

Ohio Quibbler March Edition

Presidents/Head Professor's Message

HELLO #TEAMOHIO!!!!

If you haven't been following Madam President Shannon on social media lately...Here is an update....She has been on the go representing our Department at the VFW Auxiliary Mid-winter Cruise in February, the Washington DC Legislative Conference this past week, and installing our newest Auxiliary on Saturday, March 9, 2024....and this is why (she has to rest at some point) her message follows to each of you, #TEAMOHIO:

Thank you to each of you for all the hard work and dedication each of you give to our HEROES-our Veterans! Your reporting on our programs spoke volumes as the VFW showed its strength & dedication at the Legislative Conference in Washington DC in-front of our Legislators on why NOBODY DOES MORE FOR VETERANS than the VFW & the VFW AUXILIARY! KEEP REPORTING!!

Please remember that next month-in APRIL is nominations and elections for the 2024-2025 year. If you are interested in running for an office, all officer's duties can be found in your Podium book in print, online on MALTA and even downloaded on your Kindle tablets. Remember that everyone at some point in time was new to an office without any experience at all but through mentoring, reading our bylaws and learning together YOU CAN BE THAT CHANGE your auxiliary needs! Help bring new life and fresh ideas to revive your membership within your auxiliary and Post.

Let's give a big #TEAMOHIO welcome to our newest auxiliary to our FAMILY: District 4's Harrison Auxiliary #7570! Let's make sure they feel all of #TEAMOHIO is there to help them grow and be successful part of our family!

June Convention information will be sent out as soon as it is available from the VFW.

Remember the Department office has moved and up and running!
The new address is:

35 E Chestnut Street., Ste 505
Columbus, OH 43215

Reminder of up-coming deadlines:

March 31: Illustrating America

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

3D Patriotic Art Contest

Get Excited for the Red, White & Blue

Legacy Interview

April 15: Last day to turn in Program reports

April 30: VFW's Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship

If you are sick or have lost someone you love, our thought and prayers are with you. Together We Rise!

Loyally Yours,
Dept Historian
Pita Skeeter aka Kathy Matesic















Department of Ohio

National Auxiliary Member of the Year Award

Nomination Form

Do you know an Auxiliary Member that has gone above and beyond to assist Veterans and their families between July 1, 2023 and April 15, 2024

Criteria: They must be in good standing and NOT have a lapsed membership in the 2023-2024 year. They MUST NOT be an Auxiliary, District or Department President. Please submit form to Department President Shannon Stanley 1388 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, Ohio 44905, or shannonstanley1992@outlook.com, (emailed preferred) no later than April 10, 2024.

Name: _____

Address:

Phone Number:

Auxiliary Name:

Auxiliary Number:

Please Describe what the member has done below: (use additional sheets if necessary)

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"Together We Rise" and "Band Together for Our Veterans"



VFW AUXILIARY

UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

Calendars

Post / District / Department Calendar

By The Flag!

Mar 2 — District 2 Testimonial Dinner,
Delphos Post 8025, 5 PM

Mar 3 — District 2 Meeting, Ada Post
8025, 10 AM

Mar 3 — District Awards Banquet,
12:00 PM

Mar 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 17 - District Bowling Tournament

Mar 24 - Palm Sunday

Mar 29 - Good Friday

Mar 31 - Easter Sunday

Apr 1 - All Fools Day (April Fools)

Apr 8 - March Madness Final

Apr 14 - Masters Golf Tournament Final

Apr 15 - last day for reports to be
submitted to Department

Apr 17 - District 2 Bowling Tournament,
Delphos Rec. Center 10 AM & 2 PM
Starts

Apr 22 - Earth Day

Department Calendar

[VFW Department of Ohio \(vfw.org\)](https://www.vfw.org/ohio)

National Calendar

<https://www.vfw.org/national>

Feb & Mar - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
VFW Podcast, 10 AM

Future National Conventions

Louisville, KY - July 27 - Aug. 1, 2024

Columbus, OH - Aug. 9-14, 2025

Salt Lake City, UT - Aug. 15-20, 2026

Milwaukee, WI - July 31 - Aug. 5, 2027

San Antonio, TX - Aug. 5-10, 2028



District Auxiliary Officers • 2023-2024

President: Kristina Smith

Senior Vice President:

Robin Haganan

Junior Vice Presidents: Judy Voelker

Chaplain: Robert Koroff/Smith

Guard: Kaellen Hoblet

Secretary: Roberta Zelman

Treasurer: Darlene Beck

Conductress: Judy Voelker

Color Bearer 1: Jackie Johnson

Color Bearer 2: Mary Ann Mahlie

Color Bearer 3: Melissa Fisher

Color Bearer 4: Susan Seiber

Chief of Staff: Kathy Cornell

Trustees

1 Year: Darlene Miller

2 Year: Nancy Clark

3 Year: Cathy Hughes

DISTRICT 2 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT Kristina Smith

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

We are getting ever closer to warmer weather! I would like to thank everyone in advance that made it to the D2 Testimonial and or Meeting/ Awards Banquet.

Even though 99.9% of reporting is "complete", remember that the more we report, the more our National President and commander-in-chief can show congress every year, to get bills passed that help our Veterans. Remember this is how the FACT-ACT was passed! You can look at the Ohio Senate's Veteran's and Public Safety Committee; to see what the issues that are currently at the state level. Which we hope passes and goes onto congress! You do not have to be a regular VFW member to go and testify on these issues, Auxiliary members are welcome, if you do not want to or can't go in person, you can send your testimony to them. Let me tell you from personal experience, that all of the members of that Senate Committee are very nice, they are fighting on the floor in Ohio and congress for our Veterans, and the head of the committee was a National Guard Doctor. David Root sends emails out all of the time

about issues that need our help.

Also, there is an Election in May. Hand out the "I Vote In Honor of" stickers/paper how ever you want to do it, but pass those out to everyone you know.

A lot of Audits are being sent in to Department, that are either not correct, doesn't have a date where it was passed in your meeting and more. Please take an extra few minutes to check it over an extra time before sending it in.

I have not heard anything about the letters that were received by most Auxiliaries in our District. As soon as I hear something, I will pass the information on to everyone.

Please remember that if you need anything, to reach out. That is what we are all here for.

I hope that everyone has a safe and blessed month.

Department Suite Mail

The suite number for Department Auxiliary changed at the end of February. So you will start sending mail to Suite #505.

Kristina A. Smith

REPORT FROM CANDY WARD, D2 AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

District 2 VFW Auxiliary Membership Report 3/2/2024

District 2 is now in 2nd place at 101.04% in the State of Ohio-with Ohio being 100.92% !

District 2 has 133 New Life Members! WOW! Great Job #3035 Delphos for leading the way w/46. We now have 11 Auxiliaries in District 2 that are 100%:**1182-Forest**3035-Delphos**3740-Ottoville**5135-Coldwater**5713-Celina**5803-Van Wert**6772-Spencerville**8445-Wapakoneta**9381-Ada**9547-Leipsic**9648-Columbus Grove.

Congrats to all 16 Auxiliaries in District 2 for all your hard work on Membership! I still have \$\$ left in my Membership budget for awards; our Membership year doesn't end till June 30, but please try for our next District meeting on May 5.

Annual dues will be going up as of July 1, 2024 from National, plus we do not know if Department will need an increase in dues? NOW is the time to have your annual member convert to a Lifetime card!

THINK "LIFE". Thanks for all you "do" for our Veterans! Candy

Membership MATTERS

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoins	Life Confs	Annual to Annual	to Annual	to Annual	Current	Total	Deceased	Price	Paid Percent
1088-Bellshomene	0	0	71	0	0	0	109	1	178	93.80%	
1182-Forest	1	0	45	1	1	45	90	0	90	100.00%	
1375-Lima	0	0	103	1	2	12	118	7	168	91.70%	
3035-Delphos	46	0	589	5	0	26	586	5	585	110.07%	
3740-Ottoville	7	1	103	0	0	10	179	1	166	100.64%	
5135-Coldwater	1	0	34	0	0	34	49	1	51	100.00%	
5713-Celina	22	1	659	1	0	6	689	7	678	100.65%	
5803-Van Wert	1	0	175	9	4	12	211	1	208	100.98%	
6513-El Recovery	0	0	235	0	1	112	353	0	373	95.17%	
6772-Spencerville	5	0	252	0	0	35	360	1	352	100.28%	
8445-Wapakoneta	15	0	404	11	0	7	437	0	422	104.98%	
9142-Ottawa	4	0	224	0	0	15	243	1	247	99.20%	
9381-St Mary's	0	1	302	4	1	18	324	3	409	97.30%	
9581-Ada	3	1	105	0	0	15	127	0	127	100.00%	
9547-Leipsic	4	0	89	1	0	48	122	0	122	100.00%	
9648-Columbus Grove	7	0	181	1	0	15	194	4	187	100.57%	
Total - OH	133	4	3987	90	12	935	4721	47	4719	101.04%	
Grand Total	133	4	3987	90	12	935	4721	47	4719	101.04%	

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoins	Life Conf	Annual to Annual	to Annual	to Annual	to Annual	Current	Total	Paid Total	Price	Total Paid Percent
Total - OH02	90	0	1979	368	0	763	2910	10	2988	1164	91.17%	
Total - OH03	193	4	1807	90	12	555	4771	47	4788	4773	100.58%	
Total - OH04	76	2	1710	170	28	1380	3170	49	3113	1654	100.13%	
Total - OH05	34	0	1291	70	5	509	1175	10	1185	1161	100.92%	
Total - OH06	42	7	1144	347	28	1050	2111	33	1094	1110	100.82%	
Total - OH08	38	0	1104	301	25	980	1301	17	1318	1132	98.85%	
Total - OH07	55	7	1890	111	0	575	4033	32	4055	4040	101.34%	
Total - OH09	44	1	1129	42	10	779	2162	21	2180	1162	100.49%	
Total - OH01	183	2	1800	216	22	1190	3313	12	3402	1170	101.41%	
Total - OH10	81	2	1808	88	20	713	2710	18	2730	1838	98.10%	
Total - OH12	20	0	1079	174	10	900	2182	28	2210	1012	100.48%	
Total - OH13	38	1	1110	89	38	604	2071	21	1096	2112	100.17%	
Total - OH	788	15	29682	1404	178	10554	40614	210	40847	41754	100.92%	
Grand Total	786	15	29680	1404	178	10554	40614	210	40847	41754	100.92%	

First Place: Maddicyn A Brumbaugh, Senior,
Celina High School, Post 5713 Celina

Second Place: Jordyn L Recker, Junior, Ottawa-
Glandorf High School, Post 9142 Ottawa Ohio

Third Place: Newach R Altman , Junior, Leipsic
High School, Post 9547 Leipsic



Maddicyn Brumbaugh—1st Place, Voice of Democracy



PATRIOTS PEN

First Place: Sean Reynolds, 8th grade Leipsic
Local Schools, Post 9547 Leipsic

Second Place: Tate Ronald Ramiller, 8th grade
Coldwater Middle School, Post 5135 Coldwater



Sean Reynolds—1st Place, Patriot's Pen



Abigail Dodds— 3rd Place, Patriot's Pen

*2023/2024 Student Awards were presented by Mike
Hughes, WFW District 2 Youth Activities Chairman and
Cathy Hughes, District 2 WFW Auxiliary Scholarship
Chairman.*

VFW DISTRICT 2 EDUCATORS & FIRST RESPONDERS

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR:

Primary School, K-5 - Jody Woehrmeyer, Kindergarten, Celina City Schools

Middle School, 5-8 (5-6) - Julie Woods, Intervention Specialist, Spencerville Local Schools

High School, 9-12, Amanda Belning, Vocal Music, Spencerville Local Schools



Jody Woehrmeyer — Primary School



Julie Woods — Middle School



Amanda Belning — High School

FIRST RESPONDERS: LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Adam Clark, Chief Detective, Van Wert County Sheriff Department

Mr. Clark was nominated by VanWert VFW Post 5805; in addition to Post L.E.O. of the year, Adam was District 2 L.E.O. of the year, and VFW Department (State) L.E.O. of the year!

