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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
Nancy Worth, President
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VFW Auxiliary
SOUTH DAKOTA
2015-2016

Roster Corrections

Correct spelling: Nelda Jorgenson

Auxiliary Changes:

- ❖ Elk Point Auxiliary meets at The Point Community Center
- ❖ Belle Fourche #3312 meets at 7:00 pm
- ❖ Rapid City #1273 annual dues are \$25.00

ADDRESS PHONE # CHANGES:

- ❖ PDP, Neva Jean Corlett's correct address is: 2400 Sunshine Ridge Circle #305, Brookings, SD 57006
- ❖ PDP, Joyce Schat's correct address is: 2044 Promise Court #2319, Rapid City, SD 57701
- ❖ Canton (District 1 #3164) Treasurer, Alice Upshaw's correct phone # is 605-553-4452
- ❖ District #10 and Sturgis #2730 Treasurer, Jackie Dale's correct mailing address is: 1716 Fulton Street, Sturgis, SD 57785 and her email is angler08@wowway.com

E-MAIL CHANGES:

- ❖ Vickie Rosse email is rosse27@mchsi
- ❖ Elk Point #915 Secretary, Sarah Dosedall's correct email is sarah.dosedall@gmail.com
- ❖ Brookings #2118 President, Wanda Mix's correct email is wandamix@gmail.com
- ❖ District 4 President, Sharon Wellnitz's correct email is wellnitzsharon@yahoo.com
- ❖ Fort Sisseton #3342 Treasurer, Julie Stapleton's correct email is stapletn@venturecomm.net
- ❖ Scotland #2966 Secretary, Lillian Schlechter's correct email is lschlechter@hotmail.com

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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary Department of South Dakota

General Orders Number 2, August, 2015

Must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

- 1. Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Members** are invited to the National President's Visit to South Dakota. President Francisca Guilford will be in the Black Hills area August 16 – 18. Hotel reservations are available at the Super 8 Motel in Sturgis, when you call (605-4=347-4447) be sure to say that you are with the VFW Auxiliary group. Events begin at 8:30am on Monday, August 17, with the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony at Black Hills National Cemetery. AND the VFW National Commander-in-Chief, John Biedrzycki, Jr. will be in attendance at this event and during the bus tour. ***Having both the National Commander-in-Chief and the National President visit at the same time is quite an honor for our Department.*** Please make plans to join us and call Jacki Dale (605-720-1705 or 605-490-9309) so we can get numbers for meals – the bus tour has a cost of \$35.00).
- 2. Auxiliary Presidents** – If not already done, please appoint your VFW Auxiliary Chairman for Veterans and Family Support, Americanism, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, Scholarships and Youth Activities. From the Department mailing, ask your Auxiliary Secretary to distribute the Program Bulletins to the Auxiliary Chairmen. The Department Chairman Program Bulletins contain this year's program goals, progress on the goals and valuable information and suggestions for your monthly Auxiliary meetings.
- 3. District Presidents** are reminded that Annual Inspections are very important and must be conducted. Each District President received newly revised Inspection Forms to be used this term year. The Inspecting Official should sign the Secretary's and Treasurer's book only if they are kept according to procedures outlines in the Booklet of Instructions. Every question on the Inspection Form should be answered. Inspection Forms should be filled out in triplicate with the signatures of the Inspecting Officer and Auxiliary President on each copy. District Presidents who do their Inspections before the National President's Visit and before Fall Council School of Instruction are responsible for getting packets to the Auxiliaries in a timely manner if the Auxiliaries are absent from these events.
- 4. Membership** – Dues reminder notices have been sent to all continuous members except those Auxiliaries that opted out. Any corrections should be sent to Membership Chairman, Carrie Alm or Department Treasurer, Carol Gross.

5. **Auxiliary Treasurers** – 1) Send dues transmittals as you receive payment for membership – at least once a week. 2) Last month’s mailing included information from Department Treasurer Carol Gross about contributions. Please read and send in your contribution payments early. Reminder: the contributions still includes \$2.00 per member for Cancer Aid & Research to enable us to continue the Cancer Grants benefit for our members.

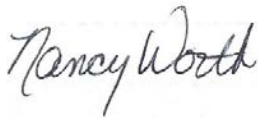
6. **State Fair** is September 3 – 7th. Donations are needed; mark your checks for State Fair to Department Treasurer Carol Gross. Contact Chairman Becky Hafner with gift certificate donations. Volunteers are needed at the Veterans Building and to drive Golf Carts.

7. **Celebrating America’s Freedom Event** – this year’s destination is Fort Snelling, Minnesota near Minneapolis on August 28th. Registration form and event information is included in this mailing.

8. **National President’s Homecoming** is September 17-20 in Anchorage, Alaska. Events include Alaska Night and a Gala Banquet; there are also a number of guided tours available at a discounted price. For registration information, contact President Nancy Worth at 605-490-1220.

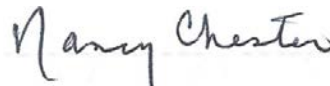
9. **Big Ten Conference** is October 16-18 in Bettendorf, Iowa. Registration is \$100.00 per person, rooms prices are \$109 Friday, \$119 Saturday and \$99 Sunday. Forms are included in this mailing.

By Order of:



Nancy J. Worth
Department President

Attest:



Nancy Chester
Department Secretary

Important Announcement:

Veterans of Foreign Wars resolution to change the eligibility for the Ladies Auxiliary was ADOPTED to allow eligible males into our organization effective August 21, 2015. Details on how we are to proceed will follow very soon. I will email details to folks and post on the South Dakota Department website as soon as I have them available.

Eligibility is based on a familial relationship within two generations. This includes parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, children and grandchildren, but does not include nieces or nephews of the member. Step, half and adopted family members are considered to meet the "two degrees of consanguinity" standard of the IRS. National Headquarters does not believe it necessary to include the terms step half or adopted as they are members of the immediate family. The eligibility of "foster" relations has previously been removed from the eligibility criteria and does not meet the two degree standard.

Please begin thinking of those males in your communities that would have the same eligibility as our current members. Signing them up for membership (YES use the current membership application) can truly help to expand our organization and allow for more assistance with our programs and events.

Ladies Auxiliary will have 5 years to make the transition to VFW Auxiliary (Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary) to include seals, emblems, badges and insignia materials.



NEWS FLASH: The VFW and Auxiliary National Convention has concluded. South Dakota had a total of 18 delegates and 12 Auxiliaries present.

AWARDS (earned before or during the National Convention) within our Membership Group #VI:

Americanism – Tammy Chase, SD Chairman received a Citation for participation in the program.

Cancer Aid & Research – Carrie Alm, SD Chairman received a Citation for participation in the program and Runner-Up for Outstanding Performance in the program.

Chief of Staff/Extension – Nelda Jorgenson, SD Chairman received Runner-Up for Outstanding Performance in the program.

Hospital – Nancy Fickbohm, SD Chairman received a Citation for participation in the program.

Legislative – Jan Endes, SD Chairman received a Citation for participation in the program, First Place for Best Promotion of encouraging all members to sign up to receive VFW Legislative Alerts, and Runner-Up for Outstanding Performance in the program.

Membership – Karen Sharp, SD Chairman received First Place for Outstanding Performance in the program.

Scholarships – Lois Ladegaard, SD Chairman received a Citation for participation in the program and First Place for Outstanding Performance in the program.

Youth Activities – Mary Kirkvold, SD Chairman received a Citation for participation in the program.

Runner-Up Outstanding President in Membership Group 6 – VICKIE ROSSE.

Please congratulate these chairmen for a job very well done.

Proposed By-Laws Changes follow:

Section 902 – Cell Phones: ADOPTED

Section 910 – Meetings, Regular and Special: ADOPTED with the following amendment – “Individual members cannot record (video/audio) any portion of any Ladies Auxiliary, County Council, District, Department or National meeting without prior ~~consent~~ knowledge of the body.”

Resolution to realign National District Council Members: REJECTED

Section 103, paragraph 1 change: “entitled each new member to a membership pin ~~and a copy of the current Bylaws and Booklet of Instruction.~~” REJECTED

Section 804 change: Nominating Committees MAY be permitted. ADOPTED

Resolution regarding collar pins: REJECTED

Ritual Revisions: ADOPTED with the following amendments –

Gender changes from she to he/she will be made throughout the National By-Laws and Ritual.

Correction will be made for the proper placement of the POW/MIA flag, if posted, to the left of the American Flag.

For the Contemporary Meeting Opening Ceremonies:

President gives one (1) rap of gavel. The meeting proceeds with general opening to include checking of membership cards, Opening Prayer, Roll Call of Officers, Opening Services and then President declares meeting open for business. At that time the President states: “We welcome all members and guests. All are reminded that only members of this Auxiliary may participate in discussion and voting.”

Under the Report of Trustees (Motion required) will be replaced with “Motion is required for payment of bills.”

Removal of the Booklet of Instruction: NOT ADOPTED

The new National Guard is Sandy Onstweeder of Michigan.

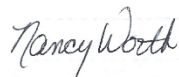
The National Convention for 2016 will be held in Charlotte, NC.

Dues Notices have been mailed. If you did not receive one, ask if your Auxiliary opted out of the mailing or let Membership Chairman, Carrie Alm know. Also, check your mailing address – we continue to work to get these corrected. I encourage you to consider a Life Membership and always have a Membership brochure with you; you may run into a prospective member.

The South Dakota State Fair is fast approaching. I look forward to seeing you there. District Presidents should be calling for helpers per Tom and Becky Hafner’s schedule. Please let me know of open times and we will do our best to cover them. Volunteer with Bev Freng to drive a golf cart while you are there.

National President Francisca Guilford’s visit is in the Black Hills August 16th-18th and wonderful activities are planned. Please come and spend this time with your sisters and National President.

