

Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary

Department of South Dakota General Orders and

Bulletins #1- July 2018

Hats off to Veterans!



Air Force



Coast Guard



Navy



Marines



Army

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

General Orders Number 1 – July 2018

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

1. Having been duly elected and installed as President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota at the convention in Sioux Falls, SD, on June 16, 2016. I hereby assume the duties of this office. I pledge to uphold the principles of this organization and will do my very best to carry out the duties of the office in a prudent manner. Thank you for your confidence.
2. **Officers and Chairmen:** Officers and Chairmen elected and appointed on all levels for the 2018-2019 term of office shall assume the duties of their respective office immediately. All 2018-2019 are null and void. Past Officers and Chairmen are requested to give your successor all books, papers and other items pertaining to your office. Please offer them your assistance and guidance. Thank you for accepting these positions.
3. **Auxiliary Secretary:** Please distribute the Program bulletins included with each General Orders to the respective chairmen prior to the meeting so she/he can study the bulletin and promote the program at your meeting. Please review Secretary Minutes – Booklet of Instructions pages 7-11, and please note that under Item 9 that a copy of the Treasurer's report shall be incorporated (not attached) in the minutes. A sample is given on pages 16 and 17 of the Booklet of Instructions.
4. **Auxiliary Treasurer:** Membership dues may be collected beginning July 1, 2018 for the 2019 year. Please send them to send them to Department Treasurer, Carol Gross, PO box 657, Huron, SD57350 as soon as possible after you receive them. **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TO SEND A LARGE TRANSMITTAL, once a week is preferred.** All Memberships must be into National Headquarters by the LAST working day of the month to be credited for that month. To allow Treasurer Carol to meet this deadline, your transmittal MUST be postmarked by the 26th of the month. **Any membership not paid before June 30,2017 (June 26th, for transmittal purposes) will be dropped; member will need to reapply for membership and prove eligibility.** All checks are payable to the VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota. Please earmark each check itemizing program or account to which the money is being sent. All checks are sent to the Department Treasurer and must be signed by the Auxiliary President and Treasurer.

5. **President and treasurer Bonds for Auxiliaries and Districts:** The Bond Applications will be emailed in early July 2018 with a link to purchase these Bonds online. Those without email can find the Bond Applications in the Treasurer's Kit. Be sure to complete the applications and mail them with a check (earmarked Bond) **IMMEDIATELY** TO: Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street 10th Floor. Kansas City, MO. 64111. Remember President and Treasurers are **required** to be bonded per section 814.
6. **Communication:** All General Orders from Department President are official and **must be read at the first meeting following receipt** before being filed for reference for one year. (Reference: Booklet of Instruction, page 6.) All other communications from National or Department Officers are also official and should be read at once. All Chairmen bulletins should be read in advance by the program Chairman and **only a report** should be given on the Auxiliary floor. General orders are available on the SDVFW website, <http://www.sdvfw.org/custom/vfw-auxiliary> .
7. **Correspondence:** 2018 Bylaws, Section 812. All communications of any nature whatsoever intended for the consideration of the National Body shall be signed by the President and forwarded by the secretary of the Auxiliary to the Department President. All official communications to National Officers from the Auxiliary must also be forwarded through channels. See Booklet of Instruction, as to how correspondence is to be handled.
8. **Audit: The second quarter Audit is due July 30, 2018.** It shall be conducted during the month of July with both the outgoing and incoming Treasurer and Trustees present. Refer to 2018 Bylaws section 814, pages 95-96; Trustees, Duties of (All Levels). The President, Secretary and Treasurer should attend the Audit. The Trustees shall submit and read the written report during an Auxiliary meeting. A motion to accept the audit is required. A copy of the accepted audit shall be included in the minutes record book. It is recommended that the senior trustee send a signed copy of audit immediately to the Department Treasurer who will review it for accuracy and corrections.
9. **National Convention:** National Convention will be July 21–25, 2018, in Kansas City, MO. The 2018–2019 National Program Book will be available on the National Auxiliary web site (<https://vfwauxiliary.org>) after the convention. We are looking forward to having a good group at National.
10. **National President's Visit to South Dakota:** National President Sandi Kriebel will make her official visit on August 13-15, 2018. Rooms have been blocked at Holiday Inn & Suites at 2040 West Russel Street, Sioux Falls 605-331-2040 dial 0 and ask for Victoria and tell her you are with the VFW Auxiliary. Rates are \$93.00 per night. The Agenda will be sent separately and will be posted in GO #2.
11. **Department and Auxiliary Roster:** The complete Roster will be included in General Orders #2. Please review for accuracy and notify Department Secretary, Cindy Williamson, with corrections. Cindy's email is williamson2663@gmail.com or mail to 214 N Wicker St. Canton, SD. 57013. Text or call 605-321-4959.

- 12. Make Plans for:** Fourth Annual training retreat at the Roost in Grenville, Noon August 23–26, 2018. We are hoping for a big turnout. The Registration form is included in this General Orders. Preregister and order a T-shirt for \$10.00 S-2XL and \$12.00 for 3XL and larger. T-shirts orders and payment need to be received by July 23, 2018 and should be included with your registration form. Once your registration is received Past President Carrie will call you for the food item you wish to bring. The State fair will be August 30- September 3, 2018 in Heron. Please send your Auxiliary pictures to Sue Jones at sjones2727@yahoo.com or mail to 8116 Chickadee Lane, Black Hawk, SD., 57718.
- 13. Congratulations:** Congratulations to Department Commander Danny Frisbe-Griffin on your election and installation as Department Commander. All members of the South Dakota Auxiliary extend our best wishes to Danny and his Officers and Chairmen for a most successful year. SD Auxiliary members would like to Congratulate and send best wishes for a successful year to Vicki Rosse, 2018-2019 National Hospital Ambassador.
- 14. Lost:** Sioux Falls Auxiliary 628 has a United States Flag from the Flag and Banner Ceremony at the Sioux Falls Convention that does not belong to them. They are asking all Auxiliaries to check their United States Flag for tape noting 628 on the pole. If you find that you have the incorrect United States Flag for your Auxiliary, please contact President Mary.
- 15. Thank you** to each and every SD Auxiliary Member for all you do for Veterans and their families. Remember that this is our purpose and needs to be our emphasis. “Believe.....We Can do it.”

