

# Ohio Quibbler January Edition

## Presidents/Head Professor's Message

With Midwinter Conference around the corner, Madam President Shannon is busy putting together what will be a fun, educational and very informative weekend.

Madam President Shannon is hoping to see all of #TEAMOHIO's faces-both regular attendees and new brothers & sisters too! If you see someone new, introduce yourself. Ask if you can sit with them or if they have any questions. The more we can make people feel welcomed, the more they will feel welcome and become more involved with our organization. Each one of us at one time was a new member and needed a mentor. Today's 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees could be a future District, Department or National President!

The Midwinter Agenda follows this message and also on the Department website, Facebook pages for your convenience.

Please have safe travels to and from Midwinter conference!

Loyally Yours,  
Pita Skeeter aka  
Kathy Matesic  
Department Auxiliary Historian

# VFW DEPARTMENT OF OHIO AUXILIARY MID-WINTER AGENDA

January 11-14, 2024

## Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Department Line Officer Meeting	Gahanna
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Department Chairmen (Professor) Meeting	Gahanna
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.	District President Meeting	Gahanna
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Council of Administration Meeting	Wallick

## Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	Roll Call/Opening Ceremonies/Escort National Officers/Introduction of PDP's	Wallick
8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Business Meeting Audit Resolutions Malta Videos OEA Dashboard Membership Update	
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Past Presidents Luncheon must have reservation)	
1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Roll Call	
1:40 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Auxiliary Program Scavenger Hunt	
3:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Program Awards/Special Presidents Awards	
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Business Meeting	
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Aux. basket Raffle for Charity	Deschler/Wallick

## Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.	Roll Call	Wallick
8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	Secretary School Momma D	
8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Treasury with Tracy	
9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Stuck on your Audit with Becky	
10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Business/Closing Ceremonies	
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Scholarship Luncheon/Invitation Only	

1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Joint Session VFW/Auxiliary	Deschler I & II
6:00 -7:00 p.m.	General reception Cash Bar	Deschler I-IV & Wallick I
7:00 p.m.	Scholarship Banquet	
12:00 a.m.	District Nine Past Commanders POW/MIA Vigil	Deschler I

- Please Remember at the Council Meeting that the only members that will be heard on the floor will be the members of the Department Council of Administration. Ask that if you have any questions for the floor, please address them with your District President.
- Poppy Room Will be open on Thursday Night at 4:00 p.m. for drop offs

### DRESS CODE:

Thursday Night Council Meeting-

Friday Morning Meeting-

Friday Afternoon Meeting-

Saturday Dress:

Business ~~NO JEANS~~

Dept. Line-Black Dept. Shirts/jeans or slacks no holes.

District Presidents-District Polo/jeans or slacks NO holes.

House Colors and Dress up for the scavenger hunt.

Dept. Line-Blues and Blacks

District Presidents-Black and Whites



**Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary  
Department of Ohio  
Mid-Winter Conference Hotel Information  
January 11-14, 2024**

**Columbus Airport Marriott  
1375 North Cassady Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43219**

**Cost per night: 115.00 plus tax**

**Link for Booking:**

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:

[Book your group rate for Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars 2024 Midwinter Convention](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

**Phone booking Instructions: 614-475-7551 code vfw midwinter**

**Cut-off date is December 21, 2023 No exceptions:**

**No multiple room reservations under one (1) name. All attending MUST make their own room reservations**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary  
Voice of Democracy Banquet  
Saturday January 13, 2024**



**Menu**

**Grilled Chicken**

**Chef's Choice Potato**

**Chef's Choice Vegetable**

**Salad**

**New York Cheesecake with Fresh Berries**

**Coffee & Tea**

**Cash Bar**

**\$50.00 PER PERSON**

**Please Return Banquet forms including payment to the VFW Department of Ohio  
35 East Chestnut Street, Suite 506 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
[vfw.sstanley@gmail.com](mailto:vfw.sstanley@gmail.com)**

**RESERVED SEATING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE HONOREES AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**NO CHAIRMEN WILL BE ABLE TO SIT WITH FAMILIES**