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VFW AUXILIARY SD 2015-2016 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

**National Ladies Auxiliary VFW
President Francisca Guilford
Visit to South Dakota, 2015**

National President Francisca Guilford arrives in **Rapid City Airport Sunday, August 16th** at 9:41 am via Delta Flight #4576. We meet at the airport at 9:15 am with the **Color Bearer flags for the Isle of Honor to greet her.**

President Francisca loves meeting Veterans, so invite your Veteran to join in all or part of the visit! **Event registration is \$35.00 (includes bus ride, driver gratuity and Mt. Rushmore parking fee) payable by August 11, 2015 to: VFW Auxiliary #2730 (earmarked Nat'l. Pres. Visit), % Jackie Dale, 1716 Fulton, Sturgis, SD 57785.**

Schedule of events (subject to updates, of course!):

- August 16 -**
- 9:41 am** Welcome at airport
 - 11:30 am** Lunch at Rushmore Post #1273, 420 Main St., Rapid City
 - 12:30 pm** President Francisca's interview with local media at Post #1273
 - 2:00 pm** Hotel Registration – free time
 - 5:00 pm** Social time at VFW Post #2730, 868 Main, Sturgis
 - 6:00 pm** Dinner at The Knuckle Brewery, 918 Second St., Sturgis (rsvp to Jackie Dale by 8/11 @ 605-721-1705 or Nancy Worth at 605-490-1220)
- August 17**
- 7:45am** Board bus at Sturgis Super 8 hotel (605-347-4447) and proceed to Black Hills National Cemetery (see attached for program information)
 - 8:30am** 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony at Cemetery (ceremony to last about ½ hour)
 - 9:30am** Board bus and proceed to Mt. Rushmore via I-90 and Highway 16
 - 11:30am** Board bus and head for Crazy Horse Monument (plan is to pull into the entrance area for an opportunity of photos – visitor will be given material regarding the monument, but will not physically go into the area)
 - 12:30pm** Lunch at the Custer VFW Post on Mt. Rushmore Road (free-will offering)
 - 1:45pm** Proceed to Hot Springs via Highway 87 (through Wind Cave Nat'l. Park)
 - 2:30pm** Tour of newly constructed SD State Veterans Home with snack
 - 4:00pm** Board bus to return to Sturgis via Highway 79 and I-90
 - 5:30pm** Stop at Sturgis Super 8 to allow change of clothes (if necessary)
 - 6:00pm** Proceed to Deadwood VFW Post located at 10 Pine Street, Deadwood
 - 6:30pm** Supper at Deadwood Post #5969 (\$14.00)
 - 9:00pm** Board bus to return to Sturgis Super 8 hotel

President Francisca **leaves Tuesday, August 18 @ 7:30 am** on United Flight #3858 so there will be no functions with her on Tuesday; Continental Breakfast at hotel.

Hotels in the area (all serve a complimentary breakfast) – **you need to make your own hotel reservations**, which are available at a first come, first serve basis:

Super 8	2 queen beds	\$76.49 + tax	605-347-4447
Holiday Inn Express	2 queen beds	\$99.00 + tax	605-347-4140
Days Inn	2 queen beds	\$140.00 + tax	605-347-3027

50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration

South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to present the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony. The 2015-2016 VFW Commander-in-Chief, John Biedrzycki will be in attendance. Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, National President, Francisca Guilford, will also be present to assist with the POW-MIA wreath presentation.

The date for the event is **Monday, August 17, 2015 – 8:30am at Black Hills National Cemetery Internment Center**. This will be a short ceremony to enable BHN Cemetery staff to continue their funeral schedule by 10:00am.

The proposed agenda for the event is:

Welcome	South Dakota Veterans Cemeteries Support Council
Master of Ceremonies	VFW State Commander, Mike Mullen
Presentation of Colors	Sturgis Honor Guard (mix of American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars members)
Opening Prayer	SD VFW Department Chaplain, Jerry Heggstad
Pledge of Allegiance	Srey Austin, Director Black Hills National Cemetery
National Anthem	Joyce Jefferson, DAV Auxiliary State Chaplain
Statistics of Vietnam	National VFW Representative, John Biedrzycki
Wreath Presentations	Announced by VFW State Commander, Mike Mullen
	Vietnam Veterans of America
	Army – Black Hills National Cemetery staff
	Marines - Black Hills Marine Corps League
	Navy – Disabled American Veterans & Auxiliary
	Air Force – Sturgis American Legion
	Coast Guard – SD Veterans Cemeteries Support Council
	POW-MIA – VFW Commander-in-Chief, John Biedrzycki and VFW Auxiliary National President, Francisca Guilford
Passing of the Flag	American Legion Riders
Rifle Volley & Taps	Sturgis Honor Guard
Benediction	SD VFW Department Chaplain, Jerry Heggstad

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
2015-2016 August, 2015

June 14, 2015

Elsie Forsch, longtime Auxiliary President from Burke Auxiliary lost her husband the first part of June. Our thoughts & prayers are with the Forsch family. Send cards to: 29727 SD Hwy 47, Burke, SD 57523; her phone number is 605-775-2217.

Word has been received that Vada Raker, mother of Neta Peterka, PDP, both of Scotland, is currently undergoing dialysis treatment. This treatment is very intense and limits the mobility of the patient. Vada has worked tirelessly over the many years for the Auxiliary and the veterans. Please send her cards of encouragement to: PO Box 150, Scotland, SD 57059.

June 25, 2015

Daryl Halling, PDC, of Canton is undergoing treatment for cancer and your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated. Please send your cards to: 815 North Kimball, Canton, SD 57013.

July 1, 2015

Pat O'Neill, Sr., Past Department Commander from Rapid City has passed away. Pat served as Department Commander 1954-55. Funeral services were held July 4th and Interment was Monday July 6th at Black Hills National Cemetery. Please keep Pat's wife, Mickie and family in your prayers; cards can be sent to: 3944 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57702.

Update on Loren Ruzicka, PDC of Belle Fourche: he had a quadruple by-pass and Aortic valve replacement at the Minneapolis VA on May 27th. Loren was transferred to Fort Meade VA and released on June 9th. When he went for his 4-week checkup on June 24th, he received a good report and started cardiac rehab on June 26th.

July 13, 2015

Hello, to all of my VFW friends and Ladies Auxiliary. Since I have been under the weather I received so many cards and letters I thought they had put me back in office again.

I have been in for tests and procedures and so far all seems OK. Every test seems a little better than the one before.

I can't thank everyone enough—especially the members that stepped up to help at the State Fair and Bikers Campground. I know because of all of you this will be another successful year for the SD VFW.

Again, Lois and I thank you all.

Gary Knudson

DEPT OF SOUTH DAKOTA		2014-2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE		Page 1
BUDGET REPORT		Janice Vreim, Chairman		
7/1/2014 to 04/30/2015		Nancy Worth, Karen Sharp, Carrie Alm		
		Sharon Mitchell		
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Department dues transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve		\$4,830.19	\$5,763.75	(\$933.56)
Department dues (less 50% for dues reserve)		\$4,830.19	\$5,763.75	(\$933.56)
Life member dues Transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve		\$3,950.00	\$3,860.66	\$89.34
Life member dues (Less 50% for Dues Reserve)		\$3,950.00	\$3,860.66	\$89.34
Discount		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Awards		\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	(\$200.00)
Ways and Means		\$6,494.00	\$6,857.55	(\$363.55)
Transfer funds from previous years credit		\$3,426.28	\$0.00	\$3,426.28
Interest (checking)		\$8.04	\$29.38	(\$21.34)
Interest (savings)		\$27.48	\$5.00	\$22.48
Misc. Income		\$9,256.25	\$4,297.79	\$4,958.46
Interest (Short term CD's)		<u>\$1,233.97</u>	<u>\$78.93</u>	<u>\$1,155.04</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$39,156.40</u>	<u>\$31,717.47</u>	<u>\$7,438.93</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT				
	Stipend	\$599.95	\$400.00	\$199.95
	Travel & Motel	2,600.00	\$1,597.29	\$1,002.71
	Telephone	\$200.00	\$164.35	\$35.65
	Postage	\$90.00	\$85.54	\$4.46
	Hospital Mileage/Motel	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$86.89</u>	<u>\$263.11</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,839.95</u>	<u>\$2,334.07</u>	<u>\$1,505.88</u>
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY				
	Stipend	\$599.95	\$400.00	\$199.95
	Dues Mailing	\$935.00	\$874.58	\$60.42
	Postage	\$930.00	\$1,136.11	(\$206.11)
	Supplies	\$750.00	\$109.29	\$640.71
	Copier & Risograph Maintenance	\$950.00	\$1,165.63	(\$215.63)
	Telephone	\$25.00	\$53.31	(\$28.31)
	TOTAL	<u>\$4,189.95</u>	<u>\$3,738.92</u>	<u>\$451.03</u>
DEPARTMENT TREASURER				
	Stipend	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
	Telephone	\$240.00	\$150.00	\$90.00
	Internet Connection	\$360.00	\$150.00	\$210.00
	Supplies	\$850.00	\$764.00	\$86.00
	Audit	\$500.00	\$81.60	\$418.40
	Safe Deposit Box	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
	Postage	\$250.00	\$162.00	\$88.00
	Income Tax Service	\$450.50	\$450.00	\$0.50
	Insurance	\$127.00	\$131.00	(\$4.00)
	Bond	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$4,617.50</u>	<u>\$3,513.60</u>	<u>\$1,103.90</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
CHIEF OF STAFF				
Travel		\$56.00	\$0.00	\$56.00
Postage & Telephone		<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$81.00	\$0.00	\$81.00
NATIONAL CONVENTION				
		St. Louis		
President Air Fare		\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Ground Travel		\$25.00	\$403.80	(\$378.80)
Sr Vice President Air Fare		\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Ground Travel		\$25.00	\$475.00	(\$450.00)
Immediate Past President Air Fair		\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Ground Travel		\$10.00	\$369.81	(\$359.81)
Expenses for the three		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
President's Hotel		\$270.00	\$261.88	\$8.12
National President's Love Token		<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	<u>\$2,130.49</u>	<u>\$69.51</u>
BIG 10 CONFERENCE				
		Indianapolis		
Dues		\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
President's Air Fare		\$470.00	\$470.00	\$0.00
Ground Travel		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Sr Vice President's Air Fare		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Ground Travel		\$0.00	\$242.80	(\$242.80)
Jr Vice President's Air Fare		\$435.00	\$0.00	\$435.00
Ground Travel		\$0.00	\$442.80	(\$442.80)
Expenses for five (\$200 each)		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
President's Hotel		<u>\$208.00</u>	<u>\$208.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$2,588.00</u>	<u>\$2,388.60</u>	<u>\$199.40</u>
MIDWINTER CONFERENCE				
		Anaheim		
President's Air Fare		\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Ground Travel		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Sr Vice President's Air Fare		\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Ground Travel		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses for two (\$200 each)		\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Hotel		<u>\$476.00</u>	<u>\$93.28</u>	<u>\$382.72</u>
	Total	<u>\$1,826.00</u>	<u>\$1,443.28</u>	<u>\$382.72</u>
COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION- VOD				
President		<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
CHAIRMEN EXPENSES				
Membership Awards		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Program Awards		\$225.00	\$30.00	\$195.00
Chairman Expenses		\$500.00	\$322.26	\$177.74
Gifts, Memorials, & Flowers		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Contingency Fund - for President		\$1,000.00	\$718.50	\$281.50
Contingency Fund - for Vice President		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Contingency Fund - for Secretary		\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Contingency Fund - for Treasurer		\$1,800.00	\$1,600.00	\$200.00

