

# VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio

## President's Message

HELLO #TEAMOHIO!!

Welcome to the VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio's 11th newsletter! It just seems like yesterday I was planning my Senior Vice year. Only one more newsletter left in this program year.

May is a very busy month for our Organization-Loyalty Day, Military Spouses Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and last but not least, Memorial Day. Many communities will be holding celebrations for Moms-maybe asking to add special recognition for Moms that are active duty or spouse of an active duty personnel .

Buddy Poppy drives are a wonderful way to honor and educate the public as to what is the meaning behind the Buddy Poppy. Remember we do not SELL the buddy poppy. We offer the Buddy Poppy to all that ask or accept the offer. Some give a donation but NOT MANDATORY.

I will be sharing information in this newsletter for Flag Etiquette at parades. With Memorial Day parades right around the corner, it's a perfect time to share with our schools, libraries and community Centers just to name a few.

Right now is the perfect time to get the 2023-2024 scholarship info/ applications into the schools BEFORE they end their school year. This way they have all summer to work on them.

The new reporting year starts May 1st. Please wait until the new reports are out and DO NOT SEND THEM TO the 2022-2023 Program Chairmen. I encourage you to write down all the information in a journal/calendar, make sure to have them in your meeting minutes and you'll be ready once the 2023-2024 reports are available. Each year , the National Ambassadors personalize their programs to their ideas of focus for their program-this is why I am asking you to wait for the new report forms. Remember to think outside the box with ideas for promoting the programs.

PLEASE make sure as soon as elections & installations are done, that the Officers are entered into MALTA and emailed/send copy snail mail to the department office for your Auxiliary's file. Don't forget about Audits too!

Loyally yours,  
Kathy

## May 2023 Military Holidays

May 1: Loyalty Day  
May 12: Military Spouses Day  
May 14: Mother's Day  
May 20: Armed Forces Day  
May 29: Memorial Day

VFW Auxiliary  
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# Memorial Day

## What Is Memorial Day?

Memorial Day is a unique national holiday in the United States, honoring those who have died in battle for our freedom and security. It's celebrated annually on the last Monday of May. It has become a day of remembrance for lost family members, friends, or comrades-in-arms who sacrificed their lives in service to their country. It's one of the few days of the year when flags must be flown at half-staff until noon as a reminder of the loss of those who have served their country.

## When Is Memorial Day 2023?

It's held every year on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day 2023 will be held on Monday, May 29th.

**Why Do We Celebrate Memorial Day?** Memorial Day has roots in Decoration Day, which was first observed in 1868. It began as an effort to honor the fallen Union Soldiers from the Civil War. It later expanded to recognize all soldiers killed in battle, regardless of branch or allegiance.

Memorial Day quickly spread throughout the United States. It developed into an unofficial holiday celebrated nationwide by 1890. It soon prompted Congress to pass legislation stating that Decoration Day should be formally recognized on May 30th each year. That date remained unchanged until 1968 when Congress officially changed Decoration Day's name to "Memorial Day." The Uniform Holiday Bill was created so Americans would not have their weekend holidays. This happens when the holiday falls too close to another legal holiday, like Labor Day or Washington's birthday. Finally, In 1971, President Nixon declared Memorial Day a federally-recognized holiday. It allowed federal employees three consecutive holidays off over Memorial weekend. And that became what we now know today as 'the long weekend' commonly associated with kicking off summer activities each spring.

## How Do We Celebrate Memorial Day?

Today, Memorial Day is a day to honor all who have died in American military service. It's a time for family and friends to come together and remember our heroes. We attend Memorial Day services and parades, place flags on gravesites, visit memorials, and observe moments of silence. Memorial Day is more than just an extra day off; it's a day of remembrance, gratitude, and appreciation for our country's fallen heroes. Today we honor those people with parades, speeches, laying wreaths at cemeteries or memorials, and flying flags at half-staff—all held throughout neighborhoods across America each Memorial Day Weekend. This federal holiday is an opportunity to participate in solemn ceremonies that pay tribute to our nation's heroes who gave their lives defending us from foreign or domestic enemies so that we may live free today. We encourage everyone to participate in Memorial Day traditions that pay tribute to our fallen heroes. Memorial Day is a time for reflection, honoring the brave men and women who have served our country. It's also great to get together with family or friends.

