

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Department of Indiana

General Orders #4

September 2019

To be read at the first meeting following receipt and filed for reference.

Item #1: It is imperative that you read the Department President's Letter in this mailing of General Orders due to the Special Election we will have at our Fall Conference.

Item #2: Thank you!: Thank you to everyone who took the time to come to our annual School of Instructions. We appreciate your time and dedication, your willingness to share what has worked for you, and your willingness to try new things.

Item #3: National President's Visit: National President Peggy Haake will be here September 29-October 1. The schedule and hotel information is included in this mailing. Please look it over immediately and make your plans to attend.

Item #4: Indiana Day at the National Home for Children: Indiana Day at the National Home is also on September 29th. If you cannot attend the National President's Visit, it is hoped that you will attend this event instead!

Item #5: District Meetings: It is District meeting month. Please see the enclosed schedule for your meeting information.

Item #6: Report Forms: This is the last month that report forms will be issued in General Orders for this time period. Reports are due October 1 for most programs. If you need extra report forms, please visit our website at www.vfwauxin.org. Make sure to get yours filled out and sent to the respective Department Chairman and to your District President today!

Item #7: Obligations and Donations: The list of Obligations and Donations is included in this mailing. Please send your General Hospital Obligation to the Department Treasurer as soon as possible.

Item #8: Fall Conference: The dates for our Fall Conference are October 25-27, 2019, at the Indianapolis Marriott East. A tentative schedule has been included in these General Orders.

Item #9: Spring Conference: The dates for Spring Conference have changed. The Department Spring Conference will now be March 13-15, 2020 at the Indianapolis Marriott East.

Dates for October to remember:

October 3-6, 2019: State Camp Out

October 13, 2019: Indiana Veteran's Home Day in Lafayette, IN

October 18, 2019: Big 10 Conference in Omaha, NE

October 25-27, 2019: Fall Conference, Indianapolis Marriott East, Indianapolis

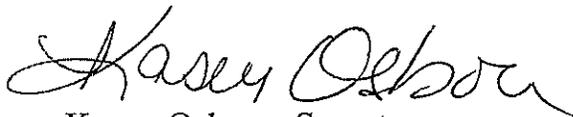
Item #10: Auxiliary Treasurers: (1) There is a newsletter in this mailing of General Orders for you. Please see that your President gives it to you and (2) do not hold dues.

By Order Of:



Jennifer Morris, Department President
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Indiana

Attested By:



Kasey Osborn, Secretary
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Indiana

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
 Department of Indiana

Department President's Letter

Aug 20, 2019 for Sept 2019

To the Members of the Department of Indiana,

Instead of a normal letter this month, I must inform you of upcoming changes within our Department. Our Department Conductress, Amanda Etchison has resigned her position due to health reasons. While we are saddened by this and wish her well on her path to good health, we must move forward without delay.

According to Section 809D of the National Bylaws, we will have an election to fill the position. Due to the extraordinary circumstances, our Department Guard, Gennie Pickens, will pro-tem for the Conductress position, and is campaigning for that position. Assuming she is elected to Conductress, she will resign her position as Guard. At that point, we will be holding elections for Guard. This election and installation will take place at our Department Fall Conference, October 25-27, 2019, with the actual election taking place during our Council of Administration meeting on October 25, 2019.

We are currently accepting campaign letters for the position. You may send them to our Department Secretary, Kasey Osborn. They will be placed in the electronic version of General Orders for October. Please note, due to the special circumstances, for your nomination to proceed, you MUST have a member of the Council of Administration nominate you. Further, the Council is the voting party in this situation, not the membership-2nd small bullet point of Section 809D.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach me directly at (812) 236-4403.

Loyally,

Jennifer Morris, Department President
 VFW Auxiliary, Department of Indiana

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August 8, 2019

To the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Department of Indiana, Council of Administration,

This letter is being sent to you today to ask your consideration for my candidacy for the office of Department Guard. Due to the unique situation, we know that Gennie will run for Department Conductress, therefore, creating a vacancy at the Department Guard position.

I have thought about this for over a year, in private council with several leaders within our organization. Due to the nature of our volunteerism and wanting more experience, I have held off campaigning for Department Guard until now.

The VFW Auxiliary is so very special to me. I joined the organization in 2007 under the eligibility of my husband. My Home Auxiliary is 1108 in Richmond, Indiana. There, I served two terms as Auxiliary President and actively volunteered for events with our Veterans. I have also served 4 terms as the 10th District President. It has been a joy to watch the 10th District Auxiliaries grow in membership and become more active for their communities. Jimmie and I are both active in Department, District, and Local events.

I retired from the State of Indiana and have two sons. One lives in Richmond working for the school system, and one lives in Arkansas working for Dell.

Thank you for your consideration for my candidacy for the position of Department Guard. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments.

Loyally,

Kathy Hankins, 10th District President

(765) 277-0238

TO: Department of Indiana VFW Auxiliary
Dept. President Jennifer Morris
Dept. Secretary/Treasurer Kasey Osborne



Dear Madame President, Line Officers, Past Department Presidents, Brothers and Sisters of the Department Council of Administration; Please allow me to tell you about myself and why I feel confident in pursuing Department Office.

CAREER AND FAMILY BACKGROUND:

I married my husband, a Vietnam Veteran in October of 1976. I am a retired nurse. I graduated from St. Phillips College School of Nursing in May of 1981 with honors in San Antonio, TX.

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENTS:

Between 1988 and 1990 I volunteered and traveled with my husband to a variety of the VFW's in Alaska while I worked to get enough members to get our Auxiliary instituted. In the meantime, I learned from mentors as I attended those events at conferences, Department and National. In January of 1990 the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 2509 was instituted by Commander -In-Chief Wally Hogan. I was elected as the first President. 91-92 Dept. of Alaska VFW Ladies Auxiliary President of the Year, 7/91 I became a Life Member of the VFW Ladies Aux., 91-92 Installing Officer for Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 10029 Anchor Point Alaska, 91-92 Dept. Of Alaska VFW Ladies Aux. Publicity Program Chmn., 91-92 1st Place National Award for Publicity Program receiving the Lighthouse Plate Award., 92-93 VFW Ladies Aux. Dept. Of Alaska Americanism Chmn., 92-93 I was named President of the Year sharing the honor with now Past National President Francisca Guilford, 90-93 I was a member of the Dept. Of Alaska VFW Ladies Aux. Council of Administration, 93-94 Dept. Of Alaska VFW Ladies Aux. Chaplain Pro-Tem. From 1988 to 1995 I attended all Western Conferences, Department and National Conventions and was the President or Delegate for many of them. I transferred my membership to VFW Post 1587 Ladies Aux. in November of 2013. I have served as Trustee 2014-2016 as well as Chairman for several programs. I started attending District meetings in November 2014 and have only missed 1 when I had knee replacement surgery in November of 2017. In 2016-2017 I was elected President of VFW Auxiliary to Post 1587., Received a medal as Captain of the Presidents for District 11., 2016-2017 Received National 1st Place Award for Buddy Poppy Display since donated to the Lafayette Veteran's Home. I am proud to say that I have had the honor to serve as chairman and/or mentor of all 10 programs since joining this organization earning 140 + citations for my auxiliaries. I am the District POW/MIA chairman. 2018-2019 and received on behalf of our District the Best POW/MIA program. In 2018-2019 one of my greatest honors has been my nomination as 1 of 3 members from the Dept. Of Indiana VFW Auxiliary to National as Mentor of the Year.