Overseas Veteran			\$400.00		\$400.00		\$0.00
		TOTAL	<u>\$5,325.00</u>		<u>\$3,270.76</u>		<u>\$2,054.24</u>
EXPENSES			BUDGET		USED		BALANCE
Council & convention & Legislative Mileage			\$10,500.00		\$4,194.69		\$6,305.31
President's Hotel for two Council Meetings			\$210.00		\$210.00		\$0.00
Secretary's Hotel for two Council Meetings			\$210.00		\$210.00		\$0.00
Treasurer's Hotel for two Council Meetings			\$280.00		\$280.00		\$0.00
Four All-State President's Awards			\$140.00		\$0.00		\$140.00
National President's Visit			\$200.00		\$200.00		\$0.00
Past President's Jewel			\$49.00		\$0.00		\$49.00
Department Storage			\$1,200.00		\$200.00		\$1,000.00
VOD Awards			\$350.00		\$350.00		\$0.00
Trainer/Recruiter			\$300.00		\$0.00		\$300.00
Contingency Fund			\$50.00		\$0.00		\$50.00
		Total	<u>\$13,489.00</u>		<u>\$5,644.69</u>		<u>\$7,844.31</u>
STATE CONVENTION							
President's Hotel			\$100.00		\$0.00		\$100.00
Secretary's Hotel			\$100.00		\$0.00		\$100.00
Treasurer's Hotel			\$100.00		\$0.00		\$100.00
		Total	<u>\$300.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$300.00</u>
		TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$39,156.40</u>		<u>\$25,164.41</u>		<u>\$13,991.99</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS							
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BUDGET			PROJECTED		RECEIVED		BALANCE
INCOME							
Delegate Fees			\$698.00		\$349.50		\$348.50
		TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$698.00</u>		<u>\$349.50</u>		<u>\$348.50</u>
EXPENSES:					USED		BALANCE
Registration National Rep			\$65.00		\$65.00		\$0.00
Registratin Department President			\$65.00		\$65.00		\$0.00
National Representative			\$14.00		\$16.00		(\$2.00)
Department President			\$14.00		\$16.00		(\$2.00)
Gold Star Mothers			\$40.00		\$0.00		\$40.00
Assistant Secretary			\$10.00		\$0.00		\$10.00
Secretary Convention Minutes			\$30.00		\$0.00		\$30.00
Musician-Asst Musician Token			\$50.00		\$0.00		\$50.00
Soloist & Asst - love token			\$50.00		\$0.00		\$50.00
Memorial Flowers			\$20.00		\$0.00		\$20.00
Gift - National Representative			\$75.00		\$0.00		\$75.00
Gift - Pres., Sec., Treas.			\$90.00		\$0.00		\$90.00
Misc (Bylaws, Rituals, Etc)			\$175.00		\$254.75		(\$79.75)
		Total Expenses	<u>\$698.00</u>		<u>\$416.75</u>		<u>\$281.25</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS		(Continued)				
HOSPITAL BUDGET						
INCOME			PROJECTED		RECEIVED	BALANCE
Donations from Auxiliaries			<u>\$12,190.00</u>		<u>\$6,669.00</u>	<u>\$5,521.00</u>
EXPENSES:					USED	BALANCE
Monthly Allowances (6 Hospitals X 12 mos)			\$8,775.00		\$7,850.09	\$924.91
Stipends			\$915.00		\$0.00	\$915.00
VAVS Reps & Chairman's Travel Expenses			\$500.00		\$0.00	\$500.00
Other Miscellaneous for the Hospitals			<u>\$2,000.00</u>		<u>\$3,165.00</u>	<u>(\$1,165.00)</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$12,190.00</u>		<u>\$11,015.09</u>	<u>\$1,174.91</u>
AMERICANISM						
Income			PROJECTED		RECEIVED	BALANCE
			<u>\$675.00</u>		<u>\$604.90</u>	<u>\$70.10</u>
Expenses:					USED	BALANCE
Youth Essay (Patriots Pen)			\$400.00		\$400.00	\$0.00
Patriotic Art Contest			\$175.00		\$175.00	\$0.00
Promotion and Postage			<u>\$100.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$675.00</u>		<u>\$575.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP						
INCOME					RECEIVED	BALANCE
Donations from Auxiliaries			<u>\$350.00</u>		<u>\$352.90</u>	<u>(\$2.90)</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$350.00</u>		<u>\$352.90</u>	<u>(\$2.90)</u>
EXPENSES					USED	BALANCE
Scholarship Awards			<u>\$350.00</u>		<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$350.00</u>		<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 2014 TO MAY 31, 2015

FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED FUND	ENDING BALANCE
2015 DUES		\$5,821.65			\$5,821.65
LIFE MEMBER DUES RESERVE		\$3,860.66			\$3,860.66
DUES RESERVE		\$5,821.65			\$5,821.65
LIFE MEMBERSHIP		\$16,640.00	\$17,350.00		(\$710.00)
GENERAL FUND	\$54,474.57	\$60,789.59	\$85,443.31		\$29,820.83
HOSPITAL FUND		11,720.26	\$11,015.09		\$705.17
WAYS & MEANS		\$6,883.55			\$6,883.55
CANCER AID AND RESEARCH		\$18,317.96	\$17,638.88		\$697.08
CANCER PINS		\$1,946.96	1,530.00		\$416.96
AMERICANISM FUND		\$354.20		-	\$354.20
CANTEEN BOOKS		\$1,703.35	\$1,765.00		(\$61.65)
VFW PARK & CHAPEL		\$25.00		-	\$25.00
VETERANS & MILITARY SCHOLAR		\$354.20	\$350.00	-	\$4.20
DEPT. DELEGATE FEES		\$349.50			\$349.50
EXTENSION & EXPANSION				-	-
SPECIAL OLYMPICS		\$744.20			\$744.20
VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT		\$5,396.10	\$5,396.10		\$0.00
YOUTH ESSAY				-	-
PRES. SPECIAL PROJECT		\$4,007.51	\$279.15		\$3,710.36
NATIONAL HOME PINS				-	-
STATE FAIR		\$1,515.00	\$315.76		\$1,199.24
TOTAL	\$54,474.57	\$146,251.32	\$141,083.29	\$ -	\$59,642.60

DAKOTALAND FEDERAL CREDIT	\$63,213.05
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$0.00
DAKOTALAND OS CHECKS	\$3,570.45
TOTAL	\$59,642.60

BALANCE LAST AUDIT	\$54,474.57
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$146,251.32
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$141,083.29
TRANSFERRED FUNDS	\$0.00
BOOK BALANCE 4/30/2015	\$59,642.60

CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	\$59,642.60
CD SHORT TERM GENERAL (4)	\$116,670.06
DAKOTALAND SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$5.00
ACCOUNTS TOTAL	\$ 176,317.66

	BEGINNING BALANCE	ACQUIRED	INTEREST RECEIVED	WITHDREW	BALANCE 12/31/2014
CD GENERAL FUND	\$ 116,606.56		\$63.50		\$ 116,670.06

DATE: _____

AUDIT CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

MEMBER

DEPARTMENT TREASURER

DATE



VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota 2015-2016 District Meeting Dates

FALL

Saturday, October 10, 2015 – District 2
Department Conductress attends

Sunday, October 12, 2015- Districts 1 & 4
Department Jr. VP attends District 1
Department President attends District 4

Sunday, October 25, 2015 – Districts 6, 7, 8, & 10
Department Sr. VP attends District 6
Department Chaplain attends District 7
Department President attends District 8
Department Guard attends District 10

WINTER

Sunday, January 10, 2016 – District 10
Department President attends

Sunday, January 24, 2016 – District 2
Department President attends

SPRING

Sunday, April 10, 2016 – Districts 4 & 6
Department Conductress Attends District 4
Department President attends District 6

Sunday, April 17, 2016 – Districts 2, 7 & 10
Department Guard attends District 2
Department President attends District 7
Department Chaplain attends District 10

Sunday, April 24, 2016 – Districts 1 & 8
Department President attends District 1
Department Sr. VP attends District 8

NOTE: It has been brought to the attention of VFW Department of South Dakota that the VFW Districts are required to have a total of 3 District meetings per year (fall, mid-winter and spring). This requirement affects only the VFW and does not include any of the established Department-level meetings (Fall Conference, Legislative Conference and State Convention).

Important Information from the National “Local Auxiliary Treasurers’ & Trustees Workshop

Treasurers are responsible for what happens with the funds of the organization – legally responsible.