By Order of:

Mary Kirkvold
Department President

Attest:

Cindy Williamson
Department Secretary

Mary's

Notes



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July 2018

Thank you for electing me as your me as your 2018-2019 Department President. I am honored to serve you and our Veterans and their Families. I have a Great Team, so with Them and “ALL” of you we will have a very Successful Year.

We have two new programs this year. “Buddy” Poppy/VFW National Home for Children and Historian/Media Relations. Also BUILDING ON THE VFW AUXILIARY FOUNDATION. This program can be found on the web site www.auxiliary.org/resources, along with SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD. These programs will be mentioned several times this year. We still have CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE, which we need to start NOW, recruiting new members and collecting dues, to make our GOAL of 100%.

Please review the summary of Proposed Revisions to the National Bylaws, check the website, for the items that will be voted on. Let your delegates whom will be attending the National Convention know your wishes. National Convention is July 21-25, 2018, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Our Fourth Annual Retreat will be at the Roost in Grenville, on July 23-28, 2018. We learn a lot as we have several PDP's attend with a “BOAT” full of knowledge. We have fun and go on road trips. I'd like to see you Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers come, even if it is only for one day. The registration is being included in this General Orders.

July 30th is the State Fair in Huron. I hope to be there most of the week. Your District President will have a list of times for the Auxiliaries to be at our table to answer questions and recruit new members.

National President Sandi Kriebel will be visiting South Dakota in Sioux Falls, August 13-15, 2018. Hope to show her a good time. Her homecoming will be in Hanover MD, September 6-9, 2018, and Celebrating Americas Freedom (CAFÉ) Event is in Williams burg VA September 8, 2018.

The Department Commander/President Homecoming and Fall Council meeting will be held October 5-7, 2018, at Cedar Shores, Oacoma.

The Big Ten conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on October 19-21, 2018.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK AND REMEMBER THAT “ ATTITUDE IS A LITTLE THING THAT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE”, AND IF YOU “BELIEVE.....WE CAN DO IT!”

Mary Kirkvold
Department of South Dakota
Auxiliary President 2018-2019

Dear Treasurers,

Welcome to the exciting new year for the Department of South Dakota and for all of the local Auxiliaries! We all have an awesome job this year.

It is the 2nd year that we will be using the Malta system for inputting memberships in to National. For those auxiliary treasurers that have been using it, I thank you. It is available to each and every Auxiliary Treasurer in the nation, and is very easy to use. However, if there are any questions I would advise you to call me, and I will do my best to help you. (You can, however, opt to send your dues in to me just as you have always done, and I will input them for you.)

Please remember that the other aspects of being a treasurer have not changed. You MUST submit your quarterly audits to me ON TIME!!!! They are due in to me NO LATER than the end of the month following each quarter. So-o-o- the first quarterly report is due in to me by July 31, 2018 for the months of April, May, and June. The 2nd quarterly report is due in to me by October 31, 2018 for the months of July, August, and September. The 3rd quarterly report is due in to me by January 31, 2019 for the months of October, November, and December. The 4th quarterly report is due in to me by April 30, 2019 for the months of January, February, and March. THESE MUST BE SUBMITTED ON TIME BECAUSE NATIONAL HAS STATED THAT ANY AUXILIARY NOT COMPLYING WITH THIS IS SUBJECT TO HAVING THEIR CHARTER PULLED.

Your obligations/donations must be paid in a timely fashion also. These are also sent directly to me. And don't forget any donations that your auxiliary wishes to make to the Auxiliary programs. These may include donations to the 5 state VA facilities, Special Olympics, state fair, or other auxiliary programs. Also please remember to send in your delegate fees and delegates for Dept Convention and National Convention when those become due.

If you have any questions, please call me or email me with them, and I will do my best to help you in any way I can.

Best wishes to each of you in the coming year!

Carol Gross, Department Treasurer

PO Box 657

Home phone: 605-353-1505

Huron SD 57350

Cell Phone: 354-0069

Dear Auxiliary Treasurer

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS THIS YEAR!

Another year is past and I want to thank all of you for the great job you did in getting the dues in. These donations are very important because of the many changes that are being made by National.

DONATIONS FOR 2018-2019

Donations are paid per membership as of June 30, 2018. I am enclosing this form for the donations. Please fill it out and send it in when you pay your Auxiliary Donations. It is fine to write one check for the total amount, BUT please fill out the form so I know what amount you pay for each area.

AUXILIARY _____	MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2018 _____
Cancer Aid & Research	\$2.00 X _____ = _____
Hospital	\$1.25 X _____ = _____
Ways & Means	\$1.00 X _____ = _____
Veterans & Family Support	.10 X _____ = _____
Americanism	.05 X _____ = _____
Veterans & Family Scholarship	.05X _____ = _____
TOTAL	X _____ = _____

Other Donations _____

TOTAL DONATIONS _____

(Other Donations could be Special Olympics, Pres Project, or an extra Donation to any of the Department Projects.)

Remember the sooner you send in your donations the more points your Auxiliary President receives in the Judging for Outstanding President. Any Auxiliary can send in more than the \$4.45 per member if they desire.

Donations are to be sent to the Department Treas: Carol Gross
PO Box 657
Huron SD 57350

!!!!!!! Health and Happiness (.10 per member) is sent to the National Treasurer at:

Ladies Auxiliary VFW, 406 W 34 St Floor 10, Kansas City, Mo 64111

**Any donations made to the National Home for Children are to be sent directly to them at
3573 S Waverly Rd**

Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 (Please DO NOT send this to me).

District dues are to be paid to your District Treasurer! Please DO NOT send them to me.

See you at Fall Council!