(Mr. Clark was not able to attend, duty called.)

FIRST RESPONDERS: LAW ENFORCEMENT— 9-1-1DISPATCHER

Nicole Sawmiller, City of Wapakoneta



FIRST RESPONDERS: FIRE FIGHTER & PARAMEDIC

Tray Wolter, City of Wapakoneta



You make a difference for deserving military and veteran families.



VFW NATIONAL HOME

VFW National Home Resident In Shock At Gift From Progressive Insurance

Despite Sherman's longevity, Luisa and her family were beginning to be continually disappointed by their trusted friend.

"It came to the point that we would cross our fingers and pray that it would take us where we needed to go," explained Luisa of her Dodge Durango affectionately named Sherman. "It had been through it all with us and was our first family vehicle."

The car needed a new engine, but Luisa, a resident of the VFW National Home with her four children, didn't have the funds for the repair.

Read on our [blog](#) how Progressive was able to help Luisa with their Keys to Progress program!



From left to right: NH Program Director Angie Harkins, resident family, NH Executive Director Mike Wilson, VFW Dept. of MI Commander Ray Lopez, VFW Dept. of MI Adj/QM Barry Walter

P.S. Please give as generously as you can. As a privately funded organization, we rely completely on the caring hearts of people like you.

SILENT WATCH

WILL YOU STAND?

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8,
2024

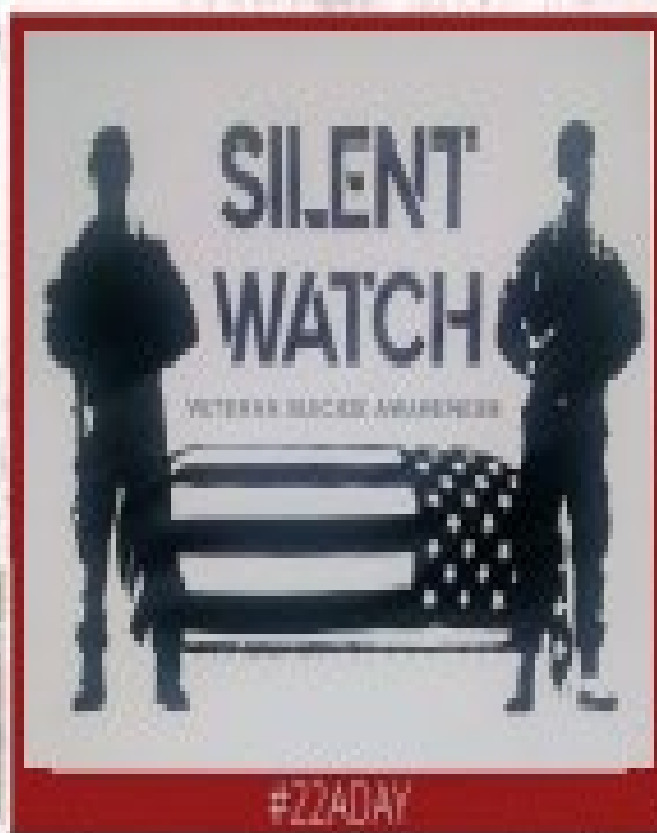
10AM-4PM

GAZEBO IN
MEMORIAL PARK
ST. MARYS, OHIO

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
REACH OUT
KRISTINA SMITH
618 778-0618

SMITHKRISTIN@GMAIL.COM

A BIG THANK YOU
TO:
MILLER FUNERAL
HOME &
CREMATORY LLC
FAMILY
JENNIFER
FAMILY
ST. MARYS, OH



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FIGHTING VETERAN SUICIDE



District 2 VFW Auxiliary President

Kristina Smith's

2023-2024 Project

2023-2024

COMBATING SUICIDE

The Smile Lines Project Summary

"My Smile Lines Project is a traveling fine art exhibition of 52 portraits documenting the resilience of US Armed Service Members. Most creative endeavors have motivation as their muse, whether it is the influence of a beautiful model or a personal challenge. My motivation is my love of life, my desire to paint and the fact that 22 Veterans a day are killing themselves. A portrait to me is an approachable, timeless introduction to a unique personality. Because everyone is different, there will be 52 individual smiles.

Each 16" x 20" oil painting will be accompanied by a statement from interviews giving additional insight into each volunteer's life skills and experience. The Smile Lines Project is created to celebrate resilience. Through sharing their lines of wisdom, 52 service members representing the 50 states, Puerto Rico and DC, will

offer insight into their smile lines.

Through paint and words I will exhibit a conversation about the skill sets inherent in overcoming life's challenges. The project is anonymous allowing these veterans to speak freely and deeply about his or her life. No one's service can be weighted against another's. At the end of the tour of the country each painting will be returned to the model with my gratitude.

My project includes the creating of each oil portrait, the framing, insurance, exhibiting, logistics and promotion of the exhibition throughout the country.

By funding the Smile Lines Project you are investing in the creation of an exhibition of Wisdom, Courage and Strength.

Thank You!

Suzanne Gallagher, S. Beth Gallagher, [The Storage Room](#)
Old Towne East, Columbus, Ohio 43015



COMBATING SUICIDE

The SMILE LINES PROJECT

combats suicide of veterans
through a living art exhibit
celebrating resiliency.

DEVELOPMENT PHASE

The Smile Lines Project content is being created, i.e. 40 of the 52 paintings are complete. The paintings are framed and the statements of Resiliency that accompany each is well documented. Public viewings are underway and being coupled even as the project is in progress. These interactions are cementing the appeal and appropriate venues where the show can appear going forward. Resources are sought to support the completion of the paintings from assisting with travel expenses to paint out of town volunteers along with the painter's dedicated time and materials. The topic of making archival prints to host the project at multiple viewing sites is also being investigated and would potentially require additional support.

"Remember to ask for help. It is a sign of strength."
- Kenny D., US Navy

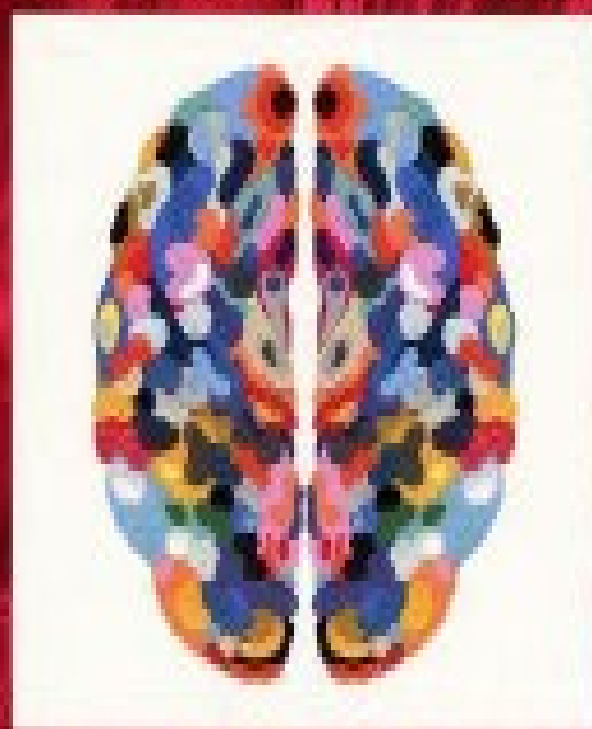
PTSD Study

SEEKING PARTICIPANTS

Wright State University and Wave NeuroScience are conducting a clinical trial at the Wright State Center of Neuroimaging and Cognitive Technologies (CoNECT) in

Dayton, Ohio on the safety and efficacy of **Electroencephalogram (EEG) Personalized Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (eTMS)** for **Veterans, Law Enforcement & First Responders.**

ENROLLMENT IS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL



If you are a Veteran, Active Duty/Guard/Reserve with military service, or current/former Law Enforcement or First Responder (EMT, Firefighter, etc.) experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) such as thoughts, memories, or feelings that impair daily function, sleep disturbance, distress, forgetfulness, fatigue, and/or feeling depressed or sad, you may be eligible to participate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Study Coordinator P:937-775-2343 WV.stmmla.com studycoordinator@WVStmmla.com

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**SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE**

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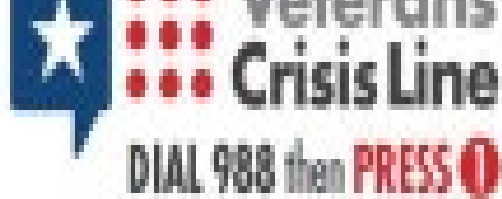


**WRIGHT STATE
UNIVERSITY**



**WAVE
NEUROSCIENCE**

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health or addiction-related crisis, call 988 or



New number, same support

Dial 988 then Press 1



**Are you a Veteran in crisis or
concerned about one?**

You're not alone—the Veterans Crisis Line is here for you.
You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care
to call.

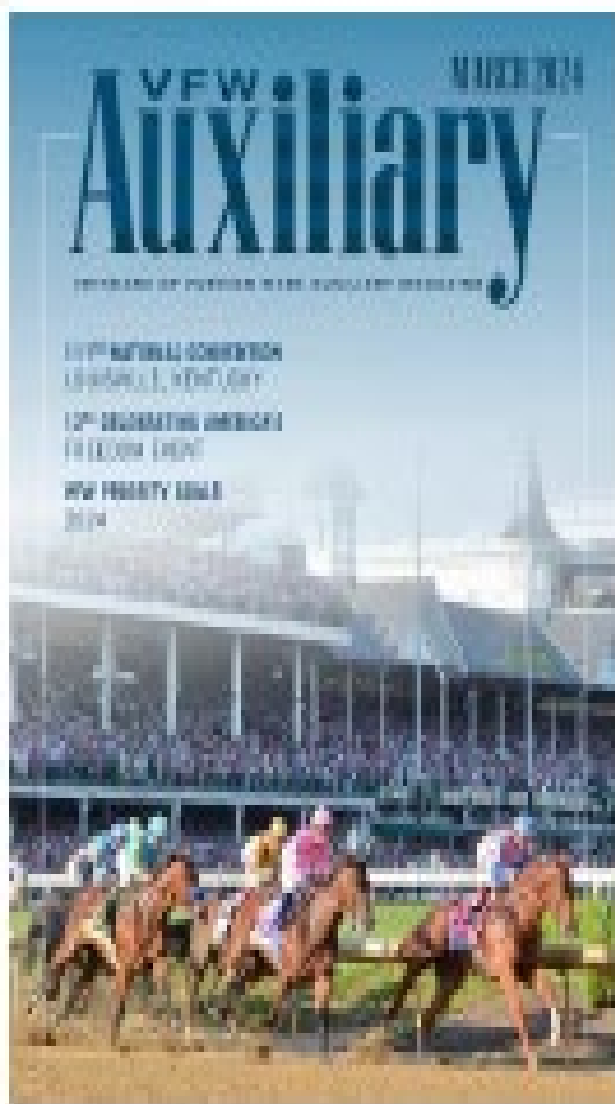
**24/7, confidential
crisis support**
for Veterans and their loved ones

ATTENTION: POSTS AND AUXILIARIES



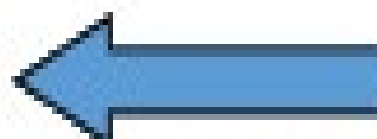
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New issues every other month.