SUMMARY:

I currently serve as Patriotic Instructor/Mentor and multiple programs chairman for VFW Post 1587 Aux. I also currently serve as District 11 Chaplain, District POW/MIA Chmn. and Youth Activities Chmn. I have also recently been elected as the Vice-President of the Past President's Association. I have learned much over the past 30 plus years with this organization. I retired from my Nursing career in 2013 but I continue to be a staunch patient advocate especially for our Veterans. I am proud to be married to a Past All American Department Commander whose support I have always had. Now that I have retired from my professional career, I have even more time to devote to this wonderful organization. I have attended all Department and National Conventions since 2015 as a President or Delegate. I am a devoted Veterans advocate and have the necessary skills in teamwork and communication to help me perform to the very best of my ability the duties of this office should I be elected. I have the support of my family, Auxiliary and District as I pursue office in this great Department of Indiana. Thank You in advance for your kind consideration of my nomination as Dept. Guard 2019/2020.

Loyally,

Carolyn J. Hatch

VFW District 11 Auxiliary Chaplain/Aux. 1587 Patriotic Instructor



Roster Changes

Sept 2019

Department Chairman Barb Barger:

New email: BARGERVFW@gmail.com

District 11 President and Veterans and Family Support Chairman

Tammie Reynolds

Corrected Phone # 317-602-3042

Department Conductress Pro-Tem=Gennie Pickens

Department Guard Pro-Tem (School of Instruction/Fall Conference) Denis Magnabosco

Department Audit Committee: Harriet Figg, Chairman, member is Gennie Pickens. Pro-Tem is Linda Misuraca

District 9 President-Patti Weberding, phone # is (812) 934-3644

Auxiliary 1257 Martinsville-New Meeting Date-2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

District 8-Aux 3418-President Name is Danny Metzger (I'm sorry for the error)

District 9-Sharon Chandler is Aux 6582, email is sharon.chandler2001@gmail.com her phone #'s are:

(812) 599-5291 Cell

(812) 273-2457 Home

Auxiliary 6636:

New President: Donna Reilly

New Secretary: Jeanna Deaton

New Treasurer: Nancy Coats

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**NATIONAL PRESIDENT PEGGY HAAKE'S
VISIT TO THE STATE OF INDIANA!!**

September 29 – October 1, 2019 in Terre Haute

Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Express
2645 S Joe Fox St; Terre Haute, IN 47803
I-70 Exit 11B to 46W (812) 234-3200
Double Room \$100/night: *mention VFW Auxiliary Group Rate*

Sunday: 1-5pm Clayshire Castle Medieval Faire
8780 E County Rd 75 N; Bowling Green, IN 47833
(317) 797-3822

6:00pm: Dinner at Terre Haute VFW Post #972
Co-hosted by West Terre Haute VFW Post #6574
1111 Veteran Square; Terre Haute, IN 47807
(812) 235-9720
Contact: Deanna Harvey (812) 201-8620

Monday:
Continental Breakfast at Hotel

10:00am: Guided Tour of Clabber Girl Factory
900 Wabash Ave; Terre Haute, IN 47807
(812) 232-9446

Police Escort to Lunch at Brazil Post #1127

12:15pm: **AISLE OF FLAGS* Lineup*
12:30pm: Lunch at Brazil Post #1127
303 S Depot St; Brazil, IN 47834
(812) 448-8554
*Followed by Buddy Poppy Project with
National President Peggy*
Contact: Judy Jordan (812) 878-0842

Return to Hotel

6:00pm: Dinner at Worthington Post #7117
25 N Commercial St; Worthington, IN 47471
(812) 875-2504
Department President Jennifer Morris's Home Post

Tuesday:
Continental Breakfast at Hotel

National President Haake's Departure for Illinois

*** Please note that all activities are subject to change but we will *absolutely enjoy*
National President Peggy's visit along with all the Auxiliary members able to join us. ***

Contact: Vicki Alderman (317) 251-8047
aldermanvicki@gmail.com

***** SEE ENCLOSED SIGN UP SHEET *****

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT
SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2019

**** ACTIVITY RESERVATION FORM ****

Sunday, September 29 – * **APPAREL: NATIONAL SHIRT WITH BLACK PANTS** *

Clayshire Castle Medieval Faire – Pay upon arrival \$10

*Pay in Advance: \$8.00 * Individual Will Call for tickets at Gate **

Number attending _____

Name(s): _____

Attendees X \$8.00 \$ _____

Dinner at Terre Haute Post #972: \$5.00

Number attending _____

Name(s): _____

Attendees X \$5.00 \$ _____

Monday, September 30 – * **APPAREL: DEPARTMENT SHIRT WITH BLACK PANTS** *

Clabber Girl Museum Guided Tour

Number attending _____

Name(s): _____

Attendees X \$5.00 \$ _____

Lunch at Brazil Post #1127 (no charge)

Number attending _____

Dinner at Worthington Post #7117: Cost \$5.00

Number attending _____

Name(s): _____

Attendees X \$5.00 \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

Checks payable to LAVFW Department of Indiana

Mail to: Vicki L. Alderman, 4727 Kessler View Dr, Indianapolis 46220 by 9/20/2019

District Meeting Schedule						
District	Auxiliary	Location	Time	Date	Notes	
1	1563	Merrillville	12:00 CST	9/22/2019	POW at 11am CST	
2	1121	Kewanna	2:00 EST	9/15/2019		
3	8972	Breman	1:00 EST	9/8/2019		
4	2749	Kendallville	3:00 EST	9/21/2019	Lunch from 12:30-2:30	
5	5782	Elwood	4:00 EST	9/14/2019		
6	6246	Noblesville	11:00 EST	9/8/2019	Aux will meet at the Legion.	
7	1127	Brazil	10:30 EST	9/22/2019		
8	3281	New Albany	10:00 EST	9/15/2019	Time is local time	
9	6582	Austfh	1:30 EST	9/15/2019	Lunch at noon	
10	7084	Union City	1:30 EST	9/15/2019		
11	2999	Indy	10:30 EST	9/14/2019		

INDIANA VFW STATE CAMPOUT

OCTOBER 3-6, 2019

PIONEER ENGINEERS CLUB

3707 S 200W

RUSHVILLE, IN 46173

THIS STATE CAMPOUT IS FOR ALL VFW AND VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND FAMILIES IN INDIANA. WE WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH A LARGE CROWD. IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED, YOU HAVE MISSED A GOOD TIME, SO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS YEAR. CAMP SITES ARE 30 AMP AND CAMPGROUND HAS A DUMPING STATION AND WATER ON SITE. EVEN IF YOU DON'T CAMP YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME AND SPEND THE DAY. A LARGE CLUBHOUSE WITH A/C IS THE MEETING SPACE FOR EATING OUR MEALS, BINGO, CARDS, AND OTHER FUN THINGS. KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10 PER PERSON (16 AND OLDER) TO RECEIVE A BRACELET

CAMPING SITES ARE FREE

FOOD ALL WEEKEND

CAMP MEETING WILL FOLLOW DINNER ON SATURDAY.