Carol Gross, Department Treasurer



VFW Auxiliary New Membership Application Processing

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters <mzinn-sanchez@vfwauxiliary.org>
Reply-To: mzinn-sanchez@vfwauxiliary.org

Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 10:06 AM

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Hi,

Effective July 1, 2018, Local Auxiliary Treasurers' ability to enter a new member in MALTA will be discontinued.

New membership applications will be sent to the Department Treasurer for processing.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters



VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters | [406 W. 34th St., 10th Fl., Kansas City, MO 64111](#)

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Clarification of Auxiliary Treasurers Inputting Membership into MALTA

2 messages

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters <mzinn-sanchez@vfwauxiliary.org>

Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 4:03 PM

Reply-To: mzinn-sanchez@vfwauxiliary.org

To: williamson2663@gmail.com

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Clarification of Auxiliary Treasurers Inputting Membership into MALTA

Hi,

First, the decision to remove the ability of the Auxiliary Treasurer to input membership that requires an application was not made lightly. This has been a discussion over the course of this past year by the National Officers and based on conversations with Department Leadership and the regular members throughout the country. This decision is not designed as any type of punishment to anyone. We are now recognizing that as an organization we have a responsibility to make sure our Officers are properly trained and this will be a major focus this next year.

Next, I would like to clarify first that no membership is sent through the District Treasurer. Membership is handled by the Auxiliary Treasurer and Department Treasurers only.

Please remember that the application process is not to be taken lightly and each part of it should be taken seriously. The Investigating Committee has a responsibility to actually look at the

application and supporting eligibility paperwork as deemed appropriate by the National Bylaws and then sign. An Investigating Committee member should never just sign because they may be asked to. It is then that the application is given to the Secretary to be read at the next Auxiliary meeting and if then approved by the membership is given to the Auxiliary Treasurer for proper handling.

Q: As Auxiliary Treasurer what membership can I process online in MALTA?

A: As Auxiliary Treasurer you can still go in and pay Continuous Annual members' dues or convert a member to a Life Member. You will not be able to process membership that requires application information being input. Only that membership will need to be sent to your Department Treasurer for input. For example, New, Rejoins and Transfer Members.

Q: Can an Auxiliary Treasurer process credit card payments for membership dues?

A: No. A current member may log in themselves to MALTA and pay their dues by credit card. Or any member purchasing a Life Membership with paperwork submitted to the Auxiliary Treasurer via credit card must be then sent to the Department Treasurer for processing.

Q: Can I still correct an address or phone number and record a member as deceased?

A: Yes, you will still be able to do those types of membership updates.

Q: Is this a permanent or temporary change and when does it begin?

A: It is a permanent change and begins on July 1, 2018. This is a separate situation from MALTA being shut down July 1 to July 9 for proper 2017-2018 year-end closing.

Q: After July 9, will I be able to do any membership?

A: Yes, you will still be able to pay 2019 Continuous Annual dues or convert an Annual member to Life.

Finally, we appreciate the comments you have sent previously regarding this issue and we ask that you be understanding in the decision.

Thank you,

Jan Passmore
National Secretary-Treasurer





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**2018-19 National President Sandi Kriebel
Homecoming Celebration – Hanover, Maryland
September 7, 2018**

CELEBRATION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee: \$110.00

Deadline Date to Register: August 1, 2018

Friday Night Banquet (USO WWII Theme – Casual – President's Shirt appropriate)

Saturday Morning "To-Go" Continental Breakfast

COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON

Last Name: _____

Emergency Contact

First Name: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone No: _____

Phone/Cell: _____

The following entrée's will be served with the following: Caesar Salad, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Green vegetable, Rolls, Butter, Water, Ice Tea, Coffee or Hot Tea. White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake Dessert. Please choose one:

- Maryland Style Crab Cakes w/Dijon Beurre Blanc
- New York Strip Steak – au Poivre with Brandy Cream Sauce
- Seared Breast of Chicken with Wild Mushrooms Marsala Jus

A Vegetarian meal is available upon request.

Complimentary To-Go Continental Boxed Breakfast for Bus on Saturday morning. (As the bus for the CAFÉ leaves at 8:00 a.m., the Department of MD is providing a "To Go" breakfast for your convenience.)

Special needs: Explain briefly _____

Dietary needs: Explain briefly _____

Make check payable to: VFW Auxiliary, Dept. of Maryland

Earmark check: MD Celebration 2018

Mail registration form and check to:

Lyn MacArthur, 2018 Celebration Registration Chairman

4803 Seven Trails Circle, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Phone: 410-272-8206 (8am-7pm) email: lindamac55@comcast.net

Questions: Please call or e-mail Lyn MacArthur, Registration Chairman (Contact info above) or Carole Betro, 2018 Celebration Chairman at 410-334-3969/e-mail betrta@comcast.net

Registration fee will not be refunded if cancellation is received after August 15, 2018.



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**2018-19 National President Sandi Kriebel
Homecoming Celebration and CAFÉ
Hanover, Maryland
September 6-9, 2018**

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

7795 Arundel Mills Blvd, Hanover, MD 21076
Hotel Phone: 410-796-9830

For phone reservations dial: 888-624-4011

Reference group name: **VFW Auxiliary/Celebration or
180906AVFW**

For online reservations please go to the link:

<http://hotelarundel.webhotel.microsdc.us/home.jsp?groupCode=180906AVFW>



Room Cost per Night is \$169.50 which includes all taxes and fees.

Reservation Deadline: It is important for reservations to be received by August 6, 2018.

Check In: 3:00pm Check Out: 11:00am

Complimentary Airport Shuttle – call hotel 888-624-4011.

Complimentary Parking in adjacent garage. Valet parking is unavailable.