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LIMA FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS FOR 2024



Remember, over 350 Veterans a month go without that little bit extra that some of us take for granted. Let's brighten their daily lives. Please bring your non-perishable foods or personal care items to our **District Meeting**. Ask your Auxiliary or VFW Post for a donation.

Toilet Paper

Kleenex

Shaving Cream

Dish Soap

Laundry Soap

Paper Towels

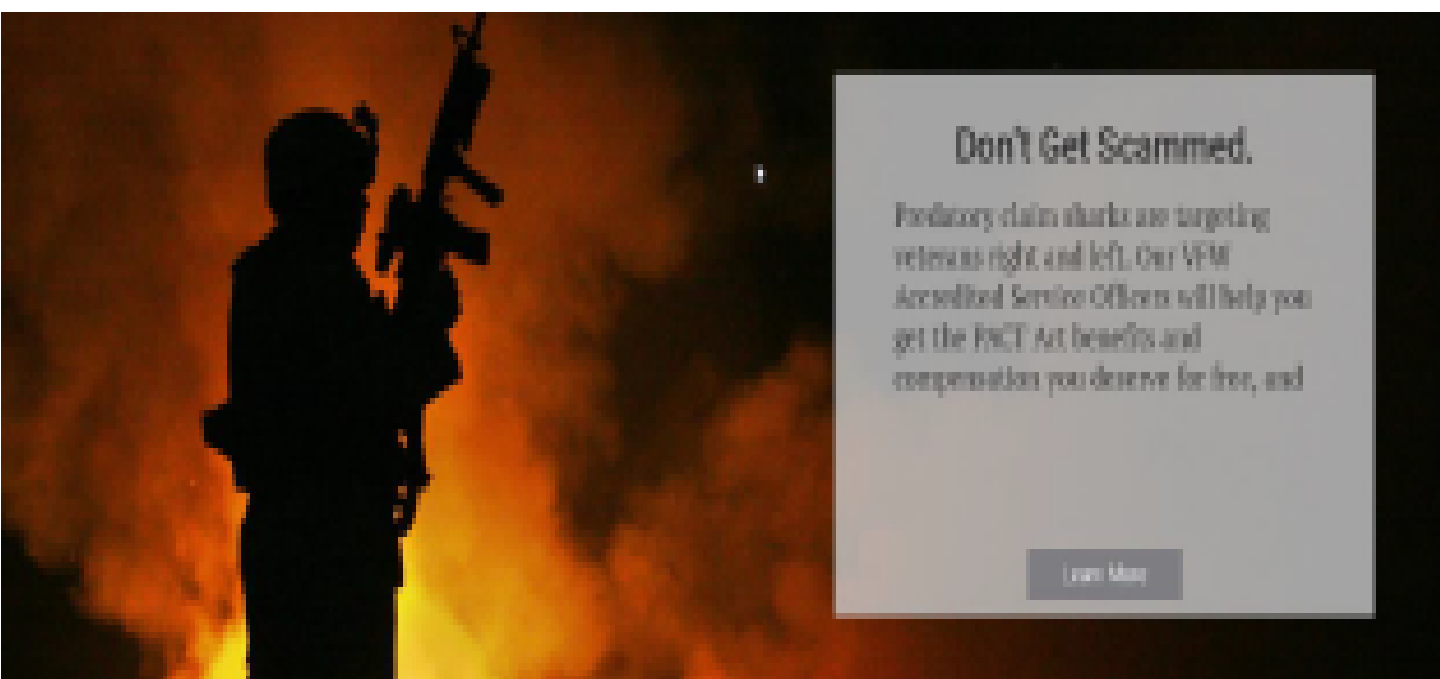
Full Size Body Wash or Shampoo

Disposable Razors

All Purpose Cleaners

Food Items

Monetary Donations



Don't Get Scammed.

Predatory claims sharks are targeting veterans right and left. Our VFW Accredited Service Officers will help you get the PACT Act benefits and compensation you deserve for free, and

[Learn More](#)



Did you know? We've got an *app* for that!

Military Health mobile apps provide information and support to service members, veterans, and their families for a variety of health issues. See [All Our Mobile Apps](#).

DISTRICT 2 FACEBOOK PAGE ([District 2 - VFW Department of Ohio | Facebook](#))

Keep checking the D2 Facebook page! There are extraordinary posts on our social media page, far too many to place in the **VFD2** monthly newsletter, and the content is timely! There is new content nearly every day. At your next meeting, pass out slips of paper with the page's address on them. We currently have only about 10% of District 2 members checking out this resource.



POST



1275

VFW ACTION ALERT



VFW POST 1275 (Lima Ohio) Will temporarily suspend canteen activities at the end of the day on 1/1/24 for updates and renovations.

Activities will resume Saturday, March 9 with a Reverse Raffle on March 23rd to benefit Post 1275

**REVERSE
RAFFLE**

Saturday, March 23rd

1st Prize \$1,000

2nd Prize \$750

3rd Prize \$500

Tickets are \$60

Contact Mike Burkholder for tickets:

Phone: 419-204-8278

Email: Mikeburkholder1124@gmail.com



POST 1275 CANTEEN
IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED
FOR REMODELING!
WE WILL REOPEN ON
MARCH 9, 2024

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE MUCH NEEDED
REMODELING PLEASE CONTACT US!

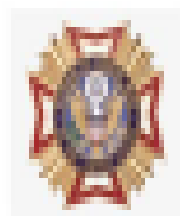
WE WILL TAKE ALL THE HELP THAT WE CAN GET!

KRISTINA SMITH 419-778-9319

WAYLON WONDENHUEVEL 419-778-1414

GEORGE DOWNING 419-229-9796

JOHN DeWESSE 419-204-1787



OHIO CHARITIES VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

DISTRICT 2 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

MARCH 17, 2024

TWO (2) SHIFTS AVAILABLE: 11:00AM AND 2:00PM

BOWLING TIMES BASED ON FIRST RECEIVED ENTRIES.

TOURNAMENT OPEN TO VFW REGULAR, AUXILIARY AND GUEST MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, WITH ANY 5 PERSON COMBINATION LIMITED TO 2 GUEST MEMBERS PER TEAM.

THIS IS A TEAM EVENT WITH ALL PROFITS GOING TO THE DISTRICT 2 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER FUND.

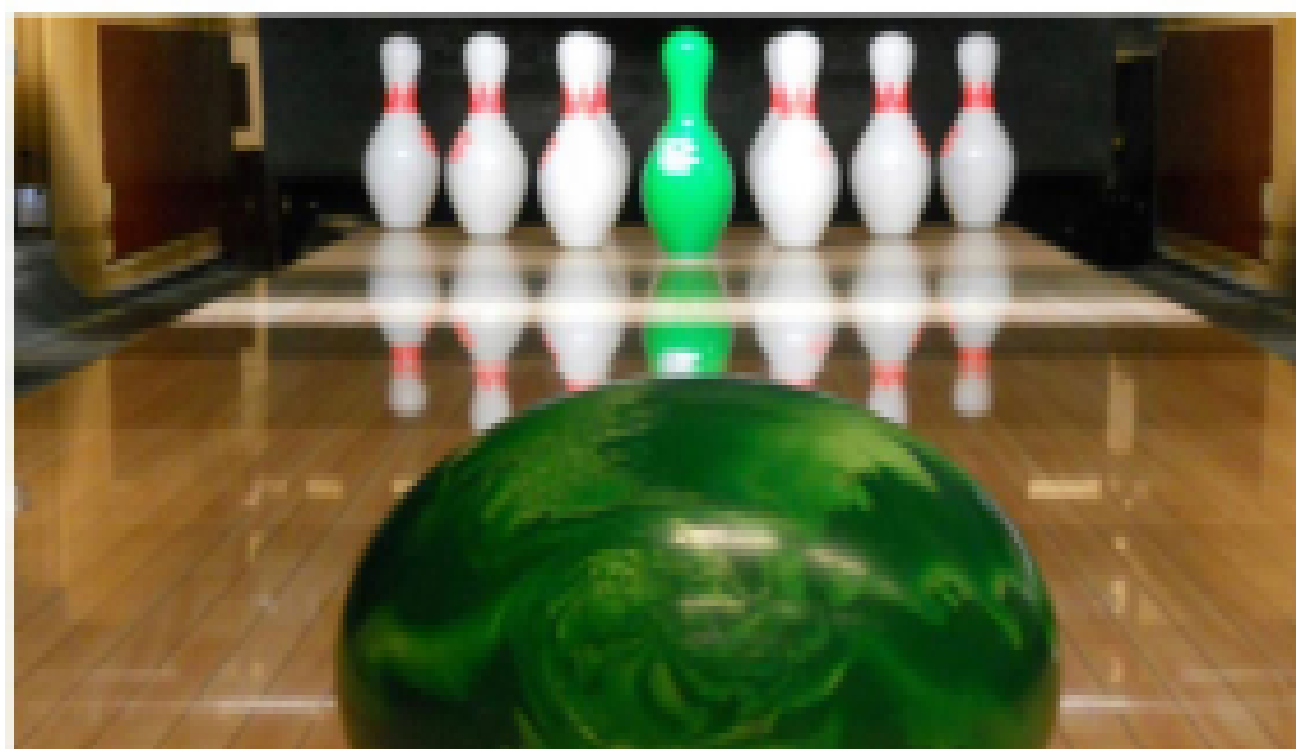
ENTRY FEE IS \$80.00 PER TEAM. \$35.00 FOR BOWLING FEES, \$10.00 TO PRIZE FUND AND \$35.00 TO VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER FUND. (ALL MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF YOUR CHARITIES ACCOUNT).