Ideas for Memorial Day Celebrations include:

- Visiting a Memorial Park or Cemetery to pay your respects and lay wreaths

- Attending Memorial Day parades in your local community

- Flying the American flag at half-staff to remember those who have served our country

- Making a donation to an organization that supports veterans

- Reflecting on our freedom and rights as Americans due to their courage and dedication

- Having a picnic with friends or family

- Taking part in Memorial Day ceremonies at your local community centers or churches

No matter how you choose to celebrate Memorial Day, it's important to remember why we do it. Memorial Day is more than just a three-day weekend. It's a day that recognizes and honors the brave individuals who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice.

### **What Not to Do on Memorial Day**

Memorial Day is a day of somber remembrance and gratitude.

Saying "Happy Memorial Day" might be considered by many to be in poor taste, as it can make light of a day that honors those who died while serving in the military. If you had a loved one who died in the line of duty, "happy" isn't how you would likely describe Memorial Day. [Don't Get It Mixed Up With Veterans' Day](#)

Memorial Day is not the same as Veterans Day, which is celebrated each year and honors all veterans (living and dead) who have served in the US military. Memorial Day specifically honors those who died while serving in the military. There's nothing wrong with thanking a veteran for their service, but remember that this day is for remembering those who gave their lives defending our freedom.

### **Remembering Our Fallen Heroes**

We hope you've found some valuable information about Memorial Day 2023 here.

Memorial Day is important to remember those who fought for our safety and security, so take the time to honor their sacrifice.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance dedicated to honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and security. We encourage everyone to take this time to remember our fallen heroes and honor their service.

God bless, and may we never forget.

## Loyalty Day

Loyalty Day is observed annually on May 1<sup>st</sup>. In the United States, National Loyalty Day is a special holiday meant for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States of America, and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom. Loyalty Day was made an official reoccurring holiday on July 18, 1958, although it was first recognized on May 1, 1955. Loyalty Day has been honored with an official proclamation every year, by every president, since its inception as a legal holiday in 1958.

### When is Loyalty Day 2023?

Loyalty Day will be observed on Monday, May 1, 2023. Loyalty Day kicks off [National Military Appreciation Month](#) each year. Since 1958, each presidential proclamation has been vastly different, reflecting each president's own definition of loyalty, and with a unique emphasis in relation to the threats of the era. In his first Loyalty Day proclamation, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was quoted as saying that "the prime requisite for retaining our freedom is unswerving devotion to the liberties embodied in our Constitution."

As Americans, we do not command loyalty, but seek to earn it through our actions — Including by living up to the principles enshrined in our Constitution and respecting the will of the people as reflected in the democratic process.

– *Joseph R. Biden Jr, President of the United States of America*

On Loyalty Day, we recognize and reaffirm our allegiance to the principles upon which our Nation is built. We pledge our dedication to the United States of America and honor its unique heritage, reminding ourselves that we are one Nation, under God, made possible by those who have sacrificed to defend our liberty. We honor our Republic and acknowledge the great responsibility that self-governance demands of each of us.

– *Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America*

As Americans, we are united not by the circumstances of our birth or our station in life, but by our fidelity to a set of shared ideals and unalienable rights. The principles of freedom, justice, and equality for all are at the very core of who we are as a Nation. We believe firmly in the power of democracy and opportunity — but we know that these blessings are only what we make of them, and that our experiment in self-government gives work and purpose to each new generation. Today, we recommit to the profoundly patriotic work of doing all we can to better the country we love.

- *Barack Obama, President of the United States of America*





## Military Spouse Appreciation Day

You don't need a specific Military Spouse Appreciation Day to make sure you acknowledge the military spouse in your life. Service members know that their spouses are the ones who keep the home fires burning. And military spouses know that those around them also walking through military life are more than just friends and neighbors: They are family.

You are the service members, family and friends of military spouses who stay up-to-date on [military news](#), [benefits](#), [fitness](#), [veteran jobs](#) -- and you know family is what keeps military life moving forward.