Employer Identification Number (EIN) is also known as the Federal Identification Number (FIN)

New Auxiliary Treasurers must notify the IRS of a change in the responsible party by filing Form 8822-B within 60 days of election (if not done and not communication is received from the IRS – not to worry for the term year, but should follow the necessary procedure next election)

The principle officer for the EIN or FIN should be the Treasurer as the President can change annually while the Treasurer generally remains the same

ALWAYS send information to the IRS via certified mail with return receipt

Deductible donations – donations of \$500 or more should be run through the VFW Foundation in order to be tax deductible

Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification must be filed with IRS when there is a name change (i.e., change in Post/Auxiliary name)

The Direct Deposit process through National Headquarters is a must in order to receive funds from Headquarters

The VFW Auxiliary has a fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 versus the calendar year

Auxiliaries do not need to count “Pass through” funds that are within the \$50,000 limit

Bond Amounts – the Auxiliary body must vote on the amount of the bond for the Treasurer and President. The amount of the bond is not determined by only the Treasurer

If an Auxiliary turns in their Charter, they must file a final 990N report

Trustees are responsible for making sure that the 990N form/report has been filed. Trustees should be initialing all pages of the Treasurer’s book audit to audit.

Negligence on the part of the Trustees in carrying out the mandates of Section 814 of the Bylaws, or in attending audits, shall make them individually and collectively responsible, with any others, for any discrepancy

Trustees should also check the Treasurer’s records regarding Transmittals comparing them to the MemStats Listing Report, Monthly Membership Update Report, Monthly Membership Transfers Report and Monthly Membership Paid Report

Trustees must **report, not correct**, any errors found (“Findings”) on the audit report or a separate sheet attached to the audit report

It is the responsibility of the 3-year Trustee to send the completed audit to the Department Treasurer after it has been accepted by motion as read at an Auxiliary meeting

It is the responsibility of the 2-year Trustee to review the bank statement and cancelled checks; to review and check the deposits and compare with receipts; to ensure that appropriate tax forms have been filed (990N e-Postcard, etc.)

It is the responsibility of the 1-year Trustee to review the checkbook against cancelled checks and deposits, list outstanding checks by check # & amount; list outstanding deposits by date & amount; reconcile the bank statement to the checkbook, reconcile the dues against National membership reports

The Treasurer does not prepare the audit report

The President, Treasurer and Secretary should attend the audit (at the 1st quarter audit meeting, the outgoing Treasurer and incoming Treasurer should attend the audit)

It is highly suggested that the pages of the Minutes Record Book (within that 1 book) be numbered consecutively to assist with audits.

A current copy of the Auxiliary, District or Department Standing Rules should be readily available during the audit process to make sure that disbursements are in accordance with the Standing Rules.



July 6, 2015

Good morning. It has been brought to our attention that when Auxiliaries are printing off their bond receipt, that one of the offices was showing as not bonded when indeed it was. This issue has been resolved and an Auxiliary may go in and reprint their correct bond receipt. We do apologies for any inconvenience and we do thank those of you that made us aware of situation.

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Celebrating America's Freedom Event

Saturday, August 29, 2015 • 11:00 a.m.
Historic Fort Snelling • St. Paul, Minnesota

Join Ladies Auxiliary VFW National President Francisca Guilford for the 3rd Annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event at Historic Fort Snelling in St. Paul, MN

Built in the early 1820s and overlooking the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, Fort Snelling was once the furthest outpost of the U.S. military. It is a great place to learn about military history from before the Civil War through World War II, fur trade history, slavery in Minnesota, the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 and much more. Its location – at the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers – has been significant for centuries to many American Indian communities.

We encourage any interested parties to attend this patriotic event! Ladies Auxiliary VFW members and their families, VFW members and their families, military personnel and their families, and the general public are welcome to attend. Fees to enter Ft. Snelling are as follows:

Adults: \$11.00

Seniors, Active-Duty Military and their Family (with ID): \$9.00

Children ages 6-17: \$6.00

Children under age 5: free

**Please note this fee is collected by the Minnesota Historical Society at the time of entrance, not the Ladies Auxiliary VFW.*

**Please note that you can attend this event on your own, but transportation will not be provided unless you have filled out the attached transportation registration form.*

Hotel Information

Hotel:

Crowne Plaza Bloomington
5401 Green Valley Dr.
Bloomington, MN 55437
Rates***

Double: \$99/night + tax

Triple: \$104/night + tax

Quad: \$109/night + tax

Phone: 952.831.8000

Website: www.cpmmsp.com

Group Code: Ladies Auxiliary VFW

****(Must call-in reservations to receive these rates. Rates include breakfast buffet voucher.)*

Airport to hotel transportation:

Super Shuttle

Group Code: USVFW

Make your reservation at

<http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=USVFW>

Hotel reservation deadline is Wednesday, July 29, 2015!

Transportation Registration



\$30 per person*

**(Includes admission to Ft. Snelling, sack lunch and transportation to and from the event from the Crowne Plaza Bloomington).*

Transportation Registration will close August 1, 2015

Registrations may be made on-line through the Ladies Auxiliary VFW website, www.ladiesauxvfw.org, or by mailing the registration form to Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters at the address below.

Payment Information:

\$30 per person X Number of Registrants* _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Please provide names and member IDs (if applicable) for each additional registrant.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Member ID (If applicable) # _____

Method of payment: Check _____ Money Order _____

Credit Card _____ [Visa, MasterCard, Discover] circle type of card

Name on credit card _____

C. C. # _____

CVV Code ___ ___ ___ Exp. ____ / ____

Ladies Auxiliary VFW

CAFE 2015

406 W. 34th St., 10th Fl.

Kansas City, MO 64111

Mailed and Online Transportation Registrations

MUST be received by August 1, 2015!



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
& LADIES AUXILIARY**
BIG 10 CONFERENCE – OCT. 16, 17, & 18, 2015
ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO HOTEL, BETTENDORF, IOWA
REGISTRATION FORM

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$100.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: 2 DRINK TICKETS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER OR SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

1 – TICKET FOR LUNCHEON (SATURDAY)

1 – TICKET FOR BANQUET (SATURDAY)

2 BREAKFAST TICKETS (SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING)

Late and on-site registration is \$110 per person after cutoff date OCT 5, 2015

Luncheon and Banquet tickets will not be available after this date

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

POST/AUX. #: _____ DEPARTMENT: _____

TITLE: _____ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VFW IOWA
(NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED)

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS & CHECKS TO:
DEPARTMENT OF IOWA VFW
3601 BEAVER AVENUE
DES MOINES, IA 50310

VFW IOWA Phone: (515) 255-2139 – Email: vfwiowa@qwestoffice.net
Website: www.vfwiowa.org



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
& LADIES AUXILIARY

BIG 10 CONFERENCE- OCTOBER 16, 17, & 18, 2015
HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO HOTEL BETTENDORF
1800 ISLE PARKWAY , SUITE A
BETTENDORF, IA 52722
PHONE: 1-800-843-4753

REGISTER ONLINE AT: bettendorf.isleofcapricasinos.com/RVFWB10.html

Room	Friday Rate	Saturday Rate	Sunday Rate
Deluxe Non-Smoking King	\$99	\$109	\$89
Deluxe Non-Smoking Double Queen	\$109	\$119	\$99
Deluxe Non-Smoking King Tub Suite	\$149	\$159	\$139

Plus 12% tax & \$6 a day facilities fee.

Triple and Quad occupancy are an additional \$10 per person, per day.

A breakfast buffet ticket for **Calypso's Buffet** located on the 3rd floor in the Isle's South Tower is included in your registration packet.

Hotel Reservations open **Jan. 5, 2015.**

Please mention 2015 VFW Big 10 Conference when making reservations

CUTOFF DATE FOR THESE RATES IS SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL _____

NAMES OF ADDITIONAL OCCUPANTS IN ROOM _____

Number of Rooms & Room Type Preference: _____ Deluxe Non-Smoking King

_____ Deluxe Non- Smoking Double Queen _____ Deluxe Non-Smoking King Tub Suite

Reservation **MUST** include one night's deposit. Cut-off date for these rates is **September 13, 2015.**
72 HOUR CANCELLATION NOTICE prior to your arrival date is required to avoid a charge of 1 night room and tax. Debit Cards may have a pending authorization hold for up to 30 days. A credit card authorization is required upon check-in.

Credit card type: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature of Card Holder: _____

Check or Money Order Amount _____

HOTEL SHUTTLE available at the airport. Call Hotel for information.



*VFW Auxiliary
Department
of
South Dakota*

National President,
Francisca Guilford's
Theme:
*"Our Veterans—
Now and Forever"*

Veterans & Family Support
Bulletin #2

Last month I gave you an overview of the Veterans & Family Support program and what it covers. This month I am going to focus on more information for a select few of the programs.

VFW Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship – Sports Clips are giving scholarships to our veteran heroes to thank them for their service. The "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" will provide service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It is another way to say "thank you" to those who deserve it the most.

Scholarship details:

- Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants
- Limited to one per family per semester
- Applications for the fall semester will be accepted January 1 through April 30
- Applications for the spring semester will be accepted August 1 through November 15
- Fall semester scholarships will be awarded in August, and spring semester scholarships will be awarded in January
- Scholarships must be used by the end of the school semester for which the veteran is applying or they will become null and void
- **Scholarships are restricted for tuition and fees only and will be paid directly to accredited schools.**

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve
- Have completed Basic Training and follow-on training (Advanced Individual Training, Technical school, etc.)
- Separated with or currently hold a military rank of E-5 or below
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance
- Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution
- If selected, authorize the VFW and Sport Clips, Inc. to announce and publish award of the scholarship.

Unmet Needs – Helps soldiers when there are problems at home; money problems with car repairs, rent, mortgage, insurance, utility costs, food and clothing. Grants up to \$2,500 can be applied for and the dollars go directly to the creditor. The applicant must be the service member or eligible dependent listed under DEERS.

The hardship must be due to one of the following: deployment, Military pay issue, or military illness or injury. The hardship cannot be caused by: civil, legal or domestic issues, misconduct, or any issues that are a result of spousal separation or divorce; financial mismanagement by self or others, or due to Bankruptcy.