MAIL ENTRIES AND CHECKS TO CHAIRMAN:

DREW MUNSHOWER

23843 JENNINGS-DELPHOS ROAD; DELPHOS, OHIO 45833

PHONE: 440-799-3984





OHIO CHARITIES VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DISTRICT 2 OF OHIO
BOWLING TOURNAMENT

DATE: MARCH 17, 2024
TIME: 10AM OR 2PM
DISTRICT 2 VFW OF OHIO

BOWLING FEE: TEAM \$35.00
PRIZE FUND: TEAM \$30.00
VFO FUND: TEAM \$35.00

TOTAL: \$80.00 PER TEAM
TO BE HELD AT DELPHOS MIGRATION CENTER
504 E. 5TH STREET
DELPHOS, OHIO 45833
419-683-2005

MAIL ENTRY TO:
OREN MUNDHOWER
23043 TENNINGS-DELPHOS RD.
DELPHOS, OHIO 45833
PHONE: 440-799-3584

ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2024

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____ **POST NUMBER:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME	AVERAGE
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

PREFERENCE OF TIME: 10:00 _____ OR 2:00 _____

VETS HELPING VETS



ALLEN COUNTY AREA

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

330 N. Elizabeth St., Lima, OH 45801

6:30PM

Points of Contact

Butch Brewer 567-242-8371

Will Thompson 614-595-1448



RESTORING HOPE

SPOUSES HELPING SPOUSES

WE MEET ON THE 2ND AND 4TH
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

330 N. ELIZABETH ST. LIMA, OHIO
45801

6:30PM

POINT OF CONTACTS

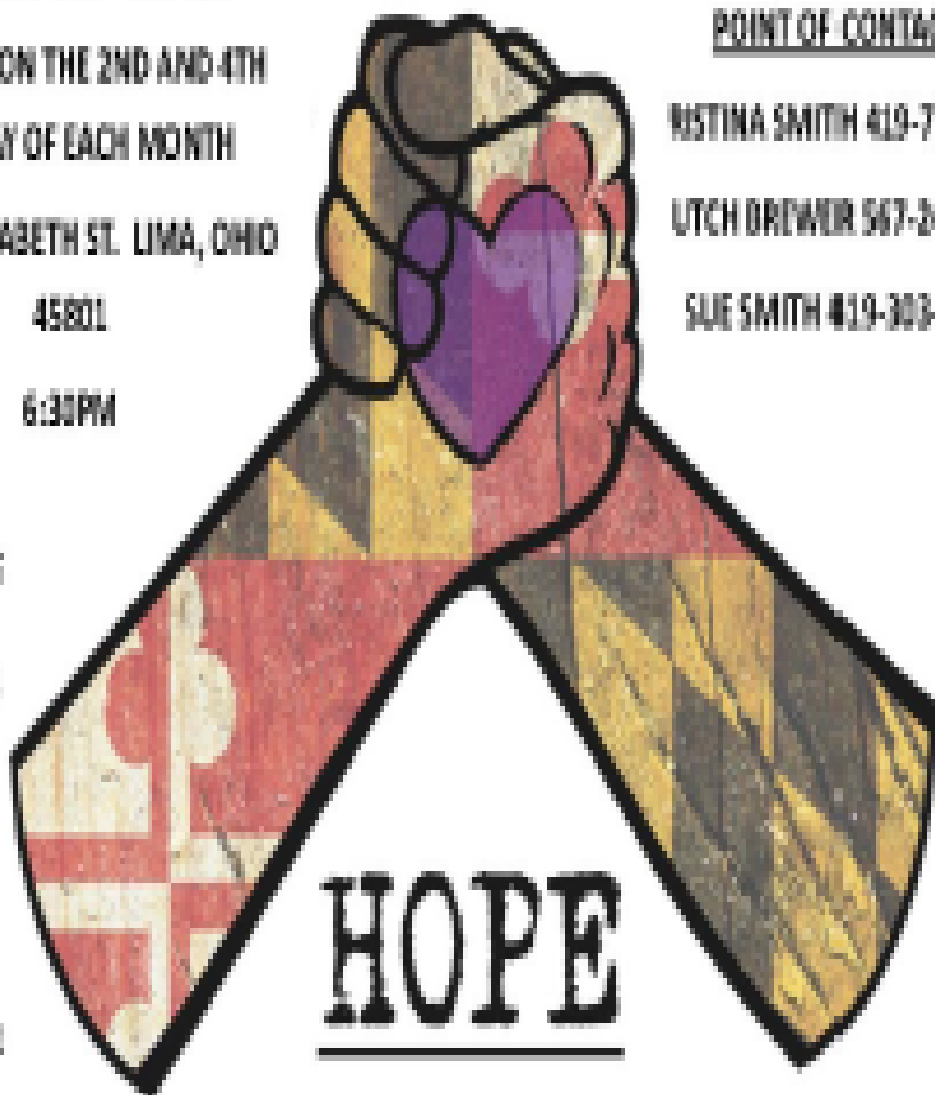
KISTINA SMITH 419-778-9319

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SUE SMITH 419-303-2057

DO YOU HAVE A
VETERAN OR ACTIVE
DUTY FAMILY
MEMBER THAT HAS
PTSD?

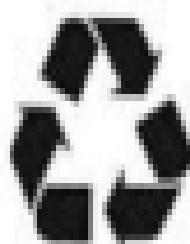
ANY FAMILY
MEMBER IS
WELCOME TO COME
TO OUR SUPPORT
GROUP



HOLD ON. PAIN ENDS.



VFW POST 1275 LIMA
CAN RECYCLE FUNDRAISER
2024



CANS: INFINITELY RECYCLABLE™

WANT TO HELP WITH THE REMODEL OF OUR
CANTEEN AND BANQUET ROOM?
BRING US YOUR ALUMINUM CANS FOR US TO
RECYCLE!

CONTACT THE POST AT 419-229-9796

VFWLIMA@BRIGHT.NET

Everything You Need to Know About R.E.D. Friday

RED is an acronym that means Remember Everyone Deployed.

What is RED Friday? For service members who are deployed, the act itself, civilians wearing red

items of clothing on Fridays, probably doesn't equate to a tangible gain. However, when service members see the public's support via social media or in an e-mail, it can definitely boost morale within a unit. The support does give many service members a sense of purpose down-range and a feeling that the

nation is behind them. What is RED Friday? It is a way that Americans across the country can show support to the men and women of the U.S. military, and all they have to do is wear something red.

It's a tiny act that means much more than people seem to realize. On Fridays, civilians back home wear an article of red clothing — a shirt, a tie, anything — as a reminder to all to Remember Everyone Deployed. These Fridays became known as R.E.D. Friday.

RED Fridays seem to wax and wane in terms of popularity among civilians, but the core of the movement is important: to Remember Everyone

Deployed. The Global

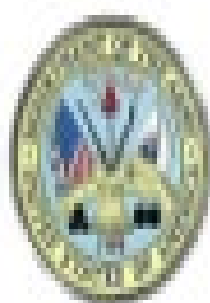
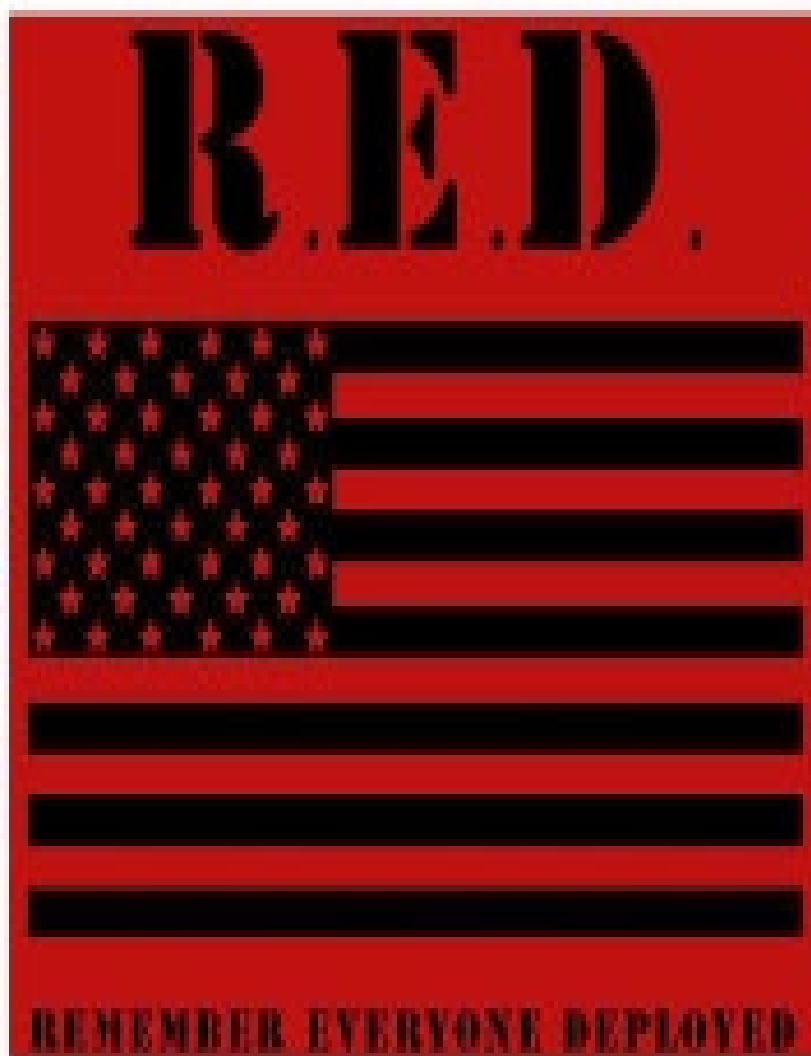
War on Terrorism is now officially older than troops eligible to enlist and serve in that same war —

It's important to remember that we've still got men and women out there fighting for us.

It's not hard to show your support for the troops: Simply pick something red from your wardrobe and be ready to wear it on Friday, volunteer your time organizing care packages for troops who still need essen-

tial items, or write a deployed troop. I know from personal experience that every letter I received was a boost to morale that I happily honored with a reply. Simple gestures go a long way.

Remember Everyone Deployed.



MEMBERSHIP

has been and must be our

Number One priority.



**WE'RE LOSING
OUR ROOTS.**

**PLEASE,
RENEW YOUR
VFW / AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP
TODAY.**



VFW AUXILIARIES

HONORING OUR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER

March 2024

HELLO SISTERS & BROTHERS,

This will be a short newsletter because, as of the of writing this newsletter (2/24/2024), I am recovering from COVID and my brain is still foggy.

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, March 23, 2024...D7 Joint Testimonial & Awards Dinner at Post 1863 Solon. This is when we get together to "roast" our District Commander & President. We also recognize the district winners of our Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teacher of the Year, etc. My hope this year is for a better turn out than we had last year.

Saturday, April 13, 2024...90th Birthday Celebration and Fund Raiser for VFW Auxiliary 2926. (See attached flyer)

Sunday, May 5, 2024 D7 meeting, Post 9295 Mentor at 9am. Business meeting and D7 elections with installation to follow meeting.

June 5, 2024 to June 9, 2024 VFW and VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio Convention at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky.

Saturday, August 10, 2024...OHIO DAY AT VFW NATIONAL HOME.

REMEMBER...let me know what events are coming up at your posts. I feel it's important to know what your Posts & Auxiliaries are doing. We need to support one another in what we do for our veterans.