### What is Military Spouse Appreciation Day?

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a day set aside for us to pause to recognize the military spouses around us who have the greatest impact on our lives and our military communities.

### When is Military Spouse Appreciation Day?

The Friday in May before Mother's Day, this special day was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. The sitting president typically issues a proclamation in recognition of the holiday, while celebrations are held on and near U.S. military bases around the world.

May is also host to a series of other military holidays, including [Military Appreciation Month](#), established in 1999; Victory in Europe (VE) Day, commemorating the end of WWII in Europe on May 8, 1945; and Armed Forces Day, designated in 1949. [Memorial Day](#), the only official federal holiday in May, is celebrated the last Monday of the month.



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Military Spouse  
Appreciation Day  
May 6, 2022

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# National Military Appreciation Month

May, marked officially as Military Appreciation Month, is a special month for both those in and out of the military.

Not only do we pause on [Memorial Day](#) to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds several other military anniversaries and events, including [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#) and [Armed Forces day](#).

Join Military.com as we honor the service and sacrifice of members of the [Army](#), [Navy](#), [Air Force](#), [Coast Guard](#), [Marines](#), [Space Force](#) and [National Guard](#) as well as the contribution of their [spouses](#).

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present.

## **What is Military Appreciation Month**

Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day, established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945, Children of Fallen Patriots Day and the [anniversary of the death of Osama bin Laden](#).

## **Military Appreciation Day**

Many locations also celebrate a specific Military Appreciation Day. Although not a nationally recognized holiday, areas use the day to hold parties and picnics in honor of their local active duty, Guard, Reserve and military veteran communities. Local businesses may offer discounts, while local sports teams may give free entrance to military families and veterans.



# Military Appreciation Month

May 2023

Thank you to  
all our troops  
and veterans!



# Armed Forces Day

Among the many military holidays celebrated each year is Armed Forces Day. Celebrated the third Saturday in May, Armed Forces Day falls during [Military Appreciation Month](#) and joins [Memorial Day](#), [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#), and Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day) as another May military-themed holiday.

## The History of Armed Forces Day

On Aug. 31, 1949, Defense Secretary Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate [Army](#), [Navy](#) and [Air Force](#) Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the armed forces under one agency -- the Department of Defense.

In a speech announcing the creation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas." He said, "It is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace."

In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Truman stated:

"Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, toward the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense."

## Armed Forces Day Themes

Each year, Armed Forces Day has a new theme. The very first theme was "Teamed for Defense."

Over the years, other themes have included Appreciation of a Nation; Arsenal of Freedom and Democracy; Dedication and Devotion; Deter if Possible, Fight if Necessary; Freedom; Freedom Through Unity; Guardians of Peace; Lasting Peace; Liberty; and Patriotism.

## How to Celebrate Armed Forces Day

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington, D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets and veterans marched past the president and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Tempelhof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types."





# ARMED FORCES DAY

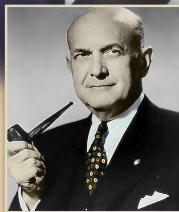
*A Day to Honor and Acknowledge the People of the Armed Forces of the United States*



The National Military Establishment was created through the **National Security Act** established in 1947.



In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the **Department of Defense**.



Secretary of Defense **Louis Johnson** announced the creation of **Armed Forces Day** to replace separate Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard Days in August 1949.



While **Armed Forces Day** is celebrated every year on the 3rd Saturday in May, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate this holiday over any period during the month of May.

The first official **Armed Forces Day** featured parades, state-of-the-art military equipment, open houses and air shows.

**Calendar**  
FOR THE YEAR

1950

MAY

20

ARMED FORCES DAY  
"Teamed for Defense"



President John F. Kennedy issued Proclamation 3399 in March 1961 making **Armed Forces Day** a national holiday.

## Five Other National Observances of **NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**

### LOYALTY DAY May 1

The reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States.

### PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK First full week in May

To honor the men and women who serve the nation as federal, state and local government employees.

### VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY (V-E DAY) May 8

This day marks the end of World War II in Europe.

### MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY Friday before Mother's Day

Honors military spouses and the important role military families play keeping the country safe and service members strong.