Amenities

HDTV
Free WiFi/Internet
Coffee/Tea Maker
Refrigerator
Hair Dryer
In-Room Safe
Indoor Pool
Fitness Center
Spa Treatments

Dining on-site

Grillfire – American Classic Cuisine
With bar, lounge & patio
Vivo – Italian Cuisine
Room Service
Hotel Pantry – Snacks & drinks and
miscellaneous sundries

Many Area Restaurants Close By

Attractions

Just a short walk or drive

Arundel Mills Mall 0.6 miles
Maryland Live Casino 0.4 miles

Other

Ft. McHenry (See tour flyer)
Historic Ellicott City (See tour flyer)
Medieval Times (See tour flyer)
National Aquarium
Edgar Allen Poe Historical House

For more information, visit www.thehotelarundel.com



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**2018-19 National President Sandi Kriebel
Homecoming Celebration and CAFÉ
Hanover, Maryland
September 6-9, 2018**

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 6, 2018

6:00 pm VIP Dinner (By invitation only)

Friday, September 7, 2018

8:30 am – 4:00 pm Welcome and Registration

9:30 am Ft. McHenry (reservation required)
OR
Historic Ellicott City Tour and/or shopping, restaurants
(See attached flyer for information)

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Social Hour (Cash Bar)

6:00 pm - **USO Party** (Gift Presentation)

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:00 am CAFÉ Event – Gettysburg
(After bus returns, you are on your own to tour the area or
enjoy the Casino)

5:00 pm Medieval Times (reservation required)

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Thank you for joining us in our Homecoming Celebration for
National President Sandi Kriebel !!!

We hope you enjoyed your visit to the CAFÉ event in Gettysburg
as well as our local attractions.

Safe journey home!!



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**2018-19 National President Sandi Kriebel
Homecoming Celebration – Hanover, Maryland
September 7, 2018**

GIFT PRESENTATION

Groups and individuals are invited to make gift presentations to the National President Friday evening September 7, 2018. This will allow the National President to thank you personally.

To ensure that every gift is given our special attention, please complete this sheet and attach it to your gift.

Gift from (Name and Title): _____

Group represented (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Gift Description: _____

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Complete this section and return by **August 15, 2018** to:

Carole Betro, 2018 Celebration Chairman
26595 Blue Jay Lane
Hebron, MD 21830
Phone: 410-334-3969 e-mail: betrfg@comcast.net

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Group/Individual Name: _____

Group Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Event Transportation Registration

\$35 per person!

\$35 per person

Transportation Registration will close August 15, 2018

Registrations may be made online through the VFW Auxiliary website through MALTA, www.vfwauxiliary.org, or by mailing the registration form to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at the address below.

Payment Information:

\$35 per person X Number of Registrants* _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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

Member ID (If applicable) # _____

Name _____

Address _____

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

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Method of payment: Check _____ Money Order _____

[Make checks payable to VFW Auxiliary.]

Credit Cards Accepted: Visa, MasterCard and Discover

Name on credit card: _____

Billing Address of credit card holder: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

C. C. # _____

CVV Code _____ Exp. _____ / _____

Credit Card Holder's Signature _____

**VFW Auxiliary
CAFE 2018
406 W: 34th St., 10th Fl.
Kansas City, MO 64111**

Mailed and Online Transportation Registrations
MUST be received by August 15, 2018!
Those received after that date will not be accepted.
NO REFUNDS

Cares and Concerns

Auxiliary and Post Members,

A new year is starting, and I know that our new leaders and line officers are going to make it an exciting year. Please remember to let me know any Care, Concern and Joys that can be shared with the members across the State. I also ask that you share my information with your Auxiliaries and Posts so that they can inform me of their news. This is a great way to communicate. If you know someone who wants to be added to the list just let me know. Also please let me know if I have emails wrong or if you have changes.

Hats off to Veterans. Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference.
Thank You,

Sandy Meisenheimer
730 19th St S
Brookings, SD 57006
605-690-7638
sanlar365@gmail.com

Americanism Department of South Dakota VFW Auxiliary General Orders #1



Hats off to Veterans!
Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference
Believe We Can Do It!

Greetings Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters:

Hope that everyone is having an awesome summer and ready to hit the ground running with promoting Americanism in our community, school and Auxiliaries. The theme for South Dakota is Hats off to Veterans and Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference. The National theme is Believe We Can Do It! If all our members believe –We can do it to promote Americanism –What a strong theme!

The first Holiday coming up is the 4th of July, what better way than to start out the New Year. Make sure your flags are ready to be flown and line the streets of your community, place flags in your yard and at businesses in your community.

Do you have a business or an individual that does an outstanding Flag Display? Take a moment to recognize that person or business and present them with a certificate of appreciation from the Auxiliary. The tiny things in life make a difference and let everyone know what the Auxiliary is all about and you never know it gives you the opportunity to sign up a new member.

It is not too early to start thinking about getting into the school systems and presenting our program to the youth and teachers. Set up the White Table Presentation in your school and go to the classrooms and give a presentation to the students on its meaning. You would be surprised at the number of adults that do not know the meaning as well. Educate everyone in your community. I will enclose the guidelines for the judging for next year in the August General Orders.

If you have not logged on to the National VFW Website please take a moment to do so. The information that is available to the auxiliaries is overwhelming and so many wonderful ideas. I am also going to make a list of ideas that the Auxiliaries turned in from the year end reports. The judging this year was so hard—our auxiliaries do an awesome job of getting the information out to everyone. The South Dakota VFW Auxiliary face book page also has information available for you.

I would like all the Americanism Chairmen to please email me @ pvissia@siouxvalley.net-- I would like to email you with suggestions and ideas and also share information that I get from other auxiliaries.

Thank you to all the Americanism Chairmen and Auxiliary members for all the hard work you have done this past year. Without your help we would not have received a National Award. Way to go everyone.

Loyally Submitted

Pam Vissia

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
Buddy Poppy and VFW National Home for Children
Believe --- We Can Do It!
Hats Off to Veterans
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Bulletin # 1

July 2018

The Red Memorial flower called the Poppy represents the bloodshed by our American service members, and we as Americans should never forget their sacrifices.

