71	67	86.59%
5206	Hendersonville	73	59	59	80.82%
9116	Columbus	25	18	18	72.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>180</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>82.22%</b>

District 14 Pres Linda Owens					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
1706	Lincolnton	73	52	49	71.23%
2031	Statesville	71	64	59	90.14%
4066	Shelby	19	16	16	84.21%
5305	Newton	40	13	13	32.50%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>203</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>71.43%</b>

District 17 Pres Niki Paganelli					
Aux. No.	Aux. Name	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
4309	Brevard	165	124	122	75.15%
5202	Waynesville	221	120	120	54.30%
6812	Hayesville	52	53	41	101.92%
7339	Franklin	68	48	38	70.59%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>506</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>68.18%</b>

WESTERN	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1394</b>	<b>1272</b>	<b>72.95%</b>

DEPT	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6891</b>	<b>5436</b>	<b>5154</b>	<b>78.89%</b>

NC At-Large	2024 Mbrs.	2025 Mbrs.	Life Mbrs.	Percent
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>97.16%</b>

Needed to reach 100% 0  
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