### MEMORIAL DAY Last Monday in May

Commemorates the men and women who died while in military service.

# \*\*REVISED\*\* Installation Forms

It's that time of year again for elections of officers on the auxiliary and district levels. We want to make sure that there is no confusion on what is needed and their DEADLINES!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of this process, please contact Tracy, Diana or myself with any questions.

## This is what needs to be addressed:

All Auxiliary Secretaries need to input the installation report into Malta and/or send to the Department office **BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023**

There is no longer a "warrant" to be completed per Bylaws

**PER NATIONAL:** It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that the information about the Auxiliaries meetings, dues, address, city, state, zip, etc. to be entered and reviewed so that National Headquarters has UP-TO-DATE CONTACT INFORMATION at all times.

Note the **asterisk\*** following the offices of President, Sr Vice President, Jr Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees 3, 2 and 1 - Your Auxiliary will **NOT** be credited with a completed 2023-2024 INSTALLATION REPORT (pages 1 and 2) IF THESE EIGHT (8) OFFICES ARE NOT FILLED. National does ask that you do input the elected Chaplain, Conductress/Conductor and Guard which are listed on page 3 as they are officers

The President, Secretary and Treasurer cannot serve as Trustees, See Section 801. It is necessary that the Installing Officer give their title as well as the date they signed the Installation Report on Page 3.

**THESE FORMS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE: [vfwauxoh.org](http://vfwauxoh.org)**

## INPUT INTO MALTA OR MAIL TO DEPARTMENT SECRETARY BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023 2023-2024 Installation Report for Auxiliaries and/or Districts

Secretary*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee No. 3*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee No. 2*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee No. 1*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
					Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>



INPUT INTO MALTA OR MAIL TO DEPARTMENT SECRETARY BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023

2023-2024 Installation Report for Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_ or District # \_\_\_\_\_

The following information about the Auxiliary's meetings is required:

Date of Installation: \_\_\_\_\_ Continuous Annual Dues Per Member: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ (select Date)

Meeting Day: Mon. \_\_\_\_\_ Tues. \_\_\_\_\_ Wed. \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. \_\_\_\_\_ (select Day)

Meeting Time: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. \_\_\_\_\_ (select A.M. or P.M.)

Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting City: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting State and ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. of Meeting Place: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please note offices/positions denoted with an asterisk (\*) listed below are REQUIRED.

President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>

Senior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>

Junior-Vice President*	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>

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Chaplain	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>

Conductor/Conductress	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>

Guard	Member ID No.	Auxiliary No.	First Name	Last Name	Email Address

Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Primary Phone Number (Home/Cell/Work)
				Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/>

REQUIRED:

The Installing Officer certifies that he/she is a Past Auxiliary President or held higher elective Auxiliary office; or he/she is a Past Post Commander or held higher elective Post office; and all Bylaws and Regulations have been complied with according to National and Department Headquarters.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Installing Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Installing Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# Support the National Home

By Donating to the Health & Education Building's Veterans Resource Center

**What Is It?** The VFW National Home is currently in the process of renovating the Health & Education Building, with focus on the offices downstairs where the Veterans Resource Center opened in October, 2022. The Veterans Resource Center helps veterans and their families access resources and support they otherwise may not be able to find or afford. Note: When this Auxiliary-sponsored building opened nearly a century ago, it was the campus hospital. For a while, it even housed quarantined children with tuberculosis.

**How Much?** The National Home needs an estimated \$10,000 to complete this project. (Any excess will go toward additional Veterans Resource Center necessities.)

**How Can We Help?** There are nearly 3,500 Auxiliaries. If each Auxiliary were to donate \$3 in December, the National Home could finish 2022 having already met their goal!

Please mail donations directly to the National Home (3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827) with checks earmarked "Veterans Resource Center." Thank you!