The VFW was the first veteran's organization to conduct a Poppy distribution just before Memorial Day in 1922. At first the Poppies were made in France and we ordered them to be sent to the United States. But it didn't take long to realize they could be put together here in the United States by our very own disabled, hospitalized, and needy American veterans. The veterans could be paid for their work and the poppies could be sent out to VFW members in all communities across the United States.

The VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the United States Patent Office in February of 1924. This granted the VFW to all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers.

These Red Memorial flowers have raised millions of dollars for veterans welfare and their dependents. Financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and the VFW National Home for Children is partially supported by the Poppy program.

The VFW National Home for Children in Eden Rapids, Michigan has been around for over 90 years. Families of veterans and active military can live there rent-free up to four years and can have all types of opportunities such as professional case management service, on site licensed child care, life skill training, tutoring and other educational services.

The VFW National Home for Children represents a living memorial to American's veterans by helping the nation's military and veterans family during a difficult time. It's a place to help keep the families circle together when a war has taken their family members from them. The commitment of the National Home is to honor our Nation's Veterans and active-duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families.

One way the Auxiliary can help the National Home is by gifts of \$.10 per member to the Health and Happiness Fund. The campus receives no government funding so the donations are greatly appreciated.

Gerri Dahlin Chairman

Department of South Dakota VFW Poppy and National Home for Children

46788 SD Hwy 46

Beresford, South Dakota 57004

Home # 605-957-4547

Cell # 605-351-4695

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA HOSPITAL AND VAVS

Hats Off to Veterans Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference

BULLETIN #1, JULY 2018

Thank you President Mary Kirkvold for asking to me to once again chair this position. Each year is truly a learning experience and I plan to use those skills and add to them, to make the Hospitals, State Home for Veterans, and Nursing Homes a better place for our Veterans.

Congratulations to our own, Vickie Rosse, for being our National Hospital Ambassador!!! What a great person to chair this position.

The goal of the Hospital & VAVS program is to meet the needs of hospitalized patients in VA Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country. With the influx of this generation's veterans and the rise in long-term rehabilitative services, there is a greater need for volunteers. However, volunteering needs are changing. Be sure to speak with your local VAVS Representative to find out how you can serve these special veterans.

The VFW Auxiliary members have been volunteering in the hospitals and medical facilities since the organization's inception in 1914. The Hospital Program was one of the first nationally adopted programs for the organization.

Who can serve?

Members

Non-members

Youth

Families

Where can we serve?

Members, non-members and youth can volunteer in many different types of facilities under this program.

Local hospitals

Veterans' homes

Nursing homes

Domiciliaries

Both VA and non-VA medical centers and clinics

What can we do?

Volunteer opportunities are different based on the facility in which you are volunteering. Some facilities will have a volunteer program in place with specific jobs, events, and needs. Many facilities will have varying types of opportunities with different ages and abilities. Be sure you follow all the guidelines given by the facility and regularly ask how you can assist them.

The Hospital program has always been very focused on the Veteran.

Leanne Payne - Dept. of South Dakota Hospital/VAVS chairman

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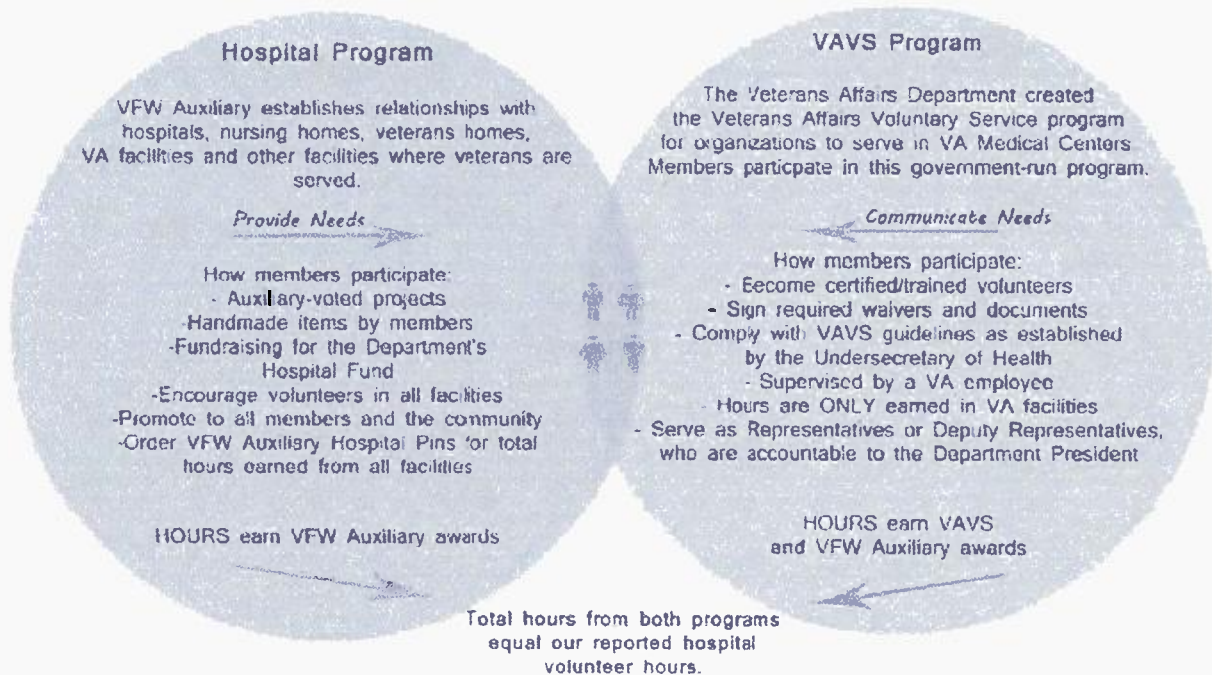
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“What about VAVS?”

The VFW Auxiliary provides volunteers and resources to VA facilities across the country, saving Veterans Affairs more than \$60 million a year in expenses.

The diagram below illustrates how the VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program overlaps with and supports the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) program.

For more information on the VFW Auxiliary’s participation in Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program, please see that section in the Hospital Program Guide or contact the Department Hospital Chairman.