# Claudia Botsko

## District 7 Auxiliary President



Claudia is a Life Member of Collinwood Post 2926 located in Wickliffe, Ohio. She has been a member since 2007 and joined under the eligibility of her father, Albert Rohloff, who served in the United States Marine Corps in Korea. She has been President of her auxiliary since 2008, is a life member of VFW National Home for Children, was District 7 Hospital Chairman in 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 & 2022-2023; Auxiliary Community Outreach & Youth Chairman 2021-2022, 2022-2023 & 2023-2024. She volunteers and is one of the Deputy VAVS Reps at the VA Hospital, Wade Park in Cleveland, Ohio. She has served as District 7 President in 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2023-2024. She is the mother of Samantha & Katherine and grandmother to Ellie, Logan, Sophie & Abby.

# Brooke Leidigh District 10 Auxiliary President

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She became a member of the VFW Auxiliary in August of 2005 under her husband Andrew Leidigh who served two tours in Iraq. They had a daughter Taylor in February of 2008. She later became a Life Member in 2012. Her home post is Ashland VFW Post 1067 in Ashland Ohio where she has held multiple positions over the years and is currently the Treasurer. Brooke was awarded the Auxiliary President of the year for 2021-2022. This will be her second term as District 10 President. Not only is she active in the VFW Auxiliary but also holds an Auxiliary Vice Position at the Wiggletown AMVETS in Polk Ohio, a Scout Leader for VFW Post 1067 Troop 507 and 507G, and is the Public Relations for VFW District 10 Riders. Veterans have always held a special place in her heart as she has many Veterans in her family including her two brothers Lee Reed (Navy) and Gunnery Sergeant Tom Reed (Marines)! Her hope for this year is to continue to make the District 10 Auxiliary better and stronger for the good of our Veterans and the community as a whole.

# CHAIN OF COMMAND

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Report to the District President with problems



## DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Assists *Auxiliary Presidents* in finding solutions to problems. If you are not sure of the answer or action to be taken, contact the *Department President*



## DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Will work along with the *Chief of Staff* to help find solutions to the problems the *District Presidents* have reported. Will contact the *National Office* with any problems or actions that cannot be taken care of on the Department level

PLEASE DO NOT deviate from  
this CHAIN OF COMMAND  
Following this will make it  
easier for ALL of us!



## Eligibility Requirements for VFW Auxiliary Membership:

Members must be at least 16 years old.

Those eligible are:

- Husband/Wife
- Widower/Widow
- Father/Mother
- Grandfathers/Grandmothers
- Sons/Daughters
- Grandsons/Granddaughters
- Brothers/Sisters

Of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Those eligible for membership in the VFW are those that have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*

**Proof of service is required for eligibility and must be obtained by the applicant.**

Information on a veteran's service record can be obtained by contacting:

**National Archives and Records Administration**

Phone: 1-866-272-6272

Online:

**Veterans Service Records:**<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

**4-Step Veteran Request Process:**<https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>

**Military Records Request Using Standard Form 180 (SF-**

**180):**<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>

If you have membership questions or need more information, please contact us at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org).





VFW AUXILIARIES  
HONORING OUR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES  
DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER  
December 2023

HELLO SISTERS & BROTHERS,

I hope everyone had enough to eat over the Thanksgiving Holiday. (I know I did!)

If you didn't attend our Military Ball on 11/18/2023, you missed a fun evening. There was "dancing & singing & moving to the grooving" (sorry, I get carried away sometimes). The DJ did a great job of getting people on the dance floor. Past District President (and Auxiliary member of Ashtabula Post 943), Mary Kay Sawicki, did a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action ceremony (if you were there, remember to report it under the Americanism program).

Before I write these newsletters, I check the dashboard to see how our district is doing with reports and I'm seeing a lot of red for District 7. It's not just for the reports but annual donations too.

If you are having trouble, PLEASE, PLEASE know that I am available to help you in anyway possible. All you have to do is reach out & let me know where you need help. That is my job as your District President, to help guide & teach you.