**June Convention Testimonial Reservations & Info**

**Testimonial for  
Commander Greene & President Matesic**

**SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023**



**6:00 pm  
Cash Bar**

Chicken Breast & Garlic Smashed Potato

Green Beans with Roasted Tomato, Wilted Spinach

Parmesan & Artichoke Cream Sauce

Salad & Dinner Rolls

Mini Dessert Assortment & Coffee, Iced Tea

\$50.00 per person

**PRINT**

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ at \$50.00 each      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Aux: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Type of card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: May 15, 2023**

**NO RESERVATIONS AFTER MAY 15, 2023 — — NO RESERVATIONS AT CONVENTION**

Send:

VFW Dept. of Ohio

35. E. Chestnut St., Suite 506, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Office Use Only:

Check #/CC: \_\_\_\_\_

Processed by : \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 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).

## District Testimonial Dates

### MAY TESTIMONIALS

**May 6, 2023 TIME: 5pm**

District 8

President Dominique Graves-Robinson

Commander Mark Ross

Ravenna Post 1055

6000 New Milford Rd Ravenna, OH 44266

**May 20, 2023 TIME: 5pm**

District 6

President Billie Melott

Commander Douglas Brannon

Carrollton Post 3301

2291 Chase Rd., SE Carrollton, OH 44615

**May 20, 2023 TIME: 5pm**

District 5

President Pam Tracey

Commander Kenneth Blume

Malta Post 4713

235 Front Street Malta, OH 43758

**May 20, 2023 TIME: 5pm**

District 10

President Brooke Leidigh

Commander Rodger Brodman

Crestline Post 2920

100 S Crestline St Crestline, OH 44827

### JUNE TESTIMONIALS

**DATE: June 3, 2023 TIME: 3pm**

District 11

President Marie Leister

Commander Iris Foster-DeNieuwe

Paul Lawrence VFW Post 9857

2330 Steltzer rd

**DATE: TBA**

**TIME: TBA**

District 12

President Christina Spencer

Commander Nicholette Bolte

HELP!!! We need to help National President Jane raise money for the Voice of Democracy Scholarship— Let's help save her from getting a pie in her face by National Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland

Message from Jane:

Tim and I have challenge. Whoever raises the most money for the Voice of Democracy Scholarship in the name of our class gets to pie the other in the face. I need your help!! Tim has raised twice as much money as the Auxiliary has. I need your help!!! If every Dept and/or Auxiliary donated \$150 we could move ahead of Tim.

Thank you in advance. Either way it for a good cause.

Jane Reape  
National President

"Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious." *St Thomas Aquinas*

## CHAPLAIN'S YEAR-END REPORT

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR DECEASED AUXILIARY MEMBERS LIST! WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HONOR THEM AT JUNE CONVENTION!



### Chaplain Year-end Report

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ AUXILIARY \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your deceased members from July 1, 2022, thru April 20, 2023.

Members Name	Membership Number	Members Name	Membership Number
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Please send to me by May 15, 2023.

Please fill out completely.

Becky E Abbott

11630 Hanover Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240-1955

email: [babbottbecky53@gmail.com](mailto:babbottbecky53@gmail.com)

This list will be turned into the Department Office after Memorial Service so that our membership records can be kept up-to-date!



## DELEGATES & ALTERNATES FOR JUNE Convention 2023

### DEPARTMENT OF OHIO VFW AUXILIARY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2022 -2023

DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_ AUX # \_\_\_\_\_ # OF MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ELECTION \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Elect Delegates & Alternates using Auxiliary membership count as of the date of the Auxiliary election (date of the April meeting)**

As described in Section 304 of the National By-Laws, the term of office for which Delegates and Alternates are elected shall be for one (1) year from the date of election, until the election of the new Delegates. This list **MUST** be filed with the Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary to be used for the Department Convention, Mid-Winter Conference and Department meetings for one year. It is important that this completed form be returned to the Department Secretary at the Department Headquarters office no later than **May 31, 2023**.

VFW AUXILIARY, 35 E. CHESTNUT ST. #508, COLUMBUS OH 43215

Email: [treasurer@vfwauxoh.org](mailto:treasurer@vfwauxoh.org) or Fax: 614-227-0360

DELEGATES NAME(S)	ALTERNATE NAME(S)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Auxiliary President Signature & Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Auxiliary Secretary Signature & Date

#### Sec. 304 – Department Meetings and Convention:

- Delegates and Alternates to the Departments shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary, held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Department Convention:
  - One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each 30 members, or fraction thereof, in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates.
  - The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary prior to the Department Convention.