Eligible Expenses:

- Housing expenses – mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance
- Vehicle expenses – payments, insurance, repairs
- Utilities and primary phone
- Food and incidentals
- Children’s clothing, diapers, formula, necessary school or childcare expenses
- Medical bills, prescriptions & eyeglasses – the patient’s portion for necessary or emergency medical care only

Ineligible Expenses:

- Credit cards, military charge cards or retail store cards
- Personal, student and payday loans
- Negative bank accounts (over draft fees and charges, etc.)
- Cable, internet, or secondary phones
- Investigational or cosmetic medical procedures & expenses
- Taxes
- Child support, alimony, or legal expenses
- Military debt, or debt owed to a friend/family member
- Furniture, electronic equipment or vehicle rentals
- Down payments on homes or vehicles
- Reimbursements for items already paid for
- Bills obviously due to excessive use or mismanagement

Remember that the Department of South Dakota Commander and President’s project this year is the VFW National Home for Children. More information about this wonderful benefit for active-duty military, veterans and their families is available on the following website: www.vfwnationalhome.org.



RESOURCES FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
816-756-3390
www.vfw.org

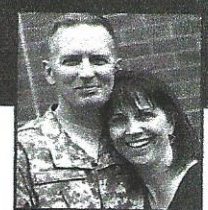
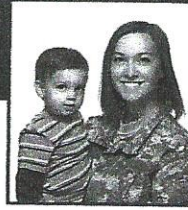
**Ladies Auxiliary to the
Veterans of Foreign Wars
(Ladies Auxiliary VFW)**
816-561-8655
www.ladiesauxvfw.org

**VFW National Home
Military & Veteran Family Helpline**
800-313-4200
www.vfwnationalhome.org

Veterans Crisis Line
800-273-8255
www.veteranscrisisline.net

Military OneSource
800-342-6947
www.militaryonesource.mil

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Benefit Line: 800-827-1000
www.va.gov



Military.com
www.military.com

**Veterans Employment
and Training Service**
866-4-USA-DOL
(866-487-2365)
www.dol.gov/vets

**Center for Women
Veterans**
855-VA-WOMEN
(855-829-6636)
www.va.gov/womenvet

Military Connection
www.militaryconnection.com

**National Military
Family Association**
703-931-6632
www.militaryfamily.org

**National Suicide
Prevention Hotline**
800-273-8255
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

**Childhelp National
Child Abuse Hotline**
800-4-A-CHILD
(800-422-4453)

TRICARE®
www.tricare.mil

**Assistance for
Homeless Veterans**
877-4AID-VET
(877-424-3838)
www.va.gov/homeless

**Disabled Veterans
Services, Inc.**
702-990-3893
www.disabledveteransservices.org

Make the Connection
www.maketheconnection.net

**National Alliance of
Families**
www.nationalalliance.org

**National Domestic
Violence Hotline**
800-799-7233
www.thehotline.org

Military Kids Connect
www.militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil



www.ladiesauxvfw.org

**VFW Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT MONTHLY REPORT
2015-2016**

This is to help your auxiliary keep track of data for the year-end reporting. It is not necessary to send this to the Department Chairman every month.

Auxiliary # _____ Chairman's Name _____

Auxiliary City _____ Chairman's Phone _____

1. Did your Auxiliary host or co-host with the VFW fundraising activities for National Veterans Services? _____ If so, describe the activity _____

2. Did your Auxiliary host or co-host with the VFW fundraising activities for VFW Veterans and Military Support Program? _____ If so, describe the activity _____

3. Did your Auxiliary provide aid to veterans, active-duty military and/or their families? (i.e., meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.) _____ Total donations _____

of veterans/military personnel or family members assisted _____

4. Did your Auxiliary promote and/or make donations to the VFW National Home this month? _____ If so, amount donated _____

5. Did your Auxiliary promote or use the Buddy Poppy this month? _____ Did your Auxiliary hold a Buddy Poppy drive this month? _____ How many Buddy Poppies were used this month? _____

6. Did your Auxiliary participate in or sponsor an event or project for homeless veterans? _____ If so, describe the event of project _____

7. Did your Auxiliary promote the Sport Clips Help-A-Hero Scholarship? _____ If so, how was it promoted _____

8. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home Military and Veteran Family Helpline? _____ If so, how was it promoted _____



AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT OF SD August 2015

**National President Francisca Guilford's Theme
"OUR VETERANS-- NOW & FOREVER"
Department President Nancy Worth's Theme
"REMEMBERING OUR PROMISE; ADVOCATES FOR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES"**

Can you believe that school will be starting in a month? What will you do to reach all those children in Public, Private, Christian Schools Pre-Schools, Home Schooled and even Sunday Schools? Now is the time you **must** get in touch with administrators, teachers and parents with an agenda so they will allow you time for a special program for Patriotism. You do not need to have a lengthy program, 10 to 20 minutes is long enough to keep their attention. Do a short skit, be colorful, provide them with the president rulers, a coloring page and make it a contest. Have some small awards available for their participation.

The State Fair will be starting Sept. 3-7 and a chance for a project on Americanism. Many of you will be attending and helping at the Veterans Building. Here is your opportunity to promote patriotism as you will be handing out many of the Patriotic pamphlets such as flag etiquette, care of the flag, teacher of the year and many more. There will be small flags, pins, pencils, wrist bands and almost an endless amount of free patriotic items. Visit with the children and their parents as they come by, remember to keep track of the hours and what you did as they will help in your year-end report.

We are the ones that set the example in Americanism in our communities and schools by keeping patriotism alive in the public and media eyes through the many Americanism programs that we do. It is OK to toot your own horn. All these things help our youth and communities in the right direction of good citizenship.

Americanism Past Department Presidents awards: Sharon Mitchell, Evelyn Boortz and Carol Gross-Cash Award to the Auxiliary and Chairman with best promotion of Patriotism. Jan Endes- Cash award to the Auxiliary and Chairman for Best Overall Americanism Program in each membership category-this does not include Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen or Patriotic Art.

Holidays or special days to remember and fly your flag, but I hope you will fly your flag every day. Forgot July 27th Korean War ended 1953, World War II ended August 14, 1945, /September 2nd V-J Day Japan's formal surrender 1945, again Patriots Day September 11, Flags at half-staff until sunset, September 18th National POW/MIA Recognition Day, October 12, Native American or Columbus Day.

**Nelda Jorgenson, Americanism Chairman
1626 Cedar Dr. Aberdeen, SD 57401
605-225-7060, cell 380-6734-nktikijorg@nvc.net**

VFW Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
MONTHLY AMERICANISM REPORT
2015-2016

This is to help your auxiliary keep track of data for the year-end reporting. It is not necessary to send this to the Department Chairman every month.

Auxiliary # _____ Chairman's Name _____

Auxiliary City _____ Chairman's Phone _____

1. Did your Auxiliary conduct special programs on a patriotic holiday? _____ If so, please describe the program _____

of members involved _____ Hours members volunteered _____ # community present _____

2. (September only) Did your Auxiliary participate in or sponsor a POW/MIA program? _____

Number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2" X 3" or larger) _____

3. Number of American flags presented (at least 2" X 3" or larger) _____

4. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award? _____ **NOTE: South Dakota has a different deadline date than National Headquarters for this award – nominations must be submitted to Department VFW Chairman, Dennis Sharp, P.O. Box 113, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532 by November 1, 2015.**

5. Number of certificates your Auxiliary presented to businesses or citizens in recognition of their displaying of the U.S., POW/MIA flags or other displays of American pride _____

6. Did your Auxiliary promote Americanism through the media this month? _____ If so, how was this accomplished? _____

**VFW AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
HOSPITAL & VAWS**

“Our Veterans – Now and Forever”

“Remembering Our Promise; Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”

Although our Auxiliary encourages volunteering in VA Hospitals, please remember that not everyone lives near a VA facility. However, most communities do have nursing homes and/or veterans' homes, so you should contact them and find out what they need or schedule an event. Even a few hours spent visiting them would brighten their day.

The VA has announced a new nationwide initiative -- “Summer of Service” – to increase volunteers dedicated to serving our veterans. Ladies, this is a perfect opportunity to show that our organization is the best, by recruiting the most volunteers. Challenge your members to recruit at least one new volunteer – each and every one of you can make a difference in a veteran's life. The Hospital program has always been very focused on the Veteran!

Program Goals

Volunteering Service in Medical Facilities

Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition

Hospitalized Veterans Writing Program

Military Suicide Awareness (which is new this year!) - Be thinking on how you are going to promote this program!!

Please start thinking about your end of the year report and please keep track of your volunteers, new volunteers, and number of hours.

Leanne Payne

Phone: 605-942-7568

Dept. of South Dakota Hospital/VAWS Chairman

PO Box 126

E-mail: oldcripp@siouxvalley.net

Plankinton, SD 57368

Monthly Hospital Report 2015 – 2015

1. Number of auxiliary members volunteering in all VA facilities and non VA facilities. Number of Volunteer's _____ Total hours _____
2. Number of new volunteers recruited. Adults _____ Youth _____
3. How did your Auxiliary use publicity and/or media to recruit volunteer's.
4. Number of activities sponsored or conducted an event or activity this month.

4. Total amount spent on all Hospital projects this month. _____
5. How did you promote Military Suicide Awareness this month?

6. How many members were involved? _____ Total hours _____

Please keep this in your records so that at the end of the year you will be able to fill out your year end report much easier.

Auxiliary # _____
Auxiliary City _____

Chairman's Name _____
Chairman's Phone _____

Military Suicide Awareness

Veterans Crisis Line, run by Veterans Affairs,
can assist Veterans and their families with many issues.

1-800-273-8255, press 1

www.veteranscrisisline.net

Visit the Ladies Auxiliary website for a complete list of supporting resources:

www.ladiesauxvfw.org

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
LEGISLATIVE

“Remembering our Promise: Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”

Bulletin #2

August 2015



As the heat is approaching all areas of South Dakota, it is time to stay cool inside and get on the computer or get the pen out and let our congressional delegation know that we are out there and are concerned about issues involving our Military, Veterans and their Families. You can contact your delegation on all levels and voice your concerns.

Rep. Kristi Noem

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Recipe to Receive VFW Action Corps Weekly

Instructions:

1. On your smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer, go to www.vfw.org
2. Go to the “VFW in D.C.” tab at the top of the page.
3. Within the “VFW in D.C.” tab, click on “Grassroots Advocacy.” You will be taken to the “Grassroots Advocacy” page.
4. Click on the “Join Action Corps” button OR the “Action Corps Sign Up Now” image.
5. Fill out the form on your screen.
6. Click “Submit.”
7. Click “Continue.”