Have a safe & Happy St. Patrick's Day and a blessed Easter.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

I remain, as always

Loyally yours,

Claudia Botsko

D7 VFW Auxiliary President

440-346-2732 (cell)

cbotskovtwaux@sbcglobal.net



VFW AUXILIARY POST 2926

(est. November 30, 1934)

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE 90 YEARS OF SERVING OUR VETERANS

at our Annual Fund Raiser

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

AMERICAN LEGION POST 7

29919 EUCLID AVE.

WICKLIPPE, OH 44092

\$25.00 per person (cash bar)

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5:30PM, DINNER AT 6:30PM

Dinner includes: Breaded pork chops, chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, butter and desserts.

50/50 raffles every \$100 sold, we pull a winner.

Variety of baskets will be raffled.

100 ping pong balls will be sold at \$5.00/each for 5 winners at \$50.

Contact Patricia White @ 440-669-3929 or Claudia Botsko @ 440-346-2732 for reservations.

We will not be issuing paper tickets for this event.

Maximum number of total reservations will be 100.

Deadline for reservation and payment will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT EVENING.

REVITALIZE YOUR AUXILIARY - TOGETHER WE WILL RISE



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Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 227 – 0358

treasurer@vfwauxoh.org

***THIS BOOKLET IS STRICTLY FOR AUXILIARIES TO HAVE SOME
HELPFUL AND USEFUL INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES. IT INCLUDES
PROGRAM IDEAS FOR REPORTING AND STEPS FOR USING
THE NEW DASHBOARD TO SUBMIT REPORTS***

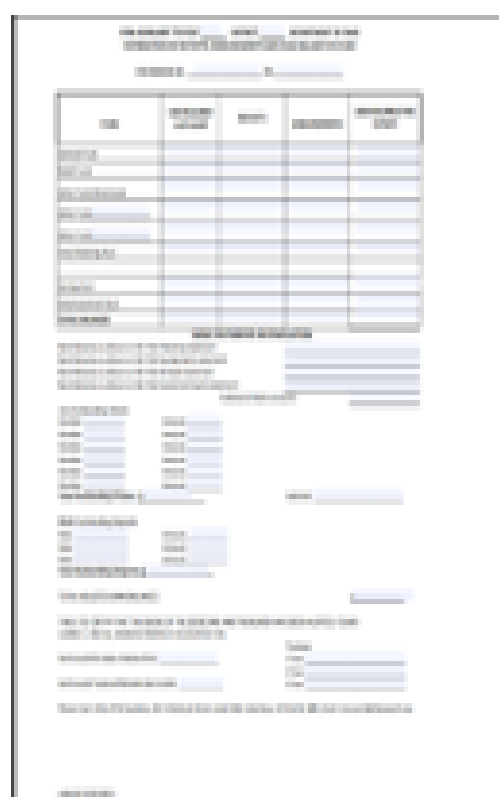
(INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE YEAR TO YEAR AS PROGRAMS CHANGE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL)

WHEN ARE AUXILIARY AUDITS DUE?

- Audit period April 1st to June 30th is to be completed by July 31st
 - Approved on the Auxiliary floor and submitted to Department by August 31st
- Audit period July 1st to September 30th is to be completed by October 31st
 - Approved on the Auxiliary floor and submitted to Department by November 30th
- Audit period October 1st to December 31st is to be completed by January 31st
 - Approved on the Auxiliary floor and submitted to Department by February 28th
- Audit period January 1st to March 31st is to be completed by April 30th
 - Approved on the Auxiliary floor and submitted to Department by May 31st

THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT AUDITS...

- Use the current audit form. (Log into Members Only on the Department Website and click on Forms.)



- Be sure to include your auxiliary number and district at the top.
- You must include all accounts (i.e. checking, savings, CDs, etc.) in your audit.
- Remember to write or type the date of the audit as well as the date it was approved on your auxiliary floor at the bottom.
- It must be signed by at least 2 trustees.
- You must submit the last bank statement for all accounts with the audit form to the Department.
- You may scan and email the documents to the Department Treasurer (preferred method) or mail them.

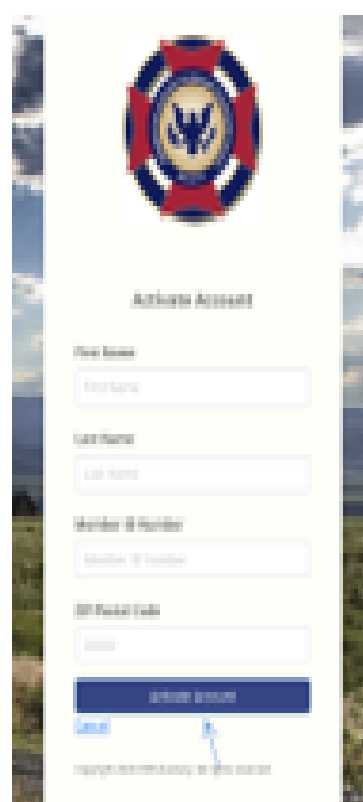
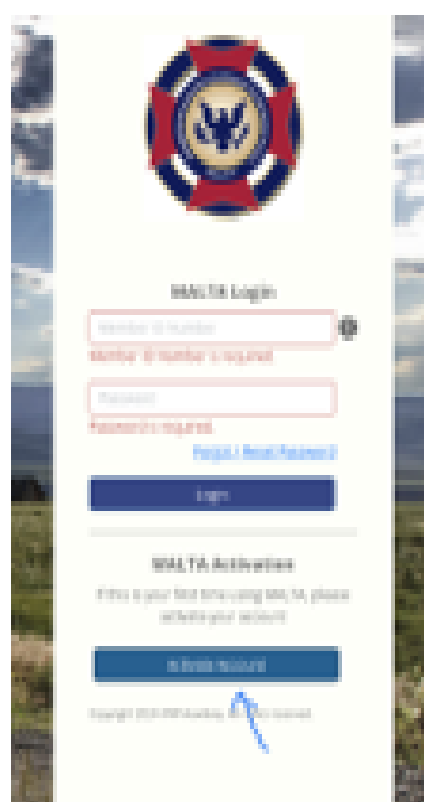
MALTA HAS ALL YOUR NEEDS...

HAVE YOU LOGGED INTO THE NATIONAL VFW AUXILIARY MALTA WEBSITE?
IF NOT, HERE ARE THE STEPS TO DO SO!

1. Grab your membership [card](#)
2. Go to www.vfwauxiliary.org
3. Click on Malta Member Login



4. Click on Activate Account
5. Follow the steps to create your account & password (You will be using your membership ID number, and each time you log into Malta you this, so be sure you write it down or save information.)

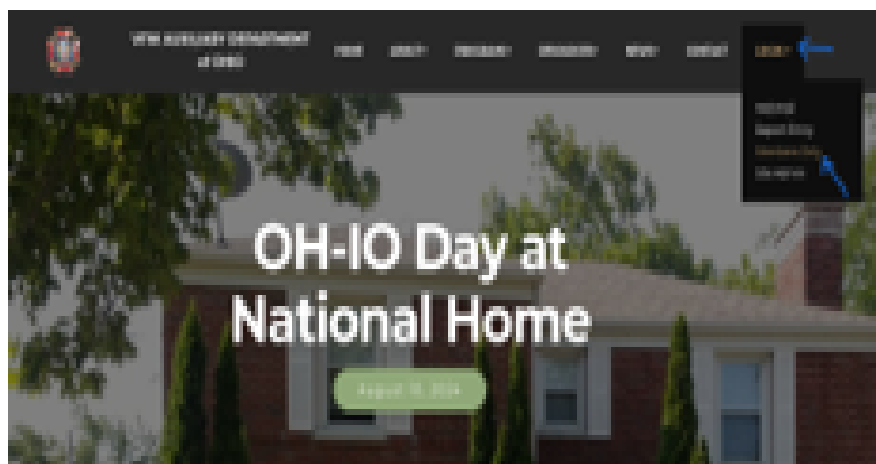


6. Once you activate your account you will always enter the information in the LOGIN section, not the activation section.
 - Start exploring because there are so many helpful resources that your auxiliary can print off. You will wonder why you didn't do this sooner.


NEW TO OHIO IN 2023-2024 IS A PROGRAM DASHBOARD TO DO ONLINE REPORTING...

ARE YOU ABLE TO LOG INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO DASHBOARD TO ENTER REPORTS?
IF NOT, HERE ARE THE STEPS TO DO SO!

1. Grab your Membership card
2. Go to www.vfwauxch.org
3. Click on Login
4. Click on Members Only



5. Click on Member ID # box and enter your Membership #... Click Password box and enter your password (It is your last name) ... Click [Login box](#)



MEMBERS ONLY

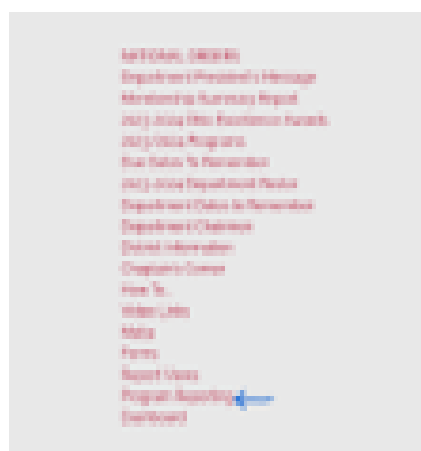
[Log Out](#)

If you have issues logging into the Member Only section, please send us a message via the contact us form on the contact us page.

Member Email

Password

6. Click on Program Reporting



VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE ENTER A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER!!!!
 FILL IN ALL BOXES ACCORDINGLY, CHECK AN ACTIVITY, & HIT SUBMIT.

**OTW Auxiliary Department of Ohio
Program Reporting**

Please use the form below to submit your activity.
The report for OH is only.

county? **year?** **month?**

county code?

check all that apply?

☐ Awareness ☐ Chapter Growth ☐ Study Page 4-Programs

☐ Community Outreach ☐ Chapter Recruitment ☐ Events

☐ Education ☐ Membership Building ☐ Expenses

☐ Fundraising ☐ Other ☐ International Study Support

chapter number? **year?** **month?**

chapter book number? **year?** **month?**

description?

You will get an email instantly saying that the report is submitted. Once you have done that, it is not INSTANTLY APPROVED... this only means that the program report was submitted to the pending dashboard. The Department Chairman will get notifications of the submitted reports, and if everything is filled in correctly, he or she will approve your report. You will get a rejection email if what you entered is not reportable or information is missing. The email should have a reason for the rejection as well. You can reply to the email with what needs fixed, or you can correct the report and resubmit it.

WHAT ELSE CAN I FIND ON THE WEBSITE?