From the National Program Book

2018 - 2019

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN #1

July 2018

Chairman – Jennifer Little ** Email: littlegirlz3@msn.com ** Cell: 605-517-0288
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Greetings to all of you! I am very excited to embark on our year being your Department Legislative Chairman. I am excited to see if I can bring a little fun and liveliness to this program while being able to keep in touch with the auxiliary brothers and sisters about upcoming and ongoing legislative issues! This year is an election year with a few leaderships up for office, which will make things a little more active, at least until November. Then we will jump into our Legislative Branch after the New Year and see what they have in store for us!

First, I want to make sure that you have our present legislators contact information, so here is our present representation in South Dakota:

Senator John Thune 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building, District of Columbia 20510 Phone: (202) 224-2321 Fax: (202) 228-5429

Senator Mike Rounds 502 Hart Senate Office Building, District of Columbia 20510 Phone: (202) 224-5842 Fax: (202) 224-7482

Representative Kristi Noem 2457 Rayburn House Office Building, District of Columbia 20515-4100 Phone: (202) 225-2801 Fax: (202) 225-5823
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Action Corps Weekly is something we can sign up for on email that will keep our members updated on what is going on in the legislation and with our legislators. To encourage everyone to be a part of that, I am including a tracking sheet for your legislative chairman or secretary or whomever would be willing to take on an activity to keep track of the people signed up throughout the rest of this calendar year. (That means the end of December!) Mark each member you contact and specify if they were already signed up, they signed up due to you talking to them or they gave you their email to sign them up. Some of our members do know how to check their email, but do not sign up for stuff like this because they are not internet or computer savvy, so let's be the brothers and sisters we should be by being helpful and supportive to those members and signing them up or getting them whatever help they need to connect to these resources. I will ask you to email me or mail me the form after December and hopefully we can get everyone to get their members signed up and it gives you a reason to touch base with your members. It will also help your chairman to have an idea of how many people are signed up for Action Corps Weekly which is one of our questions on the end of year reports.

There are lots of resources on the website. If you go to www.vfwauxiliary.org and look under the tab "what we do" and then scroll down and go to the picture and title of "Legislative" and click on the "Legislative" title, you will find many links. There are several links in there that will show you many resources for Legislative information. In future bulletins, we will go over some of them, but if you have time, check out the website and the links.

I plan to go over as much information as I can find access to that will help our members and our veterans. If you have an idea of something you want to see done or you have something you would like me to research more, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email, address or phone number listed above.

HATS OFF TO VETERANS!

Attitude is a Little Thing that makes a Big Difference!

MEMERSHIP

NATIONAL THEME: Believe - We Can Do It

SD DEPT. THEME: Hats Off to Veterans

Attitude is a little Thing That Makes a Big Difference

What a great year this is going to be. I would like to thank President Mary for giving me the opportunity to be the membership chairman. Last year we were at 92.99% and I know we can do better this year. Let's reach for 100%.

Our year 2017-18 has come to an end, so it is time to start our new year with new goals. Let's start this year, 2018-19, with a Bang! Start collecting your dues now. Make it a challenge. Make it fun. Set a monthly or quarterly goal and do fun things with it. Award out a small token, flag pin, patriotic sticker, pen & notepad, or a certificate. The 4th of July is just around the corner so you'll be able to get a lot of patriotic things at the Dollar Stores. If you do certificates, have a special prize for the one that receives the most. Whatever you decide to do, make it simple, but make it fun.

July 1st starts off our new year. I will be sending out dues notices to all South Dakota Auxiliaries unless you have asked me not to. If you haven't contacted me yet, and would like to send out your own, please do so as soon as possible.

The next GO's will have information on the awards for Dept. and National. There will also be a form on the *CATCH FIVE MEMER RECRUITER AWARD*. I hope to have South Dakota receive many of these awards.

I look forward to being your Membership Chairman and if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please call me at 605-763-5595 or email me at do_mullinix@yahoo.com. (*there is an underscore between the o and m*).

Loyally,

Donita Mullinix

Donita Mullinix , Membership Chairman

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
SCHOLARSHIP General Orders #1 July 2018

“BELIEVE - WE CAN DO IT”
“HATS OFF TO VETERANS”
“ATTITUDE IS A LITTLE THING THAT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE”

I would like to thank President Mary for appointing me as this year's Scholarship chairman. We have for Scholarships: Voice of Democracy (VOD), Patriot's Pen Essay (PP), Young American Creative Patriotic Art, and Continuing Education.

Voice of Democracy is open to all students, including home schooled students in grades 9-12. This year's theme is **“Why My Vote Matters”**. The deadline is Midnight, October 31, 2018 to the local Auxiliary. Our Department winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC.

The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in the grades 6-8. Students must be a resident of the state where entered. The theme for Patriot's Pen is **“Why I Honor the American Flag”**. The deadline is Midnight, October 31, 2018 to the local Auxiliary.

Young American Art is open to all students, including home-schooled, in grades 9-12. No digital art will be accepted, and the artwork must be on canvas or paper. Students must attend school in the state of the sponsoring Auxiliary. Deadline is March 31, 2019.

Continuing Education Scholarship is open to any Auxiliary member (who has belonged for at least one year), spouse, son, daughter with a financial need and at least 18 years old. Entrant must complete the application and submit an essay of 300 words or less. \$1,000 will be awarded to the winning applicant. Deadline to National is February 15, 2019.

For complete list of rules and entry form go to the VFW Programs guide or log onto the VFW Auxiliary website at www.vfwauxiliary.org. I will have more information on the awards in the next General Orders. The sooner we get the information to the schools the easier it will be for the teachers to work it into their lesson plans. You can run off the information on the contest rules from the website. If you need any help, contact me at wandarmix@gmail.com or 605-690-0170.