## Resolutions for National Convention 2023

### Resolution #3

#### RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NATIONAL BYLAWS OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

Whereas Section 102- Application – New Members, (4<sup>th</sup> large bullet) Department Members at Large, (2<sup>nd</sup> small bullet) reads as:

- The Department Treasurer shall transmit to the National Treasurer ten dollars (\$10.00) of the dues collected for each Member At Large.

Whereas there has been no increase in the National Dues in more than a decade.

Whereas the cost of absolutely everything has escalated in the last several years.

Whereas the amount of the Auxiliary annual dues increased.

**Therefore, let it be resolved that Section 102- Application – New Members, (4<sup>th</sup> large bullet) Department Members at Large, (2<sup>nd</sup> small bullet) reads as follows:**

#### **Sec. 102—Application**

- **The Department Treasurer shall transmit to the National Treasurer thirty dollars (\$30.00) of the dues collected for each Member At Large.**

**Resolution to become effective July 1, 2024.**

Presented by Sandra Onstwedder, Bylaws Review and Resolutions Chairman

Committee Members:

Brenda Bryant- Debbie Casella- Janice Criswell

## Resolution #1

### RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NATIONAL BYLAWS OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

Whereas, Section 806D - Department Installation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Large Bullet reads:

- They shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices immediately after adjournment of the meeting at which they were installed.

Whereas, Section 806D of the National Bylaws does not address the fact that a new Department Treasurer does not have access to MALTA until after the new Auxiliary year, July 1:

Whereas, Many Department have money making projects during their conventions and a new Department Treasurer would not have access to the account:

And Whereas, dues are allowed to be paid until the end of June and members who send their dues directly to the Department Treasurer, may not have the new Treasurer's name and address:

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Bylaws Sec 806D - Department Installation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Large Bullet read as:

They shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices at the conclusion of the current Auxiliary year.

Presented by:

Sandi Onstwedder, Bylaws Review and Resolutions Committee Chairman

Committee Members:

Brenda Bryant – Debbie Casella – Janice Criswell

## Resolutions for National Convention 2023 (con't)

### Resolution #2A

#### RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NATIONAL BYLAWS OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

Whereas Section 708- National Dues, Bullet reads as:

- National Dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per annum on each member, effective January 1, 2012, paid by ACH transaction to National Headquarters.

Whereas there has been no increase in the National Dues in more than a decade.

Whereas the cost of absolutely everything has escalated in the last several years.

**Therefore, let it be resolved that Section 708- National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary read as follows:**

#### **Sec. 708—National Dues**

- **National dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per annum on each member, effective July 1, 2024, paid by ACH transaction to National Headquarters.**

Presented by Sandra Onstwedder, Bylaws Review and Resolutions Chairman

Committee Members:

Brenda Bryant- Debbie Casella- Janice Criswell



## Resolution #2B

### RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NATIONAL BYLAWS OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

Whereas Section 708- National Dues, Bullet reads as:

- National Dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per annum on each member, effective January 1, 2012, paid by ACH transaction to National Headquarters.

Whereas there has been no increase in the National Dues in more than a decade.

Whereas the cost of absolutely everything has escalated in the last several years.

**Therefore, let it be resolved that Section 708- National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary read as follows:**

**Sec. 708—National Dues shall be eight dollars commencing on July 1, 2024.**

**An increase of two dollars (\$2.00) per annum on each member for the 2025 Dues year, progressing each year thereafter in the amount of two dollars (\$2.00) until reaching a total of twenty dollars (\$20.00) National Dues per annum on each member in the year 2030. Resolution to become effective July 1, 2024.**

Presented by Sandra Onstwedder, Bylaws Review and Resolutions Chairman

Committee Members:

Brenda Bryant- Debbie Casella- Janice Criswell

## Resolutions for National Convention 2023 (con't)

### AUXILIARY DELGATES & ALTERNATES NATIONAL CONVENTION 2023

#### REMINDER:

##### Sec 305-National Convention

- Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April;
  - One (1) Delegate and (1) Alternate for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary on March 31.
  - The term of office for which Delegates are elected shall be for one (1) year from date of the election, as described in this Section, until the election of the new Delegates.