STATE CAMPOUT CHAIRPERSON

DON KING (812) 852-0053

STATE CAMPOUT SECRETARY/TREASURER

JENNIFER MORRIS (812) 236-4403

VFW Auxiliary, Department of Indiana
Fall Conference Schedule
October 25-27, 2019

Schedule subject to change by the order of the Department President

Friday, October 25, 2019

Registration:	2:30 pm – 7:00 pm
President's Meetings	
Department Line Officers	3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Department Chairmen	3:45 pm – 4:15 pm
District Presidents/Chief of Staff's	4:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Dinner with National Representative	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Council of Administration Meeting	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Floor Practice with Dept. Conductress Pro-Tem Gennie	8:30 pm
Reception for National Representative in Dept. President Suite Room	8:30 pm

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Registration:	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Ritualistic Opening/Business Session	9:00 am – 11:30am
Programs Begin	
Lunch (on your own)	11:30 – 1:00 pm
Business Resumes	1:00 pm – Close
National Representative's message	
Membership	
Close of Session	
Banquet	6:00 pm

The VFW has rooms blocked for Friday,
October 25 and Saturday, October 26.

Delta Hotel-Attached to the Marriott

(317) 359-1021

\$89.00 + Tax a night

7304 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Marriott East

(317) 352-1231

\$119.00 + Tax a night

7202 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Greetings Treasurers~

September 2019

September is an important month for you. District Presidents are starting their inspections, and as you may or may not know, they will be inspecting your books. Please remember to have your ledger, checkbook, last audit, and bank statements with you at the inspection. Also, on the inspection form is a list of your obligations and donations. You must be able to list the check# and amounts. I have included the donations and obligations list in this mailing.

Some of you are getting confused, so let me try to help. For an annual member, the fee you owe the Department is \$10.00 (\$5 for National and \$5 for the Department). For a life member, it is the full payment of the life membership. If your annual dues are \$25.00, do not send me the \$25.00!!! Please, just don't. Send me the \$10.00. Okies? I've also included in this general orders a membership summary form which can help you itemize the dues you send to me and a membership application. You can put all your dues on one check-both life and annuals. Just use the summary form or a piece of paper to tell me who is going life and who is an annual.

If you need help with your ledger or other financials, feel free to reach out to me. If you need help learning how to do something in Malta, feel free to reach out to me. If Malta is acting up for you, then please call Malta support THAT DAY. The phone # is 1-800-349-3670.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Department School of Instructions and sat through the Treasurer's Training. I'll admit, with all of you at different levels of experience, I never really know what to teach. I hope that you got something out of the training, or at the very least, had a good time while you were there.

Loyally,


Kasey



MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FORM

VFW AUX NO.: _____ DEPARTMENT OF: _____ LOCATION: _____

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: _____ DATE: _____ REPORT NO: _____

For New and Rejoining Members (Annual and Life) include a copy of their membership application.

	NAME	MEMBER NO.	CONT	NEW	REJOIN	LIFE	CK #	AMOUNT
1								
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20								
TOTALS								

AMOUNT SENT	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	
DEPARTMENT (ANNUAL)	
NATIONAL (ANNUAL)	
TOTAL	

Make checks payable to your Department.

Auxiliary Treasurer Name

E-mail Address

Telephone No.

MEMBERSHIP/MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____

Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (If already a member) _____

Annual Membership Life Rejoined Previous Member No. _____, Previous Auxiliary _____

Member-at-Large Life Member-at-Large in Department of _____ or in National

These fields required. Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
 Address _____ Male or Female
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

POST AFFILIATED: (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ Accepting Treasurer's Signature _____
 Date _____

ANNUAL TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying or Nonpaying ? (check one)

ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Fill out Life Membership information below.)

NON AFFILIATED: (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post _____ (If applicable)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____

Dates of Service: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ Location: _____

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 16 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Investigating Committee: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Election Date ____/____/____ Obligated Date ____/____/____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Check here if this is a gift.
 Card will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer.
 Payment: Cash Check Visa
 MasterCard Discover AMEX
 Life Membership Fee \$ _____
 Name on credit card _____
 Billing address for card _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Credit Card No. _____
 CVV Code _____ Exp. ____/____/____
 Signature _____ Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACH (Bank withdrawl)
 Name of Bank _____
 Bank Routing No. _____
 Account No. _____

Attach voided check HERE. (Required)



LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
Effective 1/1/2017

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.	
Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

OBLIGATION
In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. Signature _____ (Must be signed by all members.)

DONATIONS AND ADDRESSES

The obligations for Hospital and District Dues must be paid and Audits up-to-date in order for your Auxiliary to be considered in Good Standing Order.

Hospital-All hospital Obligations/Donations send to Department Treasurer	<u>Your \$54.00 helps the hospitals listed below.</u>
General Hospital: \$54.00	Roudebush, Marion, Fort Wayne, Evansville, Adams Benjamin, and ISVH

*All Hospital monies can be sent on one check. Please send a ncte that earmarks how much funds for each facility.

ISVH Donations-Send to the Dept. Treasurer OR Bring to the Hospital on our annual visit!	National Home for Children Donations-Send to the Home. Earmark the Check for a specific fund (example: school supplies, sports equipment, Indiana House)
Cancer Aid & Research Donations are sent to the Dept. Treasurer. OR UTILIZE MALTA UNDER "GIFTS"	VFW National Home for Children 3573 S. Waverly Rd Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Health and Happiness Donation-Send to Nat'l HQ-Note on check that it is Health and Happiness Donation. OR UTILIZE MALTA UNDER "GIFTS"****	Veterans & Family Support-MAP, Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs, and etc. Earmarked as National Military Services
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters 406 W 34 th ST 10 th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111	VFW National Headquarters 406 W 34 th ST 9 th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111

Indiana Art Donations-Send to Dept. Treasurer Patriot Pen Donations-Send to Dept. Treasurer	Voice of Democracy Donations-Send to Dept. Treasurer
Please earmark check as Indiana Art or Patriot Pen	Please earmark check as VOD

You make send all donations on one check if a note is included how monies are to be disbursed to each fund. Do not send the donations monies in the same check as Dues.

District Dues are set by each District. Please remit your District Dues to your District Treasurer.

****Heath/Happiness is .10/member and is still greatly appreciated-per National Headquarters.

Department Treasurer
Kasey Osborn
410 E Dustman Rd
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 273-9571
osborn.kassandra@gmail.com

Harriet Figg
7757 N. Mt. Tabor Road
Ellettsville, IN 47429

Department of Indiana 2019-2020
Chaplain Report

harrfigg@yahoo.com
812-325-3082
812-876-5797

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GET WELL CARDS;

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux # _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux # _____

THINKING OF YOU CARDS:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux #: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux #: _____

SYMPATHY CARDS:

Name of Deceased: _____
Send card to: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux #: _____

Name of Deceased: _____
Send Card To: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux #: _____

GET WELL CARDS;

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux # _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux # _____

THINKING OF YOU CARDS:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux #: _____

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Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux #: _____

SYMPATHY CARDS:

Name of Deceased: _____
Send card to: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux #: _____

Name of Deceased: _____
Send Card to: _____
Address: _____
City, St _____
Zip: _____ Aux #: _____

Please print clearly and be sure all information is correct. A lot of cards were returned last year so please give correct information and timely! Don't wait a month to request a card. I will also accept email notices. If you have a deceased member, please give the name of the person and the address where the sympathy card should be sent. My goal is to send the cards out as soon as I receive the information so our members know that we are here to support them. In case of questions, please include:

Name of Auxiliary Chaplain: _____ Aux #: _____
District: _____ Telephone #: _____

September General Orders Americanism

September is a very busy month for celebrating Patriotic Holidays We have Patriot Day on the 11th; Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on the 17th; POW/MIA on Friday, September 20th; and Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day on Sunday, September 29th.