Wanda R Mix
Department Scholarship Chairman

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Phone: 605-690-0170

Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota

National President's Theme: **Believe – We Can Do It**
Department President's Theme: **Hats Off to Veteran**

Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference

GENERAL ORDERS #1 July, 2018
Veterans & FAMILY SUPPORT CHAIRMAN: Patti Mitchell

A chain is only as strong as its' weakest link. That is why it takes each one of us to make our VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT Program OUTSTANDING!

“What have you done for a veteran or his/her family today?”

Veterans & Family Support is at the center of our programs. Our programs are a continuous circle with our veterans and their families being at its heart and soul.

How can you support your Veterans and their family in your Community?

- Soldiers still need care packages, and cards. As a family you can work to collect and/or donate some of these items, as well as write cards and letters to be sent to our troops overseas.

Why is my National Military Service donation important and where does it go? All three of the NMS programs are funded solely by donations. By donating to NMS, you are giving Operation Uplink, MAP and Unmet Needs the chance to continue our mission of providing assistance and support to our military service members and veterans in their time of need. During the year, the needs of our military change. Your donation to NMS will help our programs respond to those changes and assist our service members when and where they need it the most.

What's a MAP grant? It's financial assistance given to a VFW Post or Auxiliary for troop support activities to build relationships and provide information to their local military about VFW programs and services.

Who can apply for a MAP grant? VFW Departments, Post and Auxiliaries that desire to support their local military.

What kind of events can MAP Grant funds be used for? Common events include, but are not limited to: Family Days – Picnics – Festivals - Welcome Home and Deployment Ceremonies - Holidays Events.

Our troops and their families need support now more than ever. Remember, to keep your Adopt-Unit Active, they must receive an annual Adopt-A-Unit activity report. I have names of unit's that need
Your help or to adopt a unit. Do not hesitate to contact me if you wish further information.

When sending care package to units overseas there's package at the post office military special devilry you have to ask for it. It's a box to send but cheaper than priority box. You have to ask for it.

How can member's best support the VFW Post with this program? Remember that our Communities' can be involved in almost every aspect of our VFW and VFW Auxiliary Program.. They can assist with singing to or reading to veterans in nursing homes or hospitals. The possibilities for todays are endless. We have available to us an endless resource of energy and activity. We have only to ask.

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2018-2019

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VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
YOUTH ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL THEME: **Believe -We Can Do It**

SD Department Theme: **Hats Off to Veterans**

Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference

General Orders Bulletin #1

July 2018

Thank you President Mary for entrusting this responsibility of Department Youth Activities Chairman to me, I shall do my best to perform my duties.

National Youth Activities Ambassador Mistie Hammond states “The youth of today are the future leaders of our country. Our organization, and you, our members, can teach them history, patriotism and respect for our military. We need to get youth involved, whether or not they or their parents can be members of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary.”

Many of us “grew up” in the local post/auxiliary because that is where our parents or grandparents were spending time. Those of us that did so, didn’t think twice about joining as soon as we were eligible. Others may not be eligible now but who knows what the future holds. Give them a good experience while they are young and they will be more likely to come back later when they do become eligible. What a nice way to recruit new members while getting a helping hand from the youth and teaching them what we are all about in a manner that gives them purpose and responsibility.

National Program Goals for this year are as follows:

Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups
Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations
Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.)

Creating a Contest for Students in Grades K-5 – This is new this year to reach out to those students who have no national contest as yet. Contests can be created at both the Auxiliary and Department levels. Almost anything goes as long as it promotes patriotism! Let’s see your ideas.

National Night Out is August 1, 2018 – what a great time to interact with students and their families to promote working with our great Veterans’ organization.

I want to make you aware of some awards that you should strive to earn this year:

SPECIAL AWARDS:

1. An award to one youth group in each Program Division with an outstanding project submitted to the Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans citations. Will be mailed to the sponsoring Auxiliary for presentation.

AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. Citation to one Auxiliary in each Department for the best promotion of ways to use and/or reuse R.A.P. cards and/or coins.

2. Citation to each Auxiliary that creates, supports and/or sponsors a youth group. Form required; available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

Ask the youth of your communities to get involved, they and we will all benefit.

I know you have seen this before, but I have again attached the [10 Tips for Working with Youth](#) from the Auxiliary website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may not have the answer but I will find the answer and get back to you. Thank you for everything you do to assist Veterans by utilizing our youth.

Loyally,

Sue Jones
Youth Activities Chairman
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10 Tips for Working with Youth

When working with youth, it is important to consider their safety and needs. We would like to offer these tips and resources so that you can make sure that all youth you encounter have the best experience possible.



1. Consider taking Youth Protection training. Many organizations working with youth provide and require training. One of the best known is done by Boy Scouts. You do not need to be a member or even involved with the program in order to take their free online training. Find it here: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/youthprotection.aspx>
2. Always respect the time commitments of youth. They are very busy. Be clear about when an event or project starts and how long it will go for. Parents also very much appreciate it when their child is finished at the stated time.
3. Parents should always be welcome to stay and take part in the activity.
4. No matter the project or event, make sure that proper safety measures are taken for everyone involved. Also, be sure that activities or projects are age appropriate.
5. Be extremely conscious of the location where you bring or meet the youths.
6. Do not smoke, drink or use drugs around them.
7. If you are taking youth somewhere other than the Post home or a school, consider getting permission slips from every parent, and make sure the parents understand that the children may be riding in personal vehicles.
8. Receive training from your local Child Abuse Prevention Council or Child Protective Center on the Mandated Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Laws in your State for those working with children.
9. Find out if you need to have individuals working with youth/children fingerprinted before working with youth. There may be laws in your state.
10. Maintain and model healthy boundaries with children - be a role model. Remember it is never appropriate to display acts of violence or abuse around or towards children.

Remember that it only takes a minute to make a difference in the life of a child. There are lots of small, positive things we can all do to help protect and nurture our children that only take a minute. A few words of praise and encouragement to a child, listening carefully to what a child has to say, showing a child you care, all are simple actions that added together have been shown to have a profound impact on a child's life. In these very real ways, we can all support children and strengthen families.