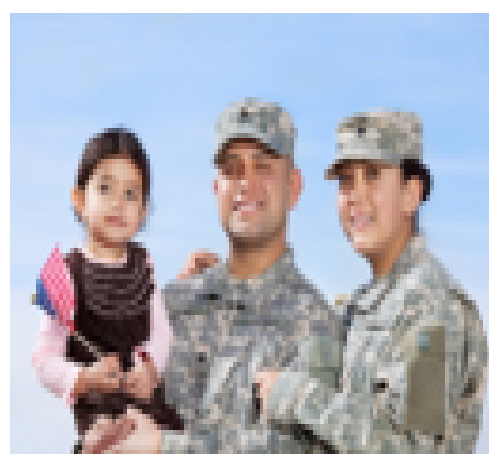
- ALL Chairman program [bulletins](#)
- Newsletters (Ohio Quibbler)
- Forms you might need (i.e., audit form, poppy order form, donation guidelines, etc.)
- Events, Program Information, Department Roster, and Due Dates to Remember
- Plus, so much more right at your fingertips... just look around or ask!

DO AND DON'TS FOR REPORTING...

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

DO'S:

- Claim donations to:
 - Military Assistance Program (MAPS)
 - National Veteran Services
 - Unmet Needs
- Promote:
 - Suicide Prevention Awareness
 - Mental Health Awareness
- Provide the following to our Veterans, current military or their families:
 - Meals
 - Rides to grocery stores or appointments
 - Send thinking of you, get well or sympathy cards
 - Make care packages for current military or even for veterans in Nursing Homes.



DON'TS:

- You CANNOT claim buying items for your post or canteen.
- You CANNOT claim paying bills for your post.
- You CANNOT claim buying drinks for your veterans

When you are filling out your reports for Veteran and Family Support, ask yourself one question...

Does what you are about to report benefit our Veterans and/or their families?

If your answer is YES, then REPORT IT.

If your answer is NO, then you CANNOT REPORT IT.

Always remember that the Veterans and Family Support Program MUST BENEFIT VETERANS!

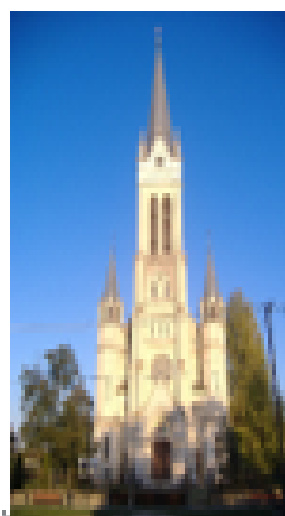
AMERICANISM

- Most reported projects - Patriotic dates; flags;
Prisoner of War/Missing in Action and Malta resources
- Most errors on reports - missing # of flags; missing
number of members; missing details in the information
box and multiple projects on one report online
- Worst reports - paper reports have everything checked,
don't state what they did, missing hours, etc. & can't read what they wrote
- Wrong program reports - lots of reports that are VFS; saying the pledge at your meeting doesn't qualify
for a project and donating money to your church isn't Americanism
- Great ideas - doing the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action speech at a local football game & having a
table at a fair



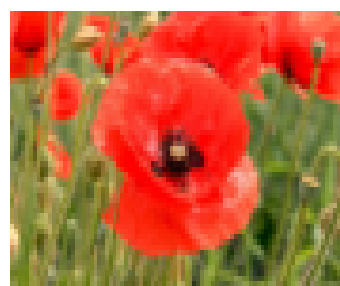
AUXILIARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- You must volunteer outside of your auxiliary (not affiliated with any veteran organization, you cannot only donate money from your auxiliary)
- Red Cross, food pantry, church groups, animal shelters, girl scouts, boy scouts, daycare centers are a few places.
- Your auxiliary must vote on this at your previous meeting and have it recorded in your minutes.
- Be sure to REPRESENT YOUR AUXILIARY by wearing an Auxiliary shirt, jacket, or hat if you can.
 - Be sure to bring some VFW & Auxiliary membership forms... you may run into others who might want to join your post, so have applications with you.
- Working walks or runs that benefit other organizations as an event spotter, water station volunteer, timekeeper, etc.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention
- Serving food at soup kitchens
- Volunteers are needed everywhere, and our Veterans are counting on us for support. **Ask what your Auxiliary can do to help the community, not what they can do to help us!**



BUDDY POPPY

- Reporting ideas...
 - Handing people poppies
 - Talking about poppies at your meetings
 - Doing anything with poppies (i.e., poppy display or hat, poppy drive, Poppy Princess or Prince, wrapping silverware, wearing a poppy)
 - Donating even just \$1.00 counts
 - Buying poppies from the VFW



CHIEF OF STAFF / EXTENSION – REVITALIZATION

KEEP THESE SECTIONS OF YOUR PODIUM MARKED AS A HELPFUL TOOL, especially if you are seeing some RED FLAGS.

- Bylaws (Quick References)
- Section 101 Eligibility
- Section 201 Formation of new auxiliaries
- Section 208A & B Auxiliaries disbanding
- Section 209 Suspensions
- Section 210 Required meetings per year
- Section 211 Standing rules
- Section 212 Quorum
- Section 303 Delegates (District) 1 delegate/1 Alternate per 15 members
- Section 304 Delegates (Department) 1 delegate and 1 alternate per 30 members



- Section 305 Delegates: national 1 delegate and 1 alternate per 50 members
- Section 506 District Dues
- Section 507 District Quorum
- Section 604 Department Quorum
- Section 801 Officer eligibility
- Section 802 Elective officers
- Section 803 Appointed officers
- Section 814 Audits
- Section 902 Meeting etiquette
- Section 907 Official visit
- Section 909 Children attending meetings
- Section 912 Politics
- Section 915 Solicitation of funds
- Section 916 Rules of order (Robert's Rules)
- Section 1001 Official look

BOOKLET OF INSTRUCTIONS (YELLOW SECTION)

- Page 11 Secretary minutes
- Page 15 Chain of command
- Page 16 Record retention Guide
- Page 18 Treasurer guidelines
- Page 21 Relief fund guideline
- Page 23 Trustees

~ Revitalization ~

- Have your auxiliary members fill out the Healthy Checkup Questionnaire at your meeting.
 - Click Malta, then Member Resources, then Extension & Revitalization.
- Auxiliaries should have at least 10 business meetings per year (section 210) and should have a minimum of 5 members in good standing that will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (section 212)
- Dues should be paid for at least 10 members on or before February 1st of the current year (section 207)
- Quarterly audits by trustees must be submitted (section 814)
- Officers elected and installed and reported to national headquarters no later than June 30th this generates the bond application via email (section 804A and 806 A)
- The offices of president and treasurer must be bonded by August 31st (section 814), and you can find this form on Malta.
- One key factor of a Healthy Auxiliary is Auditing. Please focus on Section 814...
 - First quarter audit covers January, February, March & complete the audit by WHEN?... April 30th and SENT BY?... May 31st.
 - Second quarter audit covers April, May, June & must be completed by WHEN?... July 31st and SENT BY?... August 31st.
 - The 3rd quarter covers July, August, September & must be completed by WHEN?... October 31st and SENT BY?... November 30th.
 - The 4th quarter audit covers October, November, December & must be completed by WHEN... January 31st and SENT BY?... February 28th.

- **Reporting Ideas**

- This Program doesn't have an actual reporting [GO-BY] form typically but Department chairman can create surveys or questionnaire forms for you to fill in.
 - This will help accumulate totals for the year-end report given to the National Ambassador
 - On the dashboard there are some simple things you can do by telling us like WHAT YOU DID TO EXPRESS THESE HELPFUL TIPS.
- Report if you:
 - Attend Department of Ohio Council of Administration Training (in person or Zoom meetings online)
 - Attend Department of Ohio convention meetings, break-out sessions, scavenger hunts, any training classes. (Not just for the fun in each of the Hospitality rooms!)
 - Attend your District Council of Administration Training
 - Attend your District meetings. (in person or zoom meetings)
 - Share these tips and Mentor your members.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, JUST PLEASE KEEP ATTENDING YOUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, WHEN POSSIBLE, TO LEARN WHAT'S NEW & IMPROVED. THIS ORGANIZATION IS ABOUT HELPING OUR VETERANS, MILITARY AND FAMILIES. MAKE YOUR ELIGIBLE VETERAN PROUD THAT YOU JOINED THIS ORGANIZATION!!

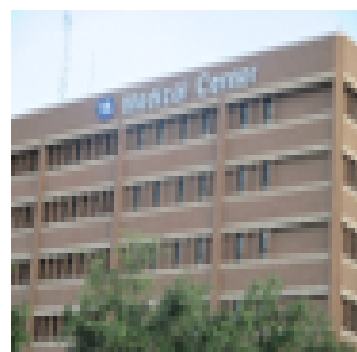
HISTORIAN

- Events for the Auxiliary/Post - shared on social media page(s)
- Submit photos with either National President or our Department President and answer the 5 w's
- Pictures of the auxiliary events/functions
- Held a historian learning session from Malta resources
- Have the attendees at events sign the photo release forms
- Share a newsletter with their members
- Keep a historian book for their auxiliary
- Have an Auxiliary Facebook page or share one with the post
- Legacy member interviews



HOSPITAL

- Designed to promote and encourage members to become a volunteer at your closest VA Facility or Nursing Home facilities that are homes to our hospitalized veterans
- Reminding the veterans that they are not forgotten and that we do care
- Promotes the VA Health Care system and what all is available to those who served
- Offers women veterans what they need (often different than the men)
- Finding more resources for veterans and their families who suffer from PTSD
- Honor Escorts – veteran who has passed is draped with an American Flag and saluted as he/she is walked down the hall before being picked up by the funeral home
- "We must not forget those who served!"



- o January – remind them they are now consider a member but NOT in good standing order and if they hold an office they will be removed until their dues are paid
- o March – remind them elections will be held in April
- New members – have someone sit with them in the meeting to answer any questions they may have and guide them through the Podium Book. Make them feel “welcome.”
- Recognize your member(s) – how many years they have been a member, for leading a special event, etc.
- Treat ALL members with “Respect”
- Relief Fund – remind them to use their relief fund to pay for members who are in nursing homes, being taken care of at home due to illnesses and/or having financial difficulties
- Encourage young people to join – they might be busy with family, work, school – encourage them to help by donating baked goods, gift cards, or donating their time at events, if possible, etc.



DON'TS:

- Talk about members who need financial help with others outside of the meeting – this is a personal matter.
- Don't discourage members by discouraging their ideas, you never know if these changes are good or not until your auxiliary tries.
- Don't forget the older members in your auxiliary – if they haven't attended meetings lately call them – maybe they can't drive after dark anymore or maybe they didn't feel welcome anymore.
- Don't forget to make sure the new member(s) are “welcome” at your meetings and let them know that you look forward to seeing them at your next meeting or event.
- DO NOT KEEP DD214 OR SEND TO DEPARTMENT AFTER ITS VERIFIED, GIVE IT BACK TO THE MEMBER!!!!