For those who attended School of Instructions we say Thank You and we hope you had a good time and went home excited and with more knowledge. For those who could not make it, please be sure to get with your District President. I made an Americanism folder for every Auxiliary and tried to pack it with goodies and knowledge needed for this year. Helping your Post with their Community Service page can give you great ideas on how to help your community.

Our POW/MIA ceremony will be hosted at Post 1587, Frank T Strayer Post, 5139 W. 10th Street, Indianapolis at 5 P.M. We would like to thank them for working with us to honor the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. I made it at 5 so those who have to travel can get home safely and hopefully in daylight hours. We invite all Auxiliaries and Post to help us honor them by attending this state wide ceremony.

Funny thought for today - "I do this real moron thing, and it's called thinking. And apparently some say I'm not a very good American because I like to form my own opinions." Anonymous - Just sayin'.

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it." » Mark Twain

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

**LIVING TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS
2019-2020**

**Jean Haggard
Department of Indiana
Americanism Chairman
329 Victory Avenue
Greenwood, Indiana 46142-1435
317-902-6143**

AMERICANISM PROGRAM
2019-2020 Report due October 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020

1. Did your Auxiliary/Post conduct special programs on Patriotic Holidays such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, POW/MIA Remembrance Day, etc.? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary participate in POW/MIA programs? (Such as speak, attend, make flyers, provide food, etc.) _____
3. Number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2"x3" or larger) _____
4. Number of American Flags presented (at least 2"x3" or larger) presented to schools, businesses, parades, gravesites, etc. _____
5. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award? (Assist Post, takes contest to schools, or makes a donation? _____
6. Number of certificates presented to businesses or citizens in recognition of their displaying the U.S., POW/MIA flag, or other displays of American Pride: _____
7. Did your Auxiliary promote Americanism through any Media? (TV, radio, newspapers, flyers, Facebook or Indiana's Department internet page)? _____
8. Did your Auxiliary conduct patriotic education in your Auxiliary or within the community? _____
9. Did your Auxiliary conduct a Family Freedom Festival? _____
10. Did you Auxiliary submit to me a video promoting patriotism with community involvement that I can send to my National Ambassador? _____
11. What did your Auxiliary do for Americanism, or your community, or for a special individual that you are most proud of?

Auxiliary number _____ District Number _____ Division _____

Name of Americanism Chairman _____

Send to:
Jean Haggard
329 Victory Avenue
Greenwood, Indiana 46142-1435

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National Home for Children Report Form

Due 10/1/19

Send to: Barb Barger 932 N Elm St
Seymour IN 47274

or email to BARGERVFW@gmail.com

Has your Auxiliary sent in a donation for Health and Happiness @.10 per member as of 6/30/2019?

yes or no

@ .25 per member as of 6/30/19

yes or no

When did you make your donation? _____

Did your Auxiliary do any other donations to National Home ? yes or no

When : _____ Did you earmark your donation to a specific area at National Home? Yes or No
What did you earmark it for? _____

Did anyone from your Auxiliary attend Indiana Day at NCH??? yes or no

If so, How many attended? _____ Any first time attendees? yes or no how many? _____

How did you promote the National Home's Military & Veteran Family Helpline?

Did your Auxiliary make a display board or submit a picture of a display &/or bulletin board at:

Fall Conference yes or no Please submit a picture if available

Did your auxiliary donate a raffle at:

SOI Fall Conference Spring Conference State Convention (circle one)

How did or did you promote National Home in the other National Programs ? yes or no

Which Programs?

Thank you for all you do in every way!
Living to Support Our Veterans...with Aloha!

Fall Conference Display Contest : Take a little ride with me by land , sea, sky!

Hope you have started with your contest entry. I can't wait to see what you come up with! I am truly amazed at all awesome creativity you all have!

Remember to incorporate at least one steering wheel device image , try to be portable, include at least one original Buddy Poppy with the white tag attached.

As a reminder displays should be at the tables at Fall Conference before Saturday morning sessions start with an entry form attached !

Remember your District President is required to be at Fall Conference. Ask them to bring your entry if you can not attend.

Report forms are due by October 1, 2019 to me . They are on the vfwinaux.org website and enclosed in this mailing of General Orders !

DO YOU KNOW????

1. How can your Auxiliary:

- A. Provide compensation to the veterans who assemble the Buddy Poppies?
- B. Provide financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs?
- C. Partially supports the VFW National Home for Children?

ANSWER: PURCHASE BUDDY POPPIES !!!

2, How can your Auxiliary :

- A. Lend aid to Auxiliary members needing financial assistance?
- B. Send monetary donations to VFW National Home for Children?
- C. Donate for hospital work for all veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Auxiliary Members and their families Including the Auxiliary Obligations to Hospital ?
- D. Provide support for Veterans and Family Support programs for all veterans, members of the Armed Forces, Auxiliary members and their families?
- E. Donate to the National Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research Fund?
- F. Donate to special purposes approved by National Headquarters?
- G. Use auxiliary funds to perpetuate the memory of deceased members of the Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors?
- H. Foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs?

ANSWER: Use your Auxiliary RELIEF FUND money! Refer to your Auxiliary Podium Book to find these approved uses.

No one should be refused a Buddy Poppy because they are unable to contribute! Think of it as a launching pad and use your Buddy Poppies as a jumping off point and educate people what they stand for and what the VFW and Auxiliary can do for them! Together we can serve with ALOHA ! Until next time, Buddy Barb out

BUDDY POPPY REPORT FORM

HELLO BUDDIES! IT IS TIME TO REPORT

DUE 10/1/19

Send to : BARB BARGER
 932 N ELM ST
 SEYMOUR IN 47274 OR EMAIL TO BARGERVFW@gmail.com

Have you promoted the Buddy Poppy at your POST yes or no

What did you do? _____

When? _____ Where? _____

Who did you reach? _____

If you have pictures of your displays or your event, please send with your report ! Remember education is key to get the purpose of the Buddy Poppy out to your Comrades, Auxiliary Members and to our Communities .

Did your Auxiliary have a Buddy Poppy Drive Yes or No With Post or without POST

Did your Auxiliary purchase Buddy Poppies directly from the Department of Indiana VFW headquarters?
Yes or No How many? _____

Did your Auxiliary attend SOI in August? Yes or No

Has your Buddy Poppy Chair received a folder with information from me Yes or No ?

If no, please contact me asap !!!!

Was the information in the folder helpful? yes or no

What if anything do you feel would be more helpful?

How has your Auxiliary promoted the Buddy Poppy in the other National Programs? Which programs & and in what ways? Attach additional sheets if necessary?

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National Home for Children Raffle and/or Display Entry Form Circle one

Name(s) of Members participating:

District # _____ Auxiliary Post # _____

Estimated total time and \$ spent : _____ hrs and \$ _____

Brief Description of your entry purpose, location of display, feedback from members and or your community

Cut and Detach this ENTRY FORM and put on the back of your display board and have it at the NHC table by opening Saturday morning of FALL CONFERENCE OR

Cut and Detach this ENTRY FORM and along with your photo entry, send it to me in time for me to receive it via mail before Thursday before Fall Conference or in person before by opening Saturday morning at Fall Conference! Vrooomm...

Please fill one of these entry forms and bring with your raffle item to any Conference/Convention.

You may also use this for your Buddy Poppy Display Contest for Fall and Spr ng Conferences. State Convention will have a different entry form.