**VFW Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota**

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S JUDGING – 2018 - 2019

Your goal, as Auxiliary President, is to provide the leadership to your members and chairmen so that your Auxiliary achieves the highest standards needed to provide your community, our veterans, our troops and our youth with the devotion for America and for what our Constitution stands.

Please read the following thoroughly. We are requesting a one paragraph report as to what YOU did for each of the following: Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, Make A Difference Day and Loyalty Day. We also want a one paragraph report as to what YOU did for Veterans and Family Support.

ATTENTION: There are changes in our Programs this year. Please read the Chairmen's Bulletins carefully to understand and respond accordingly as some have been modified and expanded.

Membership Categories:

The Auxiliary President's judging will be divided into four (4) membership categories. These categories are:

Category 1	10-50 members
Category 2	51-110 members
Category 3	111-225 members
Category 4	226 plus members

Awards

- 1. The first place winner in each category will receive a \$25 cash award from Department.**
- 2. The second place winner in each category will receive a \$10 cash award from Department.**
- 3. The Seymour – Hammond - Worth Awards –**

Past Department Presidents, Connie Seymour, Mary Hammond and Nancy Worth, will present a \$75 Cash Award to the Most Outstanding Auxiliary President. The winner is selected from the four Outstanding in each Category Winner.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS: Please read the following carefully and review it often.

Keep a record of what you are doing to complete programs to simplify your year-end report due on **May 1, 2019.**

NOTE: Check your report to make certain everything is reported. DO NOT send copies of your Chairmen's reports with your President's report form. Do NOT send pictures.

VFW AUXILIARY , DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

JUDGING CRITERIA

Membership Criteria

- A. Auxiliary Presidents will be judged on the following point system. The figure used for 100% Membership will be based on June 30, 2018 membership in each of the four membership categories.

6 points if 100% in Category 1 by September 1, 2018
6 points if 100% in Category 2 by October 1, 2018
6 points if 100% in Category 3 by November 1, 2018
6 points if 100% in Category 4 by December 1, 2018
5 points if 100% one month later than listed date
4 points if 100% two months later
3 points if 100% three months later
2 points if four months or more later

- B. The number of **new life** members in your auxiliary for 2018-19 will be used as a tiebreaker if needed.

Reporting and Donation Criteria

- C. One (1) point for each program chairman sending in year-end report to Department Chairman by listed deadline. This will be checked with the Program Chairmen.

- E. Department Obligations are based on June 30, 2018 Membership
5 points for quota if met in August
4 points for quota if met in September
3 points for quota if met in October
2 points for quota if met in November
1 point for quota met in December

- F. 1 point for each audit report sent in on time.

- G. 1 point for participating in each of the following:

Veterans Day Activity
Make a Difference Day
Loyalty Day Activity
Memorial Day Activity

Participating in Department President's Project
Donation to National Military Services

- H. Number of meetings you presided over (July through April – 10 maximum)

I. 1 point for each of the following projects that your Auxiliary completed:

Americanism	Publicity
Buddy Poppy/National Home	Scholarship
Hospital/VAVS	Youth Activities
Legislative	Veterans and Family Support

J. Department Projects – 1 point for participation in each:

State Fair (worked or your Auxiliary made a donation)
Christmas Tree or any Veterans Christmas Activity

K. 1 point for President attending each of the following: Fall Council of Administration; Spring Council/Legislative Conference, and District Meetings.

NOTE: Do Not add your own points. The judges will do that for you. **DO** check your report to make certain everything is reported.

READ ALL THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN'S BULLETINS. KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOUR AUXILIARY FOR EACH PROGRAM. Keep in close contact with your Chairmen to see that they understand their programs and are promoting and reporting them.. This will provide guidance in your leadership in their accomplishing their goals.

The success of your Auxiliary depends, to a great extent, on your role as Auxiliary President. Please read and re-read the General Orders and bulletins to better assist your Program Chairmen. As Auxiliary President, your role is one of the most important of our organization.

Thank you for your service as President to our VFW Auxiliary

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS' JUDGING – 2018-2019 YEAR END REPORT

Auxiliary Name _____ Number _____ City _____

Auxiliary President _____

Number of New Members _____ Number of New Life Members _____ (Used as tie breaker)

1. Did you send all four audits to Department Treasurer on time? _____
2. Did all Year End Reports get sent in on time? _____
3. Number of Auxiliary meetings that you presided over? _____ (July through April, **maximum 10 points**)
4. What month did your Auxiliary send in your quota for Department donations? _____
5. Number of District Meetings you attended? _____ (Maximum 2 points)

Please answer the following either Y or N (CHECK MARKS AND X'S will not be counted!)

6. Did **you** attend Fall Council _____ Spring/Legislative Council _____
7. Did **you** participate or Auxiliary send a donation to Department State Fair Program? _____
8. Did **your** Auxiliary participate in Auxiliary Capitol Christmas Tree Program or a Veteran's Christmas Activity? _____
9. Did **you** actively participate (ceremony, program or activity) in the following?
Veterans' Day _____ Make A Difference Day _____ Loyalty Day _____ Memorial Day _____
(One paragraph relating what **you** did on each of the above to be included)
10. Did **your** Auxiliary participate in the Department President's Project? _____
11. Did **your** Auxiliary complete the following projects? Americanism _____ Buddy Poppy/National Home _____ Hospital and VAWS _____ Legislative _____ Publicity _____ Scholarship Program _____ Voice of Democracy _____ Patriots Pen _____ Patriotic Art _____ Veterans and Family Support _____ Youth Activities _____

(One paragraph report on Veterans and Family Support to be included)

Your assistance is vital in meeting President Carrie's goal of 100% participation. You and your Auxiliary are the backbone of this organization. We wish you a most successful year – your success is the basis for a successful District and Department. God Bless each of you.

If you have any questions, PLEASE contact me. Cell phone 605-830-1916. E-mail bpcerny@gwtc.net

DEADLINE: May 1, 2019. Your report must be postmarked before and in my (Pat) hands by May 1, 2019, so mail a few days prior to deadline.

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