You will now begin receiving VFW Action Corps Weekly in your inbox every week!

Please remember to educate members as well as communities on any pending legislation that affects our veterans as well as our national security. The VFW has a pamphlet out that states the position called the “VFW Priority Goals.” Share this pamphlet with your legislators.

For the many generations of Veterans, today’s Veterans and military need our support and voice to ensure they receive their benefits and entitlements as promised them. We must continue being their most diligent supporters and we must make certain our voices are heard on Capitol Hill. Because of our love for this great country we will be **“Remembering our Promise: Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”**

2015 Priority Goals

VA Health Care
Military Quality of Life
Defense & Homeland Security
Veterans Educations & Employment
Suicide and Homelessness
VA Compensation & Benefits
POW/MIA
Seamless Transition

Always **Remember our Promise: Advocating for Veterans & Their Families.**

Loyally,

Tammy Chase, Legislative Chairman
45980 SD Hwy 10
Sisseton, SD 57262

Phone: (605) 698-7438
Email: cbchase@venturecomm.net

Support today's veterans & military

Help us ensure that an adequate VA system will be there for the millions of current and future veterans.

When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 114th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and our Auxiliaries. To find out who your congressional representatives are, visit the VFW website at www.vfw.org and click on the "VFW in DC" Action Corps link.

Play a role in the process

Ensure that these Priority Goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW's legislative e-newsletter at www.vfw.org/weekly and follow the Capitol Hill blog at www.thevfw.blogspot.com



— 2015 — Priority Goals



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— 2015 — Priority Goals



Budget

- Ensure proper funding so VA can provide timely health care and benefits delivery.
- Pass full Advance Appropriations for all of VA to ensure future budget battles have no impact on the delivery of benefits to veterans.
- End budget sequestration and ensure defense funding supports Quality of Life programs for service members and families, training and readiness, troop end strength and equipment needs.

VA Health Care

- Ensure that VA capacity meets the demand for care by properly funding infrastructure and maintaining adequate staffing levels.
- All non-VA care must be high quality, and delivered in a well-coordinated, timely manner.
- Fully update antiquated VA scheduling software and fully implement an appointment making policy that focuses on veterans' needs and is not susceptible to data manipulation.
- Provide sufficient funding for updates to VA's VistA health care treatment record system.
- Continue to expand the use of telehealth services, especially in rural areas.
- Authorize VA to receive reimbursement for care provided to Medicare eligible veterans.
- Address the national crisis of suicide among service members and veterans by ensuring proper funding for DOD and VA suicide prevention programs and mental health treatment.
- Extend VA caregiver benefits to those who care for severely injured veterans of all eras.
- Increase research into women's health care needs and the diseases and treatments of toxic exposure.
- Ensure VA has appropriate resources to adequately care for and reintegrate our homeless veterans' population.

VA Compensation & Benefits

- Provide oversight and the resources necessary to hire, train, and sustain a workforce and IT system sufficient to provide accurate and timely decision ratings to those claiming benefits or appealing decisions from VA.
- Approve a presumption of service connection for the conditions associated with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- Provide the survivors of veterans who were in receipt of or entitled to receive VA compensation at the time of death for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling are eligible for Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC).
- Appropriate the resources required to meet the burial needs of all veterans who have served their country so honorably and faithfully.
- Pass a Fully Developed Appeals legislation that will allow veterans who wish to appeal but do not.

Transition Assistance

- Provide oversight for development and implementation of a comprehensive interoperable electronic medical and service record that is easily accessible for veterans, DoD and VA.
- Ensure the Transition Assistance Program is relevant to meet the needs of service members and all veterans at all phases of the transition process.

Education & Employment

- Ensure that military-trained professionals receive the proper licenses, credentials or academic credit to allow them to transition into similar civilian careers after military service.
- Protect the integrity of earned educational benefits like the Post-9/11 GI Bill and military tuition assistance.
- Work to improve federal programs designed to help veterans find and retain quality post-military careers.
- Hold the federal government accountable for its obligation to hire veterans and do business with veteran entrepreneurs.

Defense/Homeland Security

- Fully support U.S. troops and their mission to prosecute the war on terrorism, as well as to protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world.
- Halt the development and/or proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, while continuing to develop and deploy a ballistic missile defense system to protect the U.S. and our allies.
- Secure America's borders from all threats, foreign and domestic, and identify and deport illegal aliens who commit crimes.

Military Quality of Life

- Ensure DoD maintains a quality and comprehensive benefits and retirement package, so the service branches can continue to recruit and retain the highest quality service members.
- Protect Quality of Life programs for active duty and Reserve Component service members and their families.
- Support full concurrent receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability compensation without offset, and regardless of the rating percentage.
- Back efforts to lower the Reserve Component retirement pay age to 55.
- Eliminate the SBP/DIC offset.

POW/MIA

- Achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- Ensure the U.S. government keeps the POW/MIA issue elevated as a national priority.
- Monitor the reorganization of the POW/MIA accounting mission.

**VFW Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
Legislative Worksheet
for 2015-2016**

Auxiliary # _____

Auxiliary City _____

Chairman's Name _____

Chairman's Phone _____

	*Get Out the Vote	*Used Latest VFW	How many members signed up for:			Contacts by Members to Legislators:				
	Campaign	Priority Goals	Veterans Advocate	Checkpoint News	Washington Weekly	Personal	Email	Fax	Letters	Phone Calls
June										
July										
August										
Sept.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
Jan.										
Feb.										
March										
April										
May										

*Explanation of event participated in such as: Workshop, Crackerbarrel, Rides to Polling Places, Etc.

You can use a separate sheet of paper or the back of the worksheet.

	Total Projects	Total # Members	Total Hours Worked	Total # of Miles	Total Dollars Spent
June					
July					
August					
Sept.					
Nov.					
Dec.					
Jan.					
Feb.					
March					
April					
May					

Membership

Team Means Together Everyone Achieves More! – Author Unknown

General Orders #2

August 2015

Hello all! Membership for the 2015-2016 year has begun. I hope you are all thinking about what you independently and as an auxiliary can do to get to 100%. Your membership chairman are there for support but I am sure they would welcome your ideas too. I encourage all membership chairman to read the letter from the national ambassador in the program book that will be available online following National Convention.

While you are all brainstorming of how to promote and recruit for membership, keep in mind that we have two wonderful opportunities ahead of us. The 2015 and 2016 National Membership Weeks have been announced and will both be held during this calendar year. The 2015 membership week will be held October 18th – 24th. The 2016 membership week will be held April 10th -16th. There are lots of different ways you could use these weeks to promote membership, but maybe you would want to use one week to strive with promotion and the other week to honor and reward your current membership for their hard work. By rewarding your current members, this also promotes a positive atmosphere and rewarding sisterhood for future members to witness.

Now who doesn't like a little competition and reward? That's what we are doing to help encourage you to retain and increase membership on the Department level this year. There are a couple of different ways we intend to reward you. Our first reward is that any membership chairman who's auxiliary is at 100% by December 31, 2015 or ANY member who recruits 5 or more members by May 1st will have their names put into a drawing for a diamond and blue topaz bracelet to be drawn at the 2016 Department Convention in Deadwood. Also, another reward for any member that recruits 5 or more members will receive a pin that states "No Excuse...I recruit" from National. On the Membership awards there are four quarters which categories are divided into. They end on September 30, 2015, December 31, 2015, March 31, 2016 and May 31, 2016. At each of these four quarters there will be four different categories of 10-50, 51-110, 111-225 and 226+. For each category you hit during each quarter, your membership chairman will be put into a drawing for a \$10 monetary reward. To even top that, for every auxiliary that hits 100% by December 31, 2015, that auxiliary's membership chairman and treasurer will be put in a drawing for a \$25 monetary reward to each of them. All non-winners from the December 31st drawing and any auxiliary that hits 100% by May 1st will have their membership chairman and treasurer's name put in for another \$25 monetary reward to each of them. Hopefully this entices you to have a little fun and competition with our membership promotion. National forms for membership awards will be available in an upcoming general orders.

I am happy to assist any of you or your auxiliaries in reaching your goals this year and hope that we can get Department to 100% with a full team effort. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas or just to chat at 605-517-0288 or littlegirlz3@msn.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Alm

Department Membership Chairman 2015-16

Membership Awards

All monetary awards for Auxiliaries and Departments will be sent via electronic funds transfer.

MEMBER AWARDS

1. "No Excuse...I Recruit Pin"

Each Ladies Auxiliary or VFW Post member who secures 5 new members (not rejoined) will receive this pin. The official "No Excuse... I Recruit" form should be sent to National Headquarters for verification. The forms will be accepted all year long with a due date of May 31, 2016. Department Treasurers are not eligible.

2. "National Membership Achievement Award"

a. Each Ladies Auxiliary or VFW Post member who secures 20 new members (not rejoined) from July 1, 2015, to April 30, 2016, with the official form received at National Headquarters no later than May 31, 2016, will be honored with a National Membership Achievement Award; which will be presented at the National Convention in 2016. Department Treasurers are not eligible.

b. Each Ladies Auxiliary or VFW Post member who secures 40 new members (not rejoined) from July 1, 2015, to April 30, 2016, with the official form received at National Headquarters no later than May 31, 2016, will receive a gift from the National President at the National Convention in 2016. Department Treasurers are not eligible.

3. "Symbol of Service Award"

Awarded to only one Auxiliary member who recruits the most NEW members (not rejoined) by May 31, 2016 will receive a "Symbol of Service" award with the member's name on it alongside the name of an honored veteran. The award will be presented at the 2016 National Convention. If the awardee is not present, the award will be mailed to the Department for presentation. Department Treasurers are not eligible. (If two or more members qualify for this award, their names will go into a drawing.)

AUXILIARY AWARDS

(Includes Foreign-based Auxiliaries.)