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CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION

REPORT DUE

OCT. 1,2019 April 1,2020

Auxiliary# _____

District# _____

Division# _____

1. Did your Auxiliary report a Healthy Checkup Auxiliary Member Questionnaire? Yes _____ No _____
2. Did your Auxiliary report on what Indiana needs for a Healthy Auxiliary Due Oct. 1st 2019 Yes _____ No _____
3. Did your Auxiliary utilize any resources from the National web site? vfwauxiliary.org/org Yes _____ No _____

Building on the VFW AUXILIARY FOUNDATION. Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, give an example of what you found useful: _____

Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, give an example of what you found useful: _____

Did your Auxiliary present any Good Job Awards: NO _____
 Yes _____ how Many? _____

4. Do you consider your Auxiliary in Good Working Order? Yes _____
 No _____
 If No, explain:

Jill Wilson, Department Chief of Staff
 540 Lane 250 C Lake Pleasant
 Orland, In 46776
 Email: jilwil2929@yahoo.com
 260-433 2637

AUXILIARYCHAIRMAN: _____

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HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS REPORT FORM 2019-2020 DUE APRIL 1, 2020

Please complete by answering ALL questions and returning by mail or email in order to be 100% reported and eligible for awards.

Send report to Tracy McGlynn, 1351 Bolton Road, West Terre Haute, IN 47885, Email:tracylmcglynn@gmail.com. Got Questions? Call me at 812-201-5537.

1. Does your Auxiliary send out a monthly or quarterly newsletter?
YES ___ NO ___ Mailed ___ Emailed ___
2. Does your Auxiliary have a Facebook page? YES ___ NO ___ Joint with post ___ Auxiliary own Page ___
3. Does your Auxiliary have a website? YES ___ NO ___ Joint with the Post ___ Auxiliary own Website ___
4. Did your Auxiliary use the Publicity Guide found in Malta under Resources? YES ___ NO ___
5. Did your Auxiliary use a fill-able press/media release for your events, this can be found in www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources? YES ___ NO ___
6. Did your Auxiliary use/present a Communication Award to local media when they covered your Events? YES ___ NO ___
7. Did someone from your Auxiliary attend the media relations training provided at School of Instruction hosted by Department Historian?
YES ___ NO ___
8. Is your Auxiliary planning to participate in the Scrapbook Contest/ Publicity Scrapbook at Department Convention? YES ___ NO ___

Hospital and VAVs

Gennie Pickens,
Dept. Hospital Chairman
56589 Pine Road, South Bend, IN 46619 (574) 210-8310

September 2019
genniepic1951@yahoo.com

September there will be many 9/11 and POW/MIA Programs. Remember our Veterans. Go to the Nursing Homes and visit our Veterans. Pass out some of your small POW/MIA flags or the American flags. You can pass them out when you have a table set up somewhere. This is just another way to remember our Veterans. Don't forget to "**Recruit**" volunteers to help.

- National will be giving one citation to a member that recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA or non-VA facilities)

Also while you are participating in you programs pass out the "**Blue teardrop stickers**"

- National is also giving an award away for the most unique method of promotion for Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Prevention. Pass out *Blue Teardrop stickers*. There is a form on the vfwaux.org/resources that is required in order to compete for the National awards.
- Talk to a Veteran and participate in the Veterans Voices Writing Project – you can subscribe to the magazine or make a donation or even volunteer with the program. Talk to your Veterans and get their stories.
- Promote the VA Research and Development Program. Go to www.Research.va.gov for information. You are encouraged to promote this program in your local and district communications and at your events. Be creative and send me pictures or your newsletters or whatever it is that you have used to promote the program.

Make this program fun and take lots of pictures. Post them on the Dept. webpage.

Check out the National website for all the program ideas and the awards at.

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

Hospital and VAVS Report Form 2019 - 2020

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(Submit to Department Chairman by Oct. 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020)

District _____

Auxiliary _____

Division _____

Gennie Pickens
South Bend, IN 46619
574 210-8310

genniepic1951@yahoo.com

1. Did you recruit VFW Auxiliary Volunteers in **ANY** VA/non VA medical facility _____ How many _____
Adults _____ Youth _____ **How many new?** _____ Recruiters name _____
2. Did your Auxiliary sponsor/conduct an event or activity in **ANY** VA and/or non-VA medical facility _____
if so what? _____
3. Did you submit applicants for the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year _____ how many _____
(Official form required to submit applicants)
4. How did your Auxiliary recognize your volunteers throughout the year?

5. Did your Auxiliary present any Hospital Volunteer Service Pins? _____
6. Did your Auxiliary conduct/participate in Volunteer recognition events? _____ How

7. How did your Auxiliary promote Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness _____ How

8. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Veterans Voices Writing Project? _____
(Example, subscribing to the magazine, making a donation or volunteering with the program)
9. Did your Auxiliary use the Hospital Program Guide? _____
10. Did your Auxiliary promote the VA Research and Development Program: _____

(Send pictures to let others know what you are doing and give ideas to others)
(Use the back if you need more room to report)

Chairman Name: _____

Phone/ email _____

Throw away all old report forms

Legislative

2019-2020 Auxiliary Report

Report Is Due By October 1, 2019 & April 1, 2020

District # _____, Auxiliary # _____, City _____ Division # _____

1. How did your Auxiliary promote the VFW Priority Goals?

2. How did your Auxiliary encourage members to communicate with legislators on Veteran's issues?

3. Number of Auxiliary members who signed up for VFW Action Corps Weekly? _____

4. How did your Auxiliary communicate pending legislation and special legislative alerts?

5. Number of contacts made by members personally to legislators on Veteran issues?

Personal Contacts: _____ Emails: _____ Social Media: _____

Letters/Postcards: _____ Phone Calls: _____

6. Number of members who attended events where they could interact with legislators: _____
(Examples: town halls, meet and greet, legislative conferences)

7. Does your Auxiliary promote the "Vote in Honor of a Veteran initiative? _____

8. Does your Auxiliary use tools outlined in the "Guide to Contacting your Legislators? _____

Please make a copy for your Auxiliary and District Presidents and submit the original either by mail or you can scan a copy and email to:

VFW Dept. of Indiana Aux. Legislative Chairman

James Kneller,

441 Zahn St.

Huntington, IN 46750

hoosier46750@gmail.com

260.388.3006

Auxiliary Chairman: _____

Phone Number: _____

Auxiliary _____ District _____ Due By 10-18-19

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORDS

Find the 10 Words Associated With the Federal Government

E Z G Q T X K W N P N P O M R W O Q A J
 Q S U O E H W I W A G C X S J Y V T C Q
 O K U Q R O G W M X M S B D L X X P H A
 X O S O P R E S I D E N T X V G L Q E T
 N A L D H E S Y H N P C A H X M O W U H
 W E K W B E N W A T V M W W A V K U T D
 J S X F R K T T S R D A E U Y A W G L D
 W E B G K E O I A W E Y S Z Y P H Y J T
 Z K N K S R Y B H G M Q T W J S U H R E
 J O A S X B D A V W O Q R R M Z R F K X
 C E C I B F F H P X C N E F M W F E C B
 B Q I O U U Q W L X R K T X U A O E C R
 A A L D E X F H W U A D E H D J A R U L
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 E T U C B S R A P K K T T Q T X V C M Q
 Y W P D Y S C S E X X N F F V G O N Y A
 A B E U J V S B E X E Z R L I E L S D E
 Q Z R I W Q T X V Z J J V G U K W P N D
 H E Y X A X V B N W A N H H P R K H Z U
 P Q O E Z Y M E B W N W S T M M S K Q S

Words begin with the following letters: C, D, L, P, P, R, S, S, T, W

SUBMIT ENTRIES WITH YOUR AUXILIARY & DISTRICT INFORMATION AND SEND TO: JAMES KNELLER, 441 ZAHN ST. HUNTINGTON, IN 46750. YOU CAN ALSO SCAN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND SEND EMAIL TO: hoosier46750@gmail.com

There will be 3-\$10 random drawings of Auxiliaries that submit this puzzle at the FALL CONFERENCE on Saturday October 26, 2019

Deadline to submit this puzzle OCTOBER 18, 2019

2019-2020 – MEMBERSHIP # 3

Department of Indiana Membership Chairman: Barbara Cavin, 219-214-6090

This year we are going to Invite, Include and Invest in our Organization.