I know how hard each & everyone of you work to support our Veterans, Posts & Auxiliaries. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

May this holiday season bring joy & happiness to you & your families.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY HANUKKAH! HAPPY KWANZAA!**

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I remain, as always,  
Loyally yours,  
Claudia Botsko  
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**p.s. SAVE THE DATE:**  
**LCR (left, center, right) TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023**  
**POST 2133 DUGAN NUGENT**  
**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



VFW AUXILIARIES  
HONORING OUR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES  
DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER  
January 2024

HELLO SISTERS & BROTHERS,  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are half way through our reporting year and I would like to thank everyone for all your hard work.

As of this writing (12/29/2023) D7 has not made 100% reporting and it surprises me because the reporting process is so much easier than ever.

To those auxiliaries who made 100%...CONGRATULATIONS! To those who didn't, I know you'll be 100% by mid-April when our reporting year ends.

A few dates to remember:

January 11-14, 2024 Department Mid-Winter in Columbus. There is going to be a School of Instruction held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Mid-Winter for Secretaries & Treasurers. To see what is planned, pull up the agenda from the Department website at: [vfwauxoh.org](http://vfwauxoh.org).

January 20, 2024 LCR Tournament at Post 2133 Dugan-Nugent, sponsored by Auxiliary 2926 Collinwood to help raise funds for my expenses this year. (Flyer attached)

February 4, 2024 D7 Joint Memorial Service & meeting (also at Post 2133). Memorial service is at 9am, with our business meeting to follow.

I know how hard each & everyone of you work to support our Veterans, Posts & Auxiliaries. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

I remain, as always,

Loyally yours,

Claudia Botsko

D7 VFW Auxiliary President

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# **LCR TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY, January 20, 2024**

**At VFW Post 2133**

**4435 W. 131<sup>st</sup> St.**

**Cleveland, Ohio 44135**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 pm**

**TOURNAMENT STARTS at 6:30pm**

**SPONSORED BY VFW AUX. 2926**

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR D1 PRESIDENT, CLAUDIA BOTSKO, TO HELP WITH HER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

The amount of the jackpot will depend on the number of people participating. More players mean a bigger jackpot.

**Here is how it works:**

Cost to participate will be \$10.00 with \$5.00 going to the "pot" for the winner and \$5.00 towards Claudia's year.

You must be 21 years of age to attend & participate.

All tables will start with the same amount of people, to the best of our ability.

All rules are on the next page.

There will be a hot dog bar. Cost is \$5.00 for 2-hot dogs, a bag of chips and desserts.

**Cash bar**

**50/50 Raffle**

We will sell 100 ping pong balls for \$2.00 each. Each ball will have a number on it. After all the balls are sold, we will pick 4 winners for \$25.00 each.

Please contact Connie (Cookie) Morgan at 216-481-2213 by 1/16/2024 to reserve your spot.

Looking forward to a fun evening to help wash away the winter blues.

## LCR TOURNAMENT AND RULES

All tables will play and respect the same rules.

We will play with chips only for the tournament games.

There will be a “reveal” to see who rolls the dice first for the first game. Instructions will be announced. All rolls will continue clock wise for each game.

If at any time your dice rolls off the table, your roll will be “no good” and you must reroll.

The last person with a chip/chips will win that game. (You do not have to roll a dot or a star to win)

You must raise your hand and all people at your table must agree that you have won that game. You will receive a clothespin (red, blue or green)

After the first game, the person who won will roll first to begin the next game.

The first person to win three games at their table will advance to the finalist table. That person will be given a yellow clothespin.

“The finalist tournament table” will consist of one player from each table. All the same rules will apply for the finalist table. The first person at the finalist table to win three games will win the “pot”.

## OUR MISSION

The objects of this organization shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to assist the Posts and members thereof of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and its own members whenever possible; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws; to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and equal rights and justice to all men and women; to preserve and defend the United States of America from all her enemies." (From the National Auxiliary Bylaws and Rituals 2017

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