All National Delegates and Alternates **MUST** be entered in MALTA by the Secretary no later May 31,2023. If you are an Auxiliary Secretary and cannot do this on your own, your Department Secretary can help you or you may mail your Delegates and Alternates list to National Headquarters. Mailed lists must be postmarked by 5/31/23.

If you are a member who was voted in at your Auxiliary meeting as a Delegate or Alternate and your Secretary does not enter your name as such in MALTA by 5/31/23, you will not have a vote at National Convention. Once your Secretary enters you as a Delegate or an Alternate, you will see the following on your MALTA log in pages:

Member ID

XXXXXXXX

Member Since

XXXX

Membership Type

Life

Delegate

2023 National Convention – Phoenix Arizona or Alternate 2023 National Convention - Phoenix Arizona

Member Join Date

XXXX

**YOU MUST SEE THE DELEGATE/ALTERNATE INFORMATION IN RED ON MALTA TO VOTE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.**

If you have any questions regarding Delegates or Alternates, or any other subject, contact the Department office at [treasurer@vfwauxoh.org](mailto:treasurer@vfwauxoh.org) or call 614-227-0358.

Sandra Uzell

Ohio Candidate for VFW Auxiliary National Guard 2023

# JUNE CONVENTION ADVANCED REGISTRATION FORM

*Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary*

## June Convention

June 8 – 11, 2023

Meeting starts on Thursday

## Kalahari Resorts and Conventions

7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

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## Registration

**\$5.00 Advanced; \$6.00 on Site**

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**Deadline: May 31, 2023**

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: VFW District 9 Auxiliary and earmark it for June Convention and mail to:

Ray Collins

1829 County Road 294

Vickery, OH 43464

## PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON REGISTRATION

### VFW Auxiliary June Convention *Luncheon Reservations*

**Department Presidents Luncheon:**  
Friday, June 9, 2023 \$28.00

Italian Buffet  
Caesar Salad - Herbed Croutons, Shaved Parmesan Cheese, Caesar Dressing  
Cheese Ravioli and Penne Pasta --- Tomato Pomodoro  
House-Made Meatballs --- Carbonara - Pancetta,  
Peas --- Broccolini  
Garlic Bread Sticks  
Dessert - Tiramisu  
Fresh Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee --- Tea and Iced Tea

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*There will not be a Past Presidents Luncheon this year.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Aux # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions:

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**Deadline --- May 31, 2023**  
Make check payable to: VFW District 9 Auxiliary  
Mail to: Kay Collins, 1829 County Road 294, Vickery, OH 43464



## ***June Convention - We Could Use Your Help!***

## ***June Convention - We Could Use Your Help!***

### **Hospital Raffle Table**

Donations will be accepted on Thursday & Friday June 8 & 9.

Bring your items to the registration room.

If you would like us to shop for you,

send your check made out to

**VFW District 9 Auxiliary to**

Kay Collins  
1829 CR 294  
Vickery, OH 43464

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### **Nominations Requested**

Know of a service, business, organization who would benefit from the

Past President Association Annual Donation

Yearly dues are collected, then donated, with half going to the Association Chairman's choice (Cancer Research), the other half going to charities in your community. Thank you to all the past presidents for their support.

Write the nomination and send by May 31 to

Terry Singh  
314 Carson Road  
Monroe, OH 45050  
tsinghvfwaux@gmail.com

**National President Candidate**

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*The Department of Utah*

*Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary*

**Proudly Presents**

*Carla J. Martinez*

**For the High Office of  
National President**

**At the 110<sup>th</sup> National Convention to be held in  
Phoenix, Arizona  
July 22 – 27, 2023**

**Please join us in support of our candidate.**

*Wendy Griffin*

**Department President 2022-2023**

*Tammie Larson*

**Department Secretary 2022-2023**

# ***National Sr Vice President Candidate***



The Department of Missouri

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary

Proudly Presents

**BRENDA BRYANT**

For the office of

**NATIONAL Sr. VICE PRESIDENT**

At the 110<sup>th</sup> National Convention to be held in

Phoenix, Arizona

July 22 - 27, 2023

Please join us in support of our candidate.