Invite Others to Join,

Include current membership to participate .

Invest in the future.

School of Instructions is over I hope everyone that attended got some new information on the programs. Especially MEMBERSHIP. If your auxiliary did not get a membership book contact your district president to see what we can do.

MEMBERSHIP We are doing great over 60% keep them coming

Keep Sending me a copies of your dues notice when you send them out ,let me know how many you sent. And how many dues you received from those notices. I will have an award at Fall conference for this.

If you sign up a new or rejoin send me their name and your name and you will be in a drawing at Fall Conference.

“ REMEMBER GET YOUR ASK IN GEAR, INVITE, INCLUDE, INVEST AND A AUXILIARY MEMBER.

iF you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me .Let's have a great year and fun along the way.

Barbara Cavin

Membership Chairman

2533 N Dianne Dr

bcavin1130@yahoo.com

Michigan City, In 46360

219-214-6090

The FISH! Philosophy includes four simple, interconnected practices:

Be There is being emotionally present for people. It's a powerful message of respect that improves communication and strengthens relationships.

Play taps into your natural way of being creative, enthusiastic and having fun. Play is the spirit that drives the curious mind, as in "Let's play with that idea!" It's a mindset you can bring to everything you do.

Make Their Day is finding simple ways to serve or delight people in a meaningful, memorable way. It's about contributing to someone else's life, not because you want something out of it, but because that's the person you want to be.

Choose Your Attitude means taking responsibility for how you respond to what life throws at you. Once you are aware that your choice impacts everyone around you, you can ask yourself, "Is my attitude helping this situation? Is it helping me to be the person I want to be?"

Mentoring for Leadership—September 2019

Look at the Mentoring Philosophy for Fish! Above. It's all about engaging our membership. It's exactly what a mentor does, sometimes without even realizing they are doing it. Use the inspiration above to mentor others!

All of the above is really about the intrinsic value of mentoring. While that is our primary focus, we must also utilize the tools within our organization. Please pay close attention to our Bylaws. Remember, the updated version will come out in October. Please visit the VFW Store online to order your copy. Download and read "Building on the Auxiliary Foundation" workbook available on our website at www.vfwauxin.org and most importantly, do not forget to fill out the report form included in this mailing.

If you need any assistance with report forms, have questions about the program, or anything else, feel free to reach out to me.

Loyally,



Kasey Osborn, Department Chairman, Mentoring for Leadership
VFW Auxiliary, Department of Indiana
410 E Dustman Rd
Bluffton, IN 46714

(260) 273-9571
osborn.kassandra@gmail.com

Mentoring for Leadership

Report Form 2019-2020

Due October 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020

Auxiliary # _____

Chairman: _____

District # _____

Phone # _____ or email _____

1. Are you planning on or have you sent in the National Award nomination forms (one for members and one for Auxiliaries) to me? _____
2. Who did you nominate on the National Award form? _____
3. And, why did you nominate them? _____
4. Did you implement a Mentoring for Leadership program in your Auxiliary? _____
5. What tools do you use to create a program? Check mark below:
 - FISH book or Google _____
 - Building on the Auxiliary Foundation Workbook _____
 - Mentoring tools on the VFW Auxiliary Programs page _____
 - Monthly Guidesheets _____
 - Did you come to School of Instruction, Fall or Spring Conferences to learn more about this program? _____
6. Use the space below or another page to tell me more about your Mentoring for Leadership Program: (Remember, the Department Awards will be based off of these report forms)

Send to: Kasey Osborn, Department Chairman

Email: osborn.kassandra@gmail.com

US Mail: 410 E Dustman Rd, Bluffton, IN 46714

If you have any questions, call or text me at: (260) 273-9571

General Orders September 2019
President's Special Project: Quilts of Valor

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Hello Everyone!

I'd like to thank all the Auxiliaries/Districts who brought an item for the Quilts Of Valor raffle table at the School of Instruction. I'd also like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets and/or \$5 Jewelry Mystery Boxes. Without you we wouldn't have been able to raise \$875! What a great way to start the year!

I hope all your questions on "the making of quilts" were answered by Christine Hurley. The one handout I ran out of at the School Of Instruction "Basic Requirements For A Quilt Of Valor" will be on the Department website (vfwauxin.org) soon. It is a wealth of useful information.

I also hope all the questions pertaining to being a "Presenter" were answered. If you have the time please consider becoming one. I know Robert Napler was so appreciative for the Quilt Of Valor he received. Please e-mail Christine Hurley at christine.cliffordhurley@QOVF.org to be added to her list of "Presenters."

Please remember to keep track of the events you hold and the money you raise to report on in October. If you have anyone become a "Presenter" keep track of where they go and who they present to. Also keep track of the hours, volunteers and money spent if you decide to make a quilt or join an existing Quilts Of Valor sew group. Include all this information on additional pages and attach it to your report. Please send your reports to me by snail mail only.

If you have any questions you can send them to my e-mail address, call me or contact Christine Hurley directly.

**Respectfully,
Patrice Pruitt
PSP Chairperson - Quilts Of Valor
speedwaypatrice@yahoo.com
5823 Hollister Dr., Speedway, IN 46224**

317-487-2185 (NO TEXT)

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**Quilts
of
Valor**

Please send completed forms to:
Patrice Pruitt
5823 Hollister Dr.
Speedway, IN 46224

President's Special Project Report Form 2019-2020

Due October 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020

Auxiliary # _____ District # _____ Division # _____

Name / Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

1 Did you or your Auxiliary donate to this project? Yes / No _____
If yes: When? _____ Amount Donated: _____

2 Did you hold a special fundraiser for this project? Yes / No _____
Briefly describe your fundraiser(s): _____

3 Did you or your Auxiliary advertise this program in your Post and / or
Community? Yes / No _____
If yes, how? _____

4 Did you or Auxiliary submit a person(s) who would be willing to be a
"presenter" of the Quilts of Valor? Yes/ No _____ # of people _____

5 Were the guide sheets read at your monthly Auxiliary Meetings?
Yes / No _____

6 Did you or a group make a quilt(s) Yes / No _____
How many were made? _____
Did you enter a name to receive a Quilt of Valor ? Yes / No _____
Who was it? _____

7 Did you or your Auxiliary purchase pins? Yes / No _____
If so, how many? _____
When did you purchase pins? _____

Dept. PSP Chairman: Patrice Pruitt
Call: 317-487-2185

Email: speedwaypatrice@yahoo.com
DO NOT TEXT!