Reporting Ideas / Tips

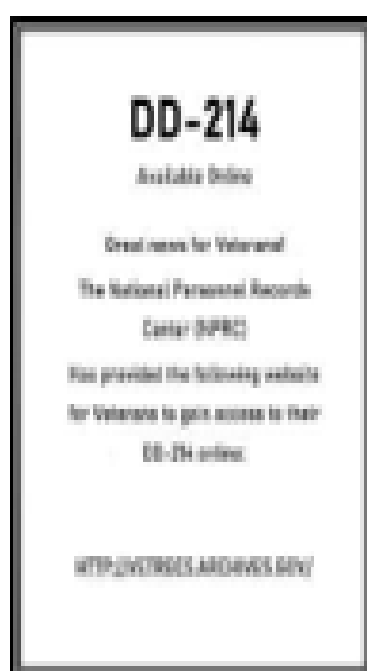
- Applications are fillable online r may be printed at https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFW_Membership-Application_DD20824_Fillable.pdf

- SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH \$9.50 and a Membership Summary Report form to Department.

*** As of right now, National receives \$5.00 until July 1, 2024, then it will increase to \$10.00 [subject to change year to year]. That means you will need to send \$14.50 to the Department after July 1, 2024.

*** Consider raising your dues some to offset the \$5.00 increase or offer a reduction (if your Auxiliary can afford it by paying a specified amount towards their life membership. Run a summer or holiday discount special throughout the year for annual members to convert to life.

- Life members applications can pay by credit cards, but annuals must be cash or checks.
- You may apply for a DD214, but the process is not a quick one. Please check at a Veterans Service office in your area or where the Veteran lived at the time of their discharge. There is a VSO in all 88 counties in Ohio, typically near or in a courthouse. The link to request one is <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>



- Membership drives with how many members and hours as well as if any money was spent
- Keep several applications with you at all times – you never know when you will need to hand them out
- Dues reminders can be reported
- You will lose the ability to apply for a cancer grant if dues are not paid and you are not in good standing... Being a Member in GOOD STANDING shows our Veterans we Support them 100%. They fought for US, let's Fight for Them!!!

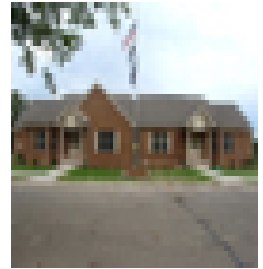
MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

- Be friendly to new and tenured members.
- Communicate and motivate your members.
- Do not be afraid to ask questions about our organization.
- Listen to some of the experiences that others have gone through when they became a member or held an office.



NATIONAL HOME

- Reporting ideas...
 - Talking about the national home at a meeting
 - Visiting the national home (Ohio day or any time)
 - Donating to various projects related to the National Home on the obligation form, even if it's \$1.00
 - Buying school supplies and dropping them off at the National Home
 - Buying cleaning supplies and dropping them off at the National Home.
 - Donating or helping with the Cedar Point trip for the National Home children
 - Paying Health and Happiness to the Department



SCHOLARSHIP

DOS:

- Report after you promote each program at schools, library, online, newspapers
- Report after you pay any donations in each program
- Put Dollar amounts and Check numbers or receipt numbers in the comments.
- Make sure you are doing 1 report for each project (i.e., if you send one check for several obligations you must do a report for each program you are donating to)
- Send a copy of the donation guideline with your report if sent by snail mail
- If doing a report online, email a copy of the donation guideline to the Department Chair.



DON'TS:

- If you ran a project to make money for a Scholarship that is not part of a National VFW or Auxiliary program, you cannot report it to the Scholarship program.
- If you are raising money for your own local VFW or Auxiliary sponsored scholarship, that should be reported in the Youth program.
- If sending reports by Snail Mail you can put all the information on one report form, but the Scholarship Chair will do an online report for each program.

YOUTH

- Reporting Ideas
 - Donate patriotic books to the local library, school, or a classroom teacher
 - Promoting or handing out entry forms for the Illustrating America and Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue contests
 - Submitting an entry for one of the above contests
 - Holding an awards ceremony for the above contests
 - Distributing R.A.P. cards and Patriotic Youth Awards to children seen showing respect and patriotism
 - Christmas parties and Easter Egg Hunts for children and grandchildren



of auxiliary, post or community members

- o Taking your youth to clean up a veteran's yard
- o Beautifying the gravesites of our veterans
- o Collecting items for the troops overseas, homeless veterans, or various USOs - have the youth sort and package the items

- **Reminders and Tips for Reporting**

- o If you enter the information in the online reporting system, please do NOT mail a hard copy of the report or email it.
- o If you mail a hard copy of a report, please include your email.
- o Please make sure you fill out **ALL** the information at the top of the report form including the auxiliary, district, number of miles, number of hours, and dollars spent.
- o A description of the event or activity should be written at the bottom of the report form.
- o Be sure to include the **number of youth** who attended your event or participated in your activity please! This is important, since it is a youth report.
- o In order to receive credit for an activity or event, you must have already completed the activity or held your event.
- o If you make a donation to the Illustrating America art contest, the report CANNOT be approved until the Department has received the money and notified the Youth Chairman.
- o Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Young American Creative Art donations and submissions go to the Scholarship Chairman, not the Youth.
- o If you donate books for Patriotism through Literacy, please include how many books were donated and where you donated them.

FINAL TIPS

Use this helpful tool and quick reference from year to year, but please verify in Malta that the programs did not change reporting requirements before you send a report.

Remember that Program Chairman change from year to year, so please be mindful when sending reports. Please do NOT send them to the previous chairman! Also, be sure to use the NEW report forms that include the new chairman's information ONLY!

ALL REPORTS MUST BE ENTERED OR MAILED BY APRIL 15th OF THE CURRENT YEAR!



3573 South Waverly Road ★ Exton Rapids, Michigan 48027

October 30, 2023

For: Ohio House



Dear Department Officers:

Enclosed is your Ohio house fund report for the first quarter of the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This report shows the quarterly beginning fund balance, plus revenue, less expenses, and the current fund balance. This report will be sent to you each quarter. Please note that the fund balance disclosed within this report is unaudited and is subject to change. If changes are made, we will indicate on subsequent reports what those changes are.

Please accept a sincere "thank you" to all the members from Ohio for their hard work and support for the VFW National Home for Children. The funds and commitment you have made to support your Ohio Home have made it an attractive and very pleasant haven for our families and you all can be very proud of that.

As always, we will be sure to communicate with you regarding other projects and special needs to assist you with your planning. Your continued support of your Ohio Home is very much appreciated. We hope this report is useful to you, and if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Stiver".

Richard Stiver
Facilities Director

CC: District 4 Board Trustee



Historian & Media Relations Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most outstanding video interview with a VFW Auxiliary legacy (longtime active) member.

- **Citation** to every Auxiliary that submits a 3-5 minute video interview with a legacy VFW Auxiliary member. Auxiliaries must send the entry form and the 3-5 minute video interview to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding 3-5 minute video interview with a legacy VFW Auxiliary member. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Auxiliaries are to send this completed form and video to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024.

Auxiliary Name: _____ No.: _____

Department of: _____

Describe the VFW Auxiliary legacy member interviewed.

Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman: _____

Date: _____ (signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department-winning entry form and video to National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador Diana Morris for judging.

AND

April 30, 2024 - The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman must **email** National Headquarters at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form and video. (National does not need video's)

Forms sent directly to National Headquarters will not be processed.



Legislative Veterans Advocate of the Year Award 2023 – 2024

1. The Tim Stanley Legislative Veterans Advocate of the year will be given to an Auxiliary member that has exhibited Outstanding Performance within the Legislative Program.
2. Nominations for this year award will start immediately.
3. Anyone can nominate any member of the VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio.
4. Write up what that member has done as an Advocate in Legislative issues for our Veterans.
5. Fill out the "TIM STANLEY" Nomination Form and send back to Bobbie Jo Morales by April 15, 2024.

Due Date to have into Department Program Chairman is **April 15, 2024.**

Mail completed form to **Bobbie Jo Morales – P.O. Box 135 Lafferty, Ohio 43951.**

Email completed form to **Bobbie Jo Morales – roberta.j.m71@gmail.com**



Tim Stanley

Legislative Veterans Advocate of the Year Award 2023 – 2024

Nomination Form Due By April 15, 2024

Auxiliary Member being Nominated _____

Auxiliary Member belong to Auxiliary Post _____ in District _____

Nominated By _____

Please answer the following questions on how the auxiliary brother/sister has promoted the following areas of Legislation.

1. How did they promote VFW Action Corps Weekly?

2. How did they promote VFW Priority Goals?

3. How did they encourage members to communicate with Legislators on veteran's issues?

4. How did they promote "Vote in Honor of a Veteran?"

5. Did they have or get the Youth involved with this Program? How?

Mail completed form to Bobbie Jo Morales – P.O. Box 135 Lafferty, Ohio 43951

Email completed for to Bobbie Jo Morales – roberta.j.m71@gmail.com



Legislative Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.

- **Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community on veteran Legislative issues. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on Legislative issues. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department
Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: _____ No.: _____

Department of: _____

Describe the Auxiliary hosted activity and/or event that educated their community on veteran Legislative issues. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

Department Legislative Chairman: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send the completed Department-winning Auxiliary entry form to National Legislative Ambassador Sherry Howland for judging.

AND

April 30, 2024 - The Department Legislative Chairman must email VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Forms sent directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed.

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT POPPY CONTEST

NAME: _____

POST# _____ LOCATION: _____ DISTRICT# _____ PURPOSE: _____

CATEGORY

1. PUBLIC PROMOTION OF POPPY CAMPAIGN: _____
2. MEMORIAL OR INSPIRATIONAL DISPLAY: _____
3. ARTISTIC OR DECORATIVE USE OF POPPIES: _____

HOW MANY POPPIES USED: _____

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Brochure Order Form

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

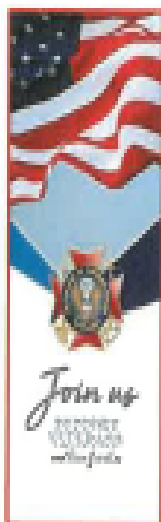
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters is pleased to offer the following brochures to our members at no charge. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

Fillable/printable copies are also available in MALTA/Member Resources: Historian & Media Relations, Membership and Scholarships.

Membership Brochure
(includes application)

Fact Sheet

**Patriotic Art &
3-Dimensional Art Brochure**



Please indicate the quantity requested below. Order quantity is not to exceed 50 copies of each,*

*Please contact National Headquarters should you need larger quantities for a recruiting event.

Brochure

Quantity

Auxiliary Membership Brochure (includes application)

Auxiliary Fact Sheet

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure & 3-Dimensional (2 sided)

MAIL BROCHURES TO:

First and Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Auxiliary Number _____ Member Number _____

Submit order forms to:

VFW Auxiliary, Attn: Brochure Orders, 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111 or email to info@vfwauxiliary.org with "Brochure Order" in the subject line.

Note: VFW program brochures (including "Buddy@ Poppy", Teacher of the Year, Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy) can be ordered from the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org or by calling 1.833.VFW.VETS.

Revised 10/24/2012

VFW Auxiliary Member Change/ Update Form

Rev. 8-18

REQUIRED FIELDS:

Member's Current Name _____ Membership ID No. _____
 Current Address _____
 E-mail Address _____ Phone Number (____) _____
 Current Auxiliary # _____ Department of _____ Date of Birth _____

☐ **NAME CHANGE** Former Name: First _____ Last _____

☐ **ADDRESS CHANGE**

☐ **CONTINUOUS ANNUAL DUES** (We recommend using the Membership Summary Form for multiple dues payments.)