Judy Northcutt  
Department President

Jackie Davis  
Department Secretary

# *National Jr Vice President Candidate*



The Department of Arkansas  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Proudly Presents

*Lois Callahan*

For the office of  
*National Junior Vice President*

At the 110<sup>th</sup> National Convention  
Phoenix Arizona  
July 22nd through July 27, 2023

Please join us in support of our candidate

*Amanda Pipkin*  
Department President

*Patti Leitner*  
Department Secretary





# National Treasurer Candidate



## THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
AUXILIARY

PROUDLY PRESENTS

**ANN PANTELEAKOS**

FOR THE OFFICE OF

**NATIONAL TREASURER**

AT THE 110<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION IN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**JULY 22 TO JULY 27, 2023**

DEB BREault  
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT  
2022-2023

SHARON MESSENGER  
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY  
2022-2023

## National Chaplain Candidate



### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Proudly Presents  
**Donna K. Mills**

For the high office of  
**National Chaplain**

At the 110th National Convention  
to be held in  
Phoenix, Arizona  
July 22 – July 27, 2023

We request your support of our candidate

Valerie DeCorte  
Department President

Jodie Hollinger  
Department Secretary

# *National Conductress Candidate*

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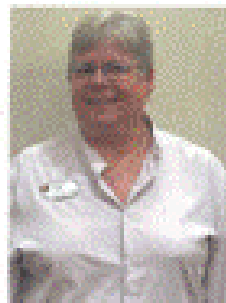
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Department of Arizona

Proudly Presents

**Kim Harney**



As candidate for the Office of National Conductress

At the 110<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Phoenix Arizona.

July 22-27, 2023

Please join us in support of our candidate.

Johnette DeBoard  
Department President

Kim Sloan  
Department Secretary/Treasurer

## National Guard Candidates



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary  
Department of Minnesota

Proudly Presents  
**Laurie Dale**

For the High Office  
Of  
National Guard

At the VFW Auxiliary National Convention in  
Phoenix, Arizona  
July 2023

***Please join us in support of our candidate***

Sonia Tatge, Department President  
Dave Scofield, Department Sr. Vice President

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**National Guard Candidates**



*Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Of the United States Auxiliary  
Department of Ohio*

*Proudly Presents  
Sandra Uzell  
For the High Office of  
National Guard*

*At the 110th National Convention to be  
Held in Phoenix, Arizona 2023  
Please join us in support of our candidate.*

*Kathy Matesic  
Department President.*

*Tracy Fife  
Department Secretary/Treasurer  
Pro tem*



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**35 E. Chestnut St., Suite 506**

**Columbus, Ohio 43215-0219**

**ALLOW 6-8 WEEKS**  
**FOR DELIVERY**

Through the month of May, Auxiliary members on all levels are preparing for and completing end-of-year reporting, elections, Department Conventions and National Convention.

When it comes to Delegates, Alternates and making sure your vote counts, remember that one must be a member in good standing to perform the role of Delegate or Alternate, so double-check that dues are paid before the Secretary enters names into MALTA and be certain audits have been completed. Otherwise, your Delegates and Alternates will not be permitted to cast their votes, which means your members' voices will go unheard. The registration deadline closes May 31, 2023.

For a complete explanation of rules and procedures regarding voting, see the last E-Newsletter, which was emailed to members on Thursday, April 27, or consult your Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual 2023. Flip or scroll to pages 33-37 for the most up-to-date information.

CONGRATULATIONS ON 100.73% MEMBERSHIP





## INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

— Bill Keane

"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,  
Love like you'll never be hurt,  
Sing like there's nobody listening,  
And live like it's heaven on earth."

— William W. Purkey

## Blessings Sent

To all having birthdays & anniversaries, enjoy!

To those struggling with illness-I send healing thoughts & prayers

To those that have lost a loved one, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your families

From my family to yours, I wish you blessings, joy, health, love & prosperity

Remember to keep our Troops, both home and deployed around the world in your thoughts and prayers-remember FREEDOM isn't FREE!

**GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!**