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Scholarship Programs for the 2019 – 2020 Year

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

School is back in session and it is time to contact the Schools and get the applications out to them for the V.O.D. and Patriot's Pen Essay Contests. We all know that these Essay contests are from the Comrade's side, but we also know that the Auxiliary is supposed to help the Comrades with them. We get credit for participation as well so keep track of who helps from your Auxiliary, how much time you spend and mileage if any. This information will be needed for the report that is due to me by November 15, 2019. The report form will be sent out in next months General Orders and will also be available on the Dept. website very soon.

Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest (Theme: *What Makes America Great*)

- Open to all students in grades 9 – 12 including home-schooled students. Student must be a resident of the State where entered. One Department winner sent to VFW National Headquarters.
- Entry due to VFW Post by Midnight Oct 31, 2019
- Judging to be completed by VFW Post by Nov 15, District by Dec 15 and Department by Jan 10, 2020. Department Winner must be to VFW National Headquarters by Jan 15, 2020.
- National Awards range from \$30,000 (1st Place) to \$1000 (37th thru 54th Place)
- All Department winners will enjoy and all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. where their essay will compete in the final competition.

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest (Theme: *What Makes America Great*)

- Open to all students in grades 6 – 8 including home-schooled students. Student must be a resident of the State where entered. One Department winner sent to VFW National Headquarters.
- Entry due to VFW Post by Midnight Oct 31, 2019
- Judging to be completed by VFW Post by Nov 15, District by Dec 15 and Department by Jan 10, 2020. Department Winner must be to VFW National Headquarters by Jan 15, 2020.
- National Awards range from \$5,000 (1st Place) to \$2,750 to \$500 (4th thru 54th Place).

Jim McGlynn Dept. Scholarship Chairman Email: stymiejames@gmail.com Call or Text: 765-505-1691



Veteran & Family Support Guide Sheet September 2019



Tammie Reynolds
Chairman Department of Indiana
3568 W. 11th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46222
tbreynolds@alumni.iu.edu

Greetings Brothers and Sisters
(Please read at meetings as this will count as a report)

I want to apologize for an error made on Report Form. Please find in September General Orders a copy of correct form, all Reports must be (Hard Copy Only), sent snail mail. I announced this error at School of Instruction and the correct form will be in September General Orders.

September is Suicide Awareness Month. By now you will have received material to help you in putting on an event from School of Instruction Veteran & Family Even display. Below is information from the web for you to view and to help in your Suicide Awareness Event.

Strategy

The National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide reflects VA’s vision for a coordinated national strategy to prevent suicide among **all** Veterans, maintaining VA’s focus on high-risk individuals in health care settings while promoting community engagement. The strategy offers guidance to VA’s employees and partners — including other federal agencies, state and local governments, health

care systems, and community organizations — so that we, as a Nation, can prevent Veteran suicide.

[National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide \[PDF\]](#)

Suicide is a national public health issue that affects all Americans, and the health and well-being of our Nation's Veterans is VA's top priority. With strategies driven by data, VA is working to reduce suicide rates among **all** Veterans, whether or not they are enrolled in VA health care.

We know that only one-third of U.S. Veterans come to VA for health care. To accomplish our goal of preventing Veteran suicide, we must find innovative ways to serve Veterans who do not — and may never — seek care within our system. Therefore, our goal is not only to provide excellent service to Veterans who receive VA health care but also to equip communities to help Veterans get the care they need whenever and wherever they need it.

Remember: The Family of a Veteran. A Veteran was either drafted or enlisted on his or her own, but the Family was drafted or enlisted too. They were, and are sacrificing time for our freedom, taking care of or waiting, there with our Veterans every day; during boot camp, combat, on a ship on the other side of the world. It's time to support our Heroes!

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Veteran & Family Support 2019-2020 Report Form

Please submit completed Report to Chairman Department of Indiana:

Tammie Reynolds, 3568 W. 11th Street Indianapolis, IN 46222 (HARD COPY Only) Snail Mail or Hand.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at: (317)492-9648 or Email to:

tbreynolds@alumni.iu.edu

Chairman's Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Chairman Email: _____ Post Name: _____

Post#: _____ District#: _____ Division#: _____ Date of Report: _____

Please Submit at least 1 Report for April thru September due October 1, 2019 and 1 Report for October thru March due April 1, 2020. In order to be eligible for Awards, a minimum of 2 reports must be received from your Auxiliary.

1. Did your Auxiliary host/ co-host a VFW fundraising activities for National Veterans Service? Yes _____ No _____

2. Did your Auxiliary host/ co-host a VFW fundraising activities for VFW Veterans and Military Support Programs: such as (Unmet Needs, Operation Uplink, etc.)? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, which Program?

3. Did your Auxiliary provide aid to Veterans, Active-duty Military and /or their Families: such as (a meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations etc.)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is the Total Value of items or service provided: \$ _____ Number of Veterans/ Military Families assisted: _____ Total Monetary Donations: \$ _____

4. Did your Auxiliary participate in and/or sponsor events or projects for the Homeless Veterans: such as (Stand Down(s), Clothing Drive(s), Food Drive(s)/ Feeding the homeless, etc.)? Yes _____ No _____

5. The number of Veterans and Military personnel served and/or assisted by ALL Activities under this Program: Number of Veterans/ Military Families assisted: _____ Number of Hours _____ Number of Miles _____

6. Did you support the Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship? Did you support the Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____

7. Did your Auxiliary support any of the following? (Please circle with \$ amount). USO \$ _____, Camp Atterbury \$ _____, Muscatatack \$ _____, Desert Storm/Desert Shield Memorial \$ _____.



Youth Activities Program

Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations • Patriotic Youth Award
Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.) • Patriotism through Literacy • Illustrating America

The VFW Auxiliary is in a unique position to help teach our youth the skills to become responsible adults through serving our country, communities and veterans. We have a new generation of veterans who need the support of family, friends and country as they serve overseas and when they come home from conflicts abroad. Today's youth are the future of our nation.

Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups

Under the Auxiliary Youth Activities Program, an Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group and engage youth in any one of our programs, including activities to honor our veterans or assist our active-duty service members and their families.

Take advantage of the service aspects some youth groups require. Many youth-focused organizations require various types of community service or activities to earn merits in their units. College-bound seniors earn school credit for some of these same activities.

Remember that involving youth in service to veterans in conjunction with your Auxiliary can bring new membership to your Auxiliary. When youth and the whole family are included, members feel more invested in your Auxiliary. Sponsorship of a youth group can create a bright future for your Auxiliary, veterans and the community as a whole.

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations

Through this national citation, youth groups can be recognized for their efforts and service projects honoring our veterans and assisting active-duty service members and their families.

Recognize a youth group in your community by applying for a citation. Citation applications are available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Great traditions and good citizenship start at an early age. Recognize these bright young citizens for their good work to ensure these activities become a part of their daily lives.

Patriotic Youth Award

The Patriotic Youth Award is designed to recognize individual youth for their patriotism and/or support of our veterans, active-duty service members and their families. The Patriotic Youth Award is available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources under Youth Activities.

Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.)

See a child thanking a veteran? Witness a youth place their hand on their heart correctly? Give him or her a R.A.P. card and/or coin. The cards can be downloaded for free and printed at home. The template is available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. The coins can be purchased from the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org or by calling 1-833-VFW-VETS. Try this fun and unique way to engage today's youth and encourage their patriotism. Several ways to use and/or reuse the R.A.P. cards and/or coins are listed below. See what your Auxiliary can come up with!

- Have a "store" where the cards and/or coins are traded in for various items.
- Host a family game night and admission is a certain number of R.A.P. coins and/or cards.
- Host a movie night and concessions (popcorn, candy, soda pop, etc.) can be purchased with R.A.P. coins and/or cards.