Based on June 30, 2015, total membership

- \$30 and a national citation to each Ladies Auxiliary, and a "No Excuse...I Recruit Pin" for the Auxiliary President for reaching 101% by June 30, 2016.
- Auxiliaries reaching 101% by June 30, 2016 will be entered into a drawing for 12 awards of \$250 each, which will be announced at the 2016 National Convention.
- The Auxiliary Treasurer's name will be put into a drawing for one \$100 gift certificate to the VFW Store for those Auxiliaries reaching 101% by June 30, 2016.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

• "Department Quarterly Goal Awards"

The following Department awards are based on June 30, 2015, membership totals, including new, continuous and Life Members. Departments who reach the following quarterly goals will receive the quarterly award (Membership must be received by the date listed below):

FIRST QUARTER	SECOND QUARTER
Sept. 30, 2015	Dec. 31, 2015
Reach: 80%	Reach: 90%
Receive: \$250	Receive: \$300
THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER
March 31, 2016	May 31, 2016
Reach: 95%	Reach: 100+%
Receive: \$500	Receive: \$1,000

BONUS AWARD

June 30, 2016
Reach: 101+%
Receive Additional: \$500

SCHOLARSHIPS
2015-2016 YEAR - END REPORT
Submit Report to Department Chairman by 15 April 2016

AUXILIARY NAME, NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____
Chariman's Name _____ City _____

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST:

1. Did your Auxiliary participate in promoting this contest?
2. Did your Auxiliary submit an entry? ___ Number of students submitting and entry.
3. Number of members involved _____ Dollar amount awarded by your Auxiliary to the participants _____.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Continuing Education Scholarship? _____
2. What did you do to promote this program? _____

Please use back of sheet if needed.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST:

1. Did your Auxiliary assist your Post in conducting this contest? Yes ___ No ___
2. Did your Auxiliary have an entry? Yes ___ No ___

Number of members involved _____
Number of hours volunteered _____ Explanation of publicity and promotion _____

Please use back of sheet if needed.

PATRIOT'S PEN CONTEST:

1. Did your Auxiliary assist your Post in conducting this contest? Yes ___ No ___
2. Did your Auxiliary have an entry? Yes ___ No ___

Number of members involved _____
Number of hours volunteered _____ Explanation of publicity and promotion _____

Please use back of sheet if needed.

Please let me know how you promoted all of these programs. Include articles, pictures, copies of anything that shows how hard I know you worked promoting the Scholarship Programs within your Community.

Did you co-host or host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in these contests?

Due to **Sandi Moss, Scholarship Chairman** before **15 April 2016**. I will accept E-mail entries to: **kslmoss@outlook.com** or send to **10577 Dogwood Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702**. Please call me if you have any questions, **605-341-0442** or **605-431-6897**.

OFFICIAL RULES FOR STUDENTS ADVANCING TO NATIONAL LEVEL

If selected as a first-place state winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian and school to attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C. Feb 27-March 2, 2016 as a guest of the VFW National Organization.

I understand that state winners who do not attend as stated above will forfeit all rights to compete in the National Finals and will be replaced by their state's second place winner.

In the event my tape is selected for entry into the National Voice of Democracy Competition, I do hereby for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns; waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the several Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the VFW Voice of Democracy Competition and/or arising out of my travel to and during the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my tape, essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW POST

I certify that this student is an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander/s, Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____

Ladies Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature (if applicable) _____

Post Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

No. of students participating _____

No. of winners advanced to District _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$ _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DISTRICT

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Voice of Democracy Department Competition, is our sole entry into the National Judging and will attend the National Finals in Washington, D.C.

Department Chairman's Signature _____

() _____ E-mail _____

Daytime Phone _____

The winner has been will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____.
Note: National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to make travel arrangements for them to be in Washington, D.C.

Voice of Democracy



Veterans of Foreign Wars & Ladies Auxiliary

National Headquarters

Kansas City, Missouri

816.968.1117

E-Mail: kharmer@vfw.org

www.vfw.org

VFW STORE ORDER NO. 4420

LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____

BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____

BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

Revised 1/2015



Voice of Democracy

2015-16 Theme

"My Vision for America"

Student Entry Deadline: November 1, 2015



Patriotic Audio Essay Competition
Grand Prize: \$30,000 Scholarship

WHAT IS THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, almost 40,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, *My Vision for America*.

WHY SHOULD I ENTER?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., Feb 27 - March 2, 2016, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$152,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

THE RULES

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Nov. 1 deadline, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) essay on an audio CD or a flash drive. One student per CD or flash drive. Preferred format for CD's is the audio CD format. When burning your CD, make sure that "Create Audio CD" option (or similar) is selected so the program can properly convert your sound file and burn it to CD. After it has finished, be sure to play back your audio CD on a system other than your computer, such as a standard radio or car CD player, to verify that the conversion/burning process was successful. Label the recording, neatly typed essay and attach this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or local VFW Post for judging. All recordings must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should contact the Voice of Democracy National Office at (816) 968-1117 for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any

way, although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one Voice of Democracy competition per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a head and shoulders photograph, SSN, or biographical information.

Where do I submit my entry?

All entries begin at the local VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This VFW Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence. If a qualified student is attending school overseas, please email kharrner@vfw.org for additional instructions.

One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. State winners are invited to Washington, D.C where their audio essays compete in the finals competition.

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, call (816) 968-1117, e-mail to kharrner@vfw.org or visit our website at www.vfw.org, selecting the "Find A Post" option.

What is the deadline for my entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, **Nov. 1, 2015**. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

2015-16 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM VOICE OF DEMOCRACY COMPETITION MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL CONTESTANTS

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

() _____ E-mail

Phone _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Grade in School _____

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and E-mail (if applicable)

First Name You'd Like on a Name Badge _____ Jacket Size _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN
(required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

() _____
Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's E-mail

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES (ON OPPOSITE SIDE)

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once. I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant _____ Date _____

**2015-16 OFFICIAL STUDENT PATRIOT'S PEN COMPETITION
ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL CONTESTANTS
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Name: First, M.I., Last _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____
 Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____ Grade in School _____ Essay Word Count _____
 School Name, City, State _____
 Teacher's name and E-mail (if applicable) _____
 Parent/Guardian's name phone/email _____
I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTEST RULES
 Signature of Student Participant _____ Date _____
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW POST
 I certify that this student is an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Patriot's Pen Competition.
 Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____
 Ladies Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature _____
 Post Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 No. of students participating _____ No. of winners advanced to District _____
 Amt. of Post/Aux. awards \$ _____
 Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DISTRICT
 I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.
 District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____
 Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
 I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Department Competition, and is our sole entry into the National Judging.
 Department Chairman's Signature _____
 (____) _____ E-mail _____
 Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Revised 1/2015

Patriot's Pen

LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION

CONTACT: _____
 PHONE: _____
 BEST TIME TO CALL: _____
 ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____
 PHONE: _____
 BEST TIME TO CALL: _____



Patriot's Pen Competition Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters & Ladies Auxiliary

Kansas City, Missouri
 (816) 968-1117
 E-Mail: kharmner@vfw.org
www.vfw.org

VFW STORE ORDER NO. 4440

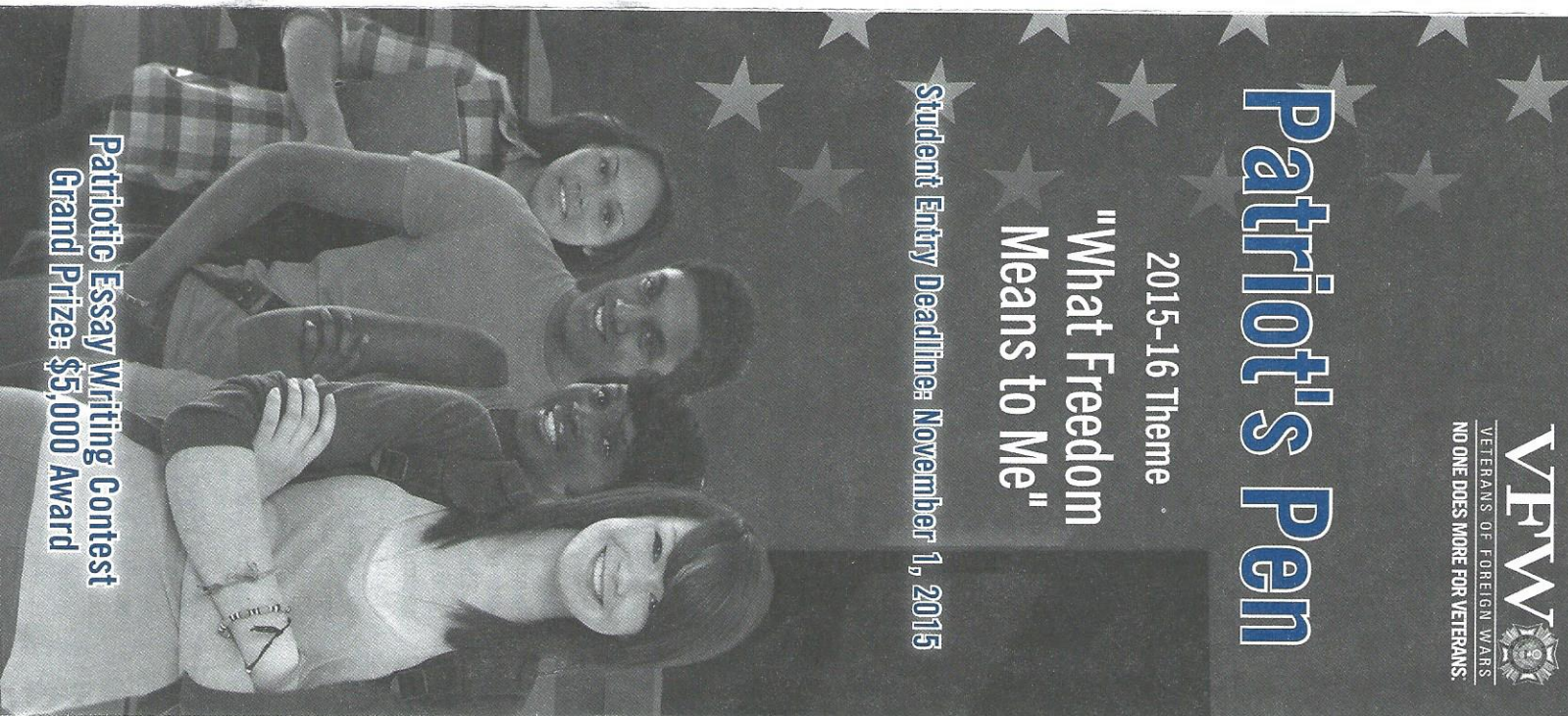
Patriot's Pen

2015-16 Theme
"What Freedom Means to Me"

Student Entry Deadline: November 1, 2015



**Patriotic Essay Writing Contest
Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award**



WHAT IS PATRIOTS PEN?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join in the more than 120,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000 plus an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the winner and a parent or guardian.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

BIG NATIONAL PRIZES

National Awards Total: \$50,000

Prizes include the various amounts listed below:

1st: \$5,000	7th: \$1,750
2nd: \$4,000	8-9th: \$1,500
3rd: \$3,500	10-11th: \$1,250
4th: \$2,750	12-13th: \$1,000
5th: \$2,500	14-15th: \$750
6th: \$2,000	16-54th: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable.