☐ **CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBER**

Life Membership Fee \$ _____

Check here if this is a gift. It will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer. ☐

Payment Methods:

☐ **Check:** Make check payable to: VFW Auxiliary

☐ **Credit Card** ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Address associated with the card holder: _____

Credit Card Number _____

CVV Code _____ (3 digit code shown on back of credit card) Expiration _____ / _____
 Month / Year

Card Holder's Signature _____ Date _____

☐ **ACH (Bank withdrawal)** Name of Bank _____ Routing Number _____

Attached voided check HERE (required) Account Number _____

☐ **REPLACE MY MEMBER CARD**

\$5 Annual \$10 Life

NAME CHANGES OR LOST CARD REQUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK made payable to VFW Auxiliary or complete the payment information above if using a credit card or ACH. Please send directly to National Headquarters at 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111. You can also order a replacement card online in MALTA by visiting vfwauxiliary.org and selecting "Member Login."

☐ **DEATH REPORT** Date of Death _____

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

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.

Recruited/Recommended by: Recruiter Member ID

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

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Rejoin

☐ Life Membership ☐ Transfer

☐ Member at Large in Department of ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

(If not a transfer, skip to B.)

☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary

☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER ☐ Previous Auxiliary ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

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

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name Date of Birth

Address ☐ Female ☐ Male

City State ZIP Phone Email

☐ POST-AFFILIATED (Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying)

Relationship to Eligible Veteran* VFW Membership ID

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

☐ NON-AFFILIATED (Veteran is not a current 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:

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date

By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.

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. I attest that I am at least 18 years of age. 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.

Signature ☒ Date

(Must be signed by all members.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY ☐ Check here if this is a gift.

Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX Life Membership Fee

Name on credit card

Billing address for card

City State ZIP

Credit Card No. C/VV Code

Exp. Date Date Signature ☒

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Life Membership fees are not refundable.

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Mentoring for Leadership

Auxiliary Award No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most unique activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees while using and promoting VFW Auxiliary resources and learning material
 - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that has an activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
 - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences that has the most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department
Mentoring for Leadership Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: _____ No.: _____

Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that educated their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

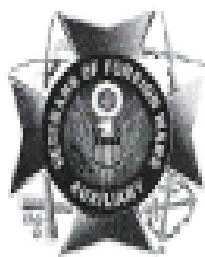
Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department winning entry form to National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador Francine Cornish for judging.

AND

April 30, 2024 - The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman is to email National Headquarters at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

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Mentoring for Leadership Award for Members No. 1

Nomination Form 2023-2024

1. Citation awarded to the first, second and third place VFW Auxiliary member in each Department with the most unique and/or creative way to mentor a member to become a leader.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to the
Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Nominee's Name: _____

Department of: _____ Auxiliary No.: _____

Nominee's Member ID No.: _____

Nominee's Phone No.: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Share why the nominee deserves to receive the Mentoring for Leadership Award.
Describe what the nominee has done to deserve this award. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

April 30, 2024 – Up to three nominations from each Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman are due to the National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador Francine Cornish by April 30, 2024.

Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman: _____ Date: _____
(Signature)

Forms sent to National Headquarters will not be processed.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, V.F.W. AUXILIARY

Past Presidents' Association "Together We Can Do Anything"

Did you know, as a Past President that there is another way to make a difference in your community and for our Veterans?

During the Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary June convention every year, the Past Presidents Association awards a worthwhile charity a monetary donation from our \$2.00 membership fee that runs from February 1, thru January 31.

All Dues are to be sent to our Treasurer: **KATHY OLDHAM,**
1703 Delmonte Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43615.

Listed Below is how your \$2.00 membership fee is used, along with the requirement to nominate a Charitable organization:

- Fifty percent of the dues collected by the Past President's Association are presented to Cancer Aid and Research in the State of Ohio. This research center is selected by the Chairman of the Association. The remaining 50% is donated to worthwhile charities or groups in Ohio.
- This organization **MUST** be nominated by a Past President, **NOT** an auxiliary.
- Any Charitable or non-profit group or organization may be recommended.
- A letter from the Past President making the recommendation must be sent to the screening committee chairman, with his/her name, auxiliary number, district number, and any materials available that explains what the charity is and does.
- Any past recipient **MUST** wait 2 years for consideration again.
- Selected recipients will be announced at June convention at our Past Presidents luncheon.
- Selection of the organizations by the screening Committee will be based on the financial needs and the good being done.
- The screening committee **SHALL** consist of three (3) members of the Past Presidents Association appointed by the Chairman.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2024**

Please **REMEMBER** this is one more way for our Auxiliaries to reach out and make a difference in our communities! I have attached the application and if you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Loyally,

Rose Isaac	co4ro@aol.com
8617 W St Rt 163	419-341-4870
Oak Harbor, OH 43449	

PAST PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
NOMINATION FORM

DATE: February 1, 2024

Past Presidents Association Screening Committee:

Marie Leister

Anna Clendenen

Heather Figueroa

225 Heil Dr.

Gahanna, OH 43230

614-257-7573

mleisterad@gmail.com

Dear Association Members:

As a member of the Past Presidents Association and a Past President of Auxiliary

#_____ in District _____.

I am writing this letter to nominate:

as a candidate to receive a PPA grant for the 2023-2024 year. Please find attached the information, and or brochure outlining the above non-profit organization.

Their mission

is:_____

Loyally,

(please print)

(If selected the check should be made payable to: Name and Address of Charity)

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.





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Remember

From Kristina: I would like every Auxiliary & VFW member, or whoever, to take a moment to remember the three Army Reservists who were killed recently, to pray for their families in this most difficult time; most of us know that feeling of always praying not to get that knock on the door that these families received. And, also for those 40+ military members who were hurt in the attack and their families as well.

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Everyone

D

eployed

FRIDAYS

Everything You Need to Know About R.E.D. Friday

(RED is an acronym that means Remember Everyone Deployed)

What is RED Friday? For service members who are deployed, the act itself, civilians wearing red

items of clothing on Fridays, probably doesn't equate to a tangible gain. However, when service members see the public's support via social media or in an e-mail, it can definitely boost morale within a unit. The support does give many service members a sense of purpose down-range and a feeling that the

nation is behind them. What is RED Friday? It is a way that Americans across the country can show support to the men and women of the U.S. military, and all they have to do is wear something red.

It's a tiny act that means much more than people seem to realize. On Fridays, civilians back home wear an article of red clothing — a shirt, a tie, anything — as a reminder to all to Remember Everyone Deployed. These Fridays became known as R.E.D. Friday.

RED Fridays seem to wax and wane in terms of popularity among civilians, but the core of the movement is important: to Remember Everyone

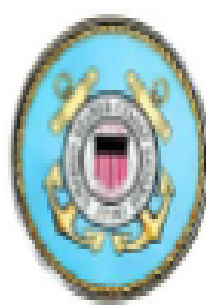
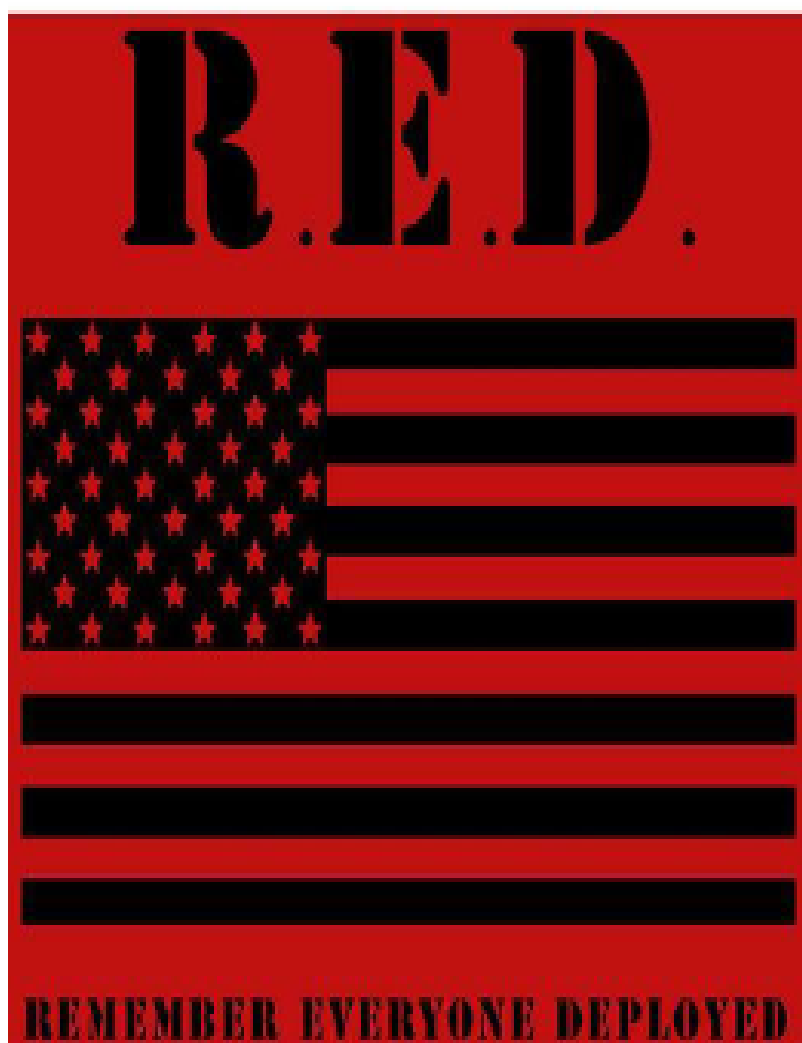
Deployed. The Global War on Terrorism is now officially older than troops eligible to enlist and serve in that same war —

it's important to remember that we've still got men and women out there fighting for us.

It's not hard to show your support for the troops: Simply pick something red from your wardrobe and be ready to wear it on Friday, volunteer your time organizing care packages for troops who still need essen-

tial items, or write a deployed troop. I know from personal experience that every letter I received was a boost to morale that I happily honored with a reply. Simple gestures go a long way.

Remember Everyone Deployed.





DONATION ASSISTANCE FOR VFW AUXILIARIES

Many donors will only contribute to a 501(c)(3) charity. Since a VFW Auxiliary is a 501(c)(19) nonprofit this can sometimes be a problem. To help out, the VFW Foundation can serve as a 501(c)(3) fiscal agent by accepting contributions on behalf of your Auxiliary. This is a free service with no administrative or any other charges removed from the donation check. We only ask that any such donation is \$100 or more.

Date: _____

Auxiliary #: _____

Auxiliary President: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Auxiliary Address:

Name of Individual, Company or Foundation making donation:

Donor Address: _____

Donor Telephone #: _____

Amount of donation: _____

Purpose of donation (if indicated by donor):

Send this completed form along with donation check made out to "VFW FOUNDATION" to:

Richard Freiburghouse, Manager
VFW Foundation
406 W. 34th Street, Suite 920
Kansas City, MO 64111

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Freiburghouse at (816) 968-1124 or rfreiburghouse@vfw.org.

VFW FOUNDATION

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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