Patriotism through Literacy

Promote and support reading among youth with this simple, fun and potentially free (use your local library!) initiative. Introduce youth to historical figures and teach them about events in our nation's history while fostering a love of reading that can lead to a lifetime of learning.

Reading has many benefits, including increased grammar and writing skills, improved focus and concentration, and helps children to understand and share the feelings of others; reading stretches our imagination. As Dr. Seuss said, "Reading can take you places you have never been before."

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Illustrating America

Open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades K-8 at time of local entry and a U.S. citizen or U.S. National. It will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. The Department first-place winner in each grade division will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. Please see brochure at www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities for more details on requirements. Students must attend school in the state of the sponsoring Auxiliary.

Deadlines:

Entries received by:

Local Auxiliary – March 31

Department – April 15

National Headquarters – May 5

Contest Rules

- Art must be two-dimensional.
- Art must be on canvas or paper.
- Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used.
- Do not frame.
- Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
- Other entries must be matted in white.
- Do not use color mats. Reinforce the back with heavy paper.
- 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.
- **Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are not accepted.**

Involve Youth in ALL Auxiliary Programs

Youth play such an important role in our future. Encourage involvement from an early age in all Auxiliary Programs. Every young person can find their place to serve when they are presented with a variety of opportunities to serve their communities and veterans.

Teach youth about Auxiliary efforts to:

- Respect and take pride in our country.
- Serve hospitalized veterans.
- Elect leaders who appreciate our military.
- Pass legislation that secures benefits for our veterans.
- And many other worthy efforts!

Project Examples

- Visiting and volunteering in VA and non-VA facilities.
- Raising funds for a community veterans' memorial.
- Marching in patriotic holiday parades.
- Volunteering to help veterans and active-duty service members and their families with yard work or household repairs.
- Sending cards or small gifts to the VFW National Home for Children to support families.
- Planning a card- and letter-writing campaign in local schools to send mail to our troops overseas or veterans in VA facilities.
- Organizing assembly, collection and delivery of care packages for troops.
- Teaching veterans computer skills.

Youth Group Examples for VFW Auxiliary Sponsorship

- Youth sports teams
- Church youth groups
- After-school programs
- Youth-focused organizations
- School clubs
- Home-school associations
- Youth community service groups
- Nonprofit organization youth advisory councils
- Service learning and civic engagement departments in high schools and colleges

Make Your Auxiliary Accessible to Today's Youth

It has never been so easy to communicate your cause and events to the world. Social media as teaching and information tools have natural collaborative elements allowing our youth to view and comment on each other's activities. They are tweeting on Twitter, posting on Facebook, instantly sending pictures on Instagram and subscribing to YouTube channels. If you don't know what any of this is – LEARN.

POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS

Facebook | Twitter | LinkedIn | YouTube

Pinterest | Instagram | Snapchat

Get online, and see what's new!

Visit www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources for publicity tips, social media guidelines and other helpful tips.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES 2019 - 2020 REPORTS

REPORTS ARE DUE BY October 15th, 2019 and April 1st, 2020

District _____ Auxiliary _____ Division _____

1. Did your Auxiliary participate in or publicize Youth Groups Supporting Veterans _____?
2. How many youth groups did your Auxiliary work with during the year _____?
Approximate # of youth involved _____?
3. Did your Auxiliary promote the Random Acts Of Patriotism program (RAP) _____?
Of RAP Coins Distributed _____? # Of RAP Cards Distributed _____?
4. Did your Auxiliary recognize Youth for their Academic, Athletic or Volunteer Work
Or any other accomplishments? If so please explain on a back or a separate sheet.

5. Did your Auxiliary recognize any Youth with a Patriotic Youth Award _____?
6. Did your Auxiliary participate or promote the Patriotism through Literacy _____?
7. Did your Auxiliary participate or promote the Illustrating America Program _____?
8. Did your Auxiliary participate or promote the Presidents Special Project with Youth _____?
9. Did your Auxiliary participate or promote painting ROCKS for the Community with Patriotic
Design _____? If Yes How Many Rocks Were Distributed _____?

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Department President's Shirt Order Form 2019-2020

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All shirts are Royal Blue with state design embroidery on them.

Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

AUX #: _____ District #: _____ Address: _____

Who Picked up: _____

Sign: _____

T-Shirts prices are XS-XL \$13.00 and 2XL-6XL \$15.00

X-small _____ XL _____ 5-XL _____

Small _____ 2-XL _____ 6-XL _____

Med _____ 3-XL _____

Large _____ 4-XL _____

T-Shirts With Pocket prices are XS-XL \$15.00 and 2XL-6XL \$17.00 PRE-ORDER ONLY

X-small _____ XL _____ 5-XL _____

Small _____ 2-XL _____ 6-XL _____

Med _____ 3-XL _____

Large _____ 4-XL _____

Long Sleeve T-Shirts prices are S-XL \$16.00 and 2XL-6XL \$18.

Small _____ 2-XL _____ 6-XL _____

Med _____ 3-XL _____

Large _____ 4-XL _____

XL _____ 5-XL _____

Ladies Polo (runs small) prices are XS-XL \$26.00 2XL - 4XL \$28.00 PRE-ORDER ONLY

X-small _____ XL _____

Small _____ 2-XL _____

Med _____ 3-XL _____

Large _____ 4-XL _____

Men's Polo prices are XS-XL \$26.00 2XL - 6XL \$28.00 PRE-ORDER ONLY

X-small _____ XL _____ 5-XL _____

Small _____ 2-XL _____ 6-XL _____

Med _____ 3-XL _____

Large _____ 4-XL _____

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Men's Polo with pocket prices are XS-XL \$27.00 2XL - 4XL \$29.00 PRE-ORDER ONLY

X-small _____ XL _____
Small _____ 2-XL _____
Med _____ 3-XL _____
Large _____ 4-XL _____

Sweatshirts prices are XS-XL \$20.00 and 2XL-5XL \$22.00

X-small _____ XL _____ 5-XL _____
Small _____ 2-XL _____
Med _____ 3-XL _____
Large _____ 4-XL _____

Pullover Hoodie prices are XS-XL \$25.00 and 2XL-5XL \$28.00 PRE-ORDER ONLY

X-small _____ XL _____ 5-XL _____
Small _____ 2-XL _____
Med _____ 3-XL _____
Large _____ 4-XL _____

Zip-Up Hoodie prices are XS-XL \$25.00 and 2XL-5XL \$28.00 PRE-ORDER ONLY

X-small _____ XL _____ 5-XL _____
Small _____ 2-XL _____
Med _____ 3-XL _____
Large _____ 4-XL _____

Name on right chest is additional \$3.00 for 1 Line \$5.00 for 2 Line \$8.00 for 3 Lines (please print name)

Total number of Shirts: _____ Total Amount of order: _____

Shipping Amount: _____

Make Checks Payable to VFW AUXILIARY Dept of Indiana & earmark as shirts

Mail to: Stacey Glover 812-453-4005 Call or Text
7356 W 1000 South Staceygloveraux@gmail.com
Cynthiana IN 47612

Delivery: (please mark one) State Convention _____ School of Instructions _____ Fall Conference _____ Spring Conference _____

Fall Conference Banquet Information

Theme: Favorite Cartoon/Movie Character

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Ticket and other information will be posted to the website and given to the District Presidents (hopefully) in time for the District Meetings. It will also be in October's General Orders, but the deadline may be early in October for tickets-so watch for the information!