HOW DOES THE CONTEST WORK?

All entries begin at the Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Nov. 1 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible.

Although U. S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate too. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the national finals are excluded from the contest.)

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot's Pen writing competition.
- Contact a local VFW Post within your local area within your state and indicate your interest in participating.
- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its Ladies Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of Nov. 1, 2015.

HOW AM I JUDGED?

You will be judged on how well you understand, develop and present the theme. A positive approach is recommended to express your viewpoint.

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points: You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points: Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points: Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

WHAT IS THE THEME?

VFW's Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year's theme. The 2015-16 theme is **What Freedom Means to Me.**

WHAT ARE THE RULES?

- Essay Length: 300-400 typewritten words.
- You must write your own essay.
- All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (Essays under or over these word amounts

will be eliminated.) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count. At any time during the contest additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.)

In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay. Do not put your name on your essay. The entry form is your essay's cover sheet. Secure the Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Contestants are allowed to enter only once (one Post competition). Contestants found in violation of this rule will face elimination from the competition and will be required to return any and all prize money awarded or received.

The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW retains non-exclusive rights to use your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

DEADLINE INFORMATION

To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight November 1, 2015.

Note --

All entries must be submitted to a VFW Post competition. If you have difficulty identifying a sponsoring Post in your area, call the Patriot's Pen national office at: (816) 968-1117 or e-mail: khartermer@vfw.org. You may also visit our website at www.vfw.org, selecting the "Find A Post" option.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

CONTEST APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Name _____ Age _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____

Email Address _____ Date Art Completed _____

Teacher's Signature verifying that the entry was done by you _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____

I hereby grant permission for my artwork to be published in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine and on the Ladies Auxiliary website and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW Store if I win one of the top national awards. The National Organization bears no responsibility should the art be damaged during transport.

(Student Signature)

State the source of your idea for entry: magazine, TV, newspaper, etc. To comply with copyright laws, all artwork must be original to the entrant. Artwork may be inspired by other artist's/photographer's work, but not to the degree that the new piece of artwork is easily recognized as being derivative of the other artist's work. If another artist's/photographer's work is used as a source of inspiration or reference, a copy of the work must be provided along with the name and date of publication in which it was found. Any artwork that is recognized as being in violation of these rules will be disqualified.

Source _____ Media used in entry (e.g., colored pencil, oil paint) _____

PLEASE ATTACH A TYPED EXPLANATION OF PATRIOTISM EXPRESSED IN ART

Artwork not sponsored by a local Ladies Auxiliary VFW will be returned without being judged.

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary # _____ City _____ State _____

Date Judged _____ Signed by Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature (Required) _____

DISTRICT JUDGING (Optional)

Date Judged _____ Signed by District Scholarships Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature (Required) _____

DEPARTMENT JUDGING

Date Judged _____ Signed by Department Scholarships Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature (Required) _____

Only department first-place winner art must be received at the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters 406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111, for National Judging by May 5 or it will be disqualified.

Contest Rules

Art must be on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink, or oil may be used. **Digital art is not accepted.**

Do not frame! Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames. **Other entries must be matted on white.** Do not use other color mats.

In matting, use heavy paper to reinforce back. Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.

- Be sure to complete entry form and attach to back of entry.
- Note that you must be sponsored by a Ladies Auxiliary or a foreign-based Ladies Auxiliary or Post.

Package art so that it can be mailed without being damaged.

If you use the American Flag in your entry, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code as far as color, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code.

Entry must have been done during the current school year—note that you must have your teacher's signature. Each student may submit only one entry.

Each entry will be judged on the originality of concept, presentation, and patriotism expressed; the content of how it relates to patriotism and clarity of ideas; the design technique; total impact of work; and uniqueness.

Eligibility

Students must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.

Students must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring Ladies Auxiliary. Home-schooled students are eligible; foreign-exchange students are not.

National winners of the past contests may not compete in future Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10,000	First Place
\$5,000	Second Place
\$2,500	Third Place
\$1,500	Fourth Place
\$500	Fifth – Eighth Place

FIRST PRIZE includes a plaque and airfare plus two nights' lodging to attend the Ladies Auxiliary National Convention. The first-place art will be featured on the cover of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine and on the Auxiliary website.

Second and third place will be featured in the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine and on the website. Fourth through eighth places will be featured on the website only.

The winning entries will be held so they can be displayed at the Ladies Auxiliary National Convention. They will be returned directly to the students.

Deadlines

Student Deadline

March 31. Participants must submit entries to a local Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman by this date. The first-place winner from each Ladies Auxiliary will be sent to the Department Scholarships Chairman for judging.

District Judging

(Optional) If held, the District winners must meet the Department deadline for judging.

Department Judging

Ladies Auxiliary or District entries must be received by the Department Scholarships Chairman by April 15!

National Deadline

Department entries in the National Contest must be received at Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, 10th floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 **by May 5! Only the first-place Department winner is eligible for the national competition (This means a total of 51 are eligible, one from every state and the District of Columbia).**

Judges

Those selected to judge the contest on all levels will be teachers, professionals, and persons knowledgeable in art. Comments of local and state judges will be attached to and forwarded with the art.



**LADIES AUXILIARY VFW
CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**



The Ladies Auxiliary VFW is pleased to present scholarships to assist members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at technical school. **ONLY the spouse, daughter, and son of a member are also eligible to apply.**

One scholarship will be presented each year to a selected candidate in each of the four Ladies Auxiliary VFW Conferences. **Applicant must be 18 years of age or older. Qualifying member must have been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for one year prior to application. Previous national winners are not eligible.**

Complete this application in full and **MAIL** to:
Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters
Attn: Director of Programs & Communications
406 W. 34th St. 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

Application due to National
Headquarters by
February 15, 2016!

Applicant Name _____ Relationship to Member _____
(self, spouse, son, daughter)

Member Name _____ Auxiliary Membership ID# _____

Auxiliary Name & Number _____

Applicant Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone (____) _____ Today's Date _____

Email _____ Date member joined Auxiliary _____

This scholarship shall be used in the 2016-2017 academic year to further my education, and will be in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship will be paid directly to the American college or vocational/technical school of my choice.

Signature of Applicant _____

On a separate sheet of paper please answer each of the questions below:

1. Name of college, university or vocational school that you plan to attend?
2. Course or major? Have you been accepted?
3. Adjusted Gross Income from the family's Federal Income Tax return for the previous year?
4. How many dependents in household?
5. What are your financial reasons for applying for this scholarship?
6. Have you been awarded Financial Aid from any other sources? Please specify.
7. A brief essay (**no more than 300 words**) describing your commitment to your goals and how this scholarship will help you attain these goals.

All questions MUST be answered for your application to be considered.

**Voice of Democracy
Scholarship Worksheet
for 2015-2016**

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**Patriot's Pen Essay
Scholarship Worksheet
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Youth Activities
2015-2016 Chairman Mary Kirkvold

Bulletin #2
August, 2015

The 2015-2016 goals for Youth Activities are:

- Engaging youth in the support of: our veterans who are shut-ins by assisting with clean-up of their property, assisting families of deployed service members, visiting hospital and nursing homes.
- Working with a variety of youth groups.
- Promoting Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.).

The Youth Activities program is newly revised to assist Auxiliaries in promotion of Americanism and Patriotism in our youth. Getting our young people involved in community events and projects will go a long way in helping to build respect for the environment and the country.

Here are some ideas of ways to get not only the youth, but the entire community involved in projects;

- Host community volunteer days to:
 - Cleanup your local Post, community park or playground
 - Assist with home repairs for shut-in veterans or deployed service members
 - Visit hospitals or nursing homes to play games or read to patients; help them write letters or cards to loved ones and record the veteran's story for historical value.
- Invite a local choir to perform at special events

Remember that there are citations available from National Headquarters to present to youth groups in recognition of their efforts and service projects that honor our veterans or assistance to active-duty military and their families.

Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.): Have you seen a child thanking a veteran, witnessed a youth properly saluting the flag of our country? Present this young person with a R.A.P. card or coin. The cards can be downloaded for free from the website and printed at home (I am including the template for the card in this General Orders). The coins can be purchased through the VFW Store website or call 1-800-821-2606.

Loyally,

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**VFW Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
YOUTH ACTIVITIES MONTHLY REPORT
2015-2016**

This is to help your auxiliary keep track of data for the year-end reporting. It is not necessary to send this to the Department Chairman every month.

Auxiliary # _____ Chairman's Name _____

Auxiliary City _____ Chairman's Phone _____

1. How many Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations were issued this month? _____

How did your Auxiliary publicize the presentation of the Citation? _____

2. How many youth groups did your Auxiliary work with this month? _____ What event or project did you work together on? _____

How many youth were involved? _____ How many Auxiliary members involved? _____

3. How did your Auxiliary promote the Random Acts of Patriotism program this month? _____

How many R.A.P. cards were distributed? _____

How many R.A.P. coins were distributed? _____



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Random Act of Patriotism!**
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