

Ohio Quibbler

Head Professor and President's Message

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you for electing me as your 2023-2024 Department President. It is an honor to represent the largest and best State in the Nation. Your love for our Veterans, Military, and their families is unwavering, and shines like no other.

For those of you who do not know me, I am PROUD to say that I joined V.F.W. Auxiliary 3494 in Mansfield Ohio in 2003, and in 2008 was gifted with my life membership by my amazing Father and one of my hero's, Raymond Lemaster, a Vietnam Army Veteran that struggled with severe PTSD. I joined the V.F.W. Auxiliary in 2003 to become a part-time waitress and not knowing anything about what an Auxiliary was about, outside of constantly cooking, or the journey that my life was soon going to take. In 2008 I became more active by taking on the youth party coordinator at the post, and just like that and with no idea what was happening, I ended up taking an active role in my Auxiliary. I have worn many hats in my Auxiliary through the years, as well as District 10 and now our Department. However, there is no better role than auxiliary sister. I love working our programs, supporting our troops, promoting patriotism and lobbying for our Veterans. I just want to say THANK YOU for allowing me the honor to serve you all as your Department President. The 2023-2024 year has started off in full force and it is time for us to come together and make magic happen for our Veterans. This year will bring change; however, it is all to keep our organization moving forward.

This year the Auxiliary has gone GREEN, you will find everything you need ON the Auxiliary website, www.vfwauxoh.org. Our Web Wizard Lisa Rashley, has done an amazing job helping create a workable and user-friendly website. The reporting dashboard is an amazing tool that will cut your chairmen and officer's time by half, and you know that your Auxiliary report has been submitted and accepted when our Department Professor's approve your reports and the boxes flip to green. I encourage each member to attend their District Auxiliary School of Instruction to learn more about our Website, Malta, Dashboard, and our National Programs. Together We will Rise, and make magic happen for our Heroes.

I want to Thank everyone that attended the Department July C of A, and School of Instruction. It was so much fun seeing all of your faces, as well. We received a lot of great feedback, and some not so great, but if you have suggestions, please never hesitate to contact me by email, or any of the Department line. I promise to always be fair and to listen. I understand that each one of us learns and reacts differently in certain atmospheres. We have one common goal, and that is our VETERANS, MILITARY, Their FAMILIES, and our Communities. We have to get back to those basics, and the very reason the auxiliary was created. When I hear the words, and that our Country be better, that we existed. I feel this in my heart, we have a chance to leave a mark on this world, and now is the time when a smile, a kind word, or a laugh is needed the most, so this year I am asking all of you to spread your magic, and then Together We Will Rise.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ohio's own Sandra Uzell Elected 2023-2024 National Guard

Sandra Uzell, of Moreland Hills, Ohio, was elected to the office of National Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 110th National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. She is now in the first of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2028-2029.



2022-2023 Circle of Excellence



Past Department President Kathy Matesic receiving the Circle of Excellence award from National President Jane Reape for the Dept of Ohio Auxiliary



Meet your Department Line Officers

Jessica Gardner

Senior Vice President –

She has been a member since 2005 when she was helping with an honor guard in riverside. She has held many offices in aux level, district level and is now working through the department level. She is excited for the opportunities every day to help her veterans and their families. She grew up on military bases getting her eligibility through her father Jeff a dessert storm veteran. She is proud to serve 2800, district 3 and the State of Ohio.



Meet your District Presidents

Lisa Rashley

District 1 President –

Lisa joined the VFW Auxiliary in Southern California, in October 2018 under the eligibility of her husband, SFC Paul Rashley (a 27 year Army Veteran). Lisa made "All State President" her first year as Auxiliary President and then moved up into the Department of California District 3 as Jr. Vice, then Sr. Vice President. Lisa has held all program chairmanships at the auxiliary level and district level. After living on the West Coast for over 30 years, Lisa and her husband moved back home to Ohio. Lisa attended her first Ohio District meeting in 2021 during their annual officer elections, and was elected Department of Ohio District 1 Sr. Vice President, then moved up to District 1 President for the 2022-2023 Term – earning the "Outstanding District President" award. This will be Lisa's 2nd consecutive term as D1 President.

Lisa's career field in Nevada, was Hotel Software Project Manager, trainer and casino software security. Lisa's stepson is active Army and stationed in Alaska. They have two grandsons (Carter & Joseph). She and her husband have 3 beagle fur babies (Mya, Isabelle and Grace).



Department C of A & School of Instruction

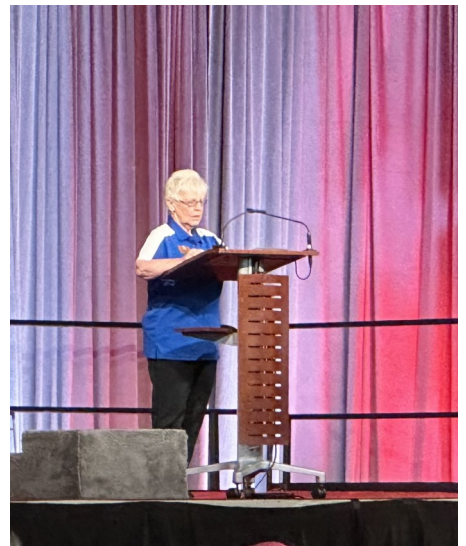






National Convention Fun Phoenix, Arizona





Ohio Day August 5th



Ohio House – Built in 1925 and maintained by VFW Dept. of Ohio and Ladies Auxiliary – contains 2,874 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms.

2023 NATIONAL HOME-OHIO DAY

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

Below is information pertaining to our National Home visit for "Ohio Day" on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

The plan for the weekend is as follows:

There will be a GOLF OUTING with Michigan on Friday morning so come early and play. We will also have a HOSPITALITY ROOM Friday night with karaoke, food, drinks and fun. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE USING A NEW HOTEL !! If you are planning on traveling to Michigan and spending the night, we have a block of rooms provided to us at the Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Dr., Lansing, MI 48917, 517.886.0600. Group Name is Veterans of Foreign Wars Event 2023. Group Account: 4265285. Cutoff Date Sunday July 17. Room Rate 85.00 plus tax, include breakfast. DO NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS ON LINE AS THIS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE NUMBER OF ROOMS THAT THE VFW MUST SELL OUT!!!! If your District is planning on renting a bus please start making plans now to fill them up or start making arrangements to caravan up. Be sure and bring your Post Colors. All Ohio District Riders Groups are encouraged to ride up. We are hoping for a large turn out this year!! Saturday we will leave the hotel parking lot at approximately 9:00 a.m. Once we arrive at the National Home a program will be provided giving times for Posting Colors, tours of the Ohio Cottage, lunch, parade of checks, etc.

We wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing all of you there!

Still Serving,

Mike Milam

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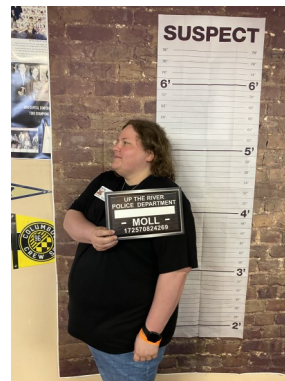
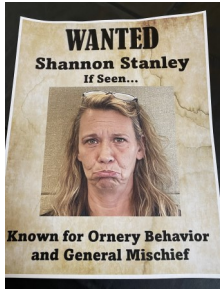
National Home Chairman, 2023-2024

Cops & Robbers Fundraiser





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#TEAMOHIO Winning at National Convention

Congratulations to our Department Chairmen and Auxiliary Recruiters for winning award at the 110th VFW Auxiliary National Convention!

- Diana Morris-Chief of Staff/Extension & Revitalization
- Samantha Flowers-Historian
- Renell Noack-Legislative
- Missy Wagoner-Scholarship

Recruiters:

- Sandy Baughman-1058
- Darla Lowe-2529
- Lisa Stansforth-2947
- Cathy Jo Hughs-3035
- Shannon Stanley-3494
- Rhonda Matraccia-4736
- Wilda Horton-5108
- Mary Beth Wehrkamp-6515
- Dave Burns-7035
- Michele Gorman-8445
- Pat Kelly-8794

Award for the most outstanding promotion and/or participation of the 3-Dimension Patriotic Art Contest

BIG 10 Conference: Dept of Ohio, Auxiliary 2898 Chairman Cathy Bargy

PROCLAMATION

ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP INVITED



No. July 28, 2023

ZOOM ONLINE TRAINING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

COME LEARN ABOUT:
DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE
ONLINE REPORTING
THE DASHBOARD
AUDIT Q & A

Come Be Apart Of The Magic!

"We Rise Together"

Important Upcoming Events

August 5th: Ohio Day @ National Home

August 11-Bulletin Due for Dept Chairmen

August 18-19-State Golf Outing

September 9th-Zoom Meeting for Online Training

September 21-23rd-National President's Visit &
Founder's Day

God Bless our Troops, Veterans and their Families. To all who has lost someone special, I send my heart felt sympathy, and to all who are sick, I am praying for you.

Loyally Serving with Love,
Shannon Stanley
Department President





Ohio Day Schedule

Donations Information

10:00 am–11:30 am

Deliver Non-Cash Gifts to Donated Goods Bank

10:00 am–11:30 am

Registration of Flags
(Community Center Lawn)

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Registration for "Parade of Checks"
(Community Center Gymnasium)

Experience the National Home!

10:00 am–2:00 pm

Souvenir and Apparel Sales

Welcome Center

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Raffle Ticket Sales for Gift Baskets & Artwork
(Community Center Gymnasium)

****You must be present to win****

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Ice Cream, Popcorn, Cotton Candy
(Community Center Café)

10:00 am–12:00 pm

The Ohio Home is occupied.
Guided People Mover Tours of campus
(People mover pick-up in front of Community Center Gymnasium)

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Fun & Games for Kids & Family
(Community Center Lawn)

12:00 pm

Program

(Community Center Gym)
Lunch to follow

Welcomes: Executive Director, Mike Wilson,
Department National Home Chairman, Mike Milam

Opening Prayer: VFW Chaplain Terry Frasher

Pledge: Buddy Poppy Child

National Anthem: Audio

Remarks:

Department Commander, Colleen Wiley
Auxiliary President, Shannon Stanley
Executive Director, Mike Wilson
Gift Basket Raffle Drawing

Parade of Checks

Lunch Blessing: VFW Chaplain Terry Frasher

Lunch

Hotdogs

Assorted Sides & Salads

Soft Serve Ice Cream & Drinks

CLOSING PAYER: Aux Chaplain Leigh Ann Zigler

**Thank you for coming to Ohio Day